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U. S. ARMY WIDENS GRIP ACROSS SAAR

Flt.-Lt. C. E. Blair Is Awarded D.F.C.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Air Force headquarters announced tonight the award of 19 decorations to R.C.A.F. personnel serving overseas. They comprise of one Distinguished Flying Cross and two Distinguished Flying Medals.

The award include:

Flt. Lt. E. W. Andrew, of (78 Central St.) Summerside, P.E.I., for Lt. J. J. Terroux, of Carleton Place, Que.

P.O. N. J. Corbell, of Montreal, P.Q., for P. J. Hache, of Petit Rocher, P.E.I.

Flt. Lt. C. E. Blair, of 152 Easton St., Charlottetown.

Flt. Lt. Blair's citation:

"This officer has flown on numerous convoy escorts and anti-submarine patrols. His skill, confidence and reliability in appalling weather have been outstanding. On one occasion when all sorties were cancelled on account of bad weather he took off to provide cover for an important convoy. The convoy was met and successfully escorted throughout his operational career this captain of aircraft has set an inspiring example by his cheerful and efficient devotion to duty."

Officers And Men Of Kenora Home

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Officers and men of H.M.C.S. Kenora, one of the tiny Canadian minesweepers which helped clear a path for the Normandy invasion, have returned to Canada on leave, the Navy announced tonight.

The Kenora and three other Canadian Bangor sweepers were in a mixed British-Canadian flotilla which made the vital pre-invasion sweep the night before D-Day—June 6.

A special press release quoted Lt. D. W. Lower of Calgary and Vancouver, the Kenora's commanding officer, as saying that about the most difficult part of the operation was manoeuvring in the channel through the "heavy traffic" of Allied ships.

The captain of the ship was Sub-Lt. J. M. Steedman, Red Deer, Alta., and other officers included Lt. J. A. Morgan, Edmonton, Winnipeg and Halifax, and Sub-Lt. Harry Gillis, Whycomagh, N.S., and Halifax.

Reveal Names Of Airmen Rescued

JARVIS, Ont., Dec. 4.—(CP)—Five RCAF men who were rescued when their plane crashed into Lake Erie Nov. 28 were LAC, G. Nickerson of Sydney, N.S.; LAC, G. W. G. McEachern of Halifax, LAC, S. M. McGroarty of Sydney, and Sgt. S. Beveridge of Toronto. The names were announced today.

All suffered from exposure and McEachern suffered a fractured leg. The rescue was effected by Andrew Barnard, farmer, whose wife witnessed the crash.

Reject Jeep For Farm Work

VANCOUVER, Dec. 4.—(CP)—The British Columbia branch of the consumers' goods division of the war assets corporation, said in an interview today that provincial agricultural departments in the western provinces have rejected the Canadian war jeep as a possible post-war farm implement. The jeep is unsuitable for farm work because of its low towing capacity and its low mileage rate for gasoline consumption he said.

Coming Events

- "Barncliffe School Concert, December 5, 12-5-11.
- "Dance Monique, Wednesday, 12-4-21.
- "Harrington Christmas Concert, December 21st, 12-5-11.
- "New Glasgow, Tuesday, Dec. 5, National Film Board movies, 8:30 p.m., 12-5-11.
- "Next shipment dressed hogs will be December 15th. Hogs McEachern & Boyce, 12-5-10.
- "Buying live and dressed poultry. Price to market private. Cold Storage Ltd., 11-17-44.
- "Summer River Starch Factory closes for this season on Friday, December 8th, 12-5-41.
- "Christmas Concert, Cornwall Hall Wed. evening, December 20th, 12-5-11.
- "O. D. E. Rummage Sale, Cornwall, Saturday, December 7th at 6.30, 12-5-7-9.
- "Unloading car feed at Cornwall Tuesday, Cecil Stewart, 12-5-11.
- "For Sale—30 Plymouth Rock Pullet strain. Mrs. J. J. Beagan, 12-15-21.
- "Farmers buying imported should make sure of their quality. There's a difference! Atlas Livestock Feed Agency, 12-5-21.
- "Book orders for delivery on Bulk Cans 2 Canada West No. 1 Feed) also car No. 5 Bulk Feed. New Atlas Grain Company list enables us to sell Wheat \$1.00 per bushel or \$1.75 per bushel. December delivery. Wheat \$1.00 per bushel. 12-5-21.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON (Associated Press War Analyst)

Surprise seizure by the American 3rd Army of the Saarlauten Bridge giving direct access to the Saar Basin puts the German command in a dilemma.

