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94 GERMAN AIRCRAFT ARE DOWNED

Yanks Force New Crossing Of Saar

Government Inducements To Draftees Offered At Expense Of Volunteers

Plane Crashes Near Airport

An aircraft from No. 2 Air Navigation School at Charlottetown airport crashed a short distance from the station early today causing "injury to personnel" an officer said. The plane was badly damaged and from unofficial sources it was learned that one member of the crew was dead. The crash, shortly after midnight, occurred near the junction of the St. Peter's and Norwood roads.

It was not known how many men were in the crew of plane but it was believed to be four.

The crash, it was said, may have struck tall trees lining the field where the crash occurred.

Gets Reprieve In Shadow Of Gallows

TORONTO, Dec. 5 (CP)—An eleven-hour reprieve was granted tonight to William Schmidt, 29, of Port Francis, Ont., one of three men scheduled to be hanged early tomorrow for the "hot stove" murder of Mrs. Viola Jamieson in her kitchen, Ont., home last summer.

Chief Justice Hugh E. Rose of the High Court of Ontario, who granted the reprieve, said the appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court of Canada which opens sessions the first Tuesday in February, 1945. The reprieve terminates March 1, 1945.

The reprieve was granted on a question of law which arose from a decision of the Ontario Court of Appeal in the case of George Skrypnik, 38, and his brother, 23, both of Port Arthur, who were hanged tomorrow. Skrypnik, 18-year-old Port Arthur youth also convicted and sentenced to death last Sept. 29, later had his sentence changed to life imprisonment.

Sea Mystery Has Court Aftermath

MONTREAL, Dec. 5 (CP)—An unsolved mystery of the sea had its aftermath in court here today when Mrs. Paul Henri Lemay asked that her husband, Capt. Paul Henri Lemay, be declared officially dead.

Capt. Lemay was in command of the Patterson Steamship Calgadoo when she put out to sea from Sydney, N.S., Oct. 30, 1937 on a voyage to Wabana, Newfoundland. He and his ship have not been heard of since.

At the time of his death Capt. Lemay had four insurance policies, three of which have already been paid. A fourth has not been paid.

Churchill Statement On Greek Situation

By JAMES F. KING
LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill asserted today that the British army stood ready to crush any revolt aimed at setting up a "Communist dictatorship" in Greece.

"No government," he declared, "can have a sure foundation so long as there are private armies owing allegiance to a group party or ideology instead of to the state and the nation."

The Greek people, he said, would be given the "fullest opportunity of a free election." But until then Britain was determined to keep order and shall not hesitate to use the considerable British army now in Greece, and being reinforced, to see that law and order are being maintained.

In working with the government of Prime Minister George Papandreu, Mr. Churchill said, "we shall certainly take care that that government is not used to fasten any rule or faction upon the Greek people."

Britain, along with the United States, he declared, was trying to do everything possible to help Greece "faced with the most desperate economic and financial problems, apart from civil war which we are trying to stop."

"But, no doing it if the Tommy-guns which were provided for use against the Germans now are used in an attempt to impose by violence a communist dictatorship without the people being able to express their wishes."

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
(Associated Press War Analyst)

Germany's inability to halt the United States 3rd Army eastward push to or beyond the Saar and the 7th Army drives northward between Saarbrücken and the Lauterbourg corner on the Rhine must mean an enemy retreat deep into his own territory for his next stand.

But for 3rd Army success in seizing intact the masonry bridge across the Saar at Saarbrücken, the envelopment threat to Saarbrücken, now under 3rd Army medium range gunfire, still would be remote. That incident bids fair to go down in the history of this war as a companion piece for German seizure of Netherlands canal crossings early in the struggle which expedited the fall of Holland, Belgium and France.

As it is Gen. Patton appears to have firmly consolidated his east bank bridgehead beyond the Saar overnight. His troops have carved a breach in German lines big enough around Saarbrücken to afford a jump-off base for flanking attacks along the right bank of the stream to the north, or southeastward to cut in behind Saarbrücken.

