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NAZI AIR FORCE LOSES 241 PLANES

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst

The time lag imposed by the Allies on revelation of developments in the battle of the Belgian bulge continues to mask the exact situation. But there seems little doubt in view of a belated report of an additional six-mile American advance west of Bastogne that an enemy retreat is in progress.

While the direction or width of the new 3rd Army forward surge in the St. Hubert area is not indicated, a six-mile advance there would certainly put American forces astride a considerable section of the Bastogne-Marche Highway. It also probably would restore an important section of the Liege-Rochefort-Arion railway to Allied use. It would virtually close the gap between 3rd Army forces in the south and United States 1st Army divisions on the north of the Bastogne-Manhay waist-line position, splitting the German bulge through the middle.

With that advance the line so far as it can be traced has been flattened out on the southwestern angle of the German bulge to such an extent that enemy hopes of regaining possession of Bastogne can be put at naught.

German failure to take Bastogne from its gallant American garrison marked the turning point in the German counter-attack. Bastogne is the communications key to the whole centre area of the bulge. Without it, Mrs. American commander's hope of reaching the Meuse Valley either to the west or to the north on a scale force Allied evacuation of the Aachen-Roer bulge into Germany was doomed to failure once the shock of surprise had passed and Gen. Eisenhower had regrouped his armies.

Loss of the western loop of the Belgian bulge would convert the German foothold into a relatively shallow dent but one sufficiently wide at its base line to make it a difficult job to reduce it and throw the foe back behind German frontiers. There are intimations in some front line dispatches that despite the progress of 3rd Army troops, Allied prospects for turning the enemy's gamble offensive into the worst German defeat in the west are waning. There has been little for several days to indicate any substantial American gains on either the north or south "shoulder" positions at the eastern base of the bulge.

Huge Attacks On Allied Air Fields

By JOHN A. PARRIS, Jr., LONDON, Jan. 1—(AP)—

The German air force lost at least 241 of its carefully hoarded planes today, with most of the downed planes—208—sacrificed in a desperate attempt to cripple Allied aerial superiority by bombing and strafing Allied air fields in France, Belgium and Holland.

LONDON, Jan. 1—(CP Cable)—Canadian fighter pilots in one of their greatest triumphs during the war destroyed at least 26 of 84 Germans shot down today by the R.A.F. 2nd Tactical Air Force.

The surprise offensive was the greatest by the Luftwaffe since its heyday of 1940-41, but it failed to check the momentum of the Allied aerial offensive that sent at least 2,000 B.A.F. and American planes over the continent on New Year's day.

A front dispatch said some of the German planes that struck the Allied air fields shortly after 9 a.m. were American craft captured by the Germans in the recent break-through into Luxembourg.

The dispatch added that they had been repainted with German markings but were identifiable. R.A.F. fighters blasted down 84 enemy planes with at least 10 of them going to Canadian fighters. The R.A.F. 2nd Tactical Air Force fighters knocked down another 83 and anti-aircraft gunners picked off an additional 41.

Enemy Throws Something New Into Night Skies

A U.S. NIGHT FIGHTER BASE, FRANCE, Jan. 1—(AP)—The enemy has thrown something new into the night skies over Germany—the weird, mysterious "foe-fighter," balls of fire which race along the wings of Allied Beaufighters, firing intruder missions over Germany.

Allied pilots have been encountering the eerie "foe-fighter" for more than a month in their night flights. No one apparently knows exactly what this spy weapon is, but the balls of fire appear suddenly and accompany the planes for miles. They appear to be radio-controlled from the ground and manage to keep up with the planes flying 300 miles an hour, official intelligence reports reveal.

The pilot of this night fighter squadron—in operation since September, 1943—finds these fiery balls the "weirdest thing they have as yet encountered. They are completely unaccountable. They are conceived to be a psychological weapon as well as military although the fire balls have not attacked planes.

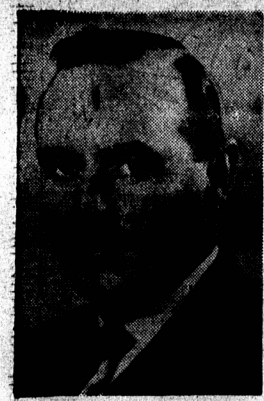
Fire Guts Sydney Church Building

SYDNEY, N.S., Jan. 1—(CP)—A six-tour fire Sunday destroyed the George Street Methodist Church building, built 20 years ago at a cost of more than \$100,000.

Thousands of dollars worth of equipment owned by the Federal Health Department, which was stored in the building, also was lost. This included 300 beds, mattresses and other supplies for an emergency hospital.

For some years, the brick building had not been used as a church. It was utilized by the Red Cross, Sea Cadets and other organizations, and as a recreation centre.

