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—SAD DEATH OF ISLANDER — Miss Gertrude Buntain of Kensington has received word of the tragic death of her aunt, Mrs. Alexander Glennie of Dorchester, Mass. On Christmas Day she was terribly burned when her dress caught fire from the gas stove. Pneumonia developed and she passed away three days later. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 31, from her late residence and interment was in the Glennie plot in North Andover Cemetery. The deceased was, before her marriage, Mary MacLean, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm MacLean of Graham's Road. She is survived by her husband, three sisters and one brother: Mrs. Alexandra Catto of Dorchester, Mass.; Mrs. George N. Cannen of Chestnut Hill, Mass.; Mrs. Ephraim Read of Vancouver, B. C., and William of Union Road, P. E. I.—(Summerside papers please copy).

—W. M. S. MEETING — The annual meeting of Kensington United Church W. M. S. was held on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 7, Mrs. D. MacKenzie presided and opened the meeting with a call to worship and hymn 570. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Mrs. Taylor read a letter of thanks from Misses Ratz and Brown of Sydney Mission for box sent by the society. Reports on the past year's work were presented by the different officers. Those of the Associate Helpers Secretary and Mission Band Sec. were especially encouraging. The officers for 1942 were installed in an impressive service conducted by Rev. A. D. Stirling. The retiring President thanked the members for their loyalty to her and asked the same for the new President, Mrs. A. D. Stirling who then took the chair. She thanked the executive of past year for their faithfulness and co-operation. She asked each one in this new year to look to the right source of strength and ask God to guide us and make us more earnest in our work. Each has a special task to do and if one fails, all the work suffers. The co-operation of all members is needed. The executive is to meet at the home of Mrs. Horace Glover on Friday afternoon, Jan. 16, to plan for the year's work. Meeting closed with devotional period, theme "we live by faith in God, the Holy Spirit." Hymns 162 and 154 were sung and the members joined in a circle of sentence prayers.—(Pioneer please copy).

Personals

—Friends will regret to hear that Mr. Ray Waite of Sherbrooke is ill in the Prince County Hospital.—K.

—Mr. David Dunning of Granville is seriously ill at his home. His numerous friends are anxiously watching for his recovery to heal h. —K.

—Miss Margaret Fleming of Ottawa spent Christmas holidays with her aunt Mrs. Austin Murphy of Emerald.—K.

—Mrs. George Calbeck of Summerside returned home on Monday after a pleasant visit with her daughter in Charlottetown.—K.

—Mrs. R. J. McDonald and daughter Lenora, of Charlottetown, were passengers to Kinkora on Monday. —K.

—Private Arnold Praught of the N. B. Rangers, arrived Monday night from Sydney to spend a leave at his home in Grand River.—K.

—Mrs. Andrew O'Keefe returned to her home in Kensington on Monday after spending a week in Charlottetown.—K.

—Miss Virtus Roberts, R. N., of Moncton, spent new year's with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Roberts, of Middleton.

—Mrs. Ollie MacNeill of Summerside has been spending a pleasant visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marks at Margate.—S

—Mrs. Harry Brown is the guest of the Misses Strong, Central Street, Summerside.—S

—Miss Yvonne Kilbride of Lot 11 spent a few days in Kensington this week before resuming her studies at Kinkora Convent.—K.

—It is pleasing to report that Mr. Joseph Sheen is improving after being seriously ill with pneumonia. —K.

—Miss Hazel Adams, R. N., of Kensington has been appointed night Superintendent of the Prince County Hospital.

—Mr. Arthur Mill of Kensington employed with the Bank of Nova Scotia at Montague, has been transferred to Pugwash, N. S. K.

—BUY Badminton Racquets and Birds at Brace's. L-450-1-10-2i.

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—SNOW SHOVELS general purpose stable shovels, and Coal Scoops obtainable at Brace's. L-450-1-10-2i.

—SOUTH SHORE Hockey League Bedeque Rink, Monday, January 12. New Annan vs. Freetown Maple Leafs. Admission 20 cents. Skate after. L-472-1-10-2i.

