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FIERCE TANK BATTLE RAGES IN TUNISIAN AREA

Interest Quickens In Party Convention

Britain Prepares "Thunderbolt" For Invasion Move

By Douglas Amaron
Canadian Press Staff Writer
SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, (Tuesday) — A New British striking arm with the destructive power of a thunderbolt is waiting to be loosed from the clouds upon the enemy.

The nucleus of armies of the future, an airborne division of some of Britain's finest fighting men, has demonstrated in two intensive training and proved that the operations of Bruneval and North Africa are just a beginning.

This division, under command of Maj.-Gen. F. A. M. Brown, General Officer Commanding Airborne Forces, is Britain's first airborne force. It has been on display before in bits and pieces, but this exercise for the benefit of high ranking British and Canadian Army officers and more than 50 war correspondents was the first show of its own.

Members of whose zeal is matched by that of his men said the evolution of airborne forces "is in its infancy but the outlook and the future is vast."

Mr. Brown predicted that the war will most assuredly come when airborne armored divisions will control the world.

The airborne forces, paratroopers who drop from bombers and troops carried in gliders, are commanded by the air and are certainly as durable as the men of the ground. The chief of the ground commands, who watched this exercise, "wasn't predicting that the air troops will lead the way in invasion of the continent when it comes and that it is no task for ordinary men."

OPPOSED TO HOLIDAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said today she would like to see the anniversary of Pearl Harbor made a holiday because "to me it is a day of great address."

Asked at her press conference if she has any comment on the anniversary, she said: "I have no comment."

"We unnecessarily lost human lives. We can replace the ships we lost, but we can't replace the human lives."

Coming Events

Murray River, Friday special entertainment, 12-8-21
Play Mt. Stewart, Thursday, 12-8-21
Madam Doyel Readings, 144 Bilsco, 12-7-21
Variety Concert in Cornwall Hall Dec. 9th, by the Meadow Bank Women's Institute, 12-7-21
Fanners wishing to ship dressed hogs and sows advise McCullagh and Boyle, 12-7-21
Buying dressed poultry daily, W. Bowman, Hunter River, 11-20, P-W-61
Unloading car feed wheat and barley Dec. 9th and 10th. Bring bags, John Hardy, 12-8-21
Collecting hogs every Friday. Please list with Leslie McDowell, Fredericton, 5-19-20-twif
Afternoon tea and bazaar, Baptist Church Hall Thursday, Dec. 10 from 4-7, 12-7-21
Christmas Concert, Albery Plains School, December 21st, 12-8-21
Buying eggs and dressed poultry daily. Paying highest market prices, M. Peters, Mkt. Bldg., 12-8-21
Reserve Dec. 21st for Christmas concert in Lot 65 Hall, 12-7-21-18
Stanhope - Covehead Concert Community Hall Monday, 21-12-8-11
Hunter River potato starch factory can now receive potatoes by road or cartload. Appointment not necessary, 12-3-41

Recover Body Of Wood Islands Girl

HALIFAX, Dec. 7 (CP) — A Navy diver today found the body of Mary MacQueen of Wood Islands, P.E.I., one of five persons killed when an airplane crashed into Halifax Harbor Thursday afternoon.

Search will continue tomorrow for the body of Owen MacAulay of Sydney, N.S., employee of an aircraft repair plant. Bodies of the other three victims—two men and a girl—were located shortly after the crash.

The plane was found in 70 feet of water.

During the day, a preliminary investigation into the crash opened before a board of inquiry under Col. D. Joy of the Department of Transport. No statement was issued after the opening meeting.

Mrs. MacQueen's body will be forwarded Wednesday morning to Wood Islands for burial.

Two Test Pilots Killed In Collision

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 (CP) — Two test pilots, one from the Bell Aircraft Plant at Buffalo, N.Y., and the other from Fleet Aircraft at Port Erie, Ont., were killed in a mid-air collision over the Fleet plant this afternoon, the Munitions Department announced.

The Fleet Pilot was identified as Ralph Millar, assistant chief test pilot at the fleet plant. Name of the American pilot was not available here.

