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MERE MAN
Hope for what we will, but let us
endure what befalls us.

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Help me to need no aid from man
That I may help such men as need.

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NAZIS THROW MORE MEN INTO PUSH

Nazis Claim Drive Ahead of Schedule

Britain Not To Impose King On Greeks

Controversy In Britain Eased After Speech By Foreign Minister Eden

LONDON, Dec. 20 (AP)—The German radio claimed tonight that "several" Allied divisions had been rushed from the Aachen and Saar fronts to check Marshal Rundstedt's counter-offensive and boasted that "according to complete data, three to four American divisions either have been destroyed or badly mauled."

The German daily war communiqué claimed that 10,000 prisoners had been taken in the counter-offensive.

Tactical reserves thrown in on the right wing of the United States Army have been engaged and beaten "in very heavy battles" during the last two days, Berlin claimed.

While giving the names of no towns, the Germans said their Ardennes drive was "ahead of schedule and going strong" in its fourth day. They claimed that German losses were "less than anticipated."

The broadcast said the drain of reinforcements from the Aachen and Saar sectors had forced the Americans to halt attacks on these fronts.

Ludwig Sturmer, German military commentator, discussing the offensive said:

"The German command for the last weeks and months only put into the field the number of soldiers necessary to prevent a major breakthrough. We know very well that the greatest concentration of troops and machines would be needed on the decisive sector."

"... German leadership and German troops are firmly resolved not to yield the newly gained initiative to the enemy again."

"The uncertainty of the Allied news services is significant, because today the well known violations of our strategic plan, our cooperative aims, the strength and length of the German offensive front."

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON
(Associated Press War Analyst)

Despite a slight lifting of the Allied news blackout, the situation on the American 1st Army right-wing front in Belgium remained too obscure to warrant the conclusion that it had already run its course.

But pieced together, and based on negative rather than positive factors involved, the current battle reports indicate that while the enemy may not have been completely halted, his effort has been contained. The surprise effect is wearing off and there is no evidence that the enemy has been able to consolidate his four thrusts into a single dangerous salient or begin a wheeling movement northward.

An important fact in the present incomplete and scanty outline of the situation is American recapture of Monschau. The town just within the German border was vitally important to the Germans for protection of the flank and rear of the indicated narrow salient reaching to the Stavelot area. Back in American hands it represents a potential counter-thrust jump-off site to strike that whole Stavelot salient off its base.

Latest field reports indicate there has been no material change in the situation at the apex of the German Stavelot salient since it cut the Aachen-Luxembourg highway and possibly the Liege-Luxembourg railway alike, both important communication lateral for quick shifting of Allied troops to danger points. Presumably it is upon the basis of the overrunning of one or both of those arteries Berlin founded its otherwise meaningless claim of having cut the 1st Army in two in Belgium.

To effect a break-through of a critical nature, the German counter-attack must drive many miles farther westward, however, than it has yet reached or wheel abruptly north or northwest to outflank Allied positions of the Meuse and the west end of Hurtgen Forest offers the only discernible threat to rear communications via Aachen with the Allied front on the Roer.

Fat to what that the attackers need far more elbow room than they have yet gained. A turn north from the Stavelot area up the Luxembourg-Aachen highway would merely expose another flank dangerously to Allied assault from the west.

Circumstances still warrant the conclusion that the German advance is strictly limited, that the maneuver relied wholly upon surprise for any chance of success, and that time is now running out against the foe with ever-increasing possibilities that another crippling German military disaster will be the ultimate result of so risky a venture.

Suffers Loss Of Eye And Leg In Italian Battle



PTE. J. D. SHEPHERD

"Were it not for blood plasma, I'd be a dead duck now," Pte. James H. Shepherd, crippled war veteran, said upon his return to the City last night.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Shepherd, 41 Poynter Street, "limping" enlisted on August 11, 1942. On June 11, 1943, he went overseas and after spending three months in England landed in North Africa on September 24. A few weeks later he was transferred to Italy and saw some of the fiercest fighting of the Italian campaign, having been present at the battle of the Gothic and the field were it not for March 22, 1944, being struck with flying shrapnel over the left eye.

On August 31, while advancing against the enemy he stepped on a shoe mine.

Severely Wounded

"It blew my right leg off at the knee and turned my right eye into a bloody pulp," he explained. "I lay on the field for about an hour before a stretcher came. But I was in no pain. I don't know whether I fell asleep after that or whether I passed out, but I did not wake until next day. I guess I was in worse shape than I thought but they began giving me transfusions—plenty of them—and, well, here I am."