—RED CROSS MEETING — The annual meeting of the Wilmot Valley Red Cross was held recently at the home of Mr. John Hogg with a good attendance of members. The officers for the coming year are as follows: President, Mrs. Harry Simmons; Vice President, Mrs. Floyd Casely; Secretary Treasurer, Miss Lucy Hogg. The Society had accomplished a great deal of work during the year, as the following statement shows:— Wilmot Valley Red Cross work for past year: 11 knitted sweaters, 5 pyjama suits, 7 men's pyjamas, 7 men's bathrobes, 12 baby blankets, 11 pairs seamen's socks, 23 pairs soldiers' socks, 29 pairs mittens, 3 pairs gloves, 12 women's night gowns, 4 women's slips, 3 quilts, 2 baby quilts, 42 baby diapers, 2 women's coats, 2 bed jackets, 1 hot water bottle cover, 2 child's legging sets, 1 child's coat, 1 child's dress.—S

—DEATH OF FORMER ISLANDER— The sad word of the death of Mr. Fredric Mugford, at the General Hospital, Vancouver, B. C., after an illness of two months, on December 24th, 1941 was received by his sister, Mrs. Clara MacNeill, Summerside. The deceased was 54 years of age and was born at Bradalbane, P. E. I., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mugford. When a young man he left for Vancouver, where he has since been employed in the Canadian Pacific Railways. Although in failing health, the late Mr. Mugford visited his sister and many friends in Bradalbane and Charlottetown last summer after an absence of thirty years. He leaves to mourn his widow (nee Meredith Weldon of Amherst, N. S.) and one daughter, Miss Doris at home, also two brothers and four sisters, Everett and Jack in Victoria, B. C., Mrs. Emil Large, Waterbury, Conn., Mrs. Ernest Brenton, Haverhill, Mass., Mrs. Edward Ripley, Amherst, N. S., and Mrs. MacNeill, Summerside. Burial was at Vancouver.—S

RUMORS ALL NOT

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front; Field Marshal Karl Rudolf Von Rundstedt, commander of the Southern Russian front; and Gen. Heinz Guderian, tank commander on the central Russian front.

Today there came a new twist. The BBC broadcast a report that "rumors are rife in Berlin" that Gen. Ernest Udet, Quartermaster-General of the air force, "did not die as was officially declared... but has been executed."

Udet, the BBC said, "was made responsible for shortcomings, inferiority and insufficiency of air force material replacement."

The flier, a first great war ace and internationally known movie and stunt flier, was officially stated to have been killed in an accident Nov. 17 while testing "a new weapon." Hitler himself and Goering, the German air chief, attended the Udet funeral in the Air Ministry Nov. 21, Berlin dispatches said at the time.

Swedish newspaper dispatches from Berlin today reported the execution of four persons in the German capital Friday. One was said to be Fritz Winkelman, described as an economic ministry official, executed for the illegal hawking of food and clothing ration tickets.

Two, apparently Czecho-Slovakians, were accused of hiding weapons and the fourth, said to be a Pole, was charged with espionage.

Whatever is going on inside Germany, now cut off from direct communication with the united nations, one thing is certain: The Nazi's have become more touchy than ever before on the subject of news accounts unfavorable to Germany appearing abroad.

The German radio, the German news and propaganda agency D.N.B. and the press spokesmen in Berlin all are going to unusual pains, and in some cases using strong invective, to deny various reports circulating abroad.

Internal conditions in Germany have figured as much in the reports as have the plight of the Nazi armies on the Red front.

Today London heard details of food difficulties. A Nazi agricultural leader, supply chief Freudenberger, was said to have issued a statement making it clear that Germany, instead of living off the rich agricultural fields of the Soviet Ukraine must do everything possible to feed herself this year because of the setbacks in the Russian campaign.

The Soviet scorched-earth policy during the summer and winter offensive disrupted the German plan for colonization of the Ukraine, it was said.

The occupied territories themselves are hard pressed for food and will not be as great sources of supply as they were for the first two years of Germany's war.

HERE'S SWELL IDEA

PERRY, N. Y.—(CP) —To conserve gasoline and rubber local legionnaires have decreed that their children not use the family cars for going to dances or movies.

FROM HARD STUFF

One fertilizer is drawn from the slag or waste matter obtained in the production of steel.

