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BABY NEEDS at Taylor Drug Kensington 7-7-6i.

ADVANCE SALE, Perley fur Expert furrier here to serve Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug- rd and 4th at Strong's Store. 7-30-2i

POLICE COURT—In the Summside Police Court on Thurs- before Stipendiary Magistrate Strong K.C., a party charged driving to the common dan- was fined $20 and costs or 30 —S

OYSTERS GROWERS' MEET—A meeting of the directors of Prince Edward Island Oyster wers' Association was held in Town Hall, Summerside, on nday evening. The President, Brent Clarke of Linkletter, pre- Present were Dr. A. W. H. ler, a member of the Biological arch Board, who is also in e of the Biological Station at Andrews, N B., and Dr. J. C. ell of the Biological station at ford. The purpose of the meet- was to discuss plans for the ual meeting of the association held in Summerside in Aug- A number of other matters per- ing to the industry such as keting, transportation, and gov- ent regulations, were also dis- ed.—S

WEDDING — The Parsonage the Bedeque United Church was scene of a pretty wedding on nday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Rev. J.M. Baxter sol- ized the marriage of Miss a Blanche MacDonald the el- daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Donald of Albany to James n, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bedeque. Gowned in tur- blue sheer with white ac- ories the bride was attended her sister, Verna, who wore a s of rose sheer with white ac- ories. The grooms attendant his brother Frederick. Return- after a short honeymoon they e entertained at the home of and Mrs. Lloyd Jewel by a large ber of friends who gathered to wer them with good wishes and ce gifts. Assisting in the pre- ations were Miss Doris Nichol- Master Leigh Jewell, Mrs. Sobey, Mrs. F.G. Bell, Miss e Noonan, Miss Georgie Sobey, Arnold Henderson, Miss die Jack. This very pleasant ning was concluded by singing Jolly Good Fellows" and the g—S

DEATH OF MR. T. CLARK—death occurred in Summer- on Wednesday morning of Mr. mas Clark after a short illness. had held a position in Quebec and had came here about a ar ago to visit his mother and her hoping to regain his health had been gassed in the last d War and since that time had been in good health. Mr. rke was born in Summerside 48 rs ago and was the son of Mrs. n Clarke and the late Mr. k formerly of Linkletter Road. family moved to Campbellton, B, a number of years ago where deceased received his educat- He was a man of estimable alities and was highly esteemed all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Beryl, mother and brother, Harold to m much sympathy is extended brother paid the supreme sacri- in the last war and another suddenly less than a year ago. body was taken to Campbell- for burial on Thursday morn- —S.

—CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES for New London Parish for August 1st. Kensington, Holy Communion 10.30 A. M., Burlington, Evening Prayer 2.30 P. M. French River, Evening Prayer 7.30 P. M. Guest Speaker, Rev. B. Fream. Rev. H. F. Newman, Rector. 7-31-1i.

—DEATH OF W. GORDON LINKLETTER — The death occurred on Thursday afternoon at his home on Willow Ave., Summerside, of W. Gordon Linkletter at the advanced age of 85 years. The late Mr. Linkletter moved to Summerside some years ago from Union Corner. He was a native of that district. He leaves to mourn besides his widow, one son, Stanley at St. Eleanors and three daughters, Agnes in New York; Mrs. Fred Bell, Carleton; and Mrs. Samuel Oldershaw of Boston, Mass. The remains rested at the Compton Funeral Home until yesterday afternoon when they were removed to his late residence. The funeral will be on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, the service being held at the home.—S

General Crop Prospects Viewed With Optimism

"The crop situation throughout the Province is generally satisfactory in the low lying lands, but the grain crop shows indications of lack of vigor", reports Mr. W. R. Shaw, Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

"While there is a considerable improvement in hay in the western end of the Province, indications are for a less than average production throughout eastern Prince, Queens and Kings counties. However, there will be a heavy cut of hay; better than the average crop in the province as a whole."

