



ON DANGER'S BORDERLINE—Living close to powder-keg border between Soviet Union and Japan, tribe of Tatars, untouched by modern civilization, are wedged in between two powerful armies. Here, medicine man of tribe, who guides souls to spirit world, is shown in native garb.

Mental Attitude Of Nazi Sailors Blamed

British Sea Dogs Look for Reason for Poor Showing of German Surface Fleet

By Frank Love
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LONDON, April 12.—(CP)—Now that the power of the German surface fleet has been neutralized, British naval observers are figuring it was beaten by psychology as well as by guns and bombs and superior seamanship. The German fleet, they claim, started the war with an inferiority complex.

Maybe the "Desk Admirals" are right. Competent naval men have advanced that theory in innumerable bull sessions in their own ward-rooms where they have wondered why the enemy battleships didn't come out of their hiding places slugging—not running.

True, the Bismarck did. An estimated 50,000 tons of deadly destruction, she had a brief but glorious, in a naval sense, career. She didn't do the job she was meant to, granted, but met with an honorable death as the result of a fight that is a sea classic.

The Scharnhorst, too, had her fling, and although sunk went down with her guns blazing, not skulking in a Norwegian fjord to be bombed and burned at the dock like the Tirpitz and Gneisenau.

Those were the four battleships with which the Germans started the war. Had they been used boldly and skillfully at the outbreak of hostilities, when Britain's heavy fleet was scattered over the seven seas, they might have had different careers.

Boostered by Germany's pocket battleships—marvels of naval in-

genuity that could outflank anything they couldn't outrun and outrun anything they couldn't outflank—and her powerful destroyers, those battle-wagons could have spearheaded a dangerous attack.

But the attack never materialized. The reason was, it is agreed, that the tradition of 1914 and the constant hammering home of the theme "Britannia Rules The Waves", had so mentally conditioned the German surface fleet it figured it was an impossibility to beat the Britons at what they admitted was their own game.

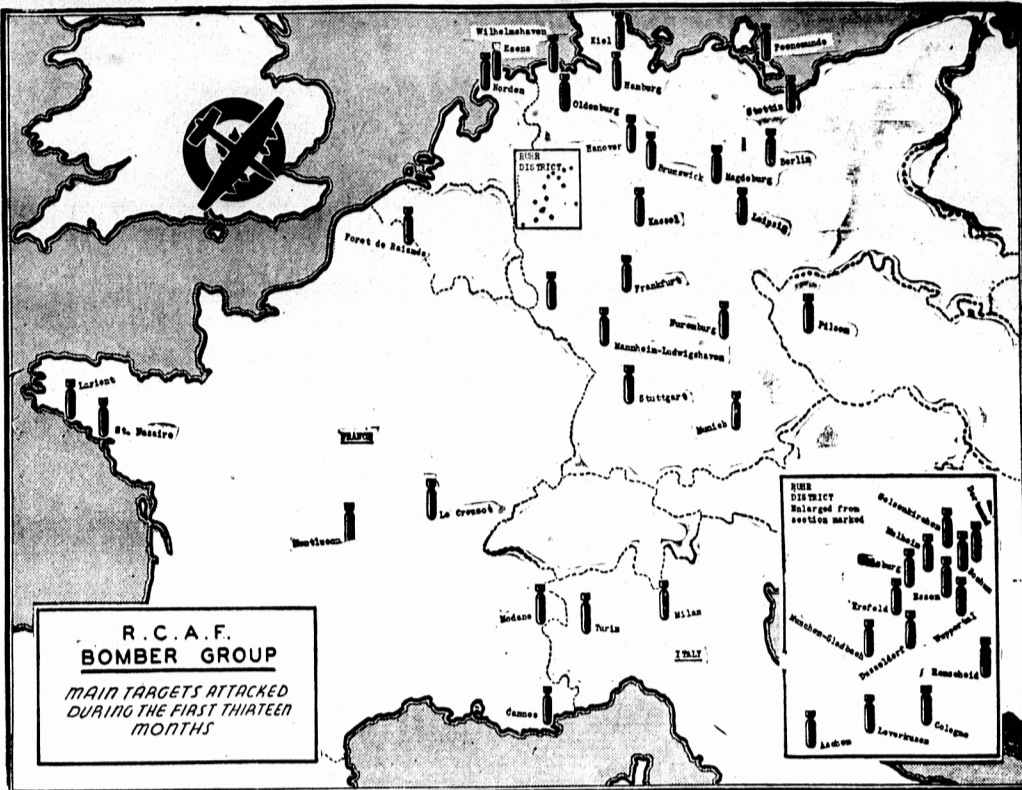
On the few times the elements of the two fleets did meet this thought appeared to be uppermost in German minds as they invariably discarded audacity and tactics in favor of a quick run for a safe port.

Many never reached such a haven—for example the destroyers that tangled with the British cruisers Enterprise and Glasgow in the Bay of Biscay early this year.

Capt. H. T. W. Grant of Halifax N. S., commander of the 18 year old Enterprise, admitted that the destroyers theoretically should have won the battle. But the Germans separated and made for neutral waters, strategy which was responsible for their defeat.

Another factor cited in the psychological defeat of the German surface fleet was the truism that the German is a keen fighter when winning but any to become pensive when losing. Thus the German is apt to give way to such a feeling in sea, where he seldom feels at home.

R. C. A. F. Bomber Group's Targets for a Year



In carrying out these operations, aircraft of the Group flew 11,199 sorties dropping a total of more than 22,000 tons of bombs. These statistics refer of course, only to the operations of the R.C.A.F. Bomber Group and do not take into account the activities of RCAF Coastal Command squadrons or the contribution of the tens of thousands of RCAF personnel attached to R.A.F. units.

