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BIG GERMAN AIR BASE CAPTURED BY RUSSIANS

To Register Unmarried Men Not Yet Called Latest Gains Push Jaws Of Pincers Closer

Boiler Explosion Causes 2 Deaths

38 Nazi Fighters Are Shot Down

LONDON, Jan. 5 — (Tuesday) — (CP) — United States flying fortresses which raided the base in German-held France Sunday shot down 38 Nazi fighters, the Daily Express said today.

Seven United States heavy bombers were lost in that attack—the biggest toll of the bombers yet taken over Europe.

United States air force headquarters declined to comment on the Express report, which also said that the general commanding the fortresses flew in a leading bomber that was battered by anti-aircraft shell bursts.

The Daily Express correspondent said 70 expert American pilots and airmen were lost in the raid. This would be on the basis of 10 crewmen to each ship.

German fighters, he said, adopted a new manoeuvre—usual suicide attacks—in which they flew in pairs and attacked the big heavy-gunned bombers head-on, they closed in within 100 yards, the correspondent reported.

Men Unmarried July 15, 1940 Called Single

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 — (CP) — Two men were killed and another injured when a boiler explosion occurred at a school at about 10 o'clock on Sunday.

The steam ferry Joseph D. Dubreuil, training ship for the Prescott Marine Engineering Instructional School, the Transport Department announced tonight.

The dead—William M. Power, 26, whose next of kin is his mother, Mrs. William Power of Mulgrave, N.S.; Edward David George Booth, 19, whose next of kin is his father, David Walter Booth of Verdun, Que.

The third victim, whose condition is not serious, was William L. Churchill, 30, whose next of kin is his sister, Christine Churchill of Winnipeg.

Word of the accident was received here by Arthur Randies, director of merchant seamen.

The young men were enrolled as trainees in the Engineering Instructional School at Prescott, operated by the merchant seamen branch of the Transport Department.

The steam ferry Joseph D. Dubreuil had been chartered to provide practical training in the actual duties in the engine room of vessels in the St. Lawrence.

Transport Minister Michaud wired his condolence to the next of kin and ordered an immediate preliminary investigation as to the cause of the disaster. Experts have been sent from Ottawa to the scene of the explosion.

War Situation Last Night

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

Red commanders in the Caucasus winter in Russia is close to a breaking strain at crucial points continues to mount daily despite soothing Nazi assurances to the German people that all goes well in the east.

Rostov, a critical pivot of Hitler's southern flank, is in fast-mounting danger, reports from Moscow say. And far to the north at Velikie Luki the Russians denied the Nazi northern flank all the way to the Baltic and Leningrad if they can exploit that break-through.

Whether Russian successes have forced upon the foe such desperately dangerous manoeuvres as a winter retreat from the Caucasus salient is doubtful. However, Soviet capture of key Nazi positions north of the Grozny oil field in the Caucasus range foothills suggests a German withdrawal from the extreme southern angle may be in progress.

The fall of Velikie Luki, however, means a Russian threat as ominous to the northern flank of the invaders' line as the Stalingrad entrapment and the converging Red Army prongs reaching toward Rostov are to the Caucasus salient. It probably accounts for Berlin's refusal to admit the loss of Velikie Luki although Moscow says no living foe remains there.

Important as are claimed Russian offensive gains in the Don-Caucasus regions, there are new and glowing possibilities opening to the north. Velikie Luki junction forms one corner of a rail triangle south of the Kholm Marshes. Novosokolniki, 20 miles west along the main rail route from Russia to Riga, is another. It also is claimed by the Russians.

The third corner is Nevel, about 60 miles south. Its seizure in the expanding Russian offensive would open a double route to cut the main supply line for the Nazi hedge-hog front west of Moscow via Velikie Luki and Smolensk. A faster entrapment of the foe than before Stalingrad or in the Caucasus could result.

Canadian Air, Naval Personnel Receive Awards

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 — (CP) — Telling news against the enemy's sea power and courage and devotion to duty in the face of blows by the enemy were cited today as reasons for some of the decorations awarded to naval and air personnel in the New Year's honours list.

Naval service headquarters made public the citations for more than 60 "operational" awards in the New Year's list and air force headquarters released citations for the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Sqdn. Ldr. Kenneth Boomer of Ottawa, Sqdn. Ldr. Norville E. Small of Dartmouth, N.S., and FO. Maurice Belandier of Vancouver.

Sqdn. Ldr. Small was credited with five attacks on submarines, three of them successful within the last few months. He showed courage in attacking surfaced submarines which carried armament superior to that of his aircraft, the citation said. He was credited with assisting in more than one rescue of survivors of sunken or damaged vessels.