New Aerial Blows Struck At Germany

By Louis Hunter
Canadian Press Staff Writer
LONDON, Dec. 7 (CP)—Working on an Allied 24-hour schedule of destruction, Britain's new Whirlwind bombers pounded at German shipping and railways over France and the Lowlands today while the Nazis still were assessing damage from heavy raids last night in which more than 100 heavy bombers spilled explosives on targets in southwestern Germany, including Karlsruhe and Pforzheim, important railway and military centers.

In today's daylight attacks the Whirlwinds, escorted by Spitfire fighters, were reported to have damaged three ships of the British coast and to have made many attacks on railroads, camps, barges and other targets. Six planes were lost.

The Air Ministry reported also that some pilots reported into Germany where barges on the Dortmund-Ems Canal were bombed.

Karlsruhe, through which is shipped much of the coal to maintain Mussolini's war factories in Italy, turns out machine guns and ammunition and has the largest rubber tire plant in Germany.

Pforzheim, 16 miles to the south-east, has been an alternate route for trains in case of trouble on the western line.

These two cities offered surprising targets for British explosives.

Spitfire pilots of a Royal Canadian Air Force squadron kept bombing today by shooting in a military camp at Bobec, 28 miles east of the French port of Le Havre, leaving it smoking and in flames.

An R.C.A.F. communiqué said the pilots then attacked and damaged two locomotives in the same area and shot up a gun crew. No aircraft were reported missing from this operation.

24 Pigs Are Shipped From Here By Air

The Livestock Marketing Board has shipped 24 feeder pigs to Newfoundland by air and Mr. J. A. Gillies, Secretary of the Board, said he considered it was the best method of transportation. Shrinkage should be reduced to a minimum and the loss from starvation and sickness practically eliminated.

The pigs were crated, two to a box, for shipment. The animals weighed approximately 40 pounds each.

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The Livestock dealer recalled that in pre-war days steamers sailed from Island ports sometimes with several thousand live pigs aboard. He said there was always a loss and sometimes a considerable number of small animals died as it was impossible to keep them fed during the voyage which might be longer than expected because of bad weather.

Mr. Gillies said the pigs shipped to the ancient colony by air were healthy and he hoped the persons receiving them would be pleased. If that was the case, he estimated that the cost of the shipment from Charlottetown to the pig raisers would be about \$50 per car.

The pigs for air shipment were packed two to a box for shipment on the trip. It was believed the temperature might drop to sub-zero levels during the flight.

Mr. Gillies said he expected to have a letter from Newfoundland shortly telling of the conditions of the pigs on arrival.

The pigs are consigned to an airport in Newfoundland, it was learned. It was difficult to obtain a truck there and men with agricultural training had been suggested a pigery be built and the garbage utilized. The idea was adopted and the shipment from here was the result.

Mayor Lewis Is Re-Elected

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 (CP)—Re-election of Stanley Lewis as Mayor of Ottawa was conceded tonight as he rolled up a commanding lead of almost 10,000 votes over the nearest challenger.

With 248 of the city's 276 poll reports in Ottawa, Lewis had 15,257 votes against 6,541 for S. Leonard Belaire, financial advisor; 4,519 for C. E. Pickering, former controller; and 3,249 for Lorenzo Lafleur, K.C. Ottawa lawyer.

Mayor Lewis, Chief Magistrate for the last seven years, will hold the office for the next two years.

No River For Japan, Promise

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Tuesday) (CP)—Prime Minister Churchill said today that the "sacred" river now flows over Germany and Italy now flowing to Japan. There will be no softness or respite for her.

In a message to British air forces on the anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mr. Churchill said "the growing power of the United Nations will press steadily on till she (Japan) is stripped of her conquests, punished for her treachery and deprived of her power."

"The years of defence, of stubborn, unnumbered, ill-equipped, almost miraculous defence are behind us," he said. "Everywhere the United Nations turn to attack."

"Keep up your hearts," he exhorted. "We shall not fail you."

Bank of Montreal Annual Meeting

MONTREAL, Dec. 7 (CP)—Huntly R. Drummond was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors and G. W. Spencey President of the Bank of Montreal at a meeting of its board following the annual general meeting today.

