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# U.S. FORCES HAVE CAPTURED MATEUR

## Heavy Daylight Sweeps Over France, Holland 14-Mile Gain Is Big Victory For U.S. Troops

### Greenland Epic-- Reveal Complete Story Of Rescue

### Recall Capt. Wade's Trip To Greenland

### City Drive Speeding Up

### 4th Victory Loan En- ters Final Stage.

Two occupants of a Canadian plane attempting to rescue seven stranded airmen in Greenland last winter spent five days tossing a rubber dingy in a North-Sea Fjord after their machine was blown down by shortage of fuel. Their experience was recalled tonight when the U.S. war department at Washington told the full story of the rescue.

By WILLIAM F. FRYE (Associated Press Staff Writer) WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—The grim story of the rescue of seven airmen from the Greenland ice cap after five months of persistent attempts in which five men died was told tonight by the United States War Department.

After the failure of various attempts to bring the men out, including use of motor sleds, Col. Bert Balchen, noted flier and Arctic explorer and hero of two previous rescues on the ice cap, succeeded in landing a navy flying boat several times in three different occasions—not on water, but on snow.

Three of the rescued airmen, accompanied by Col. H. Arnold, Air Forces Commander, visited President Roosevelt today—Capt. Armand L. Monteverde, Anaheim, Calif.; Lieut. Harry E. Spencer, Dallas, Tex.; and Staff Sgt. Don T. Tetley, Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Monteverde was pilot and Spencer co-pilot of a heavy bomber which was being ferried to Great Britain but was diverted last Nov. 9 to search for another plane that was reported overdue.

Despite the plane never was found and while they were engaged in the unsuccessful search, their own plane crashed near the west coast of Greenland.

The plane broke in two, and the radio was wrecked. Sgt. Paal J. Spina, Frankford, N.Y., was the only one to be rescued. The plane was thrown clear of the plane, broke one arm above the wrist and lost both gloves, so that his hands froze before he could be carried back into the plane. One of the crew were shaken up.

LIMITED RATIONS, NO HEAT

The crew rigged up quarters in the tail of the broken fuselage but there were only limited rations aboard and no heat or lights. High winds and driving snow kept the men inside the crumpled bomber for 10 days.

Despite the intense cold, Cpl. Loren H. Howart, La Crosse, Wis., got the radio repaired and the stranded men established communication with the rescue crew, who now included the United States Army, the Navy and the Coast Guard.

On the 15th day, Balchen flew over and dropped supplies. At about the same time Tetley and

### Meet Strong Forces Of Enemy Fighters

### Indications Seen That Nazis are Tighten- ing Air Defences.

LONDON, May 3 (AP)—The R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. made two extensive sweeps over Northern France and Holland today at a cost of 11 bombers and two fighters missing, the heaviest loss in recent daylight raids.

Among the targets attacked was the power station at Ijmuiden, Holland, on which bombs were seen to explode, an Air Ministry communique said tonight.

The attack force encountered enemy fighters in considerable numbers. Five were shot down, two by Squadron Leader F. H. Boulton of Coleman, Alta., and Ptl. Lt. R. A. Buckham of Vancouver, B. C. members of the R.C.A.F. "City of Oshawa" Squadron.

It was the second raid in two days on Ijmuiden, a Netherlands coastal city.

Today's heavy loss of aircraft, coupled with other recent announced losses, indicated a tightening of Nazi defences against both night and day air raids.

### Reserve Army Head Visiting Nova Scotia

HALIFAX, May 3 (CP)—Maj.-Gen. B. W. Browne, director-general of the Reserve Army, arrived here today and will spend the remainder of the week inspecting Reserve Army Units in Nova Scotia.

Declaring the Reserve Army "most important," he told newsmen this was especially true "in a district like this where it has a definite operation in the defence scheme. Units in this area should be up to full strength."

Gen. Browne said he thought it unlikely compulsory service in the Reserve Army would be instituted.

### Escort Vessel Is Launched

PORT ARTHUR, May 3 (CP)—A naval escort vessel was driven ashore by Mrs. Pat Morrisey, 64, who bought Fourth Victory Loan bonds with \$900 she had saved for an operation to regain her sight, lost in an accident six years ago.

Mrs. Morrisey, wife of a pipefitter in a Port Arthur shipyard was the first to purchase bonds through the Loan Committee in the shipyard. She had saved for several years in the hope surgeons would be able to restore vision in at least one eye. A month ago she learned the operation might not be successful and decided to use the money to buy war bonds instead.

