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CANADIANS ADVANCE UP TO FIVE MILES

Nazi Jet Planes Use New Tactics Extend Front To Ten Miles

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
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PARIS, Feb. 9.—Troops and tanks of the 1st Canadian Army, flattening 14 miles in a gain of nearly 10 miles in their big new offensive drive today to within four miles of bomb-wrecked Klevé, a northern fortress of western Germany's defences.

Twenty-seven miles ahead of Gen. Crerar's forces lay Wesel, at the northwest corner of the Ruhr industrial valley—last great source of the enemy's war potential.

Field Marshal Montgomery, throwing reinforcements into the spinning battle, broadened the front to almost 10 miles in an elbow between the Rhine and the Meuse and still relatively light resistance.

Canadian and British troops under Canadian command pressed on past flaming houses, trees and vehicles set afire by the tremendous barrage that mauled a veteran German division Thursday and announced to the enemy that the 1st Canadian Army's first offensive against Germany itself was on.

The strongest enemy resistance was coming from the Reichswald, a dense forest before Klevé. The Germans were trying to rush reinforcements along heavily-bombarded routes to keep the drive from

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
(Associated Press War Analyst)
The 1st Canadian Army drive into Germany's permanent Siegfried Line defences still hope that Gen. Eisenhower is ready to resume the winter Allied offensive partially checkmated by the German counter-surrender in December.

It is still too early, however, for even German staff experts to be certain that either the British-Canadian thrust, off to a good start in the north, or the combined operations of the United States 1st and 2nd Armies, working their way to the headwaters of the Roer and Urft rivers to the south, constitutes the main front of the Allied drive. Both could be preliminaries for greater blows in the centre where the American 9th Army and the British 2nd Army lie along the west banks of the Roer and the Meuse, already deep within the fortifications of the Siegfried defence wall.

It is also highly significant that the Canadians went into action just as American forces well to the south were closing in on the last and biggest Roer reservoir and its dam.

So long as any of the major dams impounding flood waters at the head of the Roer or the Urft remain in enemy hands, they offer a grave threat to attempts farther north by the 9th Army or British 2nd Army to cross the Roer or the Meuse in force.

On the 1st Canadian Army front southeast of Nijmegen in the Rhine bend corner of Holland, such floods offer no serious obstacle. Flood waters would have lost much of their menace and be largely dissipated via Netherlands canal systems by the time they reached so far north. That fact made the German break on the Roer dams immaterial and probably accounted for the fact that the Canadians were selected to make the second but probably not the final move in the deadly chess game Gen. Eisenhower has opened against the last German defences guarding the Rhine.

Effectiveness Of New System Not Revealed

600 Miles-Per-Hour Speed Leaves Allied Bomber Gunners Dizzy.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A force of 1,300 United States heavy bombers, guarded by almost 80 fighters, faced the greatest challenge of German jet planes today and escaped with a loss of 19 bombers and three fighters.

The Germans, using new tactics to forestall the American aerial blows, sent up jet-propelled Messerschmitt 262's which flash in and out of the bomber formations, literally flying rings around the heavy craft.

Battered gunners aboard the heavy bombers failed to shoot down any of these attackers, flying at a speed of 10 miles a minute, but escorting fighter pilots knocked down five of the jets.

Eighteen ordinary Messerschmitt and Focke Wulf fighters also were blasted from the sky and another 10 were destroyed on the ground.

The daylight attacks followed Thursday night's assault at Germany's synthetic oil plants of some 1,000 R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. Lancasters and Halifaxes.

Two fighters made on Peitz, 10 miles north of Stettin where the Russians are driving in from the east. The R.C.A.F. bombers also hit the Waxenkeel oil plant in the Ruhr. Sixteen aircraft three of them R.C.A.F. planes, were lost in the night.

The effectiveness of the new German procedure in the daylight raids against United States bombers was not indicated, but one witness told of a bomber crippled and forced to hide in clouds after a 15-minute attack by the "jetters" had left the bomber's gunners dizzy.