BORDEN

Mr. and Mrs. Athol Woodside and son Lee of Sydney, C. B., are spending two weeks holidays with relatives at Borden, Bedeque and Charlottetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Emile Gallant left this week to visit Mrs. Gallant's sisters, Mrs. Leif Erickson and Mrs. Wm. Nulford of Sydney, C. B.

The sincere sympathy of the community is extended to Mr. C. Hugh Ahearn of Borden on the death of his mother, Mrs. Russell Ahearn which took place at her home in Pomona, California on Wednesday, December 31st.

Mrs. Aeneas MacDonald, who has been visiting at Borden returned to her home at West St. Peters on Thursday.

Miss Jean Muttart of Charlottetown visited friends in Carleton and Borden on Wednesday.

A quiet wedding took place in Sacred Heart Church in Borden on Monday, January 5th, when Rev. W. V. MacDonald united in marriage Mary Helena Keough, daughter of Martin and the late Mrs. Keough of Cape Traverse, and Layton Green son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Green of Albany. Best wishes are extended to the young couple for a happy wedded life.

Many friends in Prince Edward Island learn with deep regret of the passing at her home in Pomona, California, on Wednesday, December 31st of Mrs. Russell Ahearn after a long illness.

Mrs. Ahearn, formerly Miss Matilda Winchester, was born at Northam, P. E. I. in 1874. For some years she and her husband lived at Borden and Summerside. With her family she went to the United States in 1924 and resided in Madison, Me., for several years. A year and a half ago Mr. and Mrs. Ahearn went to Pomona Cal., and had since made their home there.

A woman of admirable qualities, she made friends wherever she went who in speaking of her, voice this splendid tribute that she was one of the finest of women cheerful and hospitable in her home, generous to those in need, helpful in trouble and a friend to all.

Besides her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. M. M. Parsons, Solon, Me., Mrs. E. Francis, Radison, Sask., and Miss Ada Ahearn, Whittier and three sons, C. Hugh Ahearn, Borden, P. E. I. James Ahearn, Glendale, Cal. and J. D. Ahearn, Pomona, Cal., also one sister, Mrs. Wesley Smith Elverslie, P. E. I. and two brothers, James Winchester of St. Eleanors, and Lemuel Winchester of Summerside.

Funeral services were held in the Reeves & May Chapel, Saturday at 2 o'clock with Rev. George N. Reeves pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Interment was in the cemetery at Pomona, California, U. S. A. —A.

U. S. BOMBERS

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Australia could move. The navy department announced that shortly after midnight Sunday Samoan time (7 a. m. E.D.T.) a small enemy vessel fired 14 small calibre shells into the station area, causing slight injuries to three persons but no material damage to installations.

Pago Pago harbor in Samoa is rated as the safest and best harbor in the South Seas, the navy said, and the naval station is on this sheltered waterway.

The navy's communique suggested the possibility that the attack was made by a submarine from the surface, in the same manner as attacks on several islands of Hawaii.

The formation of big army bombers found the Japanese battleship in Malalag Bay, more than 600 miles south of Manila.

Later, the same formation of heavy army bombers attacked an enemy cruiser and two large transports in the Celebes Sea south of the Philippines. The results of this attack were not determined, the communique said.

The attack repulsed by MacArthur's force northwest of Manila was made on the American-Philippine right flank, anchored in the marshes of the Pampanga River delta, "with tremendous force."

Malalag Bay, on the western shore of the Gulf of Davao, which the Japanese appear to have converted into an offensive springboard for the invasion of the Netherlands East Indies, is some 35 miles south of the city of Davao, and about twice as far from the entrance to the gulf at the southernmost tip of Mindanao.

AXIS TROOPS

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for Libya from that arm of the Mediterranean between Italy and Greece, although the position of the attacks was not otherwise specified.

The Admiralty said that although the supply ship, of medium size, was not seen to sink, it was damaged so severely that its destruction "is considered probable."

As German General Erwin Rommel continued to withdraw his battered army toward El Agheila, Maj.-Gen. J. F. C. Fuller wrote in the Sunday Pictorial that a "mere defeat" of Rommel was not enough.