"Potato growing," Mr. Shaw states, "is particularly favorable up to the present. Excepting the possibility of blight and other diseases and assuming improvements in weather conditions, potato production should be of a substantial nature; acreage has increased approximately 10 percent."

Roop crops are also growing rapidly.

Difficulties are being experienced by potato growers through what is diagnosed as a lacking of magnesium in the soil. Measures are being taken to correct this difficulty by adding 10 lbs. epsom salts to 80 gals. of spraying material."

Mr. Shaw emphasizes the need of thorough spraying for blight at this season.

"Many farmers have not yet started hay cutting due to broken weather and labor shortage which have precipitated a crisis in production. Unless some prompt action is taken to alleviate the labor situation, there will be drastic losses in valuable farm commodities this year.

Prompt action to release labor from military units under a simple effective system would go a long way in solving the problem. Mr. Shaw said. He estimates that 500—1000 men are needed immediately to take care of farm labor needs. "This is a time of utmost urgency in farm production," he stated, "and citizens in urban centres should seriously contemplate enlistment of their services to assist in the saving of valuable war products."

Butter Market Unsatisfactory

"Considerable storage of print butter is being made by creameries in the province," said Mr. Shaw. "The market in Prince County is not as satisfactory as creamery patrons would wish and buyers seem to be somewhat indifferent regarding butter put up in this form. The Dairy Production Board protects the market for butter put up in solids, and it is assumed that when solids are protected the market for prints will automatically find a satisfactory level."

"Some creameries are making solids, but others are not able to secure proper boxes and material for solids manufacture. These creameries are compelled as a result to continue making prints and are experiencing difficulty in disposing of this make at prices comparable to that of solids.

"Good pasturage conditions and a large production of cream has tended to intensify the situation", Mr. Shaw stated.

BRITISH WAR

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flank the Balkans through Dalmatia.

Italian troops at Milan were said in a dispatch from the Swiss frontier town of Chiasso to have been placed under a new commander, Gen. Vittorio Ruggero, after refusing to fire upon citizens who swept the streets by thousands shouting for peace.

The controlled Italian press termed demonstrators "extremists and communists." The Berlin Radio insisted that Italy was returning to normal, that calm prevailed in every province.

Transocean said all members of the outlawed Italian Fascist grand council except one, "particularly radical", had been arrested. not identify the man still free, nor The German propaganda agency did did it say why he escaped arrest, but Mussolini was one of the life members of the council.

Staffs of Italian railways, mail, telegraph and radio services were militarized by decree.

Twenty prefects and several party secretaries whose dismissal was announced yesterday were called up for service in Italy's armed forces today, the Rome Radio announced.

The early morning session of the British cabinet was said to have been connected entirely with military instead of political developments, but the two now are so closely linked as to be virtually one

Just what effect the reported German moves in north Italy would have on Allied strategy was not disclosed, but Badoglio was expected to face a showdown soon as to whether Italy would remain in the war - - London estimates as to the time ranging from 24 hours to a week

Besides occupying the Istrian Peninsula, the Germans have taken over the ports of Fiume, Trieste and Pola and further complicated Italy's internal crisis, continental dispatches said.

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ORTH AFRICA, July 30 —(CP)— lied Headquarters today identi- officially nine Canadian batta- in the 1st Division which is ting in Sicily under Maj.-Gen. y Simonds of Kingston, Ont. The regiments:—

The Hastings and Prince Edward giment, Picton, Ont., designated ritorially as an Eastern Ontario giment.

The Royal Canadian Regiment of ndon, Ont., Toronto, St. John's, e., and Halifax, a permanent ce unit.

The 48th Highlanders of Canada, Toronto.

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Winnipeg and Victoria, a permanent force unit.

The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, Vancouver.

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Edmonton.

The Royal 22nd Regiment, Quebec, a third permanent force unit.

The West Nova Scotia Regiment, Bridgewater, N. S.

