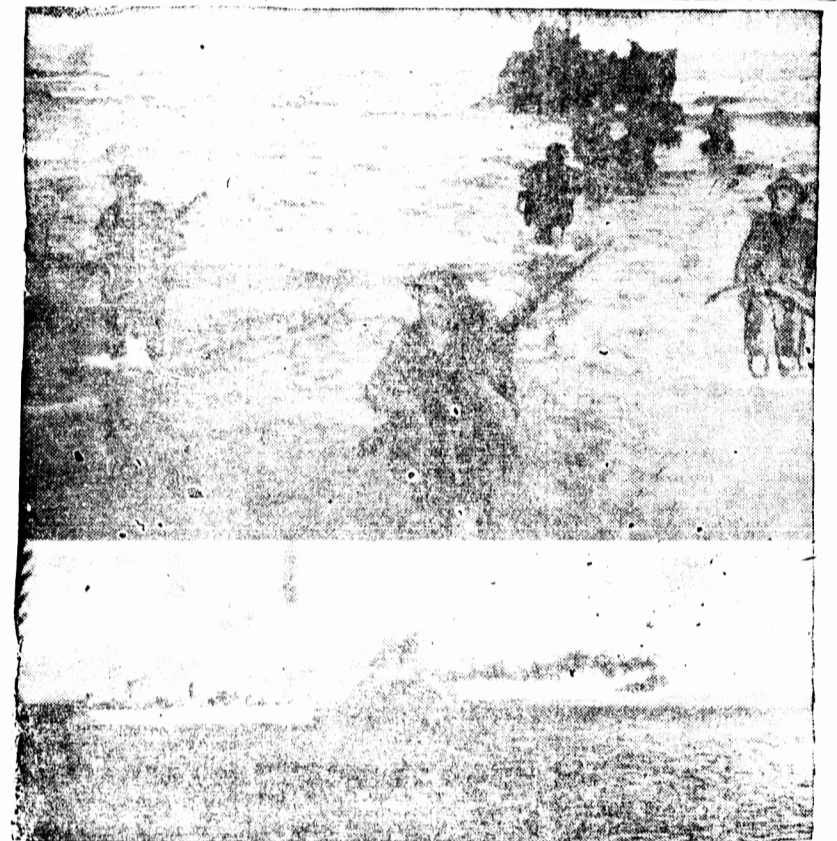




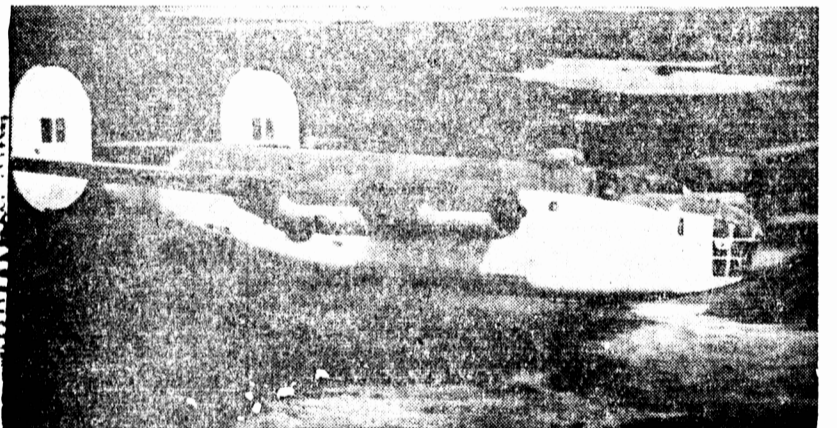
CANADIANS STUDY ITALY BEFORE LAUNCHING SICILY ATTACK

These four Canadian N. C. O.s, among the troops who launched the assault on the island of Sicily, are pictured aboard their troopship, reading up on the subject of Italy. Left to right are Sgt. G. R. Dale of Ottawa; Sgt. O. C. Kenny of Ottawa; CQMS. H. Kane of Saskatoon; and Sgt. A. A. Chadwick of Nanaimo, Ont. (Canadian Army Photo)