"At the very least Tunisia and its great naval base at Bizerte must be occupied by us, and powerful airfields must be established there to command the waist of the Mediterranean," this military expert wrote.

Gen. Fuller declared that British occupation of Tunisia, long coveted by Italy, would neutralize Italian sea and air power and enable convoys to sail on a direct rout to Egypt and the Far East.

Other informed commentators noted that the rapid westward advance of British forces in Africa would help counter a threatening German air and sea attack on Malta, British bastion in the Mediterrean just south of Sicily. Some sources have said that an attack on Malta is imminent, pointing out that air raids on the small island had been almost continuous for the last few days.

The British forces already hold airdromes in Libya with which Malta is within range of the best fighters, but an advance to Tripoli would provide airdromes less than 250 miles from the island fortress and enable fighters to defend Malta from the mainland, if Malta's own planes were forced to leave.

These sources said occupation of Tunisia would make reinforcement of Malta by direct route from Britain safer because planes from Tunisian bases could provide an "air umbrella" for supplies through dangerous Mediterranean waters. Tunisia is still loyal to Vichy.

C.W.L. Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the C. W. L. of Indian River was held on Jan. 6th. The meeting was opened by the reading of League prayer by Rev. Father Trainor, chaplain of the league. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The President gave a report re-packing of boxes for the men in His Majesty's forces. Twelve boxes consisting of cigarettes, choclate bars, gum and razor blades were sent to those in Great Britain and twenty-nine men serving in various parts of Canada and Newfoundland were remembered with cigarettes making a total of forty-one boxes sent. Several of the men expressed their appreciation personally while home on leave and letters were read from others who had received a parcel.

A radiogram was received from Rev. R. F. McDonald, former pastor of Indian River, now on military duty in England, saying that he had received Christmas cake, extending greetings and assuring us that he was well and happy. This message was read at Midnight Mass., and needless to say the congregation were delighted to hear it.

A letter was read from a member expressing thanks for treat of fruit received during illness. Also a letter read from the Matron of the Provincial Infirmery acknowledging Christmas box sent to one of the patients, formerly of this parish.

Letters were read from the convener of Sisters of Sevice. It was moved and seconded that five dollars be sent to the Sisters of Service. Discussion on Study Clubs followed. All agreed that the younger members of the parish shou'd have their own groups and it was decided to call a meeting of the young people and get them organized. Other groups could re-organize as last year. Ways and means of financing and assisting the parish financially were discussed. Sympathy was expressed for two members who have been recently bereaved. A Mass is being offered for a deceased member.

Members reported sending several boxes to needy families at Christmas. The meeting adjourned with the closing prayer. K.

TANK-POWERED

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bombing and strafing of roads, railroad stations and rolling stock, supply bases and other vital points behind the British lines.

Then on Jan. 8 they sent 12-ton tanks down the main roads straight into the British lines.

British forces, who heretofore had encountered nothing larger than the two-man Japanese tanks in these jungles, resisted bitterly, and took a heavy toll of the oncoming Nipponese before they gave way.

While they were withdrawing slowly in Selangor and the Kuantan area on the west and the east, the R. A. F. was carrying the war deep into enemy territory in hard-hitting raids on Japanese aerodromes, shipping, landing places and supply depots.

Japanese planes have been over Singapore almost every night of the week, but they have been kept at a great altitude by the island's stiffening anti-aircraft barrage. Japanese bombs have caused little military damage and but few civilian casualties.

Authorities are repeatedly urging the city's population to take precautions and perfect defence measures, however, as heavier attacks are expected.

CAPTURED NAZI

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was not enough, and that the great French naval base of Bizerte must be occupied.)

(A squadron of long-range Hurricanes based deep in the Libyan desert has been attacking axis supply lines and airdromes.

(The air ministry in London said the squadron had destroyed 13 aircraft and damaged others, and knocked out nearly 400 transport vehicles. Three Hurricanes were lost.)

Reports of an R.A.F. bombing and machine-gun attack on axis tanks grouped near Ras El Aali were seen as indicating that Lt.-Gen. Erwin Rommel may have chosen that section along the Gulf of Sirte for the next stand of his still-strong armored force.

