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ALLIES WITHIN TWO MILES OF COLOGNE

RED ARMY BREAKS THROUGH TO BALTIC

Canadians in France

Little has been heard lately of Germany's "forgotten garrisons" who have been sitting out the war at Dunkerque, Lorient, St. Nazaire, but they are still there, and not forgotten by the Canadians who are surrounding them methodically. Photo taken at Dunkerque, shows Sgt. J. A. Murphy and Sgt. R. Haggerty, both of Charlottetown, P. E. I., carrying ammunition cases through ankle deep mud. — (Canadian Army Overseas Photo).

20 German Divisions May Be Cut Off

By ROMNEY WHEELER

LONDON, March 4 — (AP) — The Russian Army in a sensational new 62-mile break-through reached the Baltic coast at Kolberg today, slicing Eastern Pomerania into three vulnerable segments, outflanking Berlin's port of Stettin, and trapping scores of thousands of German troops in one of the war's greatest double encirclement operations.

Overwhelming 10 major German strongholds in a four-day advance, Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's 1st White Russian Army reached the coast at Kolberg, 55 miles east of the heavily-fortified German port of Swinemuende, while Marshal K. K. Rokossovsky's 2nd White Russian Army also reached the coast and captured Koeslin, 24 miles east of Kolberg, Marshal Stalin announced.

The twin assault, which ripped through staggering German lines and doomed the chance of a Nazi flanking attack against the Berlin-bound Red Army, locked and double-bolted the door to an 8,260-square-mile area to the east, including Danzig territory.

It was estimated that elements of 20 divisions, possibly as many as 200,000 Germans, now were cut off from central Germany.

Stresses Importance Of Women's Vote In Federal Field

OTTAWA, March 4 — (CP) —C. P. McTague, chairman of the Progressive Conservative party, said yesterday no political party could get itself elected without "taking full cognizance of the women's vote and cultivating it."

Addressing the women's committee of the Progressive Conservative Association of Canada, he said the party wished women to take their place in Canadian politics not only as party supporters and members of the House of Commons but also as cabinet ministers and members of the Senate.

Mrs. J. Leslie Hodges of Montreal, co-ordinator of Women's Progressive Conservative Associations throughout Canada, said they must take none but the best available women and "place them in a constituency where they can win."

"Not only that, but we must see to it that we have women of the calibre to justify their appointment to cabinet posts. We should aim to have at least one woman candidate in every province."

Officers elected were: Chairman, Mrs. Hugh Mackay, Rothesay, N.B.; vice-chairman, Mrs. J. H. Currie, Vonda, Sask.; honorary organizing secretary, Mrs. J. Leslie Hodges; deputy co-ordinators, Mrs. Robert Sutherland, Charlottetown; Mrs. C. F. Phinney, Saint John, N.B.; Mrs. A. L. Moss, Amherst, N.S.; Mrs. Anthine Fortin, Montreal; Mrs. E. J. Hallett, Oakville, Ont.; Mrs. M. S. Donovan, Brandon, Man.; Mrs. A. S. Dennis, Vancouver.

Yank Fleet Causes Japs Heavy Losses

By ROBERT GEIGER

ABOARD A U.S. WARSHIP, IN JAPANESE WATERS, March 4 — (AP)—Ending the third week of the battle cruise in enemy waters, this huge United States battle fleet left smoke of Japanese destruction rising in its wake for 1,000 miles from Tokyo to the Ryukyu Islands and beyond.

Striking as swiftly and audaciously as they did at Tokyo, hundreds of carrier planes bombed two of the most important defence centres of the Ryukyu homeland islands Thursday—part of the last line of defence to Tokyo and to the China coast.

Early today the fleet made a dramatic rescue of seven or eight men from two life rafts drifting toward an enemy-held island.

The details of the rescue are meagre but Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher said they were believed to be part of a B-29 crew forced down in the water after a raid on the Japanese homeland.