Believed to have started from a defective chimney, the flames thoroughly gutted the interior of the building, leaving only the walls standing.



LT. OMDL, C.P. MacKENZIE



LT. OMDL, W.J. McISAAC

P. E. Islanders In New Year's Honors Awards

OTAWA, Jan. 1—Promotion of 381 officers of the Royal Canadian Navy is announced today by Naval Services Headquarters in the customary New Year's Promotion List. The list includes the following Prince Edward Islanders:

R. C. N. V. E.

To be Commander: Connolly, John Joseph, V.D., 3500 St. Lawrence St., Ottawa (also of Charlottetown, P. E. I.). To be Lieutenant Commander: MacKenzie, Charles, 1111 St. Lawrence St., Ottawa (also of Charlottetown, P. E. I.). To be Lieutenant: McIsaac, W. J., 1111 St. Lawrence St., Ottawa (also of Charlottetown, P. E. I.).

R. C. N. E.

To be Lieutenant Commander: Kennedy, Reginald R., O. B. E., 1111 St. Lawrence St., Ottawa (also of Charlottetown, P. E. I.). The following Prince Edward Islanders are listed in the New Year's Honours awards announced yesterday at Ottawa:

Royal Canadian Navy

Mentioned in Despatches

Lieut. Roy Howard Sylvester, R. C.N.V.R., whose grandmother, Mrs. Cyril H. Dingwall, lives at 310 Euston Street, Charlottetown. The citation reads: "This officer has served at sea continuously in mine-sweepers and escort vessels on the East Coast of Canada for the last three and one-half years, under trying and arduous conditions. He has set a fine example by his devotion to duty and wholehearted devotion to duty."

Chief Petty Officer Harold Palmer, R. C.N.V.R., whose wife, Mrs. Verna Palmer, lives at Conway. The citation reads: "This rating has served on active service since the beginning of hostilities, during which time he has been fifty months at sea, thirty-one months of which were spent on mid-ocean convoy duty in H.M.C. destroyers and corvettes. Particularly during his service in H.M.C.S. Stratford, C.P.O. Palmer has displayed great devotion to duty, marked initiative and has conducted himself in such a manner as to be a fine example to the ship's company as a whole."

C.P.O. Palmer is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Palmer of Conroy. Palmer is about 30 years old and has been with the Navy for approximately four years. He was a fisherman before he enlisted.

Petty Officer John Henry Davy, R. C.N.V.R., whose wife, Mrs. Florence Davy, lives at 20 Euston Street, Charlottetown. The citation reads: "C.O. Davy has served in the R. C.N.V.R. since 1938. Since 1941 he has been serving on active service since the beginning of hostilities, during which time he has been fifty months at sea, thirty-one months of which were spent on mid-ocean convoy duty in H.M.C. destroyers and corvettes. Particularly during his service in H.M.C.S. Stratford, C.P.O. Palmer has displayed great devotion to duty, marked initiative and has conducted himself in such a manner as to be a fine example to the ship's company as a whole."

Toronto Has New Mayor

(By The Canadian Press) TORONTO, Jan. 1—Election of Mayor of Toronto, Robert H. Saunders, was announced today. He was elected by a vote of 10,000 to 9,000 over his opponent in the mayoralty election, Mayor Fred Corbo, who held the post for the last four years.

Awards To Members Of Women's Services

(By The Canadian Press) OTTAWA, Jan. 1—Awards to outstanding members of the Women's Services from the Wren director to a CWAC private—were included in the King's New Year's honor list made public tonight.

The awards, recognizing the vital work done by service women, ranged from officer of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) to mention in dispatches. Others were Members of the Order of the British Empire (B.E.M.) and the British Empire Medal (B.E.M.).

Nursing sisters were honored with the Royal Red Cross (R.R.C.) and the associate of the Royal Red Cross (A.R.R.C.).

Cmdr. Adelaide H. G. Sinclair of Toronto, Canadian Wren Director, was made an O.B.E.—top award to a woman in the list.

Members of the medical services who received the Royal Red Cross included Capt. Lillian King, River Philip, N.S.

Review Of Farm Activities 1944

Fine Production Record Achieved By P. E. I. Farmers During The Year.

By W.R. SHAW (Deputy Minister of Agriculture)

Farm production in the year 1944 was in view of national needs the largest and most valuable in the history of provincial agriculture. In field crops, livestock, dairying and poultry divisions returns were eminently satisfactory. Recently Premier Jones has well maintained and in many cases increased, and generally favorable conditions for production further an expansive program of production. In this respect great praise is due farm women and children, who assumed in many instances the heavy tasks of active field operations, and thus ably contributed to the fruitful returns.