Mr. Drummond was formerly President and General Manager of the Bank of Montreal.

Mr. Spencey has been General Manager of the bank, part of the time of his staff on the Daily Express by invitation to dinner and presenting each with 2,500 shares in Express Newspapers, Limited, currently quoted at about \$5.05 a share.

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War Situation Last Night

(By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst)

Although both jaws of the Allied pincer attack in North Africa are presently stalled, primarily by the difficulties of bringing up adequate forces, the odds are heavily against the Axis on that front.

That Hitler even hopes to hold the narrow coastal strips within which his African armies now are pent up longer than necessary to bolster Italy's defences against a trans-Mediterranean invasion is doubtful. Yet to do that and to offer what is left of Rommel's once-conquering army in Africa any chance of escape from extermination, it is obvious the Axis must make a delaying stand in northern and eastern Tunisia.

That probably accounts for the furious Nazi defence of the Bizerte-Tunis triangle. Had northern and eastern Tunisia fallen to the first rush of the British American armies from Algeria, the plight of Rommel's remnant in Tripolitania now would have been all but hopeless.

The Tunisian foreland, tipped to the northeast by Cape Bon only 90 miles from the southwestern tip of Sicily, is the tactical and strategic key to the whole Allied African-Mediterranean campaign. The fate of Rommel's command is vitally linked with the battle of the Tunisian triangle.

It is possible that Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's British veterans, as yet only feeling out Nazi defence positions in the Agheila narrows 400 miles east of Tripoli, are waiting more for British-American comrades to spring closed the western jaw of the trap than upon their own supply and communication troubles, great as they are. From the outset of the campaign, Gen. Alexander has stressed to his troops that annihilation of the enemy, not merely his defeat and retreat, was their assignment.

News Briefs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The United States' first year of war cost the armed forces 58,307 casualties, the office of War Information reported today.

This total, complete to today, includes dead, wounded, missing, interned in neutral countries and prisoners.

TORONTO, Dec. 7 (CP)—Magistrate Douglas McNish in a rental case today upheld the validity of the rent control orders and declared that the fact that the rent control system has failed, the speaker stated, it has taught people to produce but not to distribute what they produce.

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Allies To Use Dakar

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (AP)—Allied navies will use the strategic French West African port of Dakar as a transit point under an agreement reached between Admiral Jern Darlan's regime and Lt. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied Commander-in-Chief in North Africa, NBC and CBS reported in broadcasts tonight from Algiers.

Gen. Pierre Boisson, Dakar Governor-General, placed himself under Admiral Darlan's orders and the agreement was signed.

The future employment of French Navy units based at Dakar apparently is a matter of the first of a new class of super battleships, she is listed by Jane's fighting ships as displacing approximately 52,000 tons with a full load.

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Capt. E. R. Brock Goes To New Post

OTTAWA, Dec. 7 (CP) — Appointment of Capt. E. R. Brock, R.C.N.V.R., as commanding officer reserve divisions, R.C.N.V.R., with headquarters in Toronto, was announced today by naval headquarters.

Capt. Brock already has entered on his new duties in Toronto where he will be in command of the R.C.N.V.R. officer in Canada, and until his present appointment, was performing similar duties at naval service headquarters in Ottawa where he was director of reserve divisions.

To Continue As Viceroy

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Tuesday) (CP)—Lord Lillithgow has agreed to continue as the Viceroy in India for an additional six months until Oct. 1943, it was announced this morning from Prime Minister Churchill's official residence.

"His Majesty's Government place on record their high confidence in him," the announcement from 10 Downing Street said.

Lord Lillithgow, who has been Viceroy since 1936, had his term extended in 1941 until April 1943, and already has held the post longer than any of his predecessors.

Key To Naval Base At Stake

Indications Axis May Be Planning To Abandon Tripoli To Better Chances In French Protectorate.

(By Lewis E. Hawkins, Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Dec. 7 (AP)—An intense tank battle was being fought today in the rugged hills around Tebourba where British and American forces clung stubbornly to heights dominating the Bizerte-Tunis defence area in northern Tunisia.