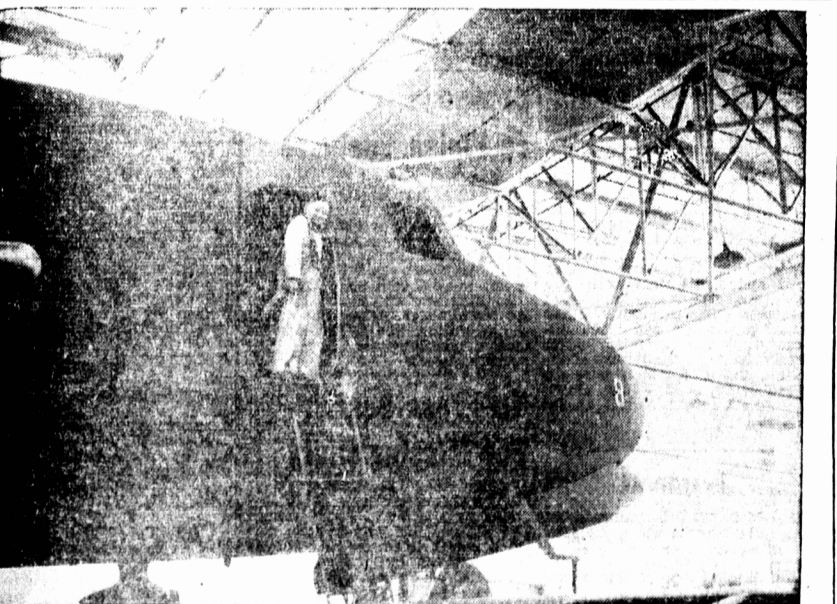


CANADIANS LAUNCH THEIR DAWN INVASION OF SICILY

Carrying their rifles and equipment, Canadian troops jump from landing craft and wade onto the beach. A picture of the landing is shown at the top of the page. The troops are seen in the foreground, and the sea is visible in the background. (Canadian Army Photo)



This is one of the giant VLR (very long range) bombers to which Prime Minister Churchill recently gave much of the credit for the increase in U-boat killings this spring. Royal Canadian Air Force and U. S. Army Air Force units, operating under the Canadian Northwest Atlantic Command, now are flying these aircraft from east coast bases, giving new protection to ship convoys far out at sea. These big aircraft are being flown by one of the largest R.C.A.F. squadrons in action anywhere, a squadron of veteran sub-hunters who flew Wapitis before the war, later were equipped with Digbys and more recently with Canos. Now, flying the biggest of them all, they constitute a new menace to the U-boat packs. (R.C.A.F. Photo)



JOSEPH MURPHY, 19, is just four feet, 11 inches tall and weighs 85 pounds. This makes him one of the most useful employees in the big plant of Aircraft Repair Ltd., at Edmonton, Alta. Here he is in the doorway of one of the great new giant cargo planes as he roars down the Mackenzie River valley on the way to "Alaska, China, Russia or where have you. He can crawl into spaces a large man is helpless to touch. He is qualified in electrical woodwork and metal work. The tall section of a big ship or a long channel are "home" to Joe. "Whenever anybody loses a nut or bolt in some small place inside a plane they holler for me," he laughs.

W. C. T. U. NOTES

A CROSS IN A WHIRLWIND
The morning sunshine floods my window sill.
Waking new loveliness of light and shade
Within the blooms thereon displayed.
When, suddenly, my very heart stands still.
A ruby-throated humming bird at will
(Bedecked in amethyst and sapphire plaid
With saucy tops-emerald cockade)
Pokes before the pane with airy skill.
Against the sun I watch its whirling wings
Create what seems a vibrant, purple mist
In which a true Saint Andrew's cross appears.
The Lilliputian creature surely brings
Us news from tropic lands by rain-bow kissed.
And tells us Providence designs our years.
Charles H. Johnson.