Military sources said they learned from questioning German prisoners that the idea of eventual defeat in North Africa finally had been driven home to Rommel's men during the last several weeks.

The average prisoner, it was said, gives the impression that the Germans are prepared to fight to the bitter end in Africa, not with enthusiastic hopes of victory but as a matter of military honor.

Many seemed to have lost their faith in Rommel and openly criticized their generals whom they blamed for leaving them in the lurch.

MARINES TELL THIS

The United States Marine Corps never had a mutiny of any description.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Bedeque District L.O.L., and Scarlet Chapter will be held in Berthelier Lodge Rooms at Summerside, January 14, 1942, at 10.30 a.m. J. F. Profitt, D. M. and J. A. Connell, D. R. S... L-473-1-10-3i.

Discusses marketing With Col. Ralston

Mr. T. J. Inman, Bedeque, Secretary of the Provincial Marketing Board, was in conversation with Col. the Honourable J. L. Ralston on Saturday. Owing to inclement weather, Mr. Inman could not get to Summerside to visit Col. Ralston but talked to him on the phone. Improved marketing of Island farm products—especially the placing of larger supplies at the Airports in the province, was requested by the representative of the Provincial Marketing Board. He stressed the need of Island farmers getting a larger share of the markets at the Airports. The Board had met in Charlottetown the previous day and prepared a brief to present to Col. Ralston. However, the latter agreed that it could be delivered to him by Hon. Horace Wright, who leaves for Ottawa today. Other members of the Marketing Board are: Mr. D. J. Mullin, Chairman, St. Peter's and Mr. Geddie MacLeod, Beaedalbane.—S.

Nipponese Face

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registered two new triumphs against the Japanese in distant waters, the communique announcing that a Netherlands submarine serving with the British fleet had sunk two enemy transports in the Gulf of Siam.

Where the Japanese started from was not stated but it was a like.y surmise that Davao, the captured Philippine port on the Island of Mindanao, may be the enemy base.

Davao, only about 375 miles by airline north of Celebes, gives the Japanese a relatively short, secure haul across the Celebes Sea both to that island and to Tarakan.

Celebes and Borneo, where the Japanese previously had won a foothold in the British part of the island, lie like the sides of a triangle with the important Netherlands islands of Java and Sumatra as the base across the narrow Java Sea to the south.

Thus, whatever immediate objective the Japanese may have in this new operation, they have marked out the outline of a wedge aimed at Sumatra and Java.

That wedge, if driven to the southern coasts of Borneo and Celebes, would place the Japanese squarely between the East Indies and Australia and put them across the Java Sea within easy aerial striking distance of the ports of Batavia and Surabaya.

The Netherlands long had been bracing themselves for a major Japanese invasion attempt which appears now to have been timed to coincide with preparations of the united nations' southwest Pacific high command under Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell to set up headquarters in Java.

That an incursion was imminent was suggested during the last week by several Japanese air attacks on Tarakan Island and by far-scattered Japanese aerial reconnaissance over the outer Indies provinces.

Such operations still were continuing. The communique said Japanese scouting planes were reported sighted at various places and an attempted Japanese submarine attack on Netherlands merchantmen was balked by the arrival of an Indies flying boat.

Japan's invasion of the Netherlands East Indies is part of her desperate gamble but the huge and wealthy empire that would be the prize of success may be regarded by the Japanese as well worth the risk of their national existence.

Already spread over China, French Indo-China, Thailand, Malaya, the Philippines and Hong Kong, Japan's invading armies now are on the threshold of a huge new battlefield of the southern Pacific.

The Netherlands East Indies cover 790,000 square miles and their 70,000,000 people live on islands stretching 3,000 miles across the South China Sea—with the naval gate to Singapore at one end and to Australia at the other.

Japan must seek oil, rubber, tin, coal and iron. Her only resources were those she had on hand. The world's markets are closed to her. She must conquer or she cannot fight.

Malaya and the Netherlands East Indies, rich in the resources for which Japan is impoverished, therefore, were her logical objectives.

Japan's aspirations for the millions of tons of oil and the hundreds of thousands of tons of rubber, tin and coal the Indies produce each year long have been evident. She has looked just as hungrily on the tea, coffee, tobacco and spices on which the Indies world commerce flourished in peacetime and on the millions of acres of rice, soya beans and other foods planted in their fertile, tropical islands.

