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## STORM CAUSES 18 DEATHS IN ONTARIO

### Nazi Defences West of Roer Collapse

By AUSTIN BEALNEAR  
PARIS, Dec. 12 — (CP) — German defences west of the Roer River, which were virtually collapsed today as the United States 1st Army troops swept through seven fortified villages, fought within a half-mile of the key city of Duren and pushed up to the Roer on a 1,000-yard front east of Huzaren Forest.

The enemy crumbled under the relentless pressure of Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' men and armor, the Americans crashed through the communities of Hoven, Schopphoven, Pier, Merken, Merode, Gey and Derschweiler, all within a six-mile arc from northwest to southeast of Duren.

Cologne is 20 miles across an almost level plain from Duren. The United States 9th Army, immediately acting in conjunction with the British 2nd or 1st Canadian Army fronts further north in eastern Holland and a strip of Germany.

A low overcast and scattered rain hampered air operations over most of the day. Helicopters were used to land up to a quaxum under the 1st Army's infantry and armor, but modern and heavier bombers hammered enemy positions on both sides of the Roer ahead of the attacking group.

### U. S. Senate Has Turned Down St. Lawrence Project

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 — (AP) — The Senate refused today to pass the St. Lawrence Seaway project, the cost-war Rivers and Harbors Bill.

There had been little hope that the bill would be approved by the "jame duck" congress which meets out of office next Jan. 3, but Senator George D. Aiken (Vt.) made a valiant effort to get it through.

Leading the forces arrayed against the project Senator John H. Chafee (R-R.I.) opposed the bill before the Senate.

The project, which calls for excavation of some \$280,000,000 for improvement of water power, along the St. Lawrence River, Ontario, Canada and the United States.

The project was defeated in the Senate after ratification by Canada's parliament, this new agreement and today's action indicate the failure of the project.

### Another Jap Convoy Smashed

MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, Philippines, Dec. 12 — (Wednesday) — (AP) — A Japanese convoy of three destroyers attempting to rush aid to beleaguered enemy troops on Leyte was smashed off the coast of Mindanao today.

Fifteen enemy planes were shot down in action which destroyed the convoy.

This was the eighth Japanese convoy to be intercepted and destroyed by United States air and naval forces since ground troops have pressed the battle on the west coast of Leyte.

### Uplands Air Station Has New Commander

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Mr. Sear, who is going to a new post at No. 3 Training Squadron in Montreal, his hometown.

Group Capt. Clements had previously been attached to Air Headquarters as director of operations and in the past few days he had made one of the first sorties of the war over German territory.

### HOME GUARDS OFFER AID

LONDON, Dec. 12 — (CP Reuters) — Britain's Home Guards, who only two weeks ago stood down with the virtual end of the war, are offering to assist in the fight against an increasing crime wave in the home capital, still blacked out by the Home Guards proposed forming vigilance committees to assist the depleted police force.

### Lively Discussion At Co-Operative Fishermen's Meeting

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City Councillor J. E. Blanchard, Mayor J. E. Blanchard, who was unavoidably absent, welcomed the fishermen to the meeting. The Hon. George H. Barbour, Minister of Public Works, assured the fishermen that the Provincial Government was willing to do anything in its power to further and encourage the co-operative enterprise.

Mr. Charles Cravin of Tignish, a brief address stated that the fishermen's Union of Tignish was not in favour of the new movement. Mr. Cravin said the Tignish fishermen had had no opportunity to decide whether or not they should come into the new organization and that, personally, he was opposed to it.

The Rev. J. D. McNeill of St. Dunstan's University Extension Department said that the Tignish fishermen knew as much about the transfer as any other Union. In fact, the Tignish members knew more than they were willing to admit. He had heard that many of the fifty-one fishermen in Tignish were in favour of joining the Association.

For twenty years the Tignish Fishermen's Union had been the leading party in fishing co-operative enterprises, but after twenty years of leadership by the Tignish Union the co-operative movement among the fishermen is at a standstill.