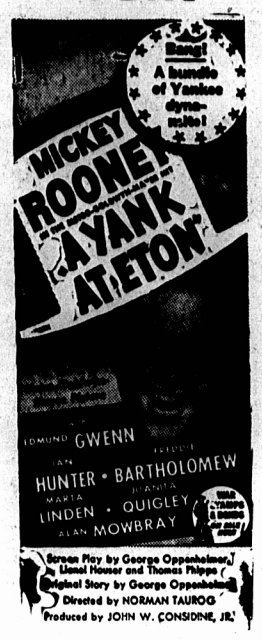
The Carleton and York Regiment, St. Stephen, N.B., part of the Territorial New Brunswick Regiment.

Besides these nine battalions, Ross Munro, Canadian Press War correspondent with the Canadians in Sicily, has mentioned in his stories a Saskatchewan machine-gun battalion, Canadian light anti-aircraft forces, Canadian artillery, Canadian tank men, none of which have been identified.

CANADA'S CHIEF OF STAFF REACHES ENGLAND

Lieutenant-General Kenneth Stuart, Chief of the General Staff, is pictured (right) as he arrived at a British airport after flying from Canada by bomber. Greeting Gen. Stuart are Brig. R. B. Gibson (left) and Maj-Gen. the Hon. P. J. Montague (centre). The fact that Gen. Stuart has been in England, and has visited the Mediterranean war zone, has just been announced. (Canadian Army Photo)

TO-DAY



ALSO SHORT SUBJECTS SHOWS AT 7.30 and 9.1 SAT. AT

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"A Yank At Eton" Another Triumph For Mickey Rooney

—Mickey Rooney proves again why he is Hollywood's number one star in "A Yank at Eton". The new Metro - Goldwyn - Mayer film opened last night at the Capitol Theatre, and was acclaimed as another triumph for the inimitable Rooney.

As a typical American boy in England's most exclusive school, Mickey has some of the most hilarious scenes of his film career, and some of the most dramatic. He plays American football and English cricket. He runs a steeplechase. He leads twelve little Eton boys in a slapstick brawl with four husky waiters of a roadside inn. And he licks the Eton bully.

In short, there isn't much that Mickey doesn't do.

Resolved to dislike his new surroundings, he gets into one scrape after another. Then, when Freddie Bartholomew, as his English stepbrother, is suspected of stealing the housemaster's car and wrecking it, Mickey "takes the rap" and is "sacked."

But, when he learns that Freddie isn't guilty, he sets out to prove his own innocence. He does it, too, just in the nick of time, to be reinstated and run in the big steeplechase, which he wins from the school bully.

Carleton and Vicinity

Miss Georgie Driscoll, Summerside is the welcome guest of Miss Evelyn Bell, Cape Traverse.

Mrs. William E. Stevenson, Carleton, with her children Ireta, Gordon, and Joan is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. MacDowell, Pleasant Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Muttart, Mr. and Mrs. George Heffell, Carleton were visitors to Summerside on Saturday.

L.A.C. E. A. Chilcott and Mrs. Chilcott, have returned to Debert after spending the past two weeks with Mrs. Chilcott's mother, Mrs. Edna Howatt, Carleton.

Misses Miriam and Ruth MacDonald and A. C. 1 John MacDonald, all of Summerside, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell MacDonald, Carleton.

Miss Doris Campbell, of Milton, Mass., is visiting her mother, Mrs. John F. Campbell, Cape Traverse.

Miss Jessie Heffell has returned to DeSable after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Heffell, Carleton.

Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Estabrooks, Sackville, are holidaying at the Cliff Cottages, Carleton.

Mrs. Frank Campbell, Cape Traverse, returned Saturday from a pleasant visit with relatives near Montreal

Mrs. W. S. MacLure and son Wayne of Halifax are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sherren, Cape Traverse.