To the southeast of Saarbrücken, however, other 3rd Army elements are swarming forward toward the Rohrbach Gap that leads direct toward the Homburg communications hub in the rear of Saarbrücken.

But for the situation on the Saar and between that river and the Rhine, German claims of a stalemate victory to the north on the Roer and Meuse would sound more realistic. Front line reports tell of a relative lull there, but is obviously a momentary Allied breather in preparation for even more powerful blows to come. The disarray in the north end in the Saar sector are still to be reached while southward the Rhine only mopping-up remains to clear the west bank of the last enemy rearguards.

Reserve Army To Be Continued

OTTAWA, Dec. 5 (CP)—Canada's home guard reserve army of 100,000 part-time volunteers "will continue to play the same important role which it performed in the years before the war and which it has so abundantly fulfilled during the anxious days of this war," the House of Commons was informed today.

Navy Minister Macdonald, acting Defence Minister in the House gave this reply to a question Friday by Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative house leader. Mr. Graydon wanted a "clear-cut" statement of government policy in regard to the future of the reserve army.

Mr. Macdonald explained that the reserve army was the modern name of the pre-war non-permanent active militia which "is the framework of our national military organization in peace time."

He continued: "It is our present policy to ensure the continuation in the post-war period of this framework which will then become again the major portion of our military forces. The men who have gone from these reserve units and who now fill the ranks of the mobilized reserve units will return, and to the extent that the reserve army is kept alive, they and their units will find their military family association maintained so that there will be no break in the continuity of service and training."

Mr. Macdonald said that "to the greatest possible extent units of reserve army will be perpetuated in some continuing role."

Lt.-Col. Lapointe Opposes Gov't On Conscription Issue

OTTAWA, Dec. 5 (CP)—Lt.-Col. Hugues Lapointe, Liberal member for Lotbinière constituency in Quebec, said tonight in the Commons he was voting against the amendment calling for making all R. M. M. men available for service in any theatre of war and a subsequent privilege to confer his seat after being interrupted several times. He said it was the "first time the House had refused him a hearing."

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Nine Missing On Flying Boat

VANCOUVER, Dec. 5 (CP)—F.O. Robert L. Nash of Hamilton, Ont., was the pilot of the R.C.A.F. flying boat from Patricia Bay air base which disappeared with its nine man crew Saturday night while on a routine flight, western air command announced today.

Others in the crew include: P.O. A. I. Staples, Fredericton, N. B.; P.O. John A. Mahoney, Grand Falls, N.B.; Sgt. Joseph R. A. Patenaude, Montreal; P.O. Frank F. Porter, Hamilton, Ont.; P.O. L. George B. N. Ramsay, Toronto.

Search for the plane has extended over the Juan De Fuca Straits and the southern tip of Vancouver Island.

Nazis Claim Recapture Of Saarlautern

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (AP)—The German radio tonight claimed recapture of the city of Saarlautern. The broadcast was heard by the Blue Network.

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Five Allied Armies Fight On Nazi Soil

By AUSTIN BEALMER

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, PARIS, Dec. 5 (AP)—The United States 3rd Army forced a new crossing of the Saar south of Saarbrücken today and other American forces pressed eastward beyond that arsenal city as the Allies wound up their first six months of the western invasion with five armies fighting on German soil. Two others are hammering at Germany's Rhine River boundary.

Dispatches said the 95th division of the 3rd Army sent troops across the Saar south of Saarbrücken and into the outposts of Saarbrücken and within three miles of the city. Other units of the same division stabbed beyond Saarbrücken and expanded their original bridgehead, now at least 2-3 miles at its base. Special details continued mopping-up operations in Saarbrücken itself.

The wheeling operation all along the 3rd Army front south of Saarbrücken continued.

Lewis Hawkins, Associated Press war correspondent, said the infantrymen made advances of up to three miles, pressing within six miles of the great industrial city of Saarbrücken and within three miles of Sarreguemines in Lorraine.