The spring season opened early and subsequent favorable weather conditions enabled farmers to make use of limited field to best advantage. Seedlings of all crops were terminated at an earlier than normal date, germination was excellent and growth vigorous. Early pastures were also satisfactory, but less than normal rainfall injured midsummer grazing and temporarily reduced dairy supplies. Showery warm weather, however, in fall months, improved grazing to a remarkable degree, and permitted pasturing until a late period, thus offsetting to some extent earlier unsatisfactory returns. Favorable weather also materially assisted in completing the usual fall round up of plowing and other pre-winter tasks. This happy condition will go far to speed up the spring planting season.

Secretary Of Reconstruction Dept. Appointed

(By The Canadian Press) Mr. John F. Connolly, Charlottetown, has been appointed secretary of the new Provincial Department of Reconstruction, over which Premier Walter Jones presides as Minister.

Authority to establish the new department, which will deal with postwar rehabilitation and other problems, was taken at the last session of the Provincial Legislature. Recently Premier Jones took over the new portfolio.

Mr. Connolly's position, it is understood, will be equivalent to that of deputy in other departments. He has already taken over his new duties.

A native of Charlottetown, Mr. Connolly is forty-three years of age. He was educated at Sydney, N.S. Academy and St. Dunstan's University. As a young man he was engaged in newspaper work in Sydney and Saint John. After returning to Charlottetown in 1923 he took over a coal business. For the past seven years he has been employed as accountant at the National Falls. He was returning to Charlottetown for the election of 1940.

Mr. Connolly is well and favorably known and his appointment to this responsible new position will be learned with much interest.

Moscow Dances In The New Year

MOSCOW, Jan. 1—(AP)—Moscow danced and sang the new year in with the greatest demonstration of gaiety since the war began. The leading hotels opened their long-closed special ballrooms and kept dance bands playing until 5:30. Vodka, sweets and other luxury articles were at the lowest prices of the wartime period.

Merchant Seaman Stabbed To Death

(By The Canadian Press) SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 1—Stabbed through the stomach, Henri Gueson, a French merchant seaman from Brittany, was found dead by police aboard his ship here tonight. Police held one seaman and questioned others but no charge had been made late tonight.

Fire Investigator Injured

(By The Canadian Press) SAINT JOHN, N. B., Jan. 1—(CP)—C. R. Plamondon, special agent for the Fire Underwriters Investigation Bureau of Canada, is in hospital here for observation and X-ray examination of back injuries suffered when he fell six feet to the basement while examining ruins of a school fire here.

Awarded D. S. O.

LT. COL. W.W. REID

Another Island officer in the person of Lieut.-Colonel William W. Reid of Charlottetown has been decorated for distinguished service in the field.

Colonel Reid won the D.S.O. last August while serving as a Major in the Italian campaign and since then has been promoted Lieut.-Colonel.

He enlisted as a Captain with the P.E.I. Highlanders at the outbreak of war and was promoted Major in 1940. In 1942 he went overseas with the Princess Louise Fusiliers and, when some time later he landed in Italy, Colonel Reid was second in command with the Irish Regiment of Canada. As Lieut.-Colonel he was transferred to the Perils Regiment with whom he is serving at present.

Prior to the war, Colonel Reid was on the staff of West Kent School. His wife, formerly Eunice Storey of Charlottetown, and his two boys, ages six and three, live at 100 Prince Street.

R. C. A. F. Awards

OTTAWA, Jan. 1—(CP)—Air force headquarters tonight announced the award of three bars to the Distinguished Flying Cross and 22 D.F.C.s to R.C.A.F. personnel serving overseas.

The D.F.C. recipients include: P. L. D.B. Rodd, Concord, Mass.; P.O. W.K. Carr, Grand Bank, N.B.; P.O. H.H. Kimball, Ormoco, N.B.; P.O. A.M. Sauve of 63 Dollard St., Charlottetown; P.O. W.R. Weeks, Loggieville, N.B.

Reveal Nazi Agents Landed In Maine

(By The Associated Press) NEW YORK, Jan. 1—J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced tonight the arrest of two men whom he described as German agents landed from a U-boat on the coast of Maine last Nov. 29.

Mr. Hoover said the men—of whom he said was an American citizen—were landed from the submarine in a rubber boat near Frenchman's Bay, Maine, and then came to New York City after stopping briefly in Boston.

Hoover identified the men as William Curtis Colepaugh, 26, a native of Niantic, Conn., who said he was a former student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Erich Gimpel, 35, a native of Merseburg, Germany.

The F. B. I. head said the men had in their possession when arrested a short-wave radio, special ink for transmitting messages and a quantity of fraudulent documents, which he said included blank active service cards, discharge papers for the United States Navy, and a Connecticut birth certificate.

Each man carried a loaded revolver. Hoover said, and also had \$58,574 in American currency.

12-Year-Old Child Gives Birth To Baby

(By The Associated Press) FORT WAYNE, Ind., Jan. 1—A 12-year-old negro girl gave birth to a daughter weighing five pounds and nine ounces in St. Joseph's Hospital today.

