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## 80 ENEMY TANKS WRECKED IN BATTLE

### Nazis Cry Enemy Is At The Gates

#### Ramored Supreme Staff Of Nazi Army In France

#### Pte. G. Hennessey Killed In Action

Pte. Gordon Hennessey of Charlottetown has been killed in action overseas, his brother, Lawrence Hennessey of 63 Brighton Avenue was informed last night. Pte. Hennessey was with the army about 18 months and had been overseas since August, 1943. The telegram announcing his death said he was killed on July 7. He was 32 years old. Pte. Hennessey was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hennessey of Charlottetown. Both his parents died only recently. He is survived by four brothers, Ernest, William and Walter, in addition to Lawrence. All live in Charlottetown. Pte. Hennessey was serving in France with a unit of the third Canadian division.

LONDON, July 11—(CP)—Reuters news agency said it learned tonight from the French forces of the interior that the supreme staff of the German army now is in France where it was transferred from the Russian front. LONDON, July 11—(CP)—The German radio commentator Kurt Driessler described the western front as the "focal and most decisive" of Germany's three fronts and gravely warned Germans: "The supreme test now comes for all of us—the people and the armed forces—the more so as the distance between us and the battlefield is almost vanished." On all fronts, he said, "Germana have a considerable superiority in men and material." The commentator concluded with a promise that new weapons were coming from German inventors "so that it is essential and possibly decisive to gain time for these to be developed, produced and set in operation."

#### Yanks In Flanking Move In Italy

ROME, July 11—(AP)—American troops were striking northward tonight down the Era River Valley beyond the by-passed German stronghold of Lajatico in a bold flanking threat to Livorno and Pisa, while British 8th Army forces clawed at the defenses of Arezzo, 36 miles southeast of Florence. Frequent positions changed without making notable progress against the violent Nazi opposition. Hands several times in repeated counter-attacks. There was no longer any hope of a quick smash through the "Gothic Line."

#### German Potato Crop Below Normal

LONDON, July 11—(CP)—Ministry of economic warfare experts reported that the German potato crop was probably 15 per cent below normal this year, due to a lack of spring, labor shortages and the previous crop. Potatoes are a staple of Germany's diet. A Berlin broadcast said that the 1944-45 crop was the smallest in 20 years, or about 20,000,000 tons below the previous crop. An official British report also drew a grim picture of living conditions in occupied France. The Paris radio substantiated several details. The Vichy government was said to be drafting plans for evacuation of Parisians by saving "consumers are wrong when sometimes they panic in front of bakeries. A British official observer said Paris was a city of expectations. Progress of the invasion is followed with keen interest and manifestations of joy. Underlying the hopes of freedom is the fear of starvation."

#### Limited Supplies Of Penicillin Available

OTTAWA, July 11—(CP)—Munitions Minister Howe announced tonight that limited supplies of penicillin were being made available for civilian use, and emphasized that quantities available for civilian use were "not large" and would be subject to strict control of distribution so as to make adequate supplies available for the fighting forces and essential use.

#### Seed Potato Acreage Is Reduced This Year

A total of 14,000 acres of seed potatoes have been entered for inspection this year, against 16,500 a year ago, it was learned yesterday from Mr. S. O. Peppin, in charge of seed potato inspection services in this province. Mr. Peppin said the drop was principally in the Green Mountain variety, which was down 2,000 acres. The approximate acreage in each variety included: Irish Cobblers, 7,000; Green Mountains, 4,200; Katschin, 1,600; Sebago, 1,000; with the balance made up of other varieties, principally Houma. Field inspection is scheduled to start on July 17 and Mr. Peppin said his department was advising farmers to remove diseased plants or units in the case of tuber unit

#### Reds Plunge Towards East Prussia Border

LONDON, July 11—(AP)—Russian armies plunged steadily toward east Prussia and the Baltic Sea tonight, continuing to bowl over all Nazi efforts to organize effective opposition, while late German broadcasts cried: "The enemy is at the gates of Germany." Daugavpils (Dvinsk), a big rail center in southern Latvia, rapidly was being outanked from the south and advances up to 20 miles were being registered by Soviet forces on some sections of the 350-mile battle front, Moscow said. Everywhere the disorganized Germans were being pounded relentlessly. The midnight bulletin to the Russian commander listed at least 4,000 Nazi soldiers killed and hundreds captured during the fighting and Moscow reported that the round-up of encircled remnants east of Minsk had been completed. The Russians also were carrying out a battle for the annihilation of German troops encircled in the center of Wilno, Moscow said, as street fighting there continued through the fourth day. Already within 60 miles of east Prussia, the Russians had taken 100 miles from the Baltic coast, of Riga, capital of Latvia, the Russian armies threatened hourly to break through the Nazis' crumbling defenses and the German radio admitted "the supreme test has come."

