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# YANKS PUSH 5 MILES EAST OF RHINE

## Record Superforts Raid

### More Than 300 Smash At Tokyo

GUAM, March 9 (Sat-AP)—(AP)—A record force of more than 300 Superforts swooped an estimated 1,000 tons of incendiaries in a 10 square mile congested area of Tokyo today and one returning plane was shot down.

Tokyo radio acknowledged that flames set by the raiders shortly after midnight still were smoldering at dawn.

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WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP)—President Roosevelt today issued a crystal-ball question to a conference inquiry whether the war in Germany had reached a point where it might end suddenly.

He dodged right and left as to a barrage of other questions pertaining to the European and Pacific wars and related diplomatic and political subjects came his way.

## Coming Events

Leading Hogs every Thursday at Davis & Fraser Ltd. Merlyn Dine. Peasants. 1-23-45

Leading Hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd. every Tuesday until 11:30 a.m. Earl Jay. Mt. St. Mary's. 1-23-45

Leading Hogs for Davis & Fraser Ltd. Tuesday, until further notice. Five Houses. J. J. 1-23-45

Booking orders for Asphalt Shingles. Car to arrive April 1st. N. Aubrey Outfitter. 1-23-45

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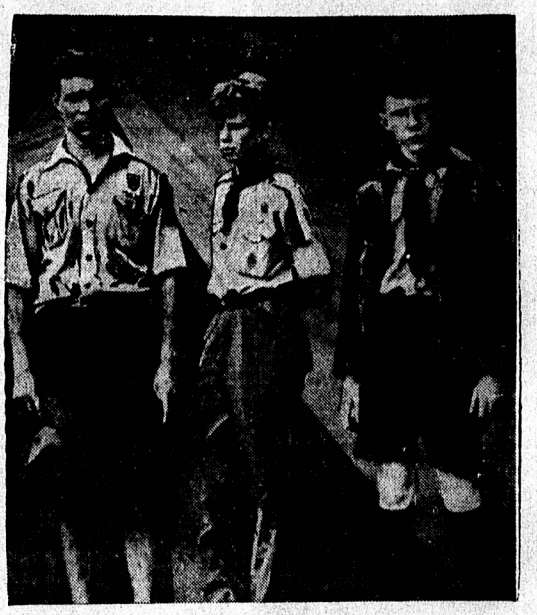
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## BOY SCOUT DAYS VALUABLE



This picture shows Opl. Donovan Errey, of Wallaceburg, Ont., who as a hobby, made artificial arms and legs for his less fortunate comrades while a prisoner of war in Stalag 6-C in Germany. He is shown here with a group of Boy Scouts at camp on Lake Huron in the days before the war. He is on the right, wearing a windbreaker and dark shorts. Opl. Errey was taken prisoner at Dieppe during the invasion of Normandy. He is now in Canada, and for his work has made artificial limbs. (See page three for story). — (Canadian Army Photo).

## Fire Damages Montreal Hospital For The Insane

MONTREAL, March 9 (CP)—A two-alarm fire, which damaged a two-story wing of the men's section of the St. Jean de Dieu Hospital for the insane, was brought under control by firemen tonight after they fought the blaze for three hours. No casualties were reported.

Fire and hospital officials agreed that every one of the 218 patients in the wing had been safely evacuated before the flames actually reached the men's quarters from the roof where the blaze is believed to have originated.

The fire, which was discovered by a watchman who immediately gave the alarm, could be seen for miles as flames leaped skyward and clouds of smoke enshrouded the building.

Damage could not be estimated and origin of the blaze has not been determined yet.

## Chinese Communists Call Chiang Despot

CHUNGKING, March 9 (AP)—China's Communists today called President Chiang Kai-shek a despot and a dictator and declared he should be removed and punished.

A statement, issued from communist headquarters here, apparently dispelled any lingering hopes of an early settlement of China's political problems. It was the most explicit attack on Chiang since the central government began peace negotiations with the communists last May.

Written as a reply to Chiang's March 1 announcement that a national assembly would be called in November to give China a constitutional government, the statement said such an assembly would be a "congress of slaves" and would do nothing to swallow the communist armies.