The Germans must either rush armor and first line troop reserves to seal off the river puncture by quick counter-attack in force, or risk loss of the Saar mouth on a wide front to expose the Siegfried Line to broad-based American attack.

There were hints in front line reports from the Saar sector that enemy armor was being thrown in to limit Third Army exploitation of the Saarlauten break-through. By every sign it could ill be spared from the Roer-Meuse areas to the north where the British 2nd and the American 1st and 9th Armies are on the verge of breaking into the Cologne plain.

Front-line observers estimate that the Germans have massed most of their armor and at least one-third of some 70 under-strength field divisions behind the Roer and the Meuse to protect the Ruhr. That still is the potential scene of the most critical battle for the foe.

There is indicated German intention to make a last-ditch stand in the north, sacrificing the outer defenses of the Saar Basin beyond German frontiers for that reason. The American surprise puncture of the Saar gravely threatens to disrupt that plan, however.

The fury of German artillery reaction to the Saarlauten Bridge seizure disclosed enemy anxiety over the American success.

The diversionary effect of that 3rd Army jump upon the greater battle in the north, however, is apt to prove more important than its immediate threat to Saar Basin centers. If the east bank foothold can be held and quickly expanded it could prove the break that Gen. Eisenhower is waiting for to throw in his own reserves in the north. U.S. forces shifting of considerable German reserves southward to meet the 3rd Army threat.

Gasoline Shortage In Germany Acute

ROME, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Germany is suffering such a drastic fuel shortage as a result of Allied bombing attacks on her refineries that some German pilot training centres have been closed down and the enemy's bomber force has been "practically abandoned," Gen. Ira C. Baker, Mediterranean Air Force commander said today.

An increasing number of German tanks and trucks are being captured in perfect condition, but with their gas tanks dry, as Allied armies press forward across the western front. Berlin physicians, except for a few in outlying districts of the German capital, were given no fuel allowance in August, Gen. Baker said.

Disabling that he now had more bombs at his disposal in the case of the enemy's western front, Gen. Baker said that "German targets are due for the greatest weight of bombardment in the near future."

While conceding that opposition over Germany was stronger than ever before, he said he thought it would be possible to maintain a loss rate of less than two per cent of the German fleet, Gen. Baker made it plain that his force was prepared to wage a long and relentless battle to smash German "air power."

The experience of one captured German student pilot was offered as typical of the enemy's fuel shortage.

"At his training school of 600 students, 30 aircraft were available," Gen. Baker said. "Because of lack of fuel, however, the number of daily flights was restricted to 10. At the end of August trainings were suspended. A week later the school shut down and all students were sent to ground force combat units."

Gen. Baker said the Ploesti oil field in Romania was the "bloodiest air battlefield of the war," with the Americans being 350 bombers and the Germans being 100 bombers. He declared it was worth the cost.

When the attacks began, he said, the Germans were getting 25,000 tons of petroleum products daily from the Ploesti fields. Today the end production was out to 3,000 tons daily, of which the Nazis were able to get out only a small portion.

Gov't Leadership Is Discussed

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Government leadership came in for comment from two opposition members in the Commons today.

Col. A. J. Brooks (PC-Royal) was the first to mention it when he said he wished Col. J. L. Ralston, former Defence Minister, had accepted a challenge from Prime Minister Mackenzie King to accept the leadership.

J. W. Noseworthy (CPC-York South) said he hoped it was not true that after 25 years as leader of his party Prime Minister King had no other man ready to take his place, yet Mr. King had suggested there was no other man in Canada to lead a government.

Col. Brooks referred to a statement of Col. Ralston that he considered one of his weaknesses was that he was not flexible.

"It is a good thing for the men overseas that he was born inflexible, because while we have not a full loaf, through his inflexible effort I feel we are getting half a loaf."

"But I do not think his speech carried him entirely to his logical conclusion. I should have liked to have seen him maintain his inflexibility to the extent of accepting the Prime Minister's challenge to form a government in this country."

"Had he done so I can assure him he would have had great support from the people of Canada and would have had support from members who sit in this chamber."

Special Gasoline For Men On Leave

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Munitions Minister Howe said today in the Commons that arrangements have been in effect for some time to give members of the forces on leave or veterans sufficient gasoline for their requirements.