LONDON — (CP) — Allied artillery barrages on the Western Front are synchronized by the BBC time "pips" from Greenwich observatory — the same time signal used by millions of Britons to set their clocks and watches.

War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst

Impending spring weather in Western Europe might delay a final German military collapse.

It is hardly more than days before spring thaws must be reckoned with by both the Russians and the Allied Armies in Western Europe. Marvels of sustained communication service have been wrought behind both armies despite winter handicaps to achieve the positions on both fronts for the final effort to stab through to the heart of Germany. Spring floods, particularly in Poland across which run for hundreds of miles vital Russian supply lines, offer ever greater transportation problems to be overcome if that two front victory drive is to go through without pause.

There are intimations from Moscow that the pause in the main Russian drive on Berlin at the Oder-Neisse line has been due in part to bringing up supplies and equipment across Poland on a scale to meet that spring danger.

Spring thaws at the end of an unusually hard winter will trouble General Eisenhower's supply forces but not to the same extent as it will the Russians. Allied communication lines whether leading back to Cherbourg and Normandy beachheads or to Antwerp feed to the front line dumps over hard surfaced French, Belgian, Dutch and German highways. The deeper into Germany the troops get the better the road systems.

In addition to bringing up additional forces and massing supplies near the front for the final drive on Berlin and Dresden or both, however, the Russians have very obviously withheld that attack on the Oder to accomplish other essential purposes. That was to widen the Warthe corridor to the Oder, and to secure its flank against any possibility of a Nazi counter attack of major scope.

That was partially accomplished when Ukrainian troops on the south of the White Russian Army along the middle Oder pushed up the Neisse and bolstered their own left flank against the Sudeten Mountains. This week-end saw it similarly accomplished on the north with a Russian break-through in Pomerania that has reached the Baltic shore line east of Stettin.

That break-through has done something more than wall off substantial enemy forces in Eastern Pomerania, the Danzig corridor, and East Prussia. It has ended any possibility of a desperate German effort to cave in the right flank of the Russian corridor to the Oder from Pomerania.

That looks like the final Russian preparation for full scale resumption of the advance on Berlin from the Oder-Neisse positions.

Report U-Boats Ready For Desperate Campaign

300 Submarines And Light Surface Craft Based In Norway, London Hears.

LONDON, March 4 — (CP) — Packs of swift new long-range U-boats, are being concentrated in Norwegian waters for a last desperate campaign against Allied shipping in the Atlantic.

Norwegian officers have reported upwards of 300 German submarines and a considerable number of light cruisers, destroyers and other smaller warships now based in Norway's sheltered Fjords.

This fleet—practically the last of Germany's once-powerful navy —is protected by strongly constructed stations of concrete blocks 25 feet thick and built into cliffs, with ferro-concrete roofs and room for eight or nine U-boats in each.

These stations, according to Norwegian sources, are distributed along the entire coastline.

There have been reports from inside Germany, reaching border listening posts, that only about 80 U-boats are operating in the present campaign but that if this "experimental operation" is successful the German High Command will throw its whole force for what might be a last fling against Allied shipping.

With this concentration of U-boats, light cruisers and destroyers the Germans are expected to launch Goebbels' recently promised sea—campaign, which he declared would disrupt Allied shipping and stop the flow of men, guns and ammunition to the fighting fronts.

Statement By Defence Dept. Re Rifle Incident

OTTAWA, March 4 — (CP) — Defence Headquarters announced tonight that a field general court martial in the United Kingdom has awarded Pte. W.H. Smith 18 months' detention after he pleaded guilty to charges that he threw his rifle and two kit bags into the sea during a recent troop movement to England.

The departmental statement, which did not identify Smith further, said the information was contained in a message received at Defence Headquarters from Canadian military headquarters, London, Eng.