The many friends of Mrs. Harry Crossman, Cape Traverse, regret her serious illness. Mrs. Crossman is undergoing treatment at the Prince Ccunty Hospital.

Miss Muriel Lefurgey, Saint John, N. B. has been visiting Mrs. J. H. Bishop at The Manse, Carleton.

Mrs. Wendell MacWilliams and little son Earl have returned from a two-weeks visit with Staff-Sergeant W. MacWilliams at Debert.

Misses Budd Irving, Phyllis White and Norma Howatt, Borden, are enjoying a vacation at Cliff Cottages, Carleton.

Miss Marion Deegan, Borden, is visiting Miss Nona Wright, Cape Traverse.

Mrs Leo Croken, Charlottetown, is the guest of her brother, Celestine Smith, and Mrs Smith, Carleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howatt, Augustine Cove, and Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bell, Carleton, motored to Murray Harbor to attend the funeral of the late Mr. J. B. R Lea on Friday.

Mr Major Carrutners, Augustine Cove, Sustained painful injuries when he fell from the barn loft, breaking several ribs.

Mrs William MacLean has arrived from Boston to spend three weeks with her parents, Mr and Mrs Harry Inman, Augustine Cove. This week-end she will be joined by her husband, who will also visit his mother, Mrs. William MacLean, Sr. of Union Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Muttart, Miss Lycia Muttart and Mrs. George Heffell, Carleton, spent Tuesday in Charlottetown.

Mrs. Fred Bell and Miss Ferne Bell, Carleton, spent Tuesday in Summerside with Mrs. Bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Linkletter, Summerside. Mr. Linkletter fell on Monday, breaking his hip, and his condition is very grave. His daughter, Mrs. Sam Oldershaw of Wollaston, Mass., reached home Wednesday night, and his other daughter, Miss Agnes Linkletter, R. N. of New York is expected home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred MacQuarrie, Messrs. James and Harold MacQuarrie of Searletown and Mr. Arthur MacQuarrie of Braintree, Mass. were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Douell, Carleton, on Sunday.

Miss Mary Quigley, Carleton, returned Tuesday night from a three-week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Wilber Cairns, Halifax.

Mr. Charles Doull, Carleton, was a passenger to Cape Tormentine on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Howatt, Carleton, are spending a week in Tracadie, N. S.

Mrs. Michael McCarville, Carleton, has returned from a week-end visit to Kinkora.

Mrs. Vernal Webster, Augustine Cove, returned from Summerside Tuesday morning.

Miss Pauline Gallant spent the week-end in Charlottetown and returned home Tuesday accompanied by Miss Ethel Doiron who is now her guest in Carleton.

Misses Eleanor and Lois MacDonald spent the past week visiting their sister, Mrs. Kenneth Muttart, Searletown.

Mr. and Mrs. Crilly Lea Murray Harbor were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Bell, Carleton, on Sunday.

Mrs. Hugh MacKay, Bardalbane, was recently the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Carruthers, Carleton.

Congratulations to Misses Lois MacDonald, Carleton, Bertha Norring and Elinor Harvey, Cape Traverse, who passed the Matriculation Exams. to Prince of Wales College.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carruthers, Carleton, were guests of honor at the home of Mr. Arthur Campbell, Cape Traverse, Tuesday evening, July 20th, when the members of the Church of Scotland Sunday School presented them with a lovely all wool blanket as a wedding gift. When all had arrived the bride and groom were escorted to their seats by Jessie and Aulden Gardiner. The presentation was made by Velda Gardiner while Eleanor Cutcliff read an appreciative address extending congratulations to the groom, who is the superintendent of the Sunday School and welcome to the bride, with the hope of happy association in the Sunday School work in the future. A delicious lunch was served and the evening was spent in social conversation, closing with the singing of the twenty-third Psalm and the National Anthem.