QUICKIES

By Ken Reynolds



"Wow, that was close—I dreamed I answered a Guarantee Want Ad!"

- FREDERICTON SCHOOL**
- Report for March:
- Grade X (Sr.)—1. Beverley Cutcliffe; 2. Audrey Thomas; 3. Jack Wallace.
 - Grade X (Jr.)—1. Marjorie Weeks; 2. Gladys Weeks.
 - Grade IX—1. Audrey Cutcliffe; 2. Myron Weeks; 3. Freddie Weeks.
 - Grade VIII—1. Randolph Weeks.
 - Grade VI—1. Lloyd Cutcliffe; 2. Ellen Buchanan, Grade V (Sr.)—1. Eleanore MacNevin.
 - Grade V (Jr.)—1. Eleanor Weeks.
 - Grade II—1. Earle Weeks; 2. Ben Cutcliffe, George White, equal.
 - Grade I (a)—1. Edwin Cutcliffe, and Helen Stevenson, equal.
 - Grade I (b)—1. Vernon Weeks; 2. Mary Weeks.
 - Grade I (c)—1. Aubrey Morrell.
- Teacher: M. Emily MacLeod.

Polygamy Theory May Be Carried To Appeal Court

SALT LAKE CITY, April 10.—(CP)—What's the theory behind polygamy which the state and federal governments have placed under attack with the recent arrest of 46 persons in Utah?

The federal government contends those it accuses have violated the Mann Act, the Landberg kidnapping law, and have conspired to obstruct justice through the mails, obscene matter and illegal cohabitation and conspiring to advocate polygamy.

The defendants reply: "Polygamy provides worthy husbands for good women, since regardless of wars and pestilence, there has always been a surplus of good women," and say the only moral issue involved is that polygamy "means a home for some women who might otherwise be driven to prostitution."

They're ready to fight it out on this line, say their attorneys, even if it means an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court on the grounds that the indictments strike at the right of freedom of worship.

In some parts of the western states, plural marriage has flourished since the earliest days of colonization. It was practiced by the Mormons who settled Utah but has been banned by that church for more than a half-century.

Soon after the arrests were made public, the Mormon church first presidency issued this statement: "Since the manifesto by President Wilford Woodruff was adopted by the church in 1890, the first presidency and other general authorities have repeatedly issued warnings against an apostate group that persisted in the practice of polygamous marriages, illegal both as to the church and the state."

"Members of the church who have violated this warning and have violated the rule and doctrines of the church by entering into these illicit relationships have been formally dealt with and excommunicated as rapidly as they could be found out. This is the extreme punishment which the church can inflict."

In Utah, circulation of the publication, "Truth," among a claimed cult membership of 2,500, formed the basis for some of the federal indictments. Editor of "Truth" is 72-year-old, white-haired Joseph White Musser.

One of those charged in the federal complaint was Mrs. Rhea Alfred Kunz, 37, the mother of eight children, who insisted that there was complete harmony and friendliness among wives of a plural marriage family.

"Women of plural marriage are fortunate," she says, "in that they have the companionship and love of other women bound by a common tie."

Four generations of Mrs. Kunz family have practiced polygamy, she says, and it is her conviction, and that of other women in the group, that they have a duty to "multiply and replenish the earth."

"Our purpose and fundamental belief in the practice of plural marriage," Mrs. Kunz said, "is to have a clean and intellectual as well as a spiritual-minded progeny."

Mrs. John Y. Barlow, the wife of one of the defendants, named in the federal indictments declared that "while more than 10 boys from our group are in uniform, fighting for the freedoms expressed in the constitution of the United States, their fathers are being jailed for practicing what they believe to be a true religion."

TRYON UNITED CHURCH AUXILIARY

The evening Auxiliary of the Tryon United Church held their April meeting at the home of Mrs. J. A. Fardine. The president opened the meeting with a call to worship and the hymn Jesus stand among us was sung in unison.

During the business period it was decided to take a special offering at next meeting to send an order of commendation to Emma Brown. One of the members received a letter from Miss Terman

extending her thanks for the parcels she had received recently.

It was decided to forward \$50. to the Provincial Treasurer, for the first quarter, and to invite the Rally to meet in Tryon during the summer.

The Treasurer, Miss Jessie Lord reported \$7.76 proceeds of the last social, also that a donation of \$3.00 had been received from Miss Ritta Toombs, the secretary was instructed to write the thanks of the Auxiliary.

Florrie Mabey reported having received \$1.80 as commission on the

subscription received for the United Churchman. The Easter offering amounted to \$9.00 one membership fee was received.

Mrs. Sterling Lord invited the group to her home for the May meeting. Mrs. Earle Sawyer will have the Devotional and Mrs. Archie Thomson the Study Period. Blanche MacDougall led the Service of Worship, the theme being "Christ is Risen."

Several of the members presented the program. "They found the Church There" Florrie Mabey led the study dealing briefly with For

all of Life, chapter I The meeting closed with the Mizpah Benediction. Luncheon was served by the hostess and a social time was enjoyed.

BLAMES SAILORS FOR THEFT

MONTREAL, April 13.—(CP)—C. G. Johnson of Saint John, N. B., guest at an uptown hotel here, reported to police today that two sailors who visited his room had stolen \$40 in cash, a cheque, a money order and his army discharge papers.

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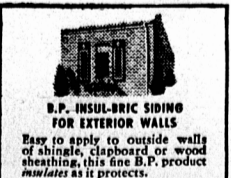
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