The announcement said that during the court martial proceedings Smith said:

"On Jan. 2, 1945, as I was crossing the gangplank, embarking on the ship for overseas, I deliberately threw my rifle and two kit bags overboard. I figured the military police would take me off the boat when I did this. I do not know the number of the rifle, as I had just received it the night before.

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More Shipping Assigned To France

WASHINGTON, March 4 —(AP) —The Foreign Economic Administration announced Saturday night that five more ships have been assigned to carry supplies and food to France, in addition to the 26 already promised for sailing by March 31.

The action, which follows criticism of the United States Government's slowness in sending civilian relief to the liberated French, means that 22 ships must sail this month to make good on F.E.A.'s commitments for this quarter.

Nine which have sailed since the start of the year and six which are reported "ready to go" will deliver 115,000 long tons of food, industrial equipment, war supplies and materials, valued at $26,000,000.

Supplies purchased henceforth will go under the $2,576,000,000 lend-lease agreement signed with the French provisional government Feb. 28. Supplies transferred to the French prior to that agreement will be paid for by the French in cash.

Saint John Barber Suffers Double Blow

SAINT JOHN, N.B., March 4—(CP)—Arthur W. Wright had no sooner returned yesterday from Montreal, where he reported loss of $5,000 in cash, than he was arraigned on his wife's charge of non-support.

A former barber here, Wright said that after selling a house in Saint John he planned to buy another in Western Canada and then send for his wife but he was drugged and robbed in Montreal while reporting the loss to Montreal police, cut his head in falling and spent 10 days in Hospital.

22 U-Boat Experts Reported Lost At Sea

LONDON, March 4 — (CP) — Twenty-two of the highest German experts on submarine warfare, including the chief of the 11th Flotilla, died two weeks ago when their experimental U-boat was sunk during manoeuvres in a fjord near Bergen, Norway, a BBC Stockholm correspondent said today. The experts were experimenting with a new submarine technique, he added, and sabotage is suspected.

Nazis Claim Rhine Crossing Is Blocked

By EDWARD KENNEDY

PARIS, March 4 — (AP) — Tanks of the United States 1st army split the defenders of Cologne with a drive to the Rhine today and infantry chased the retreating Germans to within two miles of that Rhineland capital, where they could see plainly her towers and wrecked buildings.

The United States 9th army, battling nine miles northward in an attempt to crush thousands of crack parachute troops, stormed into Duisberg's cross-Rhine suburb of Homberg in an attempt to seize its bridge and break into that great Ruhr Basin point.

While battered elements of three German armies fleeing across the Rhine were boxed into an area 15 miles wide and no more than 10 miles deep, the enemy eight miles southwest of Duisberg headed off pursuit by blowing the Uerdingen super-highway bridge in the face of the Americans.

Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt threw in motley battle groups of all types in an attempt to protect the retreat of thousands of his crack parachute troops, a field dispatch said.

The 1st Canadian Army on the north caught the full fury of this desperate stand and was checked before Xanten, the hinge which the Germans are using to protect the approaches to two other escape bridges at Wesel.

Farther west, where British troops of the 1st Canadian Army and American forces joined Saturday, progress was slowed only by mines and demolitions and in the link-up area of Geldern all contact with the enemy was lost.

Among the towns captured by the British troops as they joined the Americans in the push east against the Rhine box was Kappelen, four miles northeast of Geldern.

Most of the Hochwald, a fir forest which was made a strongpoint of the German defences, was cleared.

West of the line of British-American junction, along the Maas, British troops entered a number of towns unopposed.

Berlin said tonight massed American tanks and infantry had made a full-scale assault in attempts to cross the Rhine in the vicinity of Duesseldorf and Krefeld but claimed the German defenders had smashed all attempts to establish a bridgehead on the river's eastern bank.

A German Transocean broadcast shortly before midnight said the Americans were bringing up several divisions "in great haste" in an effort to force a bridgehead across the river barrier from a bend opposite Duesseldorf, but claimed the "crossing attempts by superior infantry and tank forces were frustrated."