Lieut. J. Goldy D. S. C., First Canadian Naval Officer to receive a decoration in this War, escorted Mrs. Morrisey from her home to the scene of the launching.

### New Attacks On Kiska

WASHINGTON, May 3 (AP)—A renewed, large-scale aerial drive against the Japanese air and submarine base on Kiska Island in the Aleutians was reported today by the Navy Department, which said United States bombers struck at enemy installations 13 times on Saturday.

Fires were started which the Japanese have laboriously carved out on the mountainous island and heavy smoke was seen rising from bombed installations on many parts of Kiska.

### U.S. War Industries Establish New Records

By J. F. SANDERSON  
Canadian Press Staff Writer  
WASHINGTON, May 3 (CP)—United States war industries set several new production records in March but a further speed-up will be necessary to achieve the goals set for 1943 in accordance with military plans, Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, announced today.

Here are some of the production records:

Airplane output reached a record high of 6,200 planes for the month.

Construction of both naval and merchant ships, measured by the value, was the greatest on record and delivery of cargo carriers has reached five a day.

Heavy bomber construction passed the 500-a-month mark for the first time.

Almost 3,000 tanks rolled off assembly lines, not counting a large number of self-propelled guns mounted on tank chassis.

In the first three months of 1943, the United States produced almost 18,000 artillery pieces, including more than 7,000 anti-aircraft guns

### U.S. Coal Mines Resuming Production

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### War Situation Last Night

By Glenn Babb, Associated Press War Analyst

The United States Army has just won its greatest victory of this war over Hitler's forces. The capture of Mateur is one of the outstanding achievements of the Tunisian campaign.

In two weeks of battle over some of the worst terrain in Africa, the U. S. 2nd Army Corps has ground down some of the enemy's best units, thrown him from hill after hill, halted his most violent counterattacks and finally compelled him to abandon a city that ranks only behind Tunis and Bizerte in military importance.

These American divisions, now skilled, veteran troops, have taken full revenge for their February defeats at Fald Pass and Sidi Bou Zid. Compelled to take a secondary role while British 8th Army was reducing the Mareth line and the 1st Army cracking the Axis west wall, they have now claimed the spotlight.

Mateur is a position of such importance that it is inconceivable that the enemy would have yielded it if he had had any choice. Its capture brings the Americans to the edge of the Tunis plain, with roads following broad valleys leading 18 miles northeast to Bizerte and 34 miles southeast to Tunis.

But the loss of Mateur places the whole Axis position in peril; a further American advance like that just accomplished would split Armin's forces in two.

Moreover it is likely to have important repercussions on other sectors. It indicates that the Axis commander is near the end of his mobile reserves, which may have been pretty well spent in the vicious counter-attacks of the last few days.

The plunge to Mateur, coupled with the French advance along the coast to a point 15 miles from Bizerte, raises the possibility that the final Axis stand may be made in the Tunis-Cape Bon region rather than at the great naval base on the north coast. Bizerte may fall first. Undoubtedly it has formidable defences but it is possible that the strongest of these, like those of Singapore, look toward the sea and were not based against an enemy approaching by land.

In any event the American break-through suggests that the Tunisian campaign is nearing the final phase. It would be unwise, however, to expect any sudden collapse.

### Total Reaches \$1,309,150

### Nazis To Reverse Strategy?

LONDON, May 4 (Tuesday)—(CP CABLE)—The Daily Mail today published a dispatch from its Madrid correspondent, Harold Cardozo, saying that "Diplomatic and Military circles in Europe" are discussing a possible reversal of Nazi strategy, calling for defensive warfare in Russia and an attempted invasion of Britain with hundreds of divisions, three-quarters of the German Air Force and power gliders carrying tanks.

Cardozo said these circles suggested such an invasion attempt would be accompanied by an air attack heavier than Britain's Blitz and the protection of troop carrying barges by submarine packs.

The plan, Cardozo added, would be a gambler's last throw.

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BACK TO THE ATTACK

VICTORY LOAN

BLOSSOM OF CANADA FLOUR



H.M.C.S. Port Arthur's sub-marine kill off the port bow of a convoy laden with war supplies for the North African campaign. The U-boat was in perfect position to launch torpedoes when the Royal Canadian Navy corvette brought her to the surface, crippled, with a single perfect depth charge attack. Million-dollar cargoes were saved by the action. Able Seaman Thomas A. Brooks, R.C.N.V.R., of O'Leary, P.E.I., is one of the crew members of H.M.C.S. Port Arthur.