LIQUOR SALES INCREASE OVER THREE-AND-A-HALF MILLIONS

Sales in Govt. Liquor Stores in 1942 \$11,447,042
Sales in Govt. Liquor Stores in 1943 \$15,136,614
An increase of \$3,689,572 or 32.2 per cent.
Leaving out the mail order store, which draws its business from anywhere, and whose increase of sales was \$766,067, we find that the increase in sales in Halifax stores was \$776,067 and that of the Province, outside Halifax, was \$2,045,336.
This does not seem to bear out the claim that the large increase in sales last year was due to supplies to ships which come to Halifax.
Every liquor store throughout the Province shows a large increase in sales the same thing happened last year, which proves that rapidly growing appetite for alcoholic drink is being steadily developed under the Govt. sales plan.
Last year the expenditure for hard liquor in N. S. was \$7,883,031.
Last year the expenditure for beer in N. S. was \$6,658,254.
Sales of whiskey were up 75,000 gallons.
There were 5,204 convictions for violations of the Liquor control law an increase of 1,255 over the previous year, and yet we were told that it was only prohibition laws which were broken, that when we had Govt. sale and people could buy booze legally there would be no more violations of law. Many false prosecutions were put out in the days of Elijah and Elisha, but their descendants flourished when Govt. sale was introduced to curse this Province, and their businesses have proved as unreliable as those of their predecessors of old.

AND THIS TIME.

(July 18) marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of an event that imparted from the end itself, any as written as the "greatest climacteric" of the First Great War.
In March, 1918, the Germans launched their greatest offensive on the Western Front, and as late as that, mark it, this old enemy was still so formidable as to be able to throw tremendous forces into a desperate gamble for a decision in the field.
Foch became Allied Generalissimo in April of that year.
The last great effort in their vast offensive had failed by July 15—and three days later Foch launched his first counter-stroke in the region of Soissons and Villers-Cotterets that was the beginning of the end.
By August 3 (the "black day" for German arms in that war, to quote Ludendorff himself) British Empire forces, spearheaded by the Canadian Corps, were smashing at the Germans before their lines.
The Last Hundred Days had commenced.
Germany's allies caved-in in rapid succession. Bulgaria on September 29; Turkey on October 30, and Austria-Hungary on November 3. By November 11 it was all over—Germany herself had capitulated, broken and defeated in the field, her once proud armies in rout, colossal quantities of her war equipment being either destroyed or abandoned.
That, as we say, was twenty-five years ago. How will the end come this time? Let us remember that the Armistice Line on November 11, 1918, ran almost wholly through the territory of Germany's enemies; on no vital front, in no vital sector did it touch a foot of German soil. That is the lesson of the First World War. Germany was beaten on non-German ground and long before a fraction of her won terrain was invaded. In other words, in this war Germany could be beaten on territory she had over-run and occupied. That is what happened a quarter of a century ago. But it does happen, it will not keep the United Nations out of Germany; this time they will do far more than establish occupational bridgeheads on the Rhine. It will be occupation of the whole Reich.

DOUBLE WEDDING

A pretty double wedding took place at Fort Massey Parsonage, Halifax, on June 26, when Phyllis, eldest daughter of Peter White of Murray Harbour, P. E. I., became the bride of Mr. Clarence Herring also of Murray Harbour and Marion, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carney MacLaine of Dover, P. E. I., became the bride of Mr. Maxwell Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cooper New Glasgow formerly of Murray Harbour.
Both charming young brides were becomingly attired in floor length gowns of white chiffon with finger tip veils caught up with orange blossoms and carried American Beauty roses.
Following the ceremony, which was conducted by Rev. G. Rogers the happy young couples departed on their wedding trip.
Mr. and Mrs. Herring motored to the home of the bride in Murray Harbour, for travelling Mrs. Herring wore beige with brown accessories.
Mr. and Mrs. Cooper went by rail to New Glasgow to the home of the groom, where a bounteous wedding supper awaited them and thence to Prince Edward Island to the home of the bride.
Mrs. Cooper chose for travelling a black pencil stripe suit with white accessories.
During their stay in Dover Mr.