#### 200,000 Nazi Prisoners Taken Since May 1

NEW YORK, July 11—(A)—Nearly 200,000 German soldiers have surrendered to the Allied armies since the beginning of the summer offensive, the BBC said in a broadcast directed to the German army. CBC recorded the broadcast which gave the following listing: "In Italy more than 39,000 German prisoners since May first. In Normandy more than 54,000 prisoners since the 6th. In Russia more than 110,000 German prisoners since June 23rd."

#### De Gaulle And F. D. R. Reach Agreement

WASHINGTON, July 11—(AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that he has reached an understanding with Gen. de Gaulle under which the French leader's committee at Algiers will be working authority for civil administration of Metropolitan France. This the main problem of Franco-American relations during the fighting for the liberation of France, as President Roosevelt said at his news conference. As President Roosevelt explained the arrangement, Gen. Eisenhower as Supreme Allied commander will have clear authority to take all steps necessary in his judgment for military operations and driving the Germans from French soil. It will be up to General Eisenhower to declare which zones are ready for civilian administration, and which must remain under military control because of battle needs. There are no non-military zones in France yet, the President said, reiterating his previous statement that only one-tenth of one per cent of France has been occupied by Allied forces.

#### War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst. There is a ringing confidence in General Montgomery's salute to his invasion troops in France, assuring them that the Normandy "judgement area" they have carved out is "very firm and secure." It warned the Germans that Normandy is only the necessary springboard for developing "offensive operations" Gen. Montgomery said were now developing "according to plan." Greater elbow room for further expansion of his 21st army group in France is Gen. Montgomery's immediate need. It will take far more powerful forces than have yet crossed to the continent to fulfill his expressed "desire of every Allied soldier in Normandy to finish this business off as quickly as possible." It requires more deep-water ports like Cherbourg to feed the battle lines as well as an expanding maneuver front from which to execute in greater scope the cat-and-mouse tactical game Gen. Montgomery is playing with the foe. His message to his troops is significant because it marks the successful conclusion of the first phase of the invasion, despite water and weather hazards, even as the preliminaries of its larger development, are in progress. There have been intimations that the weight of the Allied attack might be shifting eastward already in the Normandy area with the line of the Seine below Paris its long range objective. It is clear that now that the front in Normandy is moving inshore beyond range of help from naval big guns, it is upon massed field artillery, big and little, as well as overwhelmingly superior air power that Allied leadership is counting heavily not only to insure victory but to reduce the German capacity to mount a counter-offensive. Artillery fire power was the Russian technique that ultimately broke the back of the German blitzkrieg tactic offensive in the east. No front line eye-witness report from Normandy fails to note the stunning gun barrage now preceding every Allied forward sweep.

#### Robot Bomb Barrage Falls Off In England

LONDON, July 11—(CP)—London and southern England were subjected to a comparatively light shower of robot bombs tonight, after residents of the capital enjoyed their first quiet night and good sleep since the missiles began falling June 13. There was no explanation of the nocturnal respite, in which not a single bomb was heard buzzing over the Metropolitan area. Allied fighters flew in rainy weather on defence patrol against the robots. New Threats The Germans uttered new threats, saying that the first month of the attack was "just to get the range." Britain took further steps to evacuate London's civilian population, opening four hitherto prohibited coastal areas—in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and Kent—since the 6th. The Bishop of Oxford observed that the flying bombs represented "the spirit of sub-human spitefulness."

#### Budget Debate Ends In Commons

OTTAWA, July 11—(CP)—After an eight day budget debate the House of Commons tonight approved the Finance Minister's annual financial statement in principle. The main budget motion that the House go into committee of ways and means to deal with tax changes was adopted without a recorded vote just at adjournment.

#### House Decides To Sit Wednesday Night

OTTAWA, July 11—(CP)—The House of Commons today adopted a motion to sit Wednesday night as the first step in a move to hasten completion of its work. The new rule will start tomorrow.

#### Believe Oil Near In Montreal Test Well

MONTREAL, July 11—(CP)—Danase Handfield, a native of France, who obtained a permit from the Quebec government to drill for oil over a wide area of the Province, including the Island of Montreal, said today he believed he was nearing oil in the first test well drilled here.

#### Re-Nominated As Liberal Candidate In King's County



DR. T. V. GRANT, M. P.