FO. Belandier was reported to have "carried out three attacks against U-boats, inflicting damage on one, possibly sinking a second, and possibly sinking a third."

Sqdn. Ldr. Boomer was described as the first R.C.A.F. pilot to make a landing on the enemy in the Alaskan area. He commanded a fighter squadron whose "consistently high standard of efficiency under fire and in the air" was attributed to his "unflinching zeal and devotion to duty."

The navy's citations were general in terms and seldom gave details of specific acts of valor. They mentioned performances of individuals in such important naval incidents as the destruction of the Canadian destroyer Saguenay and its limping voyage to port, the capture of the German merchant ship Weser, the destruction of the German merchantmen Heronithis and München, the sinking of the New-England-Nova Scotia by the British, the evacuation of France, and the prolonged fight waged by the destroyer Skeena and other Canadian warships against a submarine.

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Position Of Remnants Of 22 Divisions Trapped At Stalingrad Becomes More Serious.

LONDON, Jan. 4 — (CP) — The Moscow radio announced in a special communique tonight the capture of the big German air base of Chernishkovskaya and the railway station of Chernishkov, an action which apparently drove closer together the jaws of a second pincers closing about the remnants of 22 trapped German divisions at Stalingrad.

The broadcast was heard by the Soviet Monitor.

(By Henry C. Cassidy, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, Jan. 4 — (AP) — The Russian Caucasus offensive gathered momentum across foothills drenched by torrential rains today as the Red Army pursued the Germans west and northwest of recaptured Mozdok, 60 miles from the oil centre of Grozny.

This latest drive was reported retaking territory rivaling in importance that seized in the earlier pushes on the Stalingrad front, in the Velikie Luki area and on the middle Don.

Russian offensives are within 70 miles of Latvia and 100 miles of Rostov, gateway to the whole Caucasus and its oil mineral treasures. Mozdok and Velikie Luki are 1,100 miles apart.

The Russians said German lines were crumbling in the most important sectors, although the enemy was striving desperately to stiffen his stand.

The Germans reported repeated Soviet attacks in the Don area, at Stalingrad and southeast of Lake Ilmen. They made no further mention of Velikie Luki, but claimed only that Nazi shock troops carried out several successful actions on the central front.

The noon communique said Russian troops who captured Mozdok on the Terek River liberated several more villages, inflicting heavy losses. Central front troops were said to have "consolidated newly captured positions," repulsing counter-attacks. One guard unit of the Middle Don captured three villages, forcing remnants of one German garrison to flee in confusion, the report added.

South and southwest of Stalingrad, the Russians were penetrating German defences and capturing towns. Two columns in that sparsely-settled region were driving on the important railway junction of Salsk from two directions. One was thrusting down the Stalingrad north Caucasus railway 117 miles beyond the Volga. City, and the other was driving on the Kaimak Steppes was within 90 miles of Salsk and on the shore of Lake Manych.

The Mozdok sector has been a battlefield since Aug. 26 when the Germans reached that region in an offensive across the Caucasus foothills to the Caspian Sea. They succeeded in taking Mozdok only two months later on Oct. 25, after a bitter battle, but their drive on to the east was checked.

Canned Music Question Raised

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 — (AP) — The prospect of an appeal to President Roosevelt to force James C. Petrillo to lift a union ban on recordings of music was raised tonight by Senator D. Worth Clark (Dem.-Idaho).

At the same time Clark announced Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, agreed today to appear before a senate interstate commission to discuss the ban on full inquiry into his activities.

French Turn Back Heavy Axis Attack

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Jan. 4 — (AP) — French forces using some 70 tanks and anti-tank destroyers smashed back a heavy tank attack by Germans and Italians on French positions at Fondouk, Allied Headquarters announced today.

The Axis forces attacked with 30 or 40 German tanks after a heavy bombardment. They were beaten back after gaining some initial successes. Fondouk is about 20 miles west of the railroad-highway junction of Kairouan in central Tunisia.

Allied fighters and light bombers roared overhead in heavy and effective attacks on the enemy armored forces, the communiqué said.

The Allied communique said the French ground forces used American tank-destroyer equipment which had been turned over to them although the French communique reported the counter-attack was supported by "American anti-tank units."

When the French commander reported in his communique that United States anti-tank units had supported the French, this was interpreted here as meaning that American ground forces were in action for the first time in this sector.

Later the wording of the Allied forces communique indicated the French bulletin had been unintentionally misleading.

Two of the attacking German tanks were smashed, four others turned back and many more damaged, the French reported. An Allied spokesman said the tanks presumably had been unloaded at port of Sousse, east of Kairouan.

The enemy's heavy ground attack in the Fondouk area was turned back in a position held by French infantry, motorized cavalry, some artillery and some anti-tank units. The Axis was held back and German and Italian prisoners were seized.