Air Training School To Be Continued Here Says Minister Gibson

All concerned in the strong agitation against the attempt of the Government to deprive Charlottetown of its air training school will be gratified to learn, on the assurance of Hon. Colin Gibson, Acting Minister of National Defence for Air, that the scheme has been abandoned, at least for the present. This would seem to be the purport of the following letters received yesterday by Mayor J. E. Blanchard and Mr. J. Lester Douglas, M. P., from Hon. Mr. Gibson.

The letter to Mayor Blanchard, dated Feb. 6, reads:

"Dear Mr. Mayor. In view of your representations that have been laid concerning the closing of No. 2 Air Navigation School at Charlottetown, I am having this matter considered further and have authorized the school to be continued. Yours very truly,"

The letter to Mr. Douglas, dated Feb. 5, reads:

"Dear Mr. Douglas: Further to my telegram of the 26th of January, you may be glad to know that a decision has now been taken that no change is to be made respecting No. 2 Air Navigation School at Charlottetown, P. E. I. at the present time. Yours very sincerely,"

These letters are a sequel to one of the most curious episodes in local history. All the political undercurrents are not yet apparent, but it is clear that but for the wide publicity given the scheme when it became known, and the immediate adverse reaction of the public, air force training at Charlottetown would very shortly be a thing of the past.

Storm Disrupts Ferry Service With Mainland

But Province Escapes Worst of Blizzard.

Yesterday's snow storm touched Prince Edward Island lightly, compared with New Brunswick and the New England States. Here a nine-inch snowfall was recorded between 5:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. but the fall in N. B. was one foot and in Boston, Mass., 17 inches.

But the storm did disrupt ferry service between this Province and the mainland. The icebreaker Prince Edward Island tied up at Borden pier when the storm began and did not venture out until the weather improved at 1 p.m. The ship met heavy seas when about a mile off Tormentine and finally the captain put about and returned.

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Coming Events

- "Dance in Emerald Hall, Monday, February 12th. 2-10-11
- "Special advertisement this issue on Iscon Show. 2-10-11
- "For Feed Grains, etc., consult A. O. F. Gill, Charlottetown. 1-25-3-10-17-41.
- "Dance in Town Hall, Georgetown, Monday, February 13th. 2-10-11.
- "Buying live and dressed poultry. Paving lots, crates and cans. Leo Co. Storage Ltd. 11-17-41.
- "Baha! Broadcast, CFCY, 9:15 tonight. Topic, "Christianity and the Baha! Faith." 2-10-11
- "Loading Hogs every Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. 1-23-41.
- "Pressing hair is wanted immediately. Phone 27-22. Knud Jorgensen, Fredericton. 2-2-41.
- "Loading Hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd., Tuesday, until further notice. Five Horses. J. J. Larkin. 1-20-41.
- "Winnipeg vs. Glasgow Road, Milton Rink tonight. Game starts 8:30. Skate after. 2-10-11.
- "Dance Fort Augustus Hall, Monday, Feb. 12, sponsored by Fort Augustus Women's Institute. 2-10-11.
- "Notice—Annual Meeting Stanley Bridge Dairy Co., February 13th at 2 o'clock. Walter S. Weeks, Secretary. 2-10-11.
- "Loading Hogs every Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. 1-23-41.
- "Loading Hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd., every Tuesday until further notice. Dingwood and Ross. Mr. Morrell. 2-10-11.
- "Loading Hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd., every Tuesday until further notice. Earl Jay, Mt. Stewart. 2-10-11.
- "Bumragge Sale, Ereclerol Circle of the King's Daughters, Carter's Feed Store, Corner Queen and Dorchester Streets, this evening at 8 o'clock. 2-10-11.
- "Don't forget the Valentine Supper, Tuesday, February 13th at Mrs. H. E. Woodside's, Bradalona. 2-10-11.
- "The Annual Meeting of the Willshire Dairymen Co. will be held in the hall on Monday, February 13th at 2 P. M. Roland Easter, Secretary. 2-2-41.
- "Four Branch Farmers' Institute meeting on Monday evening, February 13th, in North Carleton School. All seed orders wanted immediately. Hermalyn Myers, Secretary. 2-10-11.
- "Hunter River farmers, attention: Owing to Friday being a holiday, will load hogs at Hunter River, Mon. Feb. 12, Borden Bagnall. 2-10-11.
- "Loading hogs every Thursday and Friday as follows: Summerside, to 1:30 p.m.; Kensington, to 1:30 p.m.; Eimer Wigmore, Bradalona, Fri. till 1:30 a.m.; Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, Fri. till noon. MacEwen and Casley. 2-10-11.