Another enemy claim was that U.S. troops were rushing up rubber boats northwest of Duesseldorf, apparently intending "to cross the Rhine as speedily as possible."

This same broadcast added the German High Command, for reasons which must "remain secret", had ordered its troops to disengage as soon as the Americans launched their offensive, but that nevertheless "German losses are considerable."

Gen. Eisenhower's offensive had rolled to the Rhine's west bank in such strength for most of its 75 miles from Nijmegen to Duesseldorf that anti-tank guns were blasting German pillboxes on the east bank while heavy artillery shelled the war factories in the Ruhr.

N. B. Lumber Cut Reduced 25 Per Cent

SAINT JOHN, N.B., March 4—(CP)—Operators and government officials estimate that New Brunswick's lumber cut this winter will be 20 to 25 per cent below average as a result of unsually heavy snow during the season.

News Briefs

GUAM, March 5 — (Monday) —(AP) — Stiffened Japanese resistance held American gains to local advances of 50 to 100 yards on Iwo Jima yesterday but several hundred more enemy troops were killed in a counter-attack.

HALIFAX, March 4 — (CP) — Winding up its cross-Canada fact-finding tour, the Royal Commission on taxation of co-operatives opens a third-day sitting here tomorrow at 10.30 A.M., with at least seven briefs scheduled to be submitted to the five-man commission under Mr. Justice Errol M.W. McDougall of Montreal.

LONDON, March 4 — (Reuters)) — Princess Elizabeth, heiress presumptive to the throne, has joined the auxiliary territorial service comparable to the Canadian Women's Army Corps and is training as an officer driver, it was announced from Buckingham palace tonight.

PARIS, March 4 —(AP) —Madeleine Carroll, Red Cross worker on leave from duty with a hospital train, was quoted in an interview in the newspaper France Soir Saturday as saying that she intends to quit the films after the war and devote herself to the care of 200 French war orphans.

JERSEY CITY, N.J. March 4 — (AP) — Crooner Frank Sinatra has been disqualified again for military duty and classified as engaged in work "necessary to the national health, safety and interest," draft officials announced yesterday.

OTTAWA, March 4 — (CP)— Thirty-five China coaster-type steamers — 15 of 1,350 tons and 20 of 350 tons — will start building in Canadian shipyards in May, the Munitions Department announced today.

Hospital In White Cliffs Of Dover

DOVER, ENG., March 4 — (CP) —A hospital has been built in the white cliffs of Dover—a series of tunnels 150 feet under the chalk which is as dry, comfortable and well-equipped as any modern hospital in the country.

The place was built when the threat of invasion hung over Britain, to give doctors a quiet, safe place to work.

When Germans guns were firing across the channel several shells crashed on the clifftop. They weren't even heard in the wards.

BRIGHTER SPORTS DUDS

LONDON — (CP) — Clothing manufacturers are planning to make brighter clothes for sportsmen, particularly golfers. They have designed rainproof suits on the lines of a light battledress, with zipper fasteners, and the color scheme at first will be light blue and green shades.

Death In Calgary Of H. M. Jenkins

News was received here yesterday of the sudden death at his home in Calgary, Alberta, of Mr. Henry M. Jenkins, formerly of Charlottetown, who has many friends and relatives here.

Mr. Jenkins, who was sixty three years of age, was head of the Jenkins Groceteria which operates forty stores throughout Alberta. He had formerly been in partnership here with his brother, the late Mr. Harold Jenkins, in the grocery business.

Mr. Jenkins is survived by his wife and two children, Ronald and Betty, both on active service overseas; also the following brothers and sisters: Earl, Southport, J.D. Jenkins, Charlottetown; Ludlow Marshfield, Mrs. Russel Bell, Charlottetown; Miss Winnie Jenkins, Washington; J. Spurgeon, Charlottetown; Mrs. Daniel Bell, Vancouver; Mrs. J.D. Ballem, Mt. Albion, Mrs. Roy Howlett, Annendale, Gilbert and William, Mt. Albion; Fred, Edmonton, Alta., and Arthur and Christie, Calgary.