(The day brought no official news from the Libyan end of the North African battle line, but there were some indications that a part of Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's fleeing army is digging in near Wadi Zem-Zem, about 160 miles south of Tripoli, to attempt a delaying action against the pursuing British 8th Army.

Signs of increasing American participation in the scattered Tunisian fighting were accompanied by unconfirmed reports from the German propaganda agency D.N.B. that a complete new United States armored division had arrived in Tunisia.

The German high command's communique claimed Axis troops operating in southern Tunisia drove French forces westward. The Italians asserted that the Axis "consolidated successes of the last few days" and occupied some more ground.)

U.S. Anti-Tank Weapons Help Turn Back 30 To 40 German Tanks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 — (CP) — Plans to harness the food resources of Canada and the United States in the co-ordinated effort were discussed here today by Agriculture Minister James Gardiner and the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Claude Wickard.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

RUSSIAN — Reds announce capture of big German air base Chernishkovskaya and railway station of Chernishkov, apparently tightening jaws of second pincers about remnants of 22 trapped Nazi divisions before Stalingrad.

TUNISIA — French forces using American anti-tank equipment smash back German armored assault in positions at Fondouk.

WESTERN FRONT — R.A.F. returns to German Ruhr Valley with undisclosed results.

CANADA — Ottawa announces formation of first R.C.A.F. bomber group.

LUXEMBOURG AIRMAN

MONTREAL, Jan. 4 — (CP) — LAC L. Dupont, 21-year-old son of the Premier of Luxembourg and believed to be the only R.C.A.F. airman wearing the "Luxembourg" insignia on his arm, has completed his initial training at Victoriaville, Que. His father has been residing here since the German occupation of Luxembourg.

100 YEARS, 100 BOB

LONDON — (CP) — Villagers of Sutton Bassett celebrated 100th birthday of the 100th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Rebecca Wilson, a fellow villager.

Subversive Activity On Increase

BERNE, Jan. 4 — (A P) — A big story of the usual kind of subversive activities throughout Europe was reported today in a Paris dispatch, and private sources said six or seven subversive groups have been organized in the Nazi-ruled country.

A Paris dispatch to the Geneva Tribune said the usual kind of subversive activity, "the usual kind of terrorism, and terrorism." A woman Gestapo unit was reported to be in the process of being formed against saboteurs.

Subversive activity against the Vichy regime and occupation forces has increased since German troops moved into vichy France, and whereas before the group lacked co-ordinated direction, there was now a general movement for united "terrorist" activity, the report said.

Large numbers of arrests were reported in Paris, but it was said figures probably would not be announced except as a final grand total. Private sources indicated the wave of arrests might continue for six weeks.

One example cited as probably "terrorist" activity was a fire that destroyed a garage at Avignon which was a night watchman and janitor and the nearness of a fire department, fire fighters arrived too late.

The campaign against all-gold souvereigns began on the eve of the German-French conversations looking toward a revised or "new" armistice largely concerned with administration of all of France, with increased German direction.

The general secretary of the French Foreign Office was reported to have talked with Hitler over the new year period and a basic agreement presumably has been reached.

Slight Increase In Living Costs

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 — (CP) — An increase of 2-10ths of a point in the official cost-of-living index from Nov. 2 to Dec. 1 was announced today by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

The index was 118.8, compared with 118.6 at Nov. 2. The wartime increase to Dec. 1 was 17.9 per cent.

The December increase resulted from small advances for foods, clothing and miscellaneous items, the Statistics Bureau said. The food index changed from 132.4 to 132.8 for December, but higher prices for lamb, butter, eggs, lamb and potatoes overbalanced declines for oranges and lemons.

The increase during November in the cost-of-living index has no effect on cost-of-living bonuses now being paid to employees in most industries. These bonuses are adjusted compulsorily at the end of each three-month period. The next adjustment will be based on the Jan. 1 index, to be announced early next month.

Bombings At Marseilles

LONDON, Jan. 4 — (CP) — The German High Command Headquarters and another establishment frequented by Nazi soldiers were bombed last night at Marseilles, the German-controlled Vichy Radio said tonight.

Several persons were reported to have been killed. The Germans were said to have imposed a curfew at 8 P.M. and trolley service was stopped at 7.15 P.M.

The wife of a German consular employee was said to have been wounded gravely and a French waiter was reported to have died of injuries.

Following these events, severe measures have been taken," the Vichy broadcast said; Nazi troops were reported to have received orders to use their weapons when resistance was offered.

Nazis Halt News From Russia

LONDON, Jan. 4 — (CP) — The Vichy Radio left the air at 7.37 tonight, halting news of the Russian war front.

After a few minutes silence, the Radio returned to the air but gave only items of provincial French affairs.