15 BURNED

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row's inquest.

The cause of the fire was unknown. Company officials quoted a workman from another hut as saying that as he stepped out of his building just after midnight he saw no signs of fire. But before he had gone 50 yards the ill-fated hut suddenly burst into flames all over and was enveloped in fire."

Firefighting equipment was drawn up immediately but there was little the would-be rescuers could do. Some of the men in the burning building, divided into wings with each man in his own cubicle, jumped from windows in their night clothing. Others dashed to safety through the doors.

But some never got up from their beds. Searchers this morning found corpses still lying in the charred beds. Others were found on the floors and near the doorways.

As the firefighters—volunteering workmen and firemen from nearby towns—sought to stem the blaze, blackrobed priests went from bed to bed in the camp hospital, giving the last rites of the church to the injured. They also pronounced the final blessing to the bodies of the dead.

Hours later only nine of the dead had been identified definitely. Their bodies were in morgues here, and in the nearby towns of Arvida, Jonquiere and Chicoutimi.

Company officials said that the men in the hut, which housed 93 workers, were having visitors and a card game was going on when the fire started.

The identified dead: Francois Godin, Scotstown, Que.; George Segee, Montreal; David Lacost, Abitibi, Que.; Josue Lefebvre, Villeray, Que.; Clayton Ross, Blackville, N.B.; Auguste Swanson, Montreal; Jinceno Italiano, Montreal; H. Gignac, Notre Dame Des Anges, Que.; H. Paquin, Notre Dame Des Anges, Que.

Officials indicated that they feared it would be some time before the other six bodies were definitely identified. It was expected also that considerable time would elapse before a complete check could be made to determine how many of those listed as missing had spent the night at the camp.

One survivor said that he had noticed that several doors of the rooms in his hut were locked, indicating that occupants of the rooms were away from the camp at the time of the fire.

Shipshaw is about five miles north of Arvida, site of the Aluminum Company's main plant, and eight miles north-west of Chicoutimi, largest town in the Lake St. John district.

Wilhelmshaven And Emden Are Bombed

Canadian Squadron raids German shipping off Netherlands Coast.

(By Douglas Amaron)
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Jan. 11—(CP Cable)—British bombers struck at the great German naval bases of Wilhelmshaven and Emden during the week-end while members of the Canadian coastal command squadron attacked German shipping off the Netherlands coast in a swift and effective raid.

Also attacked by the Royal Air Force were airdromes in the low countries and docks at Boulogne on the German-held French coast.

In what is becoming an almost routine report of the Canadian coastal command squadron's successes, the Air Ministry news agency told today of mast-high attacks by the Dominion airmen. Clouds of smoke and fire from burning ships were visible more than 30 miles away.

Six planes were lost during the week-end raids. Fires were left at Wilhelmshaven "brighter than daylight" returning pilots said.

Two German bombers were destroyed off the English coast. A Junkers bomber was destroyed today by two Polish pilots flying Spitfires after a 50-mile chase at sea level across the English Channel.

A Dornier bomber was shot down Saturday night off the southwest coast, and four of its crew were captured. The fifth burned. A few bombs were dropped over the Merseyside and east coast, but damage and casualties were light.

Wilhelmshaven was the chief target of the R. A. F., attacks and the Air Ministry news service called it a "determined attack."

There were many reports of bombs bursting in long sticks across the harbor and town and of fires burning as the attack progressed. Buildings, railroads and rivers were outlined sharply by snow on the ground.

A small tanker was left "blazing furiously" in the Canadian squadron's attack on shipping.

"The tanker was very low in the water and she must have had a full load of oil on board—just ideal for us," said PO. W. B. Cooper, an American member of the squadron from Florida.

"I dropped a stick of bombs across her and the bomb bursts were followed by clouds of smoke, then bright flames.

"How that ship burned! Fire started at the stern and flames spread all over the ship. We could still see it blazing when we were 30 miles on our way home."

A mast-high attack with delayed-action bombs was made on a supply ship.