Local Man Weds At Montreal

MONTREAL, March 4 — (CP)— The marriage of Meryl, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Clark of Winnipeg, to Surgeon-Lieut. W. W. Tidmarsh of Charlottetown, now residing at Halifax, was celebrated here Saturday at St. Stephen's Church. Rev. A. T. Love officiated.

Mr. A. C. Carlaw gave the bride in marriage, and Miss Helen Tidmarsh of Charlottetown, the bridegroom's sister, was bridesmaid. Lieut. G. Karn, R.C.A.M.C., of Camp Borden, Ont., was best man.

TORONTO, March 4 — (CP) — Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver 32, 46; Edmonton 24B, 2; Regina 15B, 7B; Winnipeg 1B, zero; Toronto 21, 33; Ottawa 7, 24; Montreal 13, 26; Quebec 8, 22; Moncton 27, 37; Halifax 36, 42; Charlottetown 37, 38.

FORECASTS

LOWER ST. LAWRENCE: Moderate to fresh winds fair and moderately cold.

LAKE ST. JOHN: Fair and cold followed by slowly rising temperature.

GULF, NORTH SHORE AND BAY CHALEUR: Decreasing winds fair and a little colder.

OTTAWA AND UPPER ST. LAWRENCE: Fair and somewhat milder followed by light snow or part rain late at night or on Tuesday.

MARITIMES: Moderate to fresh winds fair and a little colder.

High tide this afternoon at 3.36 and tonight at 4.24.

Sun sets this evening at 6.52 and rises tomorrow morning at 7.30.

Last quarter moon March 6th 12.30 A. M.

Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

DAILY AIR SERVICE

Charlottetown — Summerside— Moncton
Leaves Charlottetown 7.45 A.M. 11.30 A.M., 5.45 P.M.
Arrives Charlottetown 12.55 P.M. 5.30 P.M., 8.45 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Leave Charlottetown 12.15, 5.45 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 5.20, 8.10 P.M

CHARLOTTETOWN— NEW GLASGOW (Daily Except Sunday)

Leave Charlottetown 1.10, 4.00 P.M.
Arrive Charlottetown 2.35, 5.30 P.M

Double Aerial Blow Is Dealt At Germany

By CHARLES CHAMBERLAIN

LONDON, March 4 — (AP) — American and British heavy bombers, guarded by hundreds of fighter planes, delivered a double punch at Germany today, striking Ruhr transportation facilities and a variety of targets throughout southwestern Germany.

It was the 20th consecutive day of attacks on Germany.

At the same time Italy-based American heavy bombers from Italy attacked rail lines in Austria and Hungary serving German troops on the Hungarian front.

More than 1,000 heavy bombers of the United States 8th Air Force protected by 500 fighter planes attacked Ulm and other communications and industrial centres in the Munich area. Some of the formations were forced to return to their bases in England without reaching their targets because of the weather.

Today's attacks followed up a powerful assault Saturday night by the R.A.F. on the embankments of the Dortmund-Ems Canal and a synthetic oil plant at Kamen, near Dortmund. Berlin and Warburg also were hit by R. A. F. Mosquitos. The night attacks cost the R.A.F. nine bombers.

An 8th Air Force communique said three bombers and two fighters were missing from today's operation.

The Air Ministry said the Germans had made repairs on the Dortmund-Ems Canal—main link between the Ruhr and the North Sea and central Germany—and that it was navigable again.

The R.A.F. fighter command joined Saturday's operations with intensive attacks on V-bomb sites in the Netherlands.

R. T. Holman Ltd. Donate $1,500 To Red Cross Drive

Summerside Campaign Given Splendid Start By Prominent Firm.