"He can take it from me," he added, "that hundreds of our boys will be coming back who would be dead if it were not for the transfusions. I've only got one eye now and one leg but it's good to be alive."

He explained the cigarette shortage in Italy was serious until the last few months. "My mother used to send me a thousand every month but I never got them," he said. However, things were better when arrangements were made so we could buy them in Italy, which was about equal to 90 cents of our money."

"I believe that a man who has suffered a disability, and has succeeded in re-establishing himself, is perhaps the best qualified to deal with the peculiar problems of disabled veterans (than those of us who have no personal knowledge of what is involved)."

Situation Called Confused, Serious

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, PARIS, Dec. 20 (AP)—The gigantic German counter-offensive is "the big thing" and is increasing steadily in fury, Supreme Headquarters said late tonight in lifting the blackout of news relating to the savage fighting on the United States 1st Army front.

Fourteen to fifteen German divisions—of which five or six are Panzer (armored) divisions—are swarming into the breach of the United States 1st Army's lines in Belgium and Luxembourg, it was disclosed.

Promise More News From Front Today

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, PARIS, Dec. 20 (AP)—As protests poured in from almost all the Allied world over the suppression of news of German gains on the Western Front, Supreme Headquarters tonight pulled the curtain aside partly and promised a bigger view of the situation tomorrow.

The positions of the German and Allied armies will in the future be made public once daily, it was announced—after a sufficient time lag to make sure the enemy will reap no benefit from the information.

This time lag is expected to be between 24 and 48 hours. Tomorrow's promised disclosures, therefore, will be of positions as they stood Tuesday or today.

The Supreme Headquarters' answer to critics of the news blackout on the basis of opinions of general staffs and headquarters officers, was that it was imposed on the basis of the German situation was so fluid that information of the whereabouts of German troops, even if it were days late, might help the enemy.

George H. Lyon, United States Office of War Information representative at Supreme Headquarters, said he had been trying for 48 hours to get the army to let the people know what was happening on the battlefield, but without much success.

Lyon said he was leaving for Washington Friday as would other correspondents at Tuesday night's press conference protesting against the blackout.

Enemy Pours Equipment Into Battle

Today fresh infantry waves were fighting behind the armored units which first smashed through the American positions on Sunday and headquarters said the German advances had made considerable progress with more to be expected.

Plans are being made to stem the onslaught, it was stated, but the feeling at this headquarters was that the situation would not be restored this week—or even next week.

If at full strength, as seems likely for this carefully-prepared German last night, armored divisions would number about 10,000 men each and infantry up to 15,000, making a total force of up to 200,000 men in the first assault. No dispatches disclosed the nature or extent of the second wave just put into action.

Crack American troops appeared to be stemming the onslaught at one point in bloody fighting, but elsewhere German power gathered by counter-attacking United States troops, who surrounded and presumably seized enemy forces which had fought into the town. Monschau, 16 miles southeast of Aachen, was the jump-off point for a short-lived United States 1st Army attack last night.

Front dispatches, released in detail through censorship for the first time, disclosed that the main German thrust was in the region of Stavelot, a key Belgian town 20 miles due west of the German front line. Previously it had been known only that the drive had reached this area, and it had not been clear whether this was the scene of the principal fighting raged in and around Stavelot, where 1st Army infantry, backed by anti-tank guns, had held back four savage German attacks today.

Stavelot, four miles southwest of Metz, sits on a main invasion route into the heart of Belgium, was reached by the Germans during the first 36 hours of their bold advance, but battering rains of armor and infantry had not succeeded in dislodging its grim defenders.

The times today the Germans hurled everything at the battered town, striking under cover of a thick mist, but each time they were flung back. Tonight American infantry were reported to have taken back four square blocks of the town street by street in bitter fighting.

American tanks and tank destroyers were smashing at the flank of the enemy salient just south of Stavelot and were reported to have made some progress.

Enemy Pours Equipment Into Battle

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, PARIS, Dec. 20 (AP)—The roads immediately behind the German attacking front are lined bumper to bumper with enemy transport of every description, defended by unbelievable quantities of anti-aircraft guns massed especially for this offensive, a United States 9th Air Force flier said tonight.

The flier, Capt. Kenneth Dahlberg, of St. Louis, shot down four Messerschmitt 109's Tuesday in a furious dogfight just west of the front.