The four supply vessels were being escorted by five anti-aircraft ships and the sergeant pilot of a Hudson dived through a curtain of fire to release his bombs.

A shell burst close to the aircraft, seriously damaging it and wounding the sergeant observer in the foot, but one bomb found its mark amidships and as the Hudson flew away the rear-gunner sprayed the decks with machine-gun bullets.

Sgt. R. C. Mullen, Canora, Sask., veteran of many shipping raids, Sgt. N. M. Grant of Dinsmore, Sask., and Sgt. Gaucher, also of Saskatchewan, were among members of the Royal Canadian Air Force taking part in the attack.

Leader Of Jehovah's Witnesses Is Dead

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 11—(AP)—Dr. G. R. Stevenson said today he had issued a death certificate Thursday for Joseph Franklin Rutherford, leader of the Jehovah's Witnesses religious movement.

Dr. Stevenson attributed the 72-year-old religious leader's death to a stomach ailment. Rutherford had been ill at his home here for many months.

The body is in a San Diego mortuary, pending burial arrangements.

Rutherford also was leader of the International Bible Students Association, affiliated with Jehovah's Witnesses.

FLOWERS AMID RUINS

LONDON—(CP) — Although the Nazis have smashed the familiar scene around St. Paul's Cathedral, Mrs. E. Hutchinson, following her business of 53 years, still sells flowers from the steps of the edifice.

International At A Glance

By The Canadian Press

BATAVIA—Japs land troops at four Netherlands East Indies points with heavy losses; N.E.I. air force hits two transports; scorched earth methods adopted as U. S. forces help defence.

WASHINGTON—U. S. air force fires Jap battleship off Davao, Mindanao; U. S. troops repulse Jap attack on Batan Peninsula.

SINGAPORE — Japs continue costly advance southward on Malay Peninsula toward Singapore.

MOSCOW— Russians appear to have smashed German winter defence line and gain along entire front.

Steel Center Is reoccupied By Soviets

MOSCOW, Jan. 11 —(AP) —The Russians announced tonight that Red armies, surging forward from Leningrad to the Donetz Basin, had smashed the German Vyazma-Bryansk line and recaptured the steel-producing centre of Lyudinovo.

Lyudinovo, just over 100 miles southeast of Smolensk, is on the north-south rail line running between Vyazma and Bryansk. Tikhonovo-Pustyn, important rail town northwest of Kaluga and east of the main German line, also was reported recaptured.

(Soviet reoccupation of Lyudinovo apparently meant that the Nazi's so-called new winter line had been reached. It is in this area that Hitler is reported to have ordered his backtracking forces to hold their lines at all costs.)

Tragedy Strikes At Home Second Time

MONTREAL, Jan. 11—(CP)—Tragedy struck the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Drummond a second time within a month Saturday, to take the life of the second of their twin daughters.

A week before Christmas, Mr. Drummond was carrying one of his six-week-old twins, when he fell and crushed the child who died almost instantly.

Saturday the second twin died of a cerebral hemorrhage while asleep in her crib. The hemorrhage was believed brought on by a cold.

A verdict of natural death was returned at the inquest.

SPIES IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM—(CP)—A German storm troop leader was arrested while photographing a Stockholm naval establishment and will be tried for espionage.

MUST WATCH THEIR BIKES

LONDON—(CP)— Fifteen thousand bicycles were stolen in London in 1941 and police have advised all cyclists to padlock their property or take their own risk.

1941'S MOST POPULAR

According to American Library Association, Berlin Diary was voted the most popular book of 1941.

Col. J. L. Ralston Visits Summerside During week-end

Col. J. L. Ralston, Canada's Minister of Defence paid a visit to Summerside over the weekend. He left by plane at noon Sunday for an unannounced destination. However, it was believed he was enroute to Ottawa.

Col. Ralston arrived in the Province Saturday shortly before noon. He had luncheon with Group Captain E. G. Fullerton and other officers at No. 9 Service Flying Training School and later inspected the camp. Several Summerside citizens were present also at the luncheon.

Later in the afternoon the Defence Minister met a delegation from the Summerside Board of Trade and talked with the representative of a farm group. The minister paid a surprise visit to the three army huts in Summerside, the Knights of Columbus, the Canadian Legion War Services and the Y. M. C. A. He said he was pleased with the activities and surprised at the size and equipment of the huts.