Mr. Howe spoke in reply to a question by Louis Breithaupt (L-Waterloo North) who asked if consideration would be given to allowing members of the services on leave a special gasoline allowance of one gallon for each day of their leave.

At the beginning of the war he said he had favored the voluntary enlistment system when he saw how many were clamoring to get into the forces. However, in the fall of France he saw that conscription was the only way of assuring equality of sacrifice.

He would carry his views on conscription into the peace. If people were told in peacetime that conscription would be enforced on the outbreak of war they would be prepared to accept equality of sacrifice.

It had been said that conscription would stir up national unity, that all sections of the country would be stirred against one section opposed to conscription. However, if conscription was not imposed if there was no equality of service there would be bitterness among the people in every

Liberal To Support Conservative Amendment

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(CP)—James Sinclair (L-Vancouver North) announced tonight in the Commons he would support the Progressive Conservative amendment. He was the first Liberal to place himself against the Government because he wants to have defence troops made liable for service in any theatre of war.

Flt. Lt. Sinclair, an R.C.A.F. administrative officer, saw service in Britain and in the Mediterranean theatre, said he would support the Progressive Conservative amendment which called for conscription of all 68,000 home defence troops for service in any theatre of war. If the amendment was defeated he would vote for the main motion which calls for a vote of confidence in the Government.

He believed half a loaf of the sending of 18,000 N.R.M.A. men overseas was better than no loaf.

Dr. Croteau Awarded Book Bursary



Dr. J. T. Croteau, Professor of Economics and Sociology at St. Dunstan's University and Prince at Wales College, is the recipient of a book bursary awarded by the Canadian Social Science Research Council, according to an announcement by Dr. John E. Robbins, Secretary of the Council. Under a new policy of the Canadian Social Science Research Council a limited number of book collections have been awarded to social scientists in different parts of Canada.

These books are in different fields of specialization. In the case of Dr. Croteau the book collection covers practically every book that has been published in the field of agricultural credit.

T. V. Soong Becomes Premier Of China

CHUNGKING, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Foreign Minister T. V. Soong, brother of Chiang Kai-shek, assumed the duties of Premier of China today in a popular move apparently paving the way for a working agreement between the Communist government and the Communists of North China.

Soong's attitude toward the Communists is known to be moderate, and his accession to greater influence was coincidentally with the proposed restoration of an agreement in principle between the two parties to wage a common war against Japan.

Soong, who stepped into his new post with his appointment as acting President of the Executive Yuan in succession to his brother-in-law, H. H. Kung, is regarded in Washington and London as possessing China's most capable diplomatic and statesman.

Liberal Senator Proposes Probe Of Defense Dept.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Investigation by the Senate of the defence department, immediately after the war, to give assurance of a crisis such as the sudden demand for reinforcements overseas was proposed in the Senate tonight by Senator J. J. Bench (L-Ontario).

Senator Bench said he was "troubled by the great suddenness with which the situation (the need for reinforcements) developed" and that he had "great difficulty in understanding why there was not longer notice given to the Minister (Col. J. L. Ralston) of the progressive increase in the rate of casualties and the depletion of reinforcement troops."

Coupled with this was a suggestion that the Senate be used as "the eyes and ears" of parliament by undertaking many of the inquiries for which royal commissions now were appointed.

The policy Senator Bench suggested would follow that adopted in the United States and would include provision for a standing committee to inquire into charges of impropriety and inefficiency in the administration of public affairs.

The St. Catharines, Ont., Senator said he favored the Government's policy in making 16,000 home defence troops immediately available for overseas reinforcements but in addition he proposed consolidation of Canada's forces to a single front instead of fighting in two theatres.

Quiet Returns To Fort Francis

PORT FRANCIS, Ont., Dec. 4.—(CP)—Peace and quiet returned to this northwestern Ontario pulp and paper mill centre today following a three-hour battle Saturday night between home defence troops of the Canadian Army, civilians and servicemen on leave.

Six persons were reported to have been injured during the fray which was believed to have resulted from a week of tension while home defence troops were employed in railroad work near the town. Those hurt were said to have included home defence men and local high school girls.

Military officials in Winnipeg on Ottawa said today they had no official report of the battle. A statement from M. D. 10 headquarters in the Manitoba capital, however, said "approximately 100 French-Canadian troops from a Quebec unit" were here Saturday following completion of railway maintenance work in the vicinity. The men, returned to Camp Shilo, Man., last night.