## "Foodless Luncheon" As Sympathy Sign

LONDON, March 9 (Reuters)—Five prominent British women held a "foodless luncheon" today in a London hotel to demonstrate their sympathy with the starving people in Europe and in appeal to the Government to cut down rations for British civilians.

Dame Sybil Thorndike, noted actress; Mrs. Corbett Ashby and Mrs. E. P. Mordaunt-Lawrence, well known in the political world; Vera Wain, a writer; and Miss Eve Rees, a school-teacher, sat at a luncheon table with only a vase of flowers on it.

Dame Sybil Thorndike, who presided, said there was deep concern throughout the country that Britons were well-fed while Europeans were almost starving.

## War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON  
(Associated Press War Analyst)

It is Rhine defense most crossed, the German high command is confronted by a situation that has in it all the elements of potential complete and final military disaster in a matter of weeks, not months.

American capture of a double track steel rail bridge at Remagen, now officially announced, changed overnight the whole war scene in Europe. It invalidates the enemy scheme of a prolonged last-ditch defense of the great central plain of Germany, upsets the present two-front deployment of the battered Wehrmacht and could lead to a breakdown in German army morale and a quick end of all organized resistance.

Quite aside from the strategic and tactical possibilities the seizure of that bridge span presents, its psychological impact upon both Allied and German troops and upon German towns, military and civilian, is yet to be measured. That it instantly spurred German armies in the west with renewed determination to shorten the struggle is reflected in every field dispatch. Nor can it be greatly doubted that the news sent a wave of despondency through German armies as well as through disrupted civilian life between the Rhine and the Oder.

The effect of that will become apparent cumulatively, not immediately, particularly in the German army. Military discipline and morale rests largely on confidence that comrades to right and left on other fronts will not fail in any crucial test. The loss of a great Rhine bridge intact and virtually without a fight to let a flood tide of American troops and armor pour across the river must serve to shatter that confidence in German ranks.

Just how the Allied high command will move to exploit the Rhine breakthrough is not yet discernible. The best chance appears to lie southward down the right bank of the river to free other crossing sites to the north for other armies massing along the west shore.

Gen. Eisenhower is already straining every nerve to rush heavy forces through the Rhine breach, not merely to consolidate the daringly won east-bank bridgehead but to use it as a jump-off base for powerful offensives into the heart of Germany. Disclosure at his headquarters that he has a newly organized American Army, the 15th, ready for action indicates that.

## Sign Great Confusion Prevails In Germany

By RICHARD KASISCHKE  
LONDON, March 9 (AP)—Faced with mounting reverses in the west and east, Germany today ordered every male in the country between the ages of 16 and 62 to register with military authorities "for active defence of the nation" under penalty of being punished as deserter.

The decree, broadcast by D.N.B. hinted that the utmost confusion prevailed in Germany. It ordered the multiple purpose of scraping the manpower barrel, rounding up deserters and calling back soldiers lost from their units.

To enforce compliance with the decree, which applied even to Nazi party political leaders and sub-leaders, it was provided that "penalty payments and ration books would be distributed only to those who can prove their proper registration."

The Allied crossing of the Rhine was not told to the German people until late this afternoon in a D.N.B. home service broadcast. This attributed it to a surprise thrust by military authorities "for active defence of the nation" which had been immediately opened against the bridgehead. The Germans said other Allied crossing attempts were imminent.

## Maj. Gerald Tanton Killed In Action

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis P. Tanton, Central Street, Summerside that their son, Major Gerald Tanton, has been killed in action in Germany.

Major Tanton was a member of the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps and after taking his medical degree at Dalhousie University in Halifax, he was assigned to the 1st Canadian Army Medical Corps in Nova Scotia. He went overseas with the First Division shortly after the outbreak of war.

He leaves to mourn besides his parents a wife and three small children living in Nova Scotia, also his following brothers and sisters: Elgin in Buffalo, N.Y.; Harvey, Ridgefield, Conn.; Fulton, with the C.O.A.P. in Regina; Brennan in Buffalo, N.Y.; Rev. Slavet, formerly an R.C.A.F. chaplain now in Dartmouth, N.S.; Writer Frank R.C.N.V.R. the brothers Mrs. Clifford, Mrs. Waldo Matthews, Alberton; Isabella, Mrs. Carl Spruce, Ridgefield, Conn.; Kenneth, Mrs. Clifford Soudry, Fredericton, N.B.; and Florence at home.—S.