While at the Airport Mr. Ralston inspected the new building to house members of the Canadian Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Transportation problems were brought to the Minister's attention by Mr. B. Graham Rogers, supervisor of the Prince Edward Island Travel Bureau. The two men had an informal talk but no announcement was made concerning the questions touched on.

Summerside men at the luncheon at the airport Saturday included: Mayor John E. Campbell, A. R. Brennan, president of the Summerside Board of Trade, T. M. Linkletter, M.L.A., Senator Creelman MacArthur, E.P. Foley, M.L.A., Dr. John F. MacNeill, Dr. J. A. MacPhee and W. J. Lidstone—S.

Reinforcements Enroute to The Far East

SYDNEY, Jan. 11—(CP)—Reinforcements from Britain and the United States are on their way to the Far East, Australian Navy Minister J. M. Makin announced today in a speech in which he foresaw security for the Dominion against "any menace."

Mr. Makin did not specify whether United States troops would be landed in Australia itself or used in other Pacific Ocean war theatres as a screen for Australia.

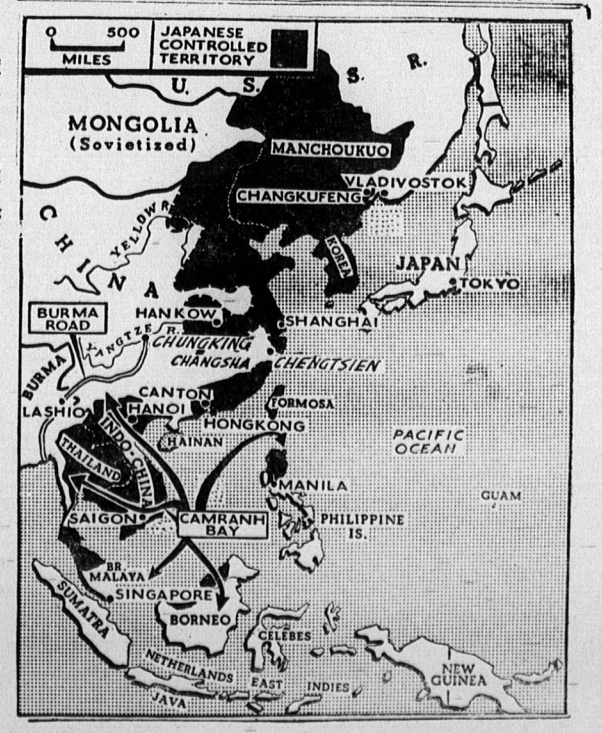
(An Australian radio broadcast, heard in New York by CBS, however, indicated that American forces may operate anywhere in the Far Eastern zone.

(The broadcast quoted a spokesman of the Commonwealth Department of Information as warning that Australia might be cut off from the Netherlands East Indies if Japan seized New Guinea and that "would make it difficult for us to carry out concerted action with our Dutch allies, with the British in Malaya and Burma and with the American forces which may be expected to operate in the whole region.")

"Reinforcements are coming from Britain and the United States as soon as possible to add to the protection of Australia and for the war theatres of the Far East," Mr. Makin said.

"I believe the concentrations of the powers today are sufficient to secure us from any menace, and we shall be able to resist to the uttermost any intrusion against the safety of this continent."

He said encouraging reports had been received of the fulfillment of promises made in Washington.



The map of the Far East appearing herewith shows Japanese-controlled territory as shaded areas. The location of Changsha, south-west of Hankow, is indicated; also of Chenghsien, where the Japanese made a lesser attack. The arrows indicate the main thrust of the Japanese in the Philippines, in Borneo and in Malaya and a weak thrust towards Burma. The British are building up formidable forces in Burma with which they hope some day to take the offensive. Allied air forces there have shot down well on to a dozen Japanese planes in repelling enemy raids and attacking airdromes in Thailand. The location of the Burma roads is shown on the map. Japanese forces are now attacking British Borneo on the eastern end of the island. Another withdrawal of from 20 to 50 miles appears to be being made by British in Malaya