Eyewitness Tells Story

By CHARLES LYNCH
Reuters War Correspondent
WITH THE BRITISH AND CANADIAN TROOPS DRIVING INTO GERMANY, Feb. 9.—(Reuters)—Along a road pitted with bomb craters, I followed British troops into the Siegfried Line this afternoon.

There were none of the usual concrete pillboxes and elaborate cement trenches. The Siegfried Line at this point is just wire and trenches on the First Great War pattern.

In places the smaller trees of the Reichswald have been chopped down and used to buttress earthworks. In places there are tiny blockhouses which look like something out of the Red Indian warfare of the last century.

In these defences only a few Germans made a serious stand. At one point, 40 gave themselves up without a fight and two minutes later after some machine gun fire, the remainder of this group fled out with hands up.

They included 10 officers and 200 men. One of them spoke English. He said he was a gunner, but his gun had not fired a shot. It was knocked out in the early hours of the artillery barrage yesterday. He said that even the guns which were not knocked out could not be used as their crews spoke English.

Mad Big Factor

One prisoner, a sergeant major who was at Cambridge University in England before the war, said this—you are English and I am German."

Asked if he was glad to be out of the war, he shook his head, smiled and said "No. Remember this—you are English and I am German."

Tonight it can be said that the strategic value of the thick Reichswald Forest has passed from the Germans to the Allies, who are now probing into the depths of it.

The biggest factor in today's fighting was the eternal mud.

In fact, keeping the offensive rolling has become an engineering problem as well as a tactical one. Never have pioneers and engineers played so vital a role in actual battle.

If they lost their fight against the mud, then the initiative seized so brilliantly here in the north by Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery might slip away again and the chance to turn the Siegfried Line could be lost.

But having seen these men at work I for one am backing them. When they hit the high ground southeast of the Reichswald, they will be ready to "roll along."

Big Events Coming In German Capital?

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(CP)—A Berlin dispatch to the Swiss newspaper Neue Zuercher Zeitung tonight suggested that important developments were impending in the German Capital.

The wireless dispatch, intercepted by London monitors, described chaotic conditions in Berlin and then said "nothing seems to be certain. Maybe the big change, which will overthrow everything and create completely new conditions, will happen tomorrow."

Mr. Harry Gillard Navy League, Bereaved

The many Island friends of Mr. Harry Gillard, Dominion Secretary of the Navy League of Canada, will be shocked and saddened by the death of his wife on January 31.

Mrs. Gillard had been seriously ill for several months and Mr. Gillard had to curtail his last visit to the Island in November in order to return to Toronto to be with her. Every effort known to medical science was made, available, and bright hopes were entertained for her recovery, until about ten days before her death.

Mr. Gillard made several visits to Prince Edward Island in connection with the organization of the Navy League and Sea Cadets. While here, he made a host of friends, all of whom will feel sincere sympathy for him in his great loss.

Father of 8 Fined for Hoarding Food

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—(CP)—Joseph Vermette, father of eight children, today was fined \$20, including costs, on charges of hoarding foodstuffs beyond his normal requirements. Judge Rene Theberge said he was making the fine a nominal one because of the size of Vermette's family.

Items which were listed as being found in Vermette's cellar included 91 cans of evaporated milk, 55 pounds of caramel spread, 24 bottles of sauce, 139 cans of tomatoes, 84 cans of peas, 25 pounds of rice and 72 rolls of toilet paper.

Deaths at Saint John

SAINT JOHN, N. B., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Annie Ritchie, 83, widow of Robert J. Ritchie, died today after a brief illness. Most Rev. William M. Duke, Archbishop of Vancouver, is a nephew.