Lt.-Gen. Patton's men and armor thrust inside Germany on a solid 40-mile front extending from a point east of Luxembourg to southwest of the blackened industrial city of Saarbrücken, whose factories and rail yards were being pounded incessantly by heavy American artillery from a distance of only six miles.

As American troops plunged through Saarbrücken and into the Weiskirch Line, enemy units of the winter offensive, it appears probable that the blood toll now was surpassing almost 100,000.

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Ravenna Falls To Canadians In New Push

ROME, Dec. 5 (CP)—Hard-fighting Canadian forces of the British 8th Army—the Princess Louise Dragon Guards of Ottawa—have smashed through the century-old German Adriatic defenses and captured historic Ravenna yesterday, Allied high command announced today.

The Canadians, who struck in concert with the 27th Lancers, a British formation, forced the Germans to flee to the west bank of the Lamone River, six miles to the west.

Announcement of the fall of Ravenna, five miles inland from the Adriatic, was the first official disclosure that Canadian forces were spearheading the punch through the German defenses in the Adriatic and provided the first report of Canadian action in Italy since Nov. 10.

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Takes Responsibility For W. I. B. Action

OTTAWA, Dec. 5 (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King said today in the Commons that, as president of the privy council, he took full responsibility for distribution of 87,000 copies of his recent radio speech by the wartime information board.

"The speech was in its essence an appeal by myself for public support of the recruiting campaign for voluntary enlistments," said Mr. King.

Nazi Radio Reports Hitler Activity

LONDON, Dec. 5 (CP Reuter)

The first report of Hitler's activities since Oct. 28 was given today by the German radio which said the Fuhrer yesterday received Lt. Bohdan Galanek, new Slovak minister, and Vitez Andras Mecsery, new Hungarian minister to Germany.

Berlin And Rocket Sites Are Targets

LONDON, Dec. 5 (CP)—United States fighter pilots today shot down 91 German aircraft during a daylight raid in which a fleet of United States heavy bombers dropped 1,500 tons of explosives on Berlin.

Meanwhile a fleet of 500 R.A.F. heavyweights, with fighter escorts, hammered Germany's largest railway yard at Hamm, 30 miles south of Munster, with 3,000 tons of bombs. One plane was lost with the supporting fighters claiming at least three of 100 enemy interceptors. It was the first daylight blow at the great Hamm yards by R.A.F. heavies.

Twelve United States bombers of some 550 which hit industrial targets in the Berlin area as well as the big rail centre of Munster, 50 miles north of the Ruhr industrial region, are missing. Twenty-two fighters failed to return. Other British bombers but at least 11 of them are believed to have landed in France.

Charming through leaden skies, the escorting fighters in 15 minutes dispersed the waves of enemy planes attacking the United States bomber spearhead. The sky was cleared of enemy planes when the second formation of heavy bombers appeared.

The heavy overcast forced bombardiers to aim by instrument. Most of the attacks were centred on Berlin, the big industrial suburb of Tegel, on the northwest perimeter of the city. Tegel has been transformed into Germany's most important military depot, jammed with munition works and aircraft engine and tank factories.

Sydney, Ontario riding, as intense as usual over Berlin. Without encountering fighter opposition, another force of United States heavy bombers and escorts attacked the railroad yards at Munster, the hub of five main lines supplying the depot. They also destroyed a long truck of the type used to transport rockets to the firing site.

Grand Old Man Of Journalism Dies In Montreal

MONTREAL, Dec. 5 (CP)—Robert Smeaton White, 88, grand old man of Canadian journalism and a pioneer in the profession, died in his home in suburban Westmount tonight.

He had been in ill-health for some time but his condition had not become critical until recently.

Mr. White was born in Peterborough, Ont., in 1856, 11 years before Confederation, and as reporter and editor and member of the House of Commons, had watched the rise and fall of the House of Canada as a nation that has its war work taken away. The solution went on to state that both Sydney and Peterborough had been given war work during the months that Mr. White was equally capable of doing such work.

In this connection it may be said that while 700 men have been released recently from the Pictou shipyards, some 1,500 men in that plant are still engaged in war work.