The Summerside Red Cross campaign committee have been given a splendid start in the drive which opens today by the receipt of a cheque from R. T. Holman Ltd. for Fifteen Hundred Dollars. This splendid contribution by this old established firm is indicative of the effective support which they always give to any national or community undertaking. In this donation they exceed the amount of their last year's subscription by Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars.

Receiving this splendid amount so early in the campaign gives the committee great encouragement and it is felt that if many others will also increase their last year's donation by the same percentage Prince County will excell its previous magnificent records. The following excellent letter from R. T. Holman Ltd., accompanied the subscription::

Mr. Donald Baker, chairman, Special names Committee, Red Cross Division, Summerside.

Dear Mr. Baker:

The motives and principles of the Red Cross in war or peace are aimed to help humanity in such practical efficient and effective ways that there is to our mind no more worthy cause. Accordingly we enclose our contribution in the form of a cheque for $1500.00 with our best wishes.

Yours truly,
R. T. HOLMAN, LTD.,
H. T. Holman, President.
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9-Year-Old Boy Shot Accidentally

HALIFAX, March 4 — (CP) — Nine-year-old Hughie Douglas Robertson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robertson of nearby Head of St. Margaret's Bay, was killed today by the accidental discharge of a light calibre rifle. The boy and a companion were hunting squirrels when the rifle discharged as young Robertson picked it up, the bullet piercing his heart.

LONDON — (CP) — Plans are again being considered for erection of a Shakespeare memorial theatre in southeast London where the original Globe Theatre stood.

Coming Events

**Loading hogs every Thursday for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Merlyn Divine. Peakes. 1-23-tf

**Loading Hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd., every Monday until further notice, Souris. George Dingwell. 1-26-29-tf.

**Asphalt Shingles to arrive. If planning repairs this Spring, let us supply you. R. L. Dickieson. 3-3-4i.

**Garden Seeds. All the latest and best varieties. Send for free 1945 catalogue. Arthur Vesey, York. 3-5-1i.

**Now in stock bulk 3 c. w. oats and number four wheat to arrive bulk 2 c. w. oats, double recleaned and 3 c. w. bulk barley. McGuigan & Boyle. 3-3-5i.

**Card Party and Lunch in Sea View Hall on Wednesday night, March 7th. If not fine following night. 3-5-1i

**There will be a Temperance Meeting in the Tryon United Church Vestry, Tryon, Tuesday evening, March 6th. All those interested in the Temperance issue should plan to attend. 3-3-3i.

**Livestock Marketing Board loading hogs at Hunter River Monday afternoon and Tuesday until 1:30 p. m., March 5th and 6th. Samuel Craswell and Gordon Matheson. 3-3-2i

**Loading hogs Thursday, March 8th as follows: Sumerside till 1.30 P. M. Kensington till 3 P. M. Elmer Wigmore, Breadalbane, Friday till 11.30 A. M. Borden Bagnall, Hunter River, Friday till noon. MacEwen & Caseley. 3-5-2i.

Two Men Questioned In Ski-Trail Murder

MONTREAL, March 4 — (CP)— Police said tonight they had questioned two men during the week-end in connection with the ski-trail murder of nine-year-old John Benson on Mount Royal more than a week ago.

The two men, police added, jumped bail at the Juvenile Court more than a year ago and were not being held for the Benson murder. They will appear in court today on charges they were facing at the time they were first arrested.

Saturday, police said the two men were Ulric Gratton, alias Lucien Gratton, 57; and Jean Paul Lamoth, alias Henri Plante, 46.

Contract Let For Sackville Hospital

SACKVILLE, N.B., March 4 — (CP)—Contract for building a $100,000, one-storey, 22-bed hospital here has been awarded to Rhodes Curry, Limited; Amherst, N.S., Construction work is expected to start early this spring and be completed by late fall.

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