## Former Morell Man To Head University Dept.

TORONTO, March 9 (CP)—Appointment of two professors to fill offices in the University of Toronto left vacant by the death of Dean G.S. Brett last October was announced today by President E.L.F. as Dr. Andrew Forster will assume the duties of dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Dr. Fulton H. Anderson those of head of the Department of Philosophy.

Dr. Forster has been professor of pathology since 1935. Dr. Anderson is a native of Morell, P.E.I., and resided at Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown and Dalhousie University, Halifax, before coming to the University of Toronto in 1934 from the University of Colorado where he was head of the Department of Philosophy.

## Little Hope For Direct Link P.E.I. And The Mainland

HALIFAX, March 9 (CP)—Little hope for establishment of a tunnel or other direct link between Prince Edward Island and the mainland was held out by Transport Minister Michael in an interview here.

He said that the "car ferry system seems to be the most practical." The proposed Chignecto Canal was "more worthy of consideration" in his opinion.

However, he added, "none of the post-war projects have been definitely decided upon, agreed upon and mapped out. We are just in the process of consolidating post-war briefs from all parts of Canada. Before the war is over, we shall have to set out just what we will do and no more in the so-called reconstruction period."

## Help The Red Cross "SALADA" TEA

Year	Objective	Subscribed
7th, 1944	\$1,300,000,000	\$1,317,000,000
8th, 1944	1,300,000,000	1,407,671,650
9th, 1944	1,300,000,000	1,374,985,250
10th, 1944	1,110,000,000	1,208,715,650
11th, 1944	750,000,000	961,288,050
12th, 1944	600,000,000	681,172,000
13th, 1944	600,000,000	780,375,250
14th, 1944	300,000,000	324,948,750
15th, 1944	300,000,000	360,000,000

## Large Cattle Herd, Barns And Produce Destroyed At York

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed two large barns and 24 head of pure bred Holstein cattle yesterday afternoon on the farm of Ira Lewis, York. Also destroyed in the blaze were 15 tons of hay, 1500 bushels of oats, a two-ton truck, and 90 tons of fertilizer. The fire was discovered at 11:45 a.m. by some of the neighbors as none of the occupants of the farm was home at the time.

Before a sufficient number of neighbors to be of any real assistance could get to the scene all chances of saving any of the cattle were gone. The barns were about 100 feet and 75 feet long respectively, with widths of about 30 feet.

There was insurance of \$2,000 on the barns and the stock but this only partly covers the loss as the cattle alone were valued at over \$1,000. The only reason the house was not also destroyed was that the wind was blowing from the north, west and carried the fire, as situated west from the barns.

## Daring Infantrymen Seize Rhine Bridge

ACROSS THE RHINE, March 9 (AP)—A daring band of infantrymen, utterly ignoring the fact that the 1,200-foot steel road and rail bridge might blow up in their faces, raced across the Rhine west of Remagen and saved the Allies the costly price of an amphibious invasion of inner Germany.

In a matter of seconds after a company of infantry, paced by Lt. Emmet J. Burrows, had selected the bridge, the Germans exploded the bridge.

The operation took place Wednesday night at 11:30 p.m. The tanks got there at 5:30 p.m.

## All Canadian Combat Units Were In Action

WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY IN GERMANY, March 9 (CP Cable)—All the Canadian combat forces on the Western Front were in action in the battle in the Xanten sector and the 4th Armored Division was in action around Venen, about three miles south of Xanten, which covers a ferry crossing of the Rhine.

It was disclosed in a dispatch from the front Thursday that for this offensive, which crumpled up the northern end of the Siegfried Line, Gen. Orer also had under his command the famous 30th British Corps.

## Hamilton Troubled With Plague Of Rats

HAMILTON, ONT., March 9 (CP)—An army of rats which has been playing havoc with stored merchandise in shops in downtown Hamilton, is being combated by large numbers of "Commando Cats" formed out to merchants by the Hamilton Humane Society.

More than 200 cats have been leashed out in pairs to business premises.