Police and hospital authorities believe the girl is the youngest mother in the city's history. Both she and the child were reported in good condition.

Reds Concentrate Fury On Budapest

LONDON, Jan. 1—(AP)—The full fury of the Red Army was concentrated on Budapest tonight as its storm troops pushing ahead steadily in the embattled Hungarian capital from both the east and the west.

Dispatches from Moscow said front-line reports received there indicated the fall of the western half of the city. Buda, was expected within 24 to 36 hours.

Another 200 blocks of buildings in Buda were captured today, giving the attackers control of 600 blocks and placing them close to the heart of the metropolis on the western bank of the Danube.

Former Missionary

TORONTO, Jan. 1—Dr. Jessie Ann MacBean, who served for 26 years as a medical missionary in South China for the Presbyterian Church in Canada, died suddenly Saturday. She had retired in 1933 on account of ill-health. A native of Toronto, she was the first doctor from the Presbyterian Church in Canada to go to South China and at the time of her retirement was head of the obstetrics department of the Hackett Medical College at Canton.

See-Saw Battles Around Bulge On Western Front

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, PARIS, Jan. 1—(AP)—The Germans lashed back on the western front by both land and air today, lunging in a series of five ground attacks against the northern flank of the United States 7th Army while the Luftwaffe sent hundreds of planes roaring against the Allies in its heaviest offensive effort in three years.

German forces gained some ground in a wooded region south of Bannstein, five miles southeast of Bitchie, but were held or thrown back at other points along the 7th army front.

Front dispatches said the assaults were launched Sunday and were mostly in small strength. Possibly the most dangerous information on the fighting against the enemy's bulge into Belgium, subject to 24 hours or more delay for security reasons, told of gains up to six miles by United States 3rd Army forces at the southwestern corner of the German salient.

Fierce Armored Battles In fierce armored battles on both sides of the Bastogne corridor the 3rd Army destroyed or damaged 94 German tanks and smashed a counter-attack launched at the corridor from the east. In the same area fighter bombers of the United States 9th Air Force disabled 123 tanks and motor vehicles before noon today.

Most of the action was in the air, with sky battles raging from the front of the exposed western end of the bulge and in danger of entrapment.

Supreme headquarters confirmed only patrol actions along the northern flank of the bulge. United States patrols failed to contact the enemy along a stretch of nearly 10 miles in the vicinity of Rochefort, possibly indicating the Germans were withdrawing from the northwest corner of their salient.

Covehead Native Killed At Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Jan. 1—(CP)—William K. Bearisto, 70-year-old native of Covehead, P.E.I., was killed Saturday night when struck by an automobile at an intersection near his home in neighboring St. James. He was a plumber and had lived in the Winnipeg area since 1903.

\$30,000 Fire At Halifax

HALIFAX, Jan. 1—(CP)—Fire today levelled the 54-year-old Labor Temple here, headquarters of the Halifax district Trades and Labor Council and its affiliated A.P.L. unions. The loss was estimated at more than \$30,000.

Starting in the basement, the flames raced swiftly through the old wooden structure, despite a heavy down pour of rain. Cause of the outbreak was unknown. It was discovered by Freda Shea, daughter of the building's caretaker.

For many years, the Labor Temple had been used, in addition to union meetings, for sports events such as boxing and wrestling. The city's biggest bingo games also were held there.

11 TAKES MORE THAN A 'GO-GETTER' TO BRING HOME THE BACON THESE DAYS!

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, TORONTO, Jan. 1—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver, 39, 52; Edmonton, 17, 6; Regina, 25, 7; Winnipeg, 15, 8; Toronto, 30, 34; Ottawa, 20, 32; Montreal, 10, 38; Quebec, 20, Moncton, 25, 41; Halifax, 25, 31; Charlottetown, 24, 32.

FORECASTS: GULF BAY CHALEUR AND NORTH SHORE: Gales with rain and snow; much colder by night.

MARITIMES: Gales with occasional rain and snow; much colder at night.

High tide this afternoon at 2:54 and tonight at 2:14. Sun rises this afternoon at 5:28 and sets tomorrow morning at 8:38.

Last quarter moon January 6th, 8:47 A.M. Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown. DAILY AIR SERVICE: Charlottetown—Summerside—Moncton

Leaves Charlottetown 7 A.M. 11:30 A.M. 5:15 P.M. Arrives Charlottetown 12:45 P.M. 5:45 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE: Leaves Charlottetown 11:30 A.M. and 4 P.M. Arrive Charlottetown 2 P.M. and 5:45 P.M.

CHARLOTTETOWN—NEW GLASGOW (Daily except Sunday) Leaves Charlottetown 1 P.M. Arrive Charlottetown 4:30 P.M.