The all-out nature of the German air support and the vast quantities of light and heavy anti-aircraft weapons showed the tremendous German will to win the present battle at any cost, he said.

The German pilots, in contrast with their cautious behavior of recent months, were aggressive and continued to be aggressive.

Coming Events

- *Christmas Concert, Kinkora Hall, December 21st. 12-16-20-21.
- *Concert and Dance, Fairview School, December 22nd. 12-21-21.
- *Buying live and dressed poultry. Paying top market prices. See the following: 12-17-21.
- *Bradabane Village School Concert in the Hall, December 21st. 12-21-21.
- *Christmas Concert, December 21st at 8 P. M. in Marshfield Hall. 12-21-21.
- *Card Party, Dance, Cardigan, Wednesday, December 27th. 12-21-21.
- *Christmas Concert, Springfield Hall, Lot 67, Thursday, December 22nd. 12-21-21.
- *Christmas School Concert in the Windsor Hall, 21st. 12-21-21.
- *Next shipment dressed hogs Dec. 20. Book McGuigan & Boyle. 12-21-21.
- *Christmas Concert, Hazel Grove School, Friday, December 22nd. 12-21-21.
- *Christmas Concert, West Royalty School, Dec. 21, 7:30 p. m. 12-21-21.
- *Christmas Concert, French River Hall, Dec. 21. Sale of candy. Dance after. 12-21-21.
- *STRAW—Open to buy quantity dressed straw, once. Livestock Marketing Board. 12-21-21.

Former Islander Gets New Post At Ottawa

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Dec. 20—Veterans Minister Mackenzie announced tonight the appointment of Lt.-Col. J. H. Hogan of Prince Edward Island and Ottawa as assistant director of Re-establishment Credits and Maj. E. A. Dunlop of Toronto, a blinded war veteran, as Chief of the Disability Training and Placement Branch.

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War Correspondent Back In Canada

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Dec. 20—Straight from the battlefields of Europe where he has been covering the war for The Canadian Press, Ross Munro has arrived back in Canada on Wednesday night.

In his coverage of the war, the friendly reporter made five landings with the Allied troops on enemy territory in Sicily, Italy, and in France on D-day.

It is his first visit to his homeland in two years.

New Flying Suit Eliminates Blackout In High-Speed Flying

(By The Canadian Press)

OTTAWA, Dec. 20—Air Force headquarters last night made public details of one of the best-kept secrets of the war—the "Frank's flying suit" which eliminates "blackout" in high-speed flying.

Invented in 1929 by Wing Commander R. Frank of the University of Toronto, the suit has been in restricted operational use off British and U.S. aircraft carriers since 1942.

Developed by the R.C.A.F. and the Bunting Institute, University of Toronto, the "F.P.S." is a known in secret air force documents, prevents "blackout" in high-speed flying, giving Allied air forces a tremendous tactical advantage in swirling dog-fights miles up in the sky. Safeguarded against the "blackout" hazard, they can turn faster than their adversaries and get on their tails.

"Blackout" is an air force term for temporary blindness, sometimes leading to unconsciousness, caused by the action of centrifugal force on the pilots of fast-maneuvring aircraft. Abrupt changes of direction at high speeds greatly increase this effect, known in air force medical circles as "G." The body of the pilot automatically compensates for the internal forces set up by increased "G." Columns of gas or fluid such as air or water are contained in a rubber skeleton lining and held comfortably close to the pilot's body from ankles to chest by non-stretchable fabric. When sharp turns at high speeds build up "G," the pilot's blood stream, the responding force from the suit balances pressure inside and out and permits the normal flow of blood to the brain.

READY FOR ACTION

BRUSSELS, Dec. 20 (C.P.—Reuter)—The Belgian resistance movement announced today it was prepared to go into action to fight the German offensive in Belgium and accept all tasks which might be entrusted to it by Gen. Eisenhower.

New Records Set At Local Post Office

After reaching unprecedented heights, the volume of mail passing through the local Post Office has begun to subside, postal authorities said last night. The peak days were the 18th and 19th and were much heavier than the peak days of last year which were the 20th and 21st.

Sixty thousand letters passed through the cancelling machine last Monday and 46,000 on Tuesday. This total of 106,000 letters in two days surpasses the two corresponding peak days of last year by 49,000 letters.

The efficiency of the Post Office staff was greatly helped by the cooperation of local business firms who kindly refrained from mailing calendars at this particular time and by the thoughtfulness of the general public in getting their mail to the office early.