Reds Encircle Port of Elbing

LONDON, Feb. 9.—(CP)—Russ troops have encircled the port of Elbing in East Prussia, 31 miles southeast of Danzig, Moscow announced tonight.

Details Of New U-Boat Bid

BARFAX, Feb. 9.—(CP)—Long-range German submarines made a desperate attempt to cut the Allied North Atlantic lifeline at its western anchor this winter by darning and sniping at convoys bound into and out of Canadian ports and torpedoed a Canadian warship and five merchantmen within a period of 22 days off the Nova Scotia coast.

A total of 36 men—eight navy men and the rest merchant seamen, many of them Canadians—lost their lives. More than 200 survivors from the six crews were landed, several of them injured.

The sinkings included the Canadian minesweeper Claycoquet, one Canadian merchantman and four ships of other nationalities. One of the ships went down with its captain and three of his crew after appealing for six hours for the aid of a tug which did not come.

Some three weeks before the initial attack, another Canadian freighter was sunk while on its way from New York to a Canadian port; thirty seven men perished. Five survived.

The lid of censorship was lifted from the complete stories of the U-boat assaults for the first time today. Loss of the Claycoquet was announced by the Navy Jan. 31.

It was these sinkings which Defence Minister General A. G. L. McNaughton referred to, it was believed, when he said on Jan. 24 that the North Atlantic was "alive with German submarines" and "we are having ships sunk day by day."

For weeks before the Nazis struck, the undertone raider had prowled around the North Atlantic.

Reports From Ankara Radio

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The Ankara radio said today that Russian troops had completely cleared the Germans from Budapest.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The Ankara radio, as heard by NBC, said today the Big Three meeting is to continue another day.

Italians Ask Easier Terms From Big Three

ROME, Feb. 9.—Premier Ivanoe Bonomi has telegraphed the "Big Three" conference asking that the Allied armistice terms for Italy be relaxed, it was learned authoritatively tonight.

New Revised Version Of Bible Completed

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The first authorized Protestant revision of the Bible in nearly a half-century was completed and in publishers' hands today with the probability that the New Testament will be ready by Christmas.

Royal Commission To Probe Charges Re N. B. Mental Hospital

FREDERICTON, Feb. 9.—(CP)—Appointment by the Provincial Government of a three-man Royal Commission to investigate charges made in a Montreal newspaper (The Star) concerning the Provincial Hospital for mental cases at Fairville, on the outskirts of Saint John, was announced tonight by Hon. Dr. F.A. McGraw, Minister of Health and Social Services.

The commissioners appointed are Chief Justice J.B.M. Baxter, Rev. L.M. Peppercorn, Judge of the Juvenile Court at Saint John, and E.B. Sweeney, hotel manager at Saint John and chairman of the executive committee of the board of commissioners of the Saint John General Hospital.



METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE
Toronto, Feb. 9. Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Vancouver 41, 47; Edmonton 18, 31; Regina 18, 25; Winnipeg 10, 21; Toronto 25, 34; Ottawa 15, 17; Montreal 11, 20; Quebec 6, 22; Moncton 14, 25; Halifax 25, 34; Charlottetown 14, 28.

FORECASTS
Lower St. Lawrence and Lake St. John: Cloudy and somewhat milder, with light snow.

North Shore: Fresh winds; partly cloudy and moderately cold, followed by light or moderate snow at night or on Sunday.

Maritime West: Fresh winds; partly cloudy with snowfalls or flurries; not much change in temperature.

Maritime East: Diminishing winds; cloudy with light snowfalls or flurries; not much change in temperature.

High tide this morning at 10:27 and tonight at 11:00. Sun sets tomorrow morning at 8:08. New moon February 12th, 1:34 P.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE
Charlottetown—Summerside—
Leaves Charlottetown 7:45 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 5:45 P.M.
Arrives Charlottetown 12:55 P.M., 5:30 P.M., 8:45 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE
Leaves Charlottetown 1:10, 4 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 5:20, 8:15 P.M.

CHARLOTTETOWN—NEW GLASGOW (Daily Except Sunday)
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Arrive Charlottetown 2:35, 5:20

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