A pleasant social event took place Wednesday afternoon and evening July 21st, when Mrs. Robert Carruthers, Carleton, was at home to her friends for the first time since her marriage. The lovely home was tastefully decorated for the occasion with cut flowers. In the dining room the table was centred with cream and pink columbine in a crystal and silver bowl, flanked by pink and white tapers in crystal candelabra. Mrs. Carruthers, who was charming in her white wedding gown, was assisted in receiving her numerous callers by her mother, Mrs. Hugh MacKay of Bradalbane, and her husband's mother, Mrs. Samuel Carruthers. The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Ensley Campbell and were ushered to the dining room by Mrs. Arnold Henderson. During the afternoon Mrs. J. H. Bishop and Mrs. Thomas Bell poured tea, while Mrs. Thomas MacMicken and Mrs. John Myers assisted in serving. In the evening Mrs. Stephen Huestis and Mrs. Gordon Ross poured tea, while Miss Doris Muncey, Miss Ada MacDougall and Mrs. Allison Harper assisted in Serving.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Howatt left on return to Dartmouth Monday after spending a two weeks holiday with Mr. Howatt's mother, Mrs. Bertha Howatt, Cape Traverse. They were accompanied by Miss Mildred Howatt who will remain in Dartmouth for a month.

Miss Greta Howatt, Cape Traverse, is spending her vacation with her grandmother, Mrs. William Halliwell, Carlington.

Too Late To Clasify

FOR SALE — HOLSTEEN MILK cow. H. Nelson, Marshfield. 7-31-2i.

FOR SALE — 32 ACRES STANDing hay. Apply Dugald A. MacEachern, Long Creek. 7-31-3i

WANTED — GIRL OR WOMAN to work in cake bakery. Apply National Selective Service Office. 7-31-3i

CENTRAL GUARDIAN

This column is reserved for news of local interest, but advertising of a newsy nature may be inserted at five cents a word, strictly payable in advance.

OLD HOME WEEK AND PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION. Season tickets are now on sale at Drug Stores and Old Spain. Buy yours now. Price $3. all taxes included. 7-31-tf.

SPENDING FURLOUGH — Lt. Col. W.J. MacDonald, officer commanding the P.E.I. Highlanders and Capt. J.I. Nicholson of the same unit, are spending two weeks furlough at their homes in this city.

Capt. T. Howatt Of Cape Traverse Died Yesterday

Capt. Thomas Howatt, retired harbor master at Borden died at Cape Traverse yesterday. He was 91. Death followed an illness of a single day.

Capt. Howatt, a native of Cape Traverse, was connected with the sea practically all his life. As a boy of 16 he made his first trip across Northumberland Strait as a crew-member on an ice-boat, a man-killing method of travelling when the strait was filled with drift ice. The boat was rowed in open water and then hauled out and dragged and carried when ice intervened. . . .The method of travelling continued for years until ice-breakers took over the service between the island and New Brunswick.

For years Capt. Howatt followed the sea, serving on the winter boats and sailing during the summer in the coastal waters of the Maritime Provinces.

When the icebreaking car ferry Prince Edward Island came on the Borden-Cape Tormentine service he was the man who piloted the boat into Borden on its first trip. He served as pilot for two years and then for more than 10 years was harbor master at Borden until he retired.

He was a rugged, powerful man physically and always enjoyed the best of health. It was said of him that in all his life he did not know what it was to be sick.

His wife predeceased him by about six years. Surviving are one son and three daughters. The son, Charles Howatt is in the United States. The daughters are: Mrs. Russell Howatt, Cape Traverse; Mrs John McCarron in New Hamoshire; and Mrs. Fred Bernard in Vancouver. Mr. Howatt lived with his daughter here.

A half-brother, Alexander Howatt, lives on School Street, Charlottetown.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon from the home to the Church of Scotland.

NORTHERN SECTION

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The Canadians operated with the Americans as a pincers pressing upon vulnerable points in the centre of the dwindling bridgehead. At Agira the Canadians are only 10 miles south of the highway town of Troina.