Dr. Thomas V. Grant, Montague, Member of Parliament for King's County, was re-nominated yesterday at a largely attended Liberal convention in Georgetown. He received 193 votes at the convention. The only other nominee, Mr. S. S. Hession, K. C. Montague, a former Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, received 41 votes. Mr. C. E. Clay, president of the King's County Liberal Association, presided. The speakers included Premier J. Walter Jones, Hon. William Hughes, Hon. J. A. Campbell, Hon. T. R. Cullen, Messrs. H. H. Cox, M.L.A., T. J. Kitchin, M.L.A., Joseph E. Campbell, Poplar Point, and the nominees Dr. Grant and Mr. Hession. The speeches were reportedly heated times and good deal of confusion was caused by the appearance of two sets of delegates from some of the constituencies. Dr. Grant, a former member of the Provincial Legislature, was first elected to the House of Commons in 1921. He was re-elected at the last federal election.

#### Roosevelt Will Accept Nomination

WASHINGTON, July 11—(AP)—President Roosevelt, with a nonchalant smile on his face but his hands a tremble with emotion, announced today that he would accept a fourth term nomination and, if elected would serve "reluctantly, but as a good soldier." The announcement which surprised many observers as to its timing, was made at a White House news conference. The President read a letter from chairman Robert E. Hannagan of the Democratic National Committee informing him that more than a majority of convention delegates are already "legally bound" to support his renomination and asking that he "again respond to the call of the party and the people." Then he read his reply: "Then the convention should carry this out, and nominate me for the presidency, I shall accept. If the people elect me, I will serve." (Continued on page 7, Col. 4)

#### Fierce Fighting Southwest Of Captured Caen

BY CHARLES LYNCH  
Reuter War Correspondent  
WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN FRANCE, July 11—(CP-Reuters)—The British 2nd Army during the last 72 hours has knocked out about 80 tanks in the fighting northwest of Caen and in the corridor between the Orne and the Odon, a spokesman for Gen. Dempsey, Army Commander, said tonight. Heavy fighting has taken place all day in the corridor between the two rivers with the Germans keeping up their efforts on the same scale as Monday to prevent British and Canadian troops from reaching the Orne.

#### Gen. De Gaulle Warmly Welcomed

OTTAWA, July 11—(CP)—Gen. De Gaulle, President of the French Committee of National Liberation, told a huge assembly on Parliament Hill today that with victory flushing the horizon and France standing "upright and united" the "living friendship" between France and Canada contributed toward the strength of the coalition of free people and became an important factor in the lack of re-organization of the world. Under a blistering summer sun the General dashed about Ottawa on his first official visit to Canada. He was the guest of the Governor General and Princess Alice at Government House for lunch. He visited the French Committee's headquarters, he spoke to thousands of people who assembled at noon to hear and cheer him, he conferred with the Canadian Government, answered reporters' questions and was guest of honor at a government dinner. From the same spot from which President Roosevelt addressed a crowd just after the Quebec conference which set the machinery in motion for the present invasion of France, Gen. De Gaulle declared it was fitting that the first soldier he met when he returned to Normandy recently should be Canadian soldiers. The fighting man, once an expert on tank warfare who has for more than four years been serving France as diplomat and politician, spoke clearly and in a loud voice from a prepared text. He broke into English to deliver a few paragraphs in the midst of his French utterance.

#### Bitter Defence

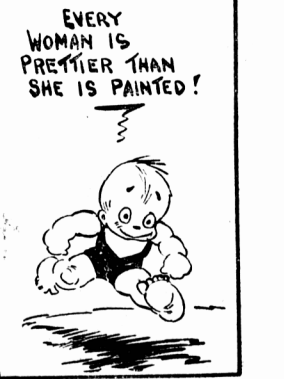
The Germans, who are putting up a bitter defence with infantry and tanks, also are showing this area with heavy mortar and artillery fire. The British advanced every foot of the British advance to the 112. Monday, the Germans returned this morning and recaptured the summit which dominates the southwest approaches to Caen and the Orne and Orne River valleys. However, British tomnies with tanks in support mounted a counter-attack of their own under a big concentration of artillery and rocket fire. The British are now astride the Ervee-Caen highway between hills 112 and 113.

#### Brief Revolt In Colombia Ends

BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, July 11—(AP)—A rebellion in which President Alfonso Lopez was seized and held prisoner at Pasco in southern Colombia has been quelled, and the leader, Lt. Col. Dionisio Gil, has fled, an official communique announced tonight.