The American mail which has been coming in for the past 12 days in considerable volume is now slackening up as is other incoming mail. Outside mail is also rapidly declining, another evidence, according to the postal authorities, of the fine cooperation of the general public.

Fifty per cent of the extra help engaged for the Christmas rush are war veterans of the present war.

Britain, Ethiopia In New Agreement

LONDON, Dec. 20 (C.P.)—Britain has turned back to the jurisdiction of Halle Selassie large areas of Ethiopia previously administered by British military authorities, Foreign Secretary Eden said today in outlining a new British-Ethiopian agreement.

"Sovereignty of the Emperor remains untouched by the new agreement," the Foreign Secretary told the House of Commons.

Britain Revamps War Planes For Civil Use

(By JOHN DAUPHINEE)

LONDON, Dec. 20 (CP Cable)—When war developments permit Britain to start a drive to civil use for types of aircraft converted from the present top-flight British fighters, it will be set up to-date transport now being designed, it was understood tonight.

While these converted planes will not be as economic as modern United States transports, their standard of performance and comfort will be "excellent," one source said. It was estimated that they would be able to carry only about half as many passengers as the comparable American machines.

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D-Day Veteran Back In City

Sgt. J. D. Murphy, 41 Elm Ave., was one of three wounded war veterans to arrive in the City last night. He enlisted in February 1940, and went overseas July 6, 1941. On D-Day, he landed in France and saw plenty of action until he was wounded in the back on Sept. 27. Sgt. Murphy served with Capt. William Burnett of Charlottetown in the Nova Scotia Highlanders and stated that Capt. Burnett was "doing a fine job" over there.

While convalescing in England, Sgt. Murphy had an opportunity of seeing at first hand the courage of the English people under continual air attack and said "they had what it takes."

After spending a few weeks of well-deserved rest at home, Sgt. Murphy will go to Halifax for further medical treatment.

Couple Injured By Fire Improving

HALIFAX, Dec. 20 (CP)—Eldridge and Ann Gallant, victims of last Saturday's fire on Windsor Street, were both reported to be in improved condition at Victoria General Hospital tonight.

Mrs. Gallant was still on the danger list.

(Mr. and Mrs. Gallant are former Prince Edward Islanders.)

British Troops Advance In Burma

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20 (AP)—British troops opening up two new drives in Burma have slashed 15 and 18 miles respectively through Japanese defences under strong Allied air support, front dispatches disclosed today.

One column advanced 18 miles southeast from the Gawlak sector to the vicinity of Pyingating against negligible enemy resistance. This force is striking east from the Kalyan area south of Tiddim in the Chin Hills.

A second force is striking south from the town of Pibin in the hills between the upper Chinwin River and the Irrawaddy. It has advanced 15 miles toward the road-hub town of Shwebo, which is 40 miles northwest of Mandalay.

Powerful Jap Line Completely Smashed

(By The Associated Press)

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC ADVANCED HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 21 (Thursday)—The Yamashita Line, once "powerful Japanese defence position in the Ormoc corridor of northwest Leyte Island, has been completely destroyed, a headquarters communiqué said today.

The United States 77th Division advanced four miles north of Valencia, former Japanese headquarters, where capture was announced Wednesday. The last Cavalry Division pushed three miles south of Lanzo, leaving a gap of only one mile between the two elements.

Headquarters reported counting another 1,541 Japanese dead Wednesday.

The enemy also has lost six months supplies to the Americans, making his supply problem more crucial.

3 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

THESE ARE THE DAYS OF THE SWEET 'BUY AN' BUY!

METEOROLOGICAL OFFICE, Toronto, Dec. 20—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Vancouver	28, 38
Edmonton	17, 27
Winnipeg	15, 25
Montreal	18, 32
Ottawa	15b, 25
Quebec	10b, 22
Saint John	18, 25
Moncton	15, 25
Halifax	12, 26
Charlottetown	9, 21

Forecast:

- Lower St. Lawrence and Lake St. John: Strong winds or moderate gales with light or moderate snow and becoming colder. Friday, decidedly colder.
- Gulf, Bay Chaleur and North Shore: Strong winds or moderate gales with light or moderate snow. Maritime West: Strong winds and gales with some snow, probably part rain in Nova Scotia; colder Thursday night and Friday.
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High tide this afternoon at 4:26 and tonight at 4.

Sun sets this afternoon at 5:21 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:25. First quarter moon, December 22, 12:54 P.M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE — 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 5:30 P.M.