Tebourba, 35 miles below Bizerte and 20 miles west of Tunis, is a rail junction from which the Allies had been ejected largely by superior German air power after four days of bitter counter-attacks last week in which both sides lost heavily in men and materiel.

The battle was renewed Sunday after a lull induced by mutual exhaustion, and "is continuing," an Allied communiqué said.

Supporting aircraft of both sides intensified the battle aloft. In several sweeps and raids Sunday, three enemy planes were destroyed and five bombers which attacked a forward Allied base were shot down. Revising figures on air losses during the week-end, Allied Headquarters said four additional enemy planes and eight additional Allied craft were destroyed in battles of the sky Friday and Saturday.

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Outlines Policy Of C.C.F. Party

Mr. Percy Wright, M. P. Was Speaker At Meeting Last Night.

The programme of the Canadian Commonwealth Federation party was outlined last night by Mr. Percy E. Wright, M.P. for Melville, Saskatchewan, who addressed a public meeting in the St. John's English Hall.

Mr. Earle Ings, M.P. for St. John's, presided and introduced the speaker as a veteran of the last war and a successful western farmer.

Mr. Wright said the C.C.F. party was organized ten years ago in Calgary and was at first made up of former Progressive and Labor Members. Its program was built by the people themselves from the findings of study groups.

The party believes in (1) the mobilization of not only of manpower, but of industry and wealth in an all out war effort; (2) the proper presentation upon war boards from both farmer and consumer organizations; (3) adequate assistance for agriculture and industry; (4) decent medical services, educational opportunities and old age assistance; (5) a democratic military policy.

The speaker said that from coast to coast as he travelled across Canada he met young people, servicemen, commercial travellers, business men, lawyers, etc., and all were definitely convinced that we must have a new order after the war.

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Restrictions On Taxicabs

TORONTO, Dec. 7 (CP) — Further restrictions on taxicab services to meet shortage of gasoline and tires are effective throughout Canada, the office of the transit controller, George Gray, explained today.

Taxi operators in Ottawa Saturday said they have been given a list of services which might be provided, such as to and from hospitals, trains and buses, and for weddings and funerals and business purposes.

Under the new restrictions use of taxis is banned for shopping trips, for transportation to theatres and hotels and for other non-essential purposes.

Mr. Gray said today that so many instructions have been sent out in the last few days and that they apply to all of Canada.

U.S. Production Flattens Out

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—The curve of increasing arms production in the United States is showing an alarming tendency to flatten out, chairman Donald M. Nelson of the war production board said today in issuing a "disappointing" report that output in October was only three per cent higher than September.

The two top-priority items of war production sagged, aircraft being down five per cent and merchant vessels down 10 per cent. However, Nelson said, the most reliable estimates available show that output of all combat armaments "is currently in excess of all the Axis powers combined."

Nelson put much blame on faulty scheduling of production, noting that next year's stepped-up goals cannot be achieved "without much better scheduling than has yet been possible."

Business By Wheel

LONDON (CP) — Treasury officials who formerly travelled by car on government business now are encouraged to go by bicycle.

International At A Glance

TUNISIA — Allies claim heights above Tebourba as tank battle rages in Bizerte-Tunis campaign.

RUSSIA — Reds continue advance against stiffening German resistance, liberating several more populated places.

WESTERN FRONT — R.A.F. Whirlwind bombers pound German railways and shipping over France and Lowlands; stage 100-bomber raid in southwestern Germany, striking at Karlsruhe and Pforzheim.

NEW GUINEA — Churchill declares "storm which now looms over Germany and Italy now spreading to Japan."

14 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

THE DOLLAR IS THE JACK OF ALL TRADES



High tide this morning at 12:05 and tonight at 11:24. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:19 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:25. First quarter moon Dec. 14, 12:41 p.m. Summer tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

From Borden—Leave 9:05 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
Leave Cape Tormentine—10:30 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 8:15 p.m.

SUNDAY SERVICE

(May 3 to Dec. 27 inclusive)
Leave Borden 9:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Leave Tormentine 10:15 a.m., 8:00 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE (EXCEPT SUNDAY)

Charlottetown—Summerside—Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 8:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
Arrive: Charlottetown 1 p.m., 5:45 p.m., 7:05 p.m.