Senate Adjourns Until January 31

OTTAWA, Dec. 5 (CP)—The Senate adjourns after a session of 10 days, until Jan. 31. Dr. J.H. King, Government senate leader, said it was apparent that no legislation would come before the Senate from the Commons and the discussion on reinforcements having been concluded in the upper chamber, he proposed adjournment.

Senator W.G. Goschke (P.C.—Alberta) final speaker in the debate, said Canadians were being asked to pay a high price for national unity and democratic rule of the majority should be enforced.

Senator J.A. Cameron (P.C.—Quebec) urged consideration of the question of overseas reinforcements and conscription from a national viewpoint. Opponents of conscription were to be found in all provinces.

Mr. Gen. Griesbach, who was for a time inspector general for western Canada during the present war, expressed criticism of military officers who had "miled" Col. Reist. He urged adoption of a permanent conscription policy which would provide for military training in peacetime and compulsory service during war.

He predicted there would be difficulty in getting home defence troops overseas.

"If you give these men embarkation leave you'll never see them again," he said. "It is quite possible the Government will come to parliament in three months and say these men have been dispatched but they haven't gone."

"It can't be from news dispatches that this thing is being rigged now. We are told of Quebec regiments being sent back to Quebec. These men are out of hand and they have been for some time."

"The government may finally have to take responsibility for killing someone. The Government must take responsibility for the control of its army."

BOMBS REVEAL HIDEOUT

OLD MALDEN, SURREY, England.—(CP)—A seven-foot square secret room and staircase revealed by bomb repairs in a cottage here are believed to have been an 18th century highwayman's hideout.

130 Employees At Bruce Stewart's To Be Laid Off

From authoritative sources it was learned yesterday that approximately 130 men employed in war work at Bruce Stewart's in Charlottetown will be laid off on Monday, Dec. 11.

Mr. E.A. Freeman of the regional office, National Selective Service, Moncton, is at present in the City assisting the local Selective Service Office in securing other employment for the men who are to be released.

The release of men who for the last two of three years have been engaged in war work in the Maritimes is not confined to Charlottetown. According to reliable information received, there has been a general lay-off of war workers in the last few weeks throughout the Maritimes. It is said the Foundation Maritimes Ltd., Bridgewater, N.S., have released 700 men; 600 have been laid off at the Pictou Shipyards within the same time; Clark, Bruce & Co., aircraft workers at Moncton have laid off about 500 men; and the Canadian Foundry Co. at Amherst have released between 1200 and 1500 men.

Other smaller firms throughout the Maritimes have also been laying off men in numbers ranging from 100 to 500.

On November 10, the Regional Employment Advisory Committee of National Selective Service at a meeting in Halifax, protested the closing of the Bruce Stewart shipyard which it anticipated was to be shut down on Nov. 30.

Earlier than this, the Charlottetown branch of Canadian Legion had at its annual meeting on Sept. 28, passed a strong resolution protesting the proposed closing of the plant. In that resolution the Legion stated that Charlottetown was the last city in Canada with a shipyard that had been given war work and that proposed closing, be the first to have its war work taken away. The solution went on to state that both Sydney and Peterborough had been given war work during the months that Mr. White was equally capable of doing such work.

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16 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

DORA DUMBELL THINKS IT'S IMPOLITE TO TURN THE RADIO OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF AN ANNOUNCEMENT!

MEET THE...
TORONTO, Dec. 5 (CP)—MILITARY and maximum transportation: Vancouver 45, 54; Edmonton 38, 40; Regina 8, 35; Winnipeg 16, 30; Toronto 85, 47; Ottawa 15, 34; Quebec 13, 29; Saint John 13; Montreal 14, 43; Halifax 25, 43; Charlottetown 28, 26.

Maritimes: Fair with not much change in temperature; fresh to strong winds to southward of Nova Scotia coast.

High tide this afternoon at 4:49 and on Monday at 5:51.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:19 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:24.

Last quarter moon December 7, 11:59 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
Leave 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 5:20 P.M.

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