BRITISH CLEAR GERMANS FROM WEST SIDE OF MAAS

By AUSTIN BEALMER

PARIS, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The United States 3rd army lashing out along a 21-mile front drove forward today more than two greatest industrial city of Saarbrücken, and hammered it with eight-inch artillery.

The French cities of Forbach and Sarrebourg and situated five miles to the west were shelled as the lines tightened inside and around the vital basin and its factories.

8 German Rail Towns Blasted

LONDON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—In the most concentrated attack of the war on Germany's railway system since the beginning of the year, more than 4,000 Allied planes today blasted eight rail arteries with nearly 12,000 tons of bombs in 12 hours.

In a follow-up to blows by some 2,500 United States planes and about 800 R.A.F. aircraft in daylight assaults on six rail centres situated in a great semi-circle around the Rhine industrial capital of Cologne, a force of nearly 1,000 R.A.F. heavy bombers tonight rained explosives on the key communications hubs of Karlsruhe and Heilbronn.

The paralyzing aerial assault followed a systematic plan announced today by the air minister to isolate enemy front-line troops by cutting their supply lines stretching out from Germany's main industrial centres.

HOUSE CONTINUES DEBATE ON ARMY REINFORCEMENTS

By D'ARCY O'DONNELL (Canadian Press Staff Writer)

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Rising Member of Parliament for Winnipeg North, said today in the Commons that the recent crisis over Canadian army reinforcements was necessary because "infantry casualties were 50 per cent over expectations."

Monthly losses were 5,000 instead of an expected 2,500, said Mr. Maybank during continued debate on the Government's vote of confidence motion.

"In those circumstances we were of necessity marching forward to a crisis of some sort."

He did not indicate whether the figures he quoted were only for the Canadians in northwest Europe or whether they also covered the Mediterranean theatre.

Defence Headquarters has announced that army casualties for June and July combined totalled 11,550. They totalled 9,338 in August, 8,445 in September and 2,921 in October. The figures were for the Mediterranean and European theatres.

Two N. S. Boys Shot Accidentally

HALIFAX, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Two 14-year-old boys were killed today by the accidental discharge of shotguns in different Nova Scotia communities.

Basil Rudolph was fatally wounded at Little Liscomb, Guysborough County, when his shotgun discharged into his muzzle as he picked it up by the stock while hunting with an older brother. A ball cartridge from a shotgun severed Alonzo Jollymore's jugular vein at Scotch Hill, Pictou County. Details of the shootings were not disclosed by the R. C. M. P., who were investigating the youth's death.

De Gaulle Honored At Red Reception

MOSCOW, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Gen. De Gaulle, head of the French provisional government, was honored today by Vyacheslav Molotov, Russia's foreign minister, at a reception attended by Moscow's allied and neutral diplomatic colony.

The luxurious Sphidronovka Palace was thronged with hundreds of guests. Buffet tables were lavishly spread with food and drink.

Three To Die, One Gets Life Sentence

OTTAWA, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Three of four men found guilty of the torture-death last July 2 of Mrs. Viola Jamieson, 48, of Flanders, Ont., will be hanged Wednesday as scheduled. But the fourth has had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment, the State Department said today.

Eino Tuohimaa, 19, Port Arthur, Ont., youngest of the four, was granted the reprieve from the death penalty.

Scheduled to be hanged are George Skrypyuk, 38, his brother, Anthony, 23, both of Port Arthur, and William Schmidt, 28, of Fort Frances, Ont.

17 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

EVEN ON EASY STREET SOME CUTYS ARE LOOKING FOR TAXICABS!

Toronto, Dec. 4.—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver, 42, 27; Edmonton, 13, 26; Regina, 22, 27; Winnipeg, 20, 26; Toronto, 22, 39; Ottawa, 10, 16; Montreal, 29, 22; Quebec, 22, 17; Moncton, 26, 22; Halifax, 31, 39; Charlottetown, 32, 35.

Maritime West: Moderate winds, fair and cold.

Maritime East: Moderate to fresh winds, partly cloudy with stationary or a little lower temperature.

High tide this afternoon at 4:05 and tonight at 3:09.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:19 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:23. Last quarter moon Dec. 7th, 11:57 A.M.

DAILY AIR SERVICE - Charlottetown - Summerside - Moncton

Leaves Charlottetown 7 A.M.
Arrives Charlottetown 12:45 P.M.
5:45 P.M. 8:40 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)
Leave Charlottetown 1 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 5:50 P.M.

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