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# ROSTOV CAPTURED BY RUSSIAN FORCES

## U-Boat Nest At Lorient Blasted By Twin Blows

### R.A.F. And R.C.A.F. Team Up In Big Raid

More Than 1,000 Tons Of Bombs Believed To Have Wrecked Enemy Installations.

LONDON, Feb. 14—(CP)—R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. bombers unloaded "over 1,000 tons" of bombs in two heavy attacks Saturday night on the German U-boat base at Lorient, the air ministry announced today. Stirling, Halifax and Lancaster bombers participated in the twin raids on the French coastal city—the first target to be hit by such a double-barrelled blow in a single night—the air ministry news service said.

Other R.A.F. formations attacked industrial objectives in western Germany and fighter planes shot up vital railway lines in Northern France. Eight bombers including one Canadian were reported lost in the night's operations. Bombers struck back with attacks on coastal areas in south and southwest England.

R.C.A.F. headquarters announced that both Wellington and Halifax four-motored bombers from the new Canadian bomber groups were in the force that targeted Lorient, and that RCAF's Bombers of the Fighter Command took part in night patrols over Northern France.

The Air Ministry described Lorient as the "most important German submarine base on the Atlantic coast of France, with sufficient pens to hold 30 U-boats. The Germans, it said, recently had enlarged harbor installations, put up new workshops and brought in large quantities of equipment. The R.A.F.'s new and deadly Typhoon fighters were credited by the Air Ministry with shooting down four Focke-Wulf 190's in the air over the channel today. Two British planes were reported missing.

The two destructive assaults against Lorient formed a double dose of the "saturation" raid policy in which a great number of planes hurl a tremendous weight of bombs that saturate the target in the space of a few minutes.

"Preliminary reports indicate very great damage was done," a communiqué said.

It was noted that R.A.F.-R.C.A.F. lightning striking twice in the same place in one night must have had a demoralizing effect on the ground defences and fire fighters.

When the heavy Lorient raids started a month ago, the R.A.F. said the whole place was devoted to furthering Hitler's U-boat war effort and that it must be destroyed. This mission is believed now to have been carried a long way toward realization.

## Immigration Figures 1942

OTTAWA, Feb. 14—(CP)—People of United States origin entering Canada in 1942 totalled 5,098 against 6,594 in 1941, the immigration branch of the Mines and Resources Department announced today.

People of English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh origin coming to Canada totalled 2,359 against 2,300 in 1941.

Total immigration last year was 7,576 compared with 9,329 in the previous year.

In all, 3,467 Canadians returned from the United States in 1942, including 3,269 Canadian-born citizens.

## Coming Events

- \*Concert Long River Hall, February 19th. 2-15-31
- \*Buying used jute bags. W. I. Bowman. 2-8-11-15-18-41
- \*Reserve February 18th for Cornwall—York Point Concert in Hall. 2-6-41
- \*Box Social, Emerald Hall, postponed until Wednesday, February 17th. 2-15-11
- \*Rummage Sale Girls Band Room, Market Building, Tuesday, February 16th, 7 o'clock. 2-13-21
- \*Borden rink tonight, Augustine Cove vs. Borden Nationals. Skate after. 2-15-11
- \*Hunter River farmers loading dressed hogs, Thursday and Friday. 2-15-21
- \*Due to arrive, bulk oats and bulk wheat. Book now. McGuigan and Boye. 2-15-101
- \*Loading live hogs at Breadalbane every Friday till 11.30 a.m. Arthur Haslam. 2-15-17-18-31
- \*Garden Seeds, All the latest and best varieties. Send for free 1943 catalogue. Arthur Vesey York. 1-18-M-41
- \*Borden line shipping club loading hogs at Albany Tuesday 12 to 1.30. Secretary, George MacKay. 2-6-3M-4w
- \*Dance in Whitehall Hall, Feb. 16th. Good music. Lunch served. Proceeds war work. 2-15-21
- \*Booking orders for car first grade cleaned out to arrive about March first. (Signed) W. I. Bowman, Hunter River. 2-5-31

## Where After Rostov?



This map shows the principal Soviet thrust from Rostov to Kursk and Voronezh, the next cities they may head. Rostov, whose capture was announced by the Russians yesterday and admitted by the Germans, was still in Nazi hands when this map was made. Kharkov, still in enemy hands, is tottering. Areas held by Hitler's forces are shaded on this map and those held by the Russians are white.