#### Tells How 500 Lived In Damp Grotto At Caen

WITH THE CANADIANS IN CAEN, July 11—(CP)—Canadian troops swarming through Caen heard today the almost unbelievable story of how 500 citizens of this married city lived in a camp grotto nearly 100 feet underground for three agonizing weeks as they prayed endlessly for liberation. Today I made the perilous descent into this ancient quarry which had been abandoned for five centuries and found the most of the shivering refugees still there. They came mostly from the poorest and bombed parts of the city and the majority were homeless, subterranean hovelers you have to climb down three creaking ladders joined together in a crude makeshift way. When finally you reach the bottom of the shaft you alight on slippery brown soil. And when your eyes become accustomed to the darkness you find yourself in a vast cathedral-like grotto where groups of refugees sit around candles and carbide lamps. The older people are huddled in blankets, but the children walk about and as I stopped off the ladder they surged forward in a gleeful, shrieking mob. The presence of someone in Allied uniform caused a great stir in the huge and gloomy retreat. Dozens of cold little hands groped for mine and I was drawn to a corner where M. Abel Boulevin was handing out the meagre ration of bread. Boulevin, a tall, gaunt man of 45, explained that the grotto was being used by the long-forgotten quarry of La Maladerie as a combination air-raid shelter and refuge camp. The old parish priest of La Maladerie was saying mass that Sunday evening when a youth clamored down the ladders and shouted: "Les Canadiens sont ici!" everyone ran from the chapel as the priest was ending the ceremony. "To them it meant that the war had ended," said Boulevin, pointing to the noisy, milling children.



High tide this afternoon at 4:30 and tomorrow morning at 5:15. Sun sets this evening at 5:45 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:25. Last quarter moon July 12, 5:39 P. M.

DAILY AIR SERVICE  
Charlotteville - Summerside -  
Leave Charlotteville 7 a.m.;  
11:30 a.m.; 6 p.m.  
Arrive Charlotteville 12:45 p.m.;  
5:45 p.m.; 8:40 p.m.  
SUNDAY SERVICE  
Leave Charlotteville 12 noon.  
Arrive Charlotteville 5:45 p.m.  
Charlotteville - New Glasgow  
(Daily except Sunday)  
Leave Charlotteville 1 p.m.  
Arrive Charlotteville 5:50 p.m.  
P. E. I. - N. S. FERRY SERVICE  
DAILY INCLUDING SUNDAYS  
Leave Wood Islands-7:00 A. M.  
11:00 A. M. 3:00 P. M.  
Leaves Charlottetown - 9:00 A. M. 1:04 P. M. 5:00 P. M.

#### COMING EVENTS

- Show Eldon Friday, 7-12-21.
- Rollo Bay Tea July 19th, 7-6-11.
- Show - St. Peter's Wednesday, 7-10-21.
- Show - Murray River Thursday, 7-11-21.
- Dance in Johnston's River School Wednesday July 12. Special music, 7-12-21.
- The Highfield Presbyterian picnic sale is postponed until further notice, 7-12-21.
- Lawn Party, Abel's Cape, Bay Fortune on Friday afternoon, 7-11-21.
- Dance and Ice Cream, Tracadie Cross School, Wednesday, July 12th, 7-11-21.
- Ice Cream Festival and Dance, St. Anne's School, Hope River, Wednesday, July 12, 7-11-21.
- Come to the Dance at Peake's Road School Friday night, July 14th Good music, 7-12-31.
- Dance in Emerald Hall, July 12th. Sponsored by W.I., 7-10-12-21.
- Collecting hogs for Davis & Fraser Friday, July 7th at Albany and Emerald, 7-12-21.
- Dance in Albany Plains Hall, Friday, July 13th. Millview, Kestrel, Ice Cream, 7-12-21.
- Dance, Lower Montague Hall, July 13th. Webster's Orchestra, 7-12-21.
- Unloading car bulk Wheat Monday, July 10th and Tuesday 14th. Bring bags, Dillon and Spill, 7-10-21.
- Dance in Morell Hall Wednesday, July 12. Percy Groom's Orchestra, 7-11-21.
- Don't forget Marshfield-Dunstaffnage United Church tea this evening. If not fine, first fine evening, 7-12-11.
- Ice Cream Social and Dance at Cape Traverses Hall Tuesday, July 18. Proceeds in aid of Hall, 6-11-12-17-18.
- Emerald Hall, July 14th, see "The Wind of the Wisp", 3 act comedy by Emerald Players, curtain at 8:30. Dance afterwards, 7-12-31.
- The District Convention of the Women's Institutes will be held in From Speight Hall on Friday, July 14th with sessions at 3:30 and 8:30 P. M., 7-11-21.
- Buying pigs at Fredericton Thursday, all sizes, young, fat sows included. Kindly bring your pigs along with us only want a small quantity in the future, 7-12-11.
- The District Convention of Fredericton, North Wilshire, Rock Valley, Pleasant Valley, Glen Valley, Hazel Grove, Stanchel, Brackburn, Bradsburn, Village, Greenvale, Sprinton, Lincoln, Brookfield, Darlington and Millvale will be held in Fredericton Hall, Thursday, July 13th. Afternoon session 2:30 and evening 8:30. Social speakers, 7-12-11.

### Tea is the Refreshing Beverage

"SALADA" TEA