The Americans' wheeling movement employed modernized Indian scoutcraft for infiltration in the green northern hills. They brought their motorized artillery up the rough, roadless canyons and smashed each pocket of resistance with mathematical precision.

R.A.F. and American light bombers and fighter-bombers turned to the assistance of ground troops with blazing attacks on the few remaining harbors and roads remaining in Axis hands on the island. Thirty to 40 Axis trucks were destroyed.

R.A.F. planes pounded Messina harbor and Milazzo to the west, damaging both ports where Axis reinforcements still are arriving.

R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. Wellingtons started huge fires at airfields at Capodichino near Naples and Monte Corvino Rasvella, 30 miles southeast of the big port.

Attention All Exhibitors !

Livestock and Poultry exhibitors are urged to make their entries for the Provincial Exhibition at once. This will assist the staff in their work.

The Canadian Hereford Breeders' Association are offering $25 in special prizes for the best calf herds consisting of one bull and two heifers all under one year, owned by exhibitor and shown at the Provincial Exhibition. First prize $15 and second prize $10.

There is no fee charged for any entry in livestock at the Provincial Exhibition. Stalls are bedded but exhibitors must find their own feed.

J. W. BOULTER,
Sec'y. Provincial Exhibition.
7-30-3i

Death At Oshawa Of Former Well Known Island Business Man

Word has been recently received here of the death at Oshawa, Ontario, of James A. Dewar late of Murray River, P.E.I.

Born in Montague in 1868, Mr. Dewar spent a part of his life in the southwestern States, then back to his native Province where his family were mostly reared.

He was twice married, his first wife, a Miss Singleton, dying a number of years ago. He is survived by his second wife, the former Miss Annie Hume, and a family of four sons and two daughters.

As his family were settled in Ontario on his retirement, Mr. Dewar went to live there also, choosing Oshawa as a convenient point within easy reach of all of them.

A devoted family man Mr. Dewar lived to see all his fondest dreams exceeded as one and all achieved outstanding success in their various spheres.

A large man physically and intellectually he was well and favourably known throughout the Province but more especially in King's county where his long associations with such firms as Miller Bros. Singer Sewing Machine Co., and Confederation Life Association had made contacts which ripened into life-long friendships. His hearty laugh, genial appearance and the genuine friendship in his handshake will be remembered while this generation lasts.

Induction Service At Trinity Church

Rev. Thomas E. MacLennan was inducted into the Trinity United Church pastoral charge here last night at a special service at the Church.

(Mr. MacLennan and his wife and family came here this week from New Glasgow, N.S. He replaces Dr. Hugh Miller as senior pastor at Trinity Church.)

The induction ceremonies were conducted by Rev. W. I. Green of Dundas while Rev. D. K. Ross of Pownal gave the charge to the Minister and W. B. Creed of Bridgetown, an elder in the Dundas United Church addressed the congregation.

There was a large attendance at the service.

Rev. Mr. Ross in his sermon paid high tribute to the work Mr. McLennan has carried out in his ministry for the past 20 years.

Mr. Creed said that a sense of responsibility on the part of every church member can help the minister greatly by carrying of the load. With many taking an active interest and not leaving it to a few the work of a congregation can be accomplished successfully.

"Do not find an excuse to say no, when a task is required of you in your congregational work," the speaker said. "Be loyal to your minister and when things go wrong do not criticize but sympathize."

BIRTHS

JOHNSTON — At the Prince County Hospital on July 24th, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Bruce Johnston a son.

DEATHS

HOWATT — At Cape Traverse on July 30, 1943, Capt. Thomas Howatt, aged 91 years. Funeral on Sunday with a short service at the home at 1 o'clock, followed by services in the Church of Scotland at 1.30.

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Floyd Green and Miss Pearl Townsend will sing: "Meet Mother in the Skies."
REV. ALLISON POST, Pastor

Canadians Fight Grimmest Battle At Leonforte

By Ross Munro
Canadian Press War Correspondent.