## Heavy Fire Loss At Dawson Creek

DAWSON CREEK, B.C., Feb. 14—(CP)—A toll of at least three dead, six missing and between 125 and 150 injured was counted today from a raging fire which wiped out an entire block of this war-booming railroad town last night and was punctuated by a terrific explosion as flames found a store of dynamite.

Most of the injured were only slightly hurt, struck by fiery debris from the explosion which shook buildings six miles away. Nine of the more seriously hurt were taken to Edmonton this morning in a United States army transport quickly converted to an ambulance plane. Three U.S. army doctors arrived here by plane from Edmonton to aid American Red Cross nurses who set up emergency facilities to administer to the injured.

The fire, believed to have started in a barn from an unknown cause, raged uncontrolled for three hours and for a time threatened the entire town. A block of buildings including a hotel, a lumber company, a telegraph office and other premises, was levelled by U.S. fire fighters aided by U.S. fire-fighting equipment, brought the flames under control. First estimates of damage said it would top \$150,000.

The southern terminus for the Alaska Highway and supply base for northern wartime projects, 345 miles northwest of Edmonton, is a town of 1,500 people. The fire broke out. The cry of "fire" soon went up and scores of persons fled in a panic. The fire, which struck Saturday night, was a fire of the Dawson Hotel and other nearby buildings soon were evacuated. The Northern Alberta Railway, for which Dawson Creek works engines to bring water cars to the fire scene on a spur track and U.S. army fire-fighting equipment was brought into play.

of persons were crowding around when the flames leaped into the warehouse where the dynamite was stored. The fire spread in all directions. A few persons suffered burns but most suffered injuries and head and body injuries, including fractures, when struck by debris from the blast.

QUEEN'S CANADIAN FUND  
MONTREAL, Feb. 14—(CP)—National total of the Queen's Canadian Fund was announced Saturday as \$1,306,980, compared with \$1,302,814 a week ago.

LABOR LEADER RETIRES  
LONDON—(CP)—John Marchbank, General Secretary of the National Union of Railway men, will retire shortly and will be succeeded by J. Bensted of Peterborough, elected by ballot.

## War Situation Last Night

(By John M. Highlower Associated Press War Analyst)

It is yet too early to report as a fact, but with the fall of Rostov it is certainly not premature to hope with some degree of confidence that the German armies in southern Russia are being so badly slashed up that they will not again be able to rally to a successful offensive.

The Russian recapture of Rostov, as reported in a special Moscow communiqué, assumes most significance when considered in that light—the weakening strength of the Nazis.

It is difficult to see how the Nazis, sorely beset in the Mediterranean, pounded by air from Britain and threatened with European invasion, can ever again muster the power to roll forward with the spring.

Rostov as southern anchor of the entire German line in Russia lost most of its value a week ago when Red army troops shoved down to the mouth of the Don River and closed that avenue of communications and escape to the Nazi forces still in the Caucasus. Those forces can now be supplied only over the Crimean and Kerch Peninsulas, the route including hazardous shipments across the Kerch Straits, and when the time to withdraw them arrives they will have to be withdrawn the same way, with heavy losses in equipment and probably men as well.

## Canadian Airmen In Biggest Raid

Most Of Nazi U-Boat Base Left A Sea Of Flames; Fires Could Be Seen For 150 Miles.

## Well Known Clergyman Passes Away

Rev. John Sterling passed away yesterday at the Mansie, Kensington, after an illness of about six months. In his passing the United Church has suffered a distinct loss. For 35 years he was actively engaged in the work of the United Church in the city of Charlottetown. He was born in Scotland, the son of the late Rev. Alexander Sterling, an eminent Scotch minister, who held congregations in Prince Edward Island and the other Maritime Provinces.

Rev. John Sterling was a gold medalist in Arts from Dalhousie University and took his Theological course at Pine Hill Divinity Hall. He was deeply beloved by his people in all the congregations where he labored. The death and richness of his spiritual life, as well as his unusually fine mind made his ministry outstanding.