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Young Peoples Union Eastern Division

The annual Rally of the Eastern Division of the Presbyterian Young Peoples Union was held at Wood Islands, P. E. I., on Wednesday, July 21. About forty-five young people participated and enjoyed a happy period of fellowship and inspiration. The afternoon program consisted with a number of active games directed by Rev. T. A. Duke. Following the sports a business meeting was held in which reports of the year's work of the societies present were given and officers for the ensuing year were elected. The president for next year was Mr. Sam Buchanan of Belfast and the secretary Miss Margaret Ross of Surrey.
During a picnic lunch at which tea was served by the Wood Islands Y. P. U. the young people availed themselves of the opportunity of becoming better acquainted.
Discussion groups were a new item on this year's program. Five groups were constituted by the young people and subjects dealing with young peoples' work discussed. The leaders of the various groups were:— Mary MacNeill, Margaret Ross, Margaret MacDougall, Kathryn MacLeod, and Goodwill MacDougall. After a period of discussion each group summarized their findings for the benefit of the rest. These reports were given by the Misses Mary MacNeill, Jessie Ross, Ruby Millar, Jimmie Cook and Helen West. Rev. Mr. Duke commented briefly on the findings of each group and gave many helpful suggestions.
At eight o'clock a public service of worship conducted by the District leader, Goodwill MacDougall, was held in the church. Rev. E. C. Evans of Belfast offered prayer and read the scripture lesson. He then spoke briefly to the Young Peoples' congregation on their good work and urging all to continue their efforts.
The Minister of the church, Rev. T. A. Duke, on behalf of the session welcomed the Young Peoples' and commended them for carrying on their work so faithfully despite deepened ranks and other obstacles. He then delivered a challenging address on "The Riches of Youth" reminding the Young Peoples of their God-given riches which neither man nor rust can corrupt, and encouraging them to consecrate these riches to the furthering of the Master's Kingdom.
Two pleasing numbers of the evening program were a duet, "Let the Lower Lights be Burning" by the Misses Irene and Tena MacMillan of Wood Islands; and a solo, "Recalled in the Cradle of the Deep" by Mr. Dan Ross of Belfast. The Benediction, pronounced by Rev. E. C. Evans, brought the service to a close.

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)
July 24, 1918—French and American forces north of Chateau-Thierry drove the Germans two miles nearer Fer-en-Tardenois; general Allied advance between the Oureq and the Marne on the Western front. French and Italian troops in Albania occupied heights overlooking the Deroli.
JULY 25, 1918—Allies occupied Forest of Pere, La Croix Farm, Oulchy-le-Chateau and Villemonais; steady progress made by French-American troops in face of violent German counter-attacks.
CLEVELAND, July 21—(GP)—Youth finally caught up with venerable Chalky Wright tonight when Lulu Constantino, class New York featherweight, won a unanimous 10-round decision before 10,852 fans in Cleveland Stadium. Constantino scaled 130 1-2 and the former featherweight titlist 129 3-4.
and Mrs. Cooper were guests of honour at a miscellaneous shower, on which occasion they were recipients of many useful gifts testifying to their popularity.
Both young couples will reside in Halifax.

No Menace



CUSTOMARILY Helmut Dantine assumes a menacing attitude before the camera, but this off-the-set shot shows a handsome young man with charm. Cast repeatedly as a nasty Nazi, none of the viciousness seems to have affected his normal appearance. Dantine was last seen in Warner Bros. "Edge of Darkness," as the German commander of the Norwegian garrison. He is currently to be seen in "Mission to Moscow."

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