The Rev. M. E. Francis of St. Dunstan's said the extension department of his University had been primarily instituted for the encouragement of co-operation among the fishermen. He was glad the fishermen were at last beginning to do something for themselves. He had visited a lot of "so-called fish unions" but they were unions in name only. There was nothing in the fishermen's Union to suggest co-operation except

### Nazis Claim V-3 Now In Action

LONDON, Dec. 12 — (CP) — The German radio hinted tonight that a new secret V-3 weapon—perhaps V-3—was being fired at Belgian cities.

The broadcast quoted "well informed circles in Berlin" in stating that "the projectiles fired at Antwerp and Liege are noticeably different from the flying bombs fired at London. They are said to be shorter and thicker, and are thought to be a completely different weapon."

Berlin has hinted several times that V-3 was ready for use, and New York was mentioned as a possible target. The broadcast may be manufactured propaganda, or a search for information.

Anti-aircraft guns on England's east coast threw out a barrage of terrific tonight that windows miles away vibrated. Several flying bombs were seen to explode.

### Loan Board Operations

Operations of the Canadian Farm Loan Board in Prince Edward Island are reviewed in the Board's fifteenth annual report for the year ended March 31 last, which has just been issued.

The Board has been operating in this Province since 1935. To March 31, 1944, it had a total in the Province of \$1,235,000. Outstanding loans for the same period amounted to \$89,000.

During the fiscal year ended March 31, borrowers in Prince Edward Island paid on account of interest \$55,000, and on account of principal \$89,000.

Out of a total of 783 first mortgage loans made in the Province since 1935, the Board has acquired only one security through sale or foreclosure proceedings as at March 31 last.

### A Dominion Agency

The Board is a Dominion Government agency established in 1935 under the Canadian Farm Loan Act.

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### War Situation Last Night

By KIRKE L. SIMPSON  
(Associated Press War Analyst)

Ten days short of the winter solstice, the Allied winter offensive in the west has substantially reached its first objectives, but by every indication the grimmest battles lie ahead.

Formidable river barriers, the Rhine, the Meuse and the Roer, still guard all critical gateways to the Rhine-Ruhr Valley, industrial heart of Germany in the north.

In the south where converging Allied armies are bearing down on the vital Saar Basin, source of German war material, only the fortified Germany's Siegfried Line defences west of the Rhine have yet been reached or closely approached. Only from the Karlsruhe corner in the central Rhine valley southward to the Swiss border does the foe appear definitely in process of falling back behind the Rhine.

Obviously the real test of German ability to wear down Allied power short of the Rhine is only beginning. At one point in the Aachen area advance forces stand nearly 20 miles deep into Germany but still 50 miles or more from Cologne with its multiple Rhine crossings. The 300-mile span separating Allied troops in Holland from Berlin has stood unchanged for weeks.

Below the Moselle, United States Third Army troops who took the Saar in stride are at grips with the outer layers of the labyrinthine Siegfried Line defence system that lies behind that river, and on the southern face of the Saar Basin perimeter between the Saar and the Rhine, 3rd and 7th Army troops are only now approaching German frontiers well guarded in depth.

There seems no reason to doubt that clearance of the last German invader from French soil will be accomplished soon. From the Karlsruhe corner to the Swiss frontier, German rear guards fighting only to achieve escape behind the Rhine with minimum losses.

There is little prospect of further major action in that upper Rhine sector once the German withdrawal east of the river is completed. It should mean probable shifting of forces northward to more critical sectors for both sides.

Up to now, every reported German move in the north, including the present retreat behind the Roer where Allied forces have gained a substantial footing on the west bank of the flooded stream, points to a diaphanous defence foot-by-foot of the whole west Rhineland.

It is there that, aided by winter weather cramping Allied air support, port of attacking troops, the foe obviously has staked everything on exhausted Allied will or capacity to drive to or beyond the Rhine this winter.

