

Canadian Airmen Defend Malta and Attack Axis Centres from Island Stronghold



P. O. E. J. Greenway, an air gunner, comes from Toronto.



Sgt. A. C. MacDonald is from Sydney, N.S.; an air gunner.



French-Canadian F. Sgt. P. E. Metivier from Sherbrooke.



Sgt. Alex Popovich, an air gunner, is from Windsor.

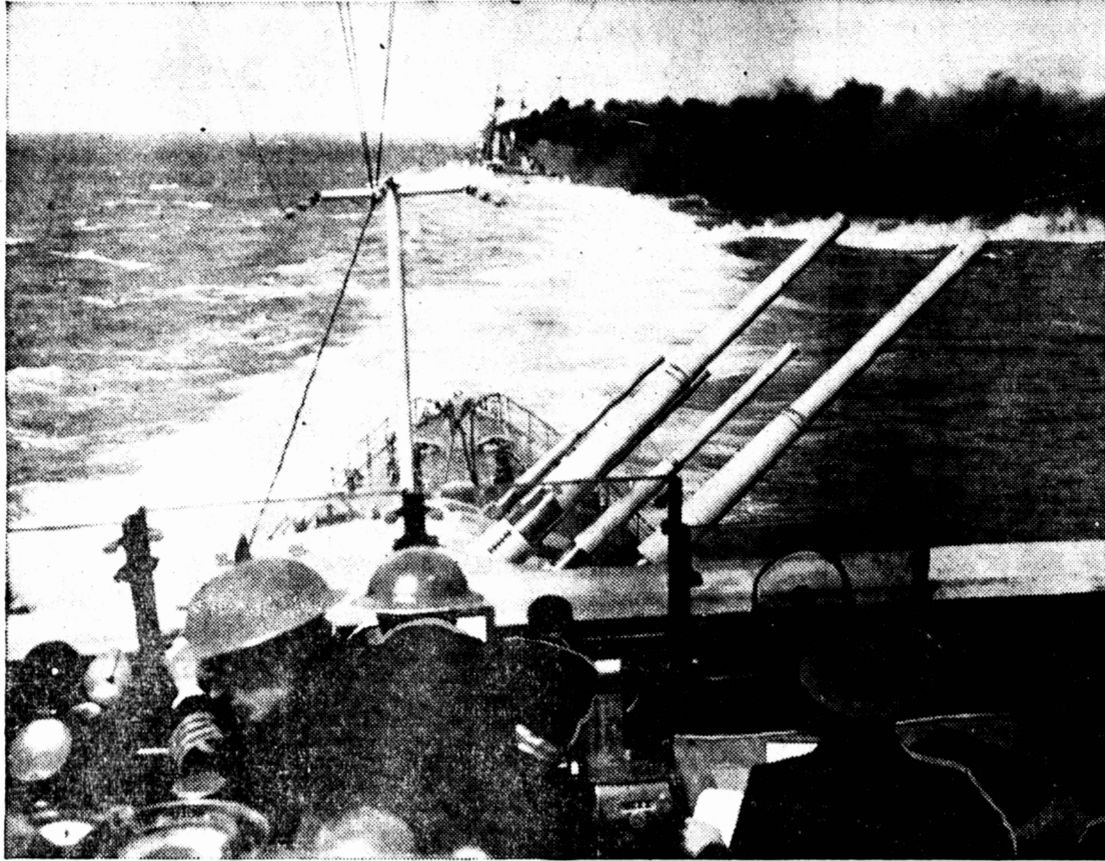


F. Sgt. A. J. Clarke, Montreal, pilots a bomber from Malta.



F. Lt. J. V. Watts, Hamilton, is a navigator, won D.F.C.

Canadians like these help make Malta a stronghold in spite of Axis attacks.



British convoy meets Italian fleet units en route to Malta from Alexandria. A cruiser elevates its 5.25 forward guns ready to shell Italian ships, while the



Bomb raids have forced many Maltese to leave the island, others to live in underground shelters. A sculptured bishop (above), still intact, gazes from his plinth at the wreckage of a building on a bombed Valetta street corner.



Miniature cycles save gasoline (left) at defence posts. R.C.A.F. airman watches children at play, women hanging up clothes amid the wreckage of bombed streets. The motto (right), painted on the side of a plane, means aircraft goes everywhere. Notable among R.C.A.F. heroes are many from the Prairies and West Coast.



There's no explanation of who "Peggy" is (top), but she's obviously a friend of F/Sgt. John Hughes of Dauphin, Man. He has three big Nazi planes to his credit. Despite bombings, the Maltese grow their crops in old style.



Large quantities of war materials and supplies continue to arrive by convoy in the Middle East and at Malta from Britain and the United States. Photo shows tons of corned beef being loaded on to trucks at the quayside. Much of this beef comes from Canada and is shipped in armed convoys from Great Britain.