## U. S. To Resurface Roads In Bermuda

HAMILTON, Bermuda, March 9 (CP Cable)—The United States Government has agreed to re-surface 18 1/2 miles of Bermuda roads damaged by motor vehicles since the war caused revision of the colony's old anti-automobile laws. The Bermuda Government will be required to pay \$150,000, since it has been estimated government and civilian vehicles caused one-third of the damage.

## Reserve Air Crew Being Called

OTTAWA, March 9 (CP)—Increased tempo of the overseas aerial war resulted today in Air Minister Gibson calling on the R.C.A.F. reserve built up from a surplus of Commonwealth Air Training Plan graduates.

Notices are going out to all recent air training plan graduates who are navigators, navigator-bombardiers, air gunners, wireless air gunners and air gunners, asking them to report next month for duty.

There was no indication as to how many men were affected by today's announcement. Discharged reservists not affected are pilots, navigators, wireless operators and flight engineers.

Col. Gibson emphasized that reservists now in civilian jobs should not resign until they receive further word. An air force spokesman took this to mean "that the R.C.A.F. planners were still not certain just how many men would be needed in the future."

## Dramatic Story Of Bridgehead Told

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR  
PARIS, March 9 (AP)—The United States 1st Army drove possibly five miles east of the Rhine today, threatening to explode a break-through into central Germany, and west of the Rhine linked up with the 3rd Army south of its Remagen bridgehead, trapping an estimated 50,000 enemy soldiers.

As tanks and troops battled beyond the Rhine depicting the brilliant capture of the great Ludendorff bridge at Remagen, other forces eight to 12 miles farther south met the 3rd Army's 11th Armored Division at Brohl and the Rhine ferry crossing at Adernach.

West of them in the Eifel Mountains, five or more German divisions were caught in a gigantic sack, with roads north, east and south under the guns of converging 1st and 3rd Army infantry and tanks.

Supreme Headquarters took the wraps off the story of the bridgehead—one of the most dramatic of the war—and simultaneously revealed that a new American army, the 15th, was in action on the front.

## BULLETIN

LONDON, March 9 (AP)—The biggest force of R.A.F. Mosquitos ever sent to Berlin dumped more than 1,000 tons of explosives on the battered capital tonight after 1,000 United States heavy bombers had smashed by daylight at the central German rail junction of Kassel. It was the 18th consecutive night attack on Berlin.

LONDON, March 9 (Reuters)—A German military spokesman quoted by the German Transocean Agency said today: "The American crossing of the Rhine at Remagen was made by a bridge which accidentally or by chance was not destroyed by the Germans."

It was in this area that the German west of the Rhine were fighting most fiercely.

Xanten fell only after days of the most savage fighting. Forces probing on a central east bank of the Rhine captured the southern strait of Aipon and the Germans were fleeing the four-by-five-mile pocket in half an hour.

British and Canadian troops were fighting into a hall of projectiles fired from guns massed on the east bank to repulse any Rhine crossing.

Scottish troops three miles southeast of Beck cut the Xanten-Remagen highway five miles from Wesel.

FORCASTS  
Partly cloudy with scattered snow-furries, not much change in temperature.

Northwestern Quebec: Generally fair and moderately cold.

Lower St. Lawrence: Partly cloudy and moderately cold.

Lake St. John: Fair and cold.

Gulf, North Shore and Bay Chaleur: Moderate to fresh winds fair and cold.

Maritime West: Moderate winds generally fair and moderately cold in New Brunswick, light snow or rain in Nova Scotia at night.

Maritime East: Moderate winds, fair with a little lower temperature.

High tide this morning at 8:55 and tonight at 7:44.

Sun sets this evening at 6:50 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:21.

New moon March 13, 11:51 P.M.

Summer tide eight 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 8:15 P.M., 5:30 P.M., 8:45 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE  
Leave Charlottetown 12:15, 5:45 P.M.  
Arrive Charlottetown 3:20, 8:10 P.M.

CHARLOTTETOWN—NEW GLASGOW (Daily Except Sunday)  
Leave Charlottetown 1:10, 4:00 P.M.  
Arrive Charlottetown 2:25, 5:30 P.M.