With the seasonal change there will be no probable weather improvement to bring Allied air power into more sustained and effective play in support of ground forces.

### Canucks Fighting In Tough Country

By Douglas Amaron  
WITH THE 1ST CANADIAN ARMY IN HOLLAND, Dec. 12 — (CP Cable) — Amphibious war is being waged along the Maas River west of the Nijmegen salient where flooded fields separate the 1st Canadian Army troops from the Germans.

Black and wet, this inhospitable country brings out the sailor as well as the soldier in the men fighting across it. Troops on patrol wear Mac West lifebelts and hip-length rubber boots.

The treacherous, fast-flowing Maas is constant menace that on occasion has over-taken the load of soldiers in patrol. This is the type of country where boats are more used than jeeps and tanks.

The German positions now are all north of the Maas River but enemy patrols frequently cross to the Canadian side, just as the Canadians move for southern front.

### Ch'town And Queen's County District Boy Scouts Meet

The annual meeting of the Charlottetown and Queen's County District Boy Scouts Association was held in the City Hall last night, with Mr. Wellington Dixon presiding.

Mr. Dixon stated that the boys of today have greater problems to face than was the case in the past, and that the Scout movement and the Cadet movement were both working towards the same end.

The following officers, nominated by Judge H. L. Palmer and Mr. Fred Dirlsch, were elected:

President — Mr. Milton McCormick  
Vice-President — Mr. P. M. Dixon  
Secretary-Treasurer — Mr. Harry Sear  
District Committee — Messrs. L. Stacey, S. Doyle, G. Ives, and E. Johnston.

Progress of the Boy Scout League was reported to be very good with the number of Boy Scouts now reported to be over four hundred.

It was announced that a new branch will be started some time after the first of next year.

### International At A Glance

By The Canadian Press  
Western Front — U. S. 7th Army in northern Alsace strikes to within 15 miles of Karlsruhe. U. S. 1st within 1,000 yards of Duren as Germans apparently yielding all holdings west of Roer River.

Aerial — R. A. F. blasts Essen, Osnabruck Tuesday night; Allied planes hammer Frankfurt area, Merseburg, Witten, Silesia targets in daylight.

Russian — Budapest in flames from Russian artillery, planes as Soviets capture rail town 9 miles northeast.

Greek — E. L. A. S. puts out feeler to end Greek civil strife; fighting still continues.

Italian — German communique hints Canadian crossing of Lamone River near Russi northeast of Faenza.

Philippines — Four Japanese transports, three destroyed, as enemy Japanese planes downed, as enemy reinforcements pass through Chongking yard for southern front.

China — Chinese troops push Japanese south in Kwangsi Province as reinforcements pass through Chongking yard for southern front.

Japan — Berlin reports 20,000 non-essential civilians being evacuated from Tokyo.

### New Ruling Re Hot Air Furnaces

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 — (CP) — The Prices Board announced tonight that essentially certificates are no longer required for the purchase of new hot air furnaces.

G.N. Moleworth, administrator of plumbing and heating supplies, said the use of essentially certificates had saved enough furnaces to meet essential requirements and the order requiring certificates has consequently been revoked.

### FRENCH SURGEON DIES

PARIS, Dec. 12 — (AP) — Dr. Bernard Ceuno, 71, distinguished French surgeon, died today.

### Airmen Home From Overseas



WO. GARFIELD MCEWEN  
Two airmen have just returned home from overseas. They are FO. Peter Sinclair of Charlottetown and WO. Garfield McEwen of Morell. They arrived in Charlottetown Monday night.

FO. Sinclair, son of the late Peter Sinclair, former member of the House of Commons for Queens, has completed a tour of operations in Africa, Italy, Sicily etc. He will spend 30 days in the Province before he is given a new posting.

WO. McEwen was wounded in April in the Balkans. He was