

# EXTEND BLOWS TO BLOCK ROMMEL'S RETREAT

## Allies Win Biggest Victory In New Guinea Area

### Enemy's Air Losses Serious

### Some Reinforcements Landed At Lae At Enormous Cost.

(By C. Yates McDaniel, Associated Press Staff Writer)  
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Jan. 11—(Monday)—(AP)—Allied planes pounding the fleeing Japanese off Lae, New Guinea, have scored hits on two more ships, the high command reported today.

### Capt. Beckett Promoted To Rank Of Major

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 10—(AP)—George of the 10th special service force, joint American and Canadian unit at Fort William Henry Harrison reported the following promotion of Canadian officers to the rank of Major: R. W. Beckett, Charlottetown, P.E.I.; T. Call MacWilliam, Ford's Mills, N.B.

### Italian Casualties Given For December

NEW YORK, Jan. 10—(AP)—The Italians today reported military casualties of 6,448 men in December, including 1,449 killed, 2,628 wounded and 2,371 missing—more men dying in guerrilla warfare and from other causes in the Balkans and other occupied lands than fell in Russia.

### Reduce Arts Courses In Universities

By JOHN DAUPHINEE (Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
OTTAWA, Jan. 10—(CP)—Canada's University leaders in an all-party conference Saturday drafted a wartime program for their institutions which, one spokesman said, will result in a "radical" reduction in the number of students taking the so-called "liberal arts" courses.

### Coming Events

- \*School Concert Middleton Hall, Monday, January 12th. 1-11-11.
- \*Dance in French River Hall Wednesday, Jan. 13. 1-11-11.
- \*Hokey practice, East Royalty rink tonight, Skate after. 1-11-11.
- \*New Willshire District Lodge meet at Brookfield, Wednesday, January 13th at 2:30. 1-9-11-21.
- \*Annual Meeting Argyle Rural Telephone Co. Bonanza Hall, January 11th, 2 P. M. E. C. Holm. 1-9-21.
- \*Buying live and dressed chickens and fowl every Wednesday. Paying top market prices. Phone or write for prices. Island Cold Storage, Ltd. 12-15-41.
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- \*Reserve Saturday Jan. 16 for Parkdale Institute Baked Beans and Pantry Sale at Holman's. 1-11-15-16-31.
- \*Unloading car of barley meal today and tomorrow. Special price for car. N. Aubrey Cutoff, Fredrickton. 1-11-11.
- \*Buying pigs at Fredericton Monday, Tuesday 11 A. M. Charlottetown Market Square. Paying \$10.00 a pair for good pigs over 30 lbs each. Will also buy smaller ones. Knud Jensen. 1-9-11.
- \*Farmers: Keith MacKinnon's truck collecting hogs for Davis & Fraser, Tuesdays and Fridays. Leaving Montague 10:30. Vernon River 11:30. Please bring hogs to high way. 1-11-31.

### Blame C.P.R. For Wreck At Almonte, Ont.

### Coroner's Jury Places No Blame On Train Crews.

By JAMES McCOOK (Canadian Press Staff Writer)  
ALMONTE, Ont., Jan. 10—(CP)—Blame for the Dec. 27 train wreck which took 36 lives in this Lanark County town has been placed "entirely" on the Canadian Pacific Railway Company by a five-man coroner's jury.

### War Situation Last Night

(By John M. Hightower, Associated Press War Analyst)  
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### Essen Raided By British Bombers

LONDON, Jan. 10—(CP)—Essen, site of the sprawling Krupp works which is Europe's largest arsenal, was raided last night by perhaps 150 big British bombers, seven of which were lost. It was the fifth raid in seven nights on the heavy German industrial area of the Ruhr.

### War—25 Years Ago Today

By The Canadian Press  
Jan. 11, 1918—Vice-Admiral R. B. Keyes succeeded Admiral R. Bacon as commander of the Dover Patrol; reorganization of the Admiralty. Three British columns pursued enemy forces from German East Africa over the border into Portuguese colonial territory.

### Island Airman Is Commissioned

OTTAWA, Jan. 8—(CP)—R. O. A. F. Headquarters announced tonight that 14 pilots, eight navigators and 13 wireless operator air-gunniers have been commissioned pilot officers in the field overseas for meritorious services.

### Ration-Banking Plan Starts In U.S. Soon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10—(AP)—Country-wide operation of the "ration-banking" program, intended to ease hoarding burdens and speed the handling of millions of coupons by rationing boards and dealers, will start Jan. 27, the office of price administration announced Saturday.

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### INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

(By The Canadian Press)  
RUSSIA—Russian armies close about Caucasus railway junction City of Georgievsk; drive against Rostov hurls back six Nazi counter-attacks and presses forward.

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### First Mail In Weeks Dropped On Entry Island

Planes from Maritime Central Airways here made four round trips to the Magdalen Islands yesterday, carrying there a total of 5,300 pounds mail and 10 passengers. On return trips 400 pounds of mail and 11 passengers were carried.

### Hitler In Violent Disagreement With Military Officers.

By Edwin Shanko (Associated Press Staff Writer)  
STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Jan. 10—(AP)—German Marshal Fedor von Bock, speaking for a number of German generals who were alarmed at the dangerous position of the German armies in the Caucasus as a result of the developing Russian offensive, is reported to have urged Hitler to withdraw his lines while there is still time.

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### Believe Germans On Move Again From Wadi Zem-Zem.

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WONDER IF YOU HAVE TO MAKE LOVE TO COLLEGE GIRLS BY DEGREES High tide this afternoon at 5:54 and tomorrow morning at 2:46. Sun sets this afternoon at 4:59 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:37. First quarter moon on 13, 1:43 p.m. Summer tide 18 minutes later than Charlotte town. CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY From Horden—Leaves 9:05 a.m. 11:40 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Leave Cape Tormentine—10:31 a.m. 1:15 p.m. 3:05 p.m. 4:45 p.m. 8:15 p.m. DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY) Charlottetown-Summerside-Moncton Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. Arrive Charlottetown 1 p.m. 5:45 p.m. 7:05 p.m. (Continued on page 6, Col 2)