LEONFORTE, Sicily, July 24 — (Delayed) —(CP Cable)—Through shattered streets and past battered houses of this mountainside town, Canadian troops fought their grimmest battle of Sicily and successfully completed the assault by clearing out every German.

After they had shaken the Nazis up in attacks Wednesday day and night, (July 21) the troops in midmorning of Thursday (July 22) attacked Leonforte supported by a large number of field guns. Bloody and confused fighting raged all day in boiling heat.

A Canadian regiment with a fine record in the First Great War lived up to its highest traditions. By nightfall German resistance in Leonforte had ended and we were in hill positions to the north of the town.

I drove all over Leonforte as the Canadians pushed on past the town and on the main street and down sinister alleys there was evidence of the no-quarter struggle.

Piles of dead Germans at street corners were awaiting burial and German soldiers lay dead by their machine guns on the hill outskirts. Hundreds of them must have been killed around here as they resisted until the Canadians swarmed over them.

The first company into the town was commanded by Capt. Rowan Coleman of Montreal who served with the British 1st Army in Tunisia last winter. Tanks advanced first and infantry followed along the road which curves along the hillside and dips into a gulch where the Royal Canadian Engineers had rebuilt a bridge the night before under fire, then rises gradually to Leonforte which at the time was filled with Germans.

Capt. Coleman and his men moved into attack standing, sitting and crouching on anti-tank guns and the trucks which were hauling them. Some were hanging onto the barrels of guns being rushed up to give the infantry and tanks immediate support.

Germans sniped and machine-gunned the Canadians all the way along the mile stretch of deathly road to Leonforte.

The Canadian tanks thundered into the town in a cloud of dust and the infantry rode into the outskirts on anti-tank guns and vehicles, then jumped off and scattered through the streets.

Stalking Germans

Riflemen stalked Germans from door to door, creeping along ditches and walls of houses. Snipers were in upstairs windows, behind shutters and back of iron railings of the tiny balconies which jut out of the second storey of practically every civilian house.

The commanding officer who was a schoolteacher in Medicine Hat, Alta., described the action. He said:—

"The street fighting was a grim, real scrap. Coleman and his company did a magnificent job.

The Canadian tanks pulled off into the reeking chasm of a side alley running from the main street. Down the main street came three German tanks going in to attack the infantry with rapid-fire machine-guns and cannon. The Nazi panzermen drove right into the ambush. One Canadian tank crew held its fire until the leading German tank was 20 yards away and then blasted its turret off with gunfire.

I saw the wrecked tank in Leonforte this moning (July 24), a charred ruin with its turret 50 yards away from the wreckage. The other German tanks beat a speedy retreat and Canadian infantry continued their house-clearing street fighting.

An Inferno Of Gunfire

Germans shelled the town at frequent intervals. Leonforte was an inferno of gunfire and close-in fighting. In the centre of the town infantry came to the relief of the two companies with the commanding officer and Maj. Bill Cromb and Maj. Bill Bury, both of Edmonton, who had been cut off in Leonforte and fought the Germans all around them throughout the night.

They were being hunted down by German tanks and infantry and were making their last stand in three houses when the infantry rushed up the streets to raise the siege.

Coleman said the unit piled out of the wrecked houses, patting the infantrymen on the back and shouting their thanks. "Bury even pushed a bottle of vino into my face," said Coleman.

A lone company of infantry pressed up the streets and fought its way to the station on the other side of the town. One group battled over the hills on the northern fringe of the town and got the station.

Subalterns in this action with Coleman included Lieut. R. W. (Sammy) Potts of Saskatoon and Lieut. Colin McDougall of Montreal.

Canadian tanks were blocked by enemy mines north of the town and Coleman's company hung on till the rest came up. Maj. J.R.G. Sutherland of Georgetown, Ont., brought his company up in trucks and they fought their way onto the ridge overlooking the town. A platoon commanded by Lieut. Rex Carey of Victoria attacked and overran three machine-gun posts and an anti-tank gun.