He is survived by his widow, formerly Margaret Rose of Stanley Bridge, a daughter, Mrs. Allen Jenkins, Kensington, whose husband is in the R.C.A.F., and a son, Ian Sterling, stationed in British Columbia. A brother, Rev. Alexander Sterling, is pastor of the Kensington United Church.

## Fast Disagrees With Gandhi

BOMBAY, Feb. 14—(CP)—Mohandas K. Gandhi, Indian politician in the fifth day of a fast intended to effect his unconditional release from a British Indian prison, "continues to be troubled with nausea and broken sleep and his condition is not so satisfactory as yesterday," a government announcement said today.

## Lose Track Of Marshal Rommel

LONDON, Feb. 14—(CP)—Reuters News Agency reported today in a dispatch from Allied Headquarters in North Africa that the French Intelligence Staff lost track of Field Marshal Rommel's movements two weeks ago.

The Agency correspondent added that "this lends some credence to a report he was wounded in a raid on Gabes and now is in hospital in Tunis, but there is no confirmation from any authoritative Allied source."

## Triumphant Red Army Sweeps On

Capture Of Rostov Crowning Achievement Since Stalingrad.

(By Eddy Gilmore, Associated Press Staff Writer)

MOSCOW, Feb. 14—(AP)—Triumphant Red army troops smashed into Rostov today, seizing that southernmost anchor of the Germans' defensive line in a violent onslaught, captured Voroshilovgrad to the north and swept on through the Donbas, driving the enemy westward in broad retreat.

Seizure of Rostov-on-the-Don, the gateway to the Caucasus, and Voroshilovgrad, important industrial centre of the Donets Basin, was a crowning achievement of the Soviets' current campaign since Stalingrad.

Capture of both cities was announced in a special communiqué, and Moscow heard the great news over the city radio. Telephones rang over the metropolis as joyful citizens called the news to one another, and the radio played stirring Red Army marching tunes in between announcements of the victories.

The whole German defensive line in southern Russia was crumbling rapidly, and Soviet troops were reported only seven miles from the city limits of Kharkov, one Soviet unit was credited with wiping out more than a company of Nazi infantry and destroying seven enemy tanks. Three-hundred more Germans were killed in smashing a Nazi counter-attack in the Kharkov area, the communiqué said.

In the Krasonoarmeisk sector 25 miles northwest of Stalingrad the Russians said their troops wiped out 2,000 Germans during the day and captured large quantities of equipment, including 30 guns, a trainload of 20 tanks, 10 trainloads of other material, and 600 trucks.

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## INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

RUSSIA—Soviet troops take Rostov, Voroshilovgrad, sweeping Axis enemy westward.

WESTERN FRONT—R.A.F., R.C.A.F., hit Lorient in one of war's biggest raids on Axis submarine nest, dropping more than 1,000 tons of bombs.

WESTERN PACIFIC—Allied planes blast Rangoon, Japanese base in New Britain with 50 tons of bombs; U.S. authorities announce their forces wiped out 6,066 Japs and captured 127 in island campaign for dominance of Guadalcanal Island.

NORTH AFRICA—British 8th Army advances as Rommel's forces fall back to Ben Gardane, 25 miles west of Libyan frontier.

ISLAND MEN ON Y COUNCIL  
TORONTO, Feb. 14—(CP)—L. E. Shaw of Halifax today was elected president of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.'s of Canada at the final sessions of the annual meeting. He succeeds Dr. Sidney E. Smith of Winnipeg. Mr. Shaw, well known in Maritime business circles, is president of the Halifax Y.M.C.A.

Before the revolution of 1917, 856 newspapers were published in Russia. In 1939 the number had increased to 8,500.

## Three Trips To Magdalens

## Much Mail, Many Passengers Carried; Sorel Lands Supplies

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## TOO MUCH COSTUME SPOILS THE SHOW

High tide this morning at 8:19 and tonight at 7:36. Sun sets this evening at 6:36 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:36. Full moon Feb. 20, 1:45 a.m. Summer time 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

## CAR FERRY SERVICE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

From Borden—Leave 9:05 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:01 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.

## 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.

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