### Food Problem In France Is Worse

BERNE, May 3 (AP)—The food problem in France has become worse, causing the government to tighten already meagre rations, and many Paris bakeries have been forced to close because of a lack of flour, dispatches reaching here today.

A Paris dispatch to the Geneva Tribune said many bakeries there already had shut their doors and that the people were greatly worried over a report that at least 200 more would be closed in the Paris area.

### H.C. Friel Is C.N.R. Counsel

MONCTON, N. B., May 3 (CP)—Henry C. Friel, Moncton barrister, has been appointed regional counsel of the Canadian National Railways, Atlantic Region, with headquarters in this city. It is announced here.

### C.I.O. RENEWS PLEDGE

OAKLAND, Calif., May 3 (AP)—Philip Murray, President of the C.I.O. has reiterated his pledge that there will be no wartime work stoppages called by Congress of the United States.

### Completes 50 Consecutive Flights Over Atlantic

MONTEAL, May 3 (CP)—Capt. L. V. (Buddy) Messenger, O.B.E. of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, has completed 50 consecutive flights over the North Atlantic between Montreal and Britain—a distance of 3,100 statute miles—the R.A.F. Transport Command announced tonight.

On those 50 flights Capt. Messenger has flown 165,000 miles, 110,000 of them over the Atlantic, but he says, he can only recall having seen the ocean about twice.

Since he started flying on the North Atlantic, Capt. Messenger has transported great quantities of urgent war freight and nearly 1,000 passengers sponsored by the United Nations government.

Among them have been the late Duke of Kent, Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, British High Commissioner in Canada, and the

### Capture Of Supply Center Puts Americans On Edge Of Tunis Plain.

By EDWARD KENNEDY  
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

### ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, May 3—(AP)—American soldiers smashing back fiercely-resisting crack German troops in a 14-mile plunge, today occupied Mateur, one of the most important Axis strongholds in Northern Tunisia, and thus scored their greatest land victory in Africa.

French troops and other American forces to the north meanwhile stabbed to within 15 miles of Bizerte.

The capture of the strategic enemy communications and supply centre, brought the U. S. troops to the edge of the fanlike Tunis plain with its slightly-rolling, flower-studded hills in which Allied armored formations can operate.

### BULLETIN

NEW YORK, May 3 (CP)—The four Vancouver plants of the Boeing Aircraft Company of Canada Limited will resume production tomorrow ending the dispute over rest periods which has kept the plants idle since Wednesday morning. It was announced here tonight by Don Tyrerman, public relations officer for Boeing.

### Pulitzer Awards Are Announced

NEW YORK, May 3 (AP)—Initiative and originality of the Omaha, Neb., World-Herald in planning a successful state-wide campaign for scrap metal which later was used on a national scale won for it today the Pulitzer Award to the American newspaper reporter "the most distinguished and meritorious public service" in 1942.

Six men in journalism, four men and a woman in literature and a composer were singled out as recipients for Pulitzer Awards.

### IF WE COULD SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US, LIFE WOULD BE ONE CONTINUOUS LAUGH

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chiefs of the British and American Naval, Military and Air Staffs when they were travelling secretly between London and Washington during the occupation of North Africa.

Capt. Messenger, who comes from Boxmoor, Herts, Eng., and now lives here with his wife, was awarded the O.B.E. for his early work with the Atlantic Air Ferry. He was with the R.A.F. when he was 16 and, returning to Britain from service in India in 1926, he joined Imperial Airways, flying all its Empire and continental routes.

Early in the war Capt. Messenger, who has more than 12,700 flying hours to his credit, was pilot of aircraft which daily carried service representatives between Britain and France. He subsequently made numerous flights to the Middle East and was captain of the aircraft which took Sir Samuel Hoare to Madrid as British War-time Ambassador to Spain.

### Coming Events

\*Kinkora, Monday: Borden Tuesday, Free Sound movies.

\*Play Kinkora Hall Friday, May 7 at Charlottetown talent, dance after.

\*Dance in Vernon Hall Tuesday, May 4th by Victory Club, 8-11-31.

\*Dr. Bowness, Dentist, will not be at Hunter River Wednesday, 8-11.