Silencing of the Vichy Radio often was a sign of Allied air activity over the Continent, but the circumstances this time indicated the Germans had halted the discussion of embarrassing Russian news.

Berlin Paper Admits Situation Serious

BERNE, Jan. 4 — (AP) — The Berlin Lokaltzeitung said today Soviet troops are superior in the air as well as in men and tanks. It was the first time any Berlin statement ever referred to aviation superiority by the enemy.

Berlin newspapers generally said the situation in Russia is serious but adhered to the official line that it is not critical.

The Brussels Zeitung, however, regarded the situation pessimistically, and said events of the last year revealed themselves in a "ghostly fashion."

Coming Events

- Talkies—Montague Saturday, 1-6-21.
- Play — Mt. Stewart Thursday, 1-6-21.
- East Royalty Rink tonight, 8 till 10.
- Dance Graham's Road Hall, Wednesday, Jan. 6. Luncheon 1-5-11 served.
- Unloading car Barley Meal and Grounds, 4-5-11.
- 4-5. T. J. Kickham.
- Annual Meeting of the Wiltshire Dairy Producers, 12-31-51.
- 2 P. M. Roland Easter, Saturday, 12-31-51.
- Car of feed oats, arriving about January 15th. Booking orders now. Fulton Warren, North River, 1-5-7-22.
- We are buying live and dressed chickens and fowl daily, paying top market value. Phone or write for prices. Island Cold Storage, Ltd. 12-15-41.

Ontario, Quebec Have Bad Ice Storm

BY THE CANADIAN PRESS

Travel and communications systems in eastern Ontario and western Quebec were still shaky today, several days after old man winter handed a solar plexus blow which isolated cities, towns and villages over the New Year's holiday.

The worst winter storm in 80 years—a heavy fall of rain followed by freezing temperatures blanketed city streets with a sheet of ice. Snow followed, blocking city streets and crippling traffic in a wide section of central and western Ontario.

Transmission of The Canadian Press report was hindered when the storm hit telegraph wires, disrupting leased wire facilities. On New Year's eve the Canadian Army Signals Service at Ottawa pitched in with a will to help move news service copy, although it was (Continued on page 6, Col 6)

Destroyer Fire Drake Is Sunk

LONDON, Jan. 4 — (CP) — The Admiralty announced tonight the loss of the destroyer Fire Drake, 1,382 tons. It had a complement of 146 men and was commissioned in 1935.

BRIDGEWATER, N.S., Jan. 4 — (CP) — Six-year-old Joan Ann Robinson died today of injuries suffered in a coasting accident Dec. 24. The girl was fatally injured when she was thrown from her sled as it crashed into a snowbank.

ANGELIC BISHOP

IMPROVING

MONTREAL, Jan. 4 — (CP) — Bishop Arthur Carlisle, who has been ill for a month, tonight was reported "resting easily and improving" by Anglican Church officials.

First All-Canadian Bomber Group Formed

OTTAWA, Jan. 4 — (CP) — Canada's first bomber group came into being with the start of the new year, it was announced today. Into it went a group of R.C.A.F. squadrons which have been bombing Germany, Italy and enemy-occupied territory for many months as part of various other bomber groups.

The organization of an all-Canadian bomber group within the R.C.A.F. has been planned for a long time and active preparations for it have been under way for months.

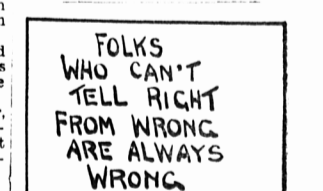
The announcement from R.C.A.F. headquarters today said the new group came into being at one minute past midnight Jan. 1 and is under the command of Air Vice-Marshal G. E. Brookes, former Air Officer Commanding, No. 1 Training Command, Toronto. Headquarters are in an old English mansion, around which are situated the bomber stations from which big two and four-engine bombers, manned by Canadian crews, take off for their attacks on the enemy.

"A bomber group is one of the most highly complex fighting units and Canada's own bomber group has been building up over the past two months operationally," said a statement.

All that was necessary to bring it into being was to instruct the bomber stations comprising it to take their orders from a new group headquarters.

LONDON, Jan. 4 — (CP CABLE) — Air Marshal Harold Edwards, Commander of the R.C.A.F. in Britain, today described formation of the first all-Canadian bomber group in Britain as "one of the great moments in the life of our air force."

"The R.A.F. has nurtured a child to be its grown-up equal," he said.



High tide this morning at 10:55 and tonight at 10:16.
Sun sets this afternoon at 5:52 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:32.

New moon Jan. 6, 8:37 a.m.
Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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 to Dec. 27 inclusive)

Leave Borden 9:00 a.m., 6:45 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.