Twice Sutherland's company was driven off the ridge, but they attacked again and again, forcing the Germans back.

Hardest Fighting of All

On these ridges there were scores of German dead. Another company led by Capt. Don Bain of Montreal also joined in the Leonforte attack and had perhaps the hardest fighting of all. It took another ridge near the town.

The leading platoon, commanded by Lieut. W. L. Smith of Toronto, got down on the foreward slope in a vineyard when it was attacked at point-blank range by two German tanks firing incendiary shells and using rapid-fire machine guns. Smith and his platoon had to fight like inspired men to hold the position.

Finally Maj. E.T.A. Paquet of Quebec City brought his company into the town to mop up. They cleared the last of the snipers out of the houses and ended the confusion. Second-in-command of the battalion in this action was Maj. Cameron Ware of London, Ont., and the adjutant was Capt. William (Buck) Watson of Edmonton.

After telling me the general story the commanding officer praised the work of Capt. George Fairfield, the Winnipeg regiment's medical officer, and members of the medical section which evacuated casualties for hours under machine-gun fire and shelling. They moved the wounded from the front down the street to the local hospital where Fairfield treated the cases.

The commanding officer said every stretcher bearer and orderly did a splendid job, but he mentioned particularly Cpl. Bob Middleton of Winnipeg who made a number of trips over fire swept areas to bring back the wounded.

Walking around the town, looking at the damage and trying to piece together the story, I talked with one group who had been through the assault. The group included Pte. Ernest Balmer, Cpl. K. K. Northward, Ptes. Fred Schultz Mike Frankovitch, all of Winnipeg; Leo Jantzen of Victoria; Joe Flanagan, a fighting Irishman from Jacquet River, N.B.; Alex Hodgson of Port Arthur, Ont., and Cpl. Bill Thomas of Vancouver.

Sniping Was Fierce

They said the sniping was fierce all the way and made for slow going down the streets as they had to keep under the cover of walls and keep banging away at upstairs windows. Several men had to chase the Germans to the top floors before capturing them. They were very surprised at the youth of the German soldiers, some being 16 and 17.

They also said the prisoners were greatly impressed by our artillery barrages, and one veteran of the Russian front said it compared with some of the shellings he had undergone at Stalingrad.

A triumph a few miles to the right of Leonforte completed the success in this sector after four days of fighting. Now the civilians are crowding back into Leonforte after fleeing to caves and leaving the town deserted except for the Germans when the battle raged.

After daylight some tanks of the regiment went into Leonforte with anti-tank guns supporting them, followed by a company of infantry. There were more street battles as the Germans were forced into the north end of the town and beyond into the hills. Other Canadians cleaned out the snipers left behind

Brigadier's Tribute

The Brigadier, white with dust and eyes red-rimmed with fatigue, said one of the best jobs of this assault was done by the Royal Canadian Engineers. The Germans had blown a bridge on the fringe of Leonforte and the sappers went forward, bridging the gap under machine-gun and mortar fire.

"Give the engineers plenty of credit," said the brigadier. "It was a mighty stout effort and paved the way for our attacks."

I asked him if I could get into the town which was just around the bend of the road.

He grinned and said: "You'd better stay out for a while. Snipers peg away occasionally and besides the place stinks to high heaven. There are dead Germans everywhere."

Canadians here were up against the best part of the 1st Panzer Grenadier Regiment which includes three battalions loaded down with machine-guns and mortars. They have strong supporting arms too, and in confined country like this the Canadians cannot bring the whole weight of their force to bear on the enemy at one time, according to staff officers.

Infantrymen in the assault said the toughest job of all was getting the Germans out of caves and houses. Pte. John Fofonoff of Calgary who participated in the attack on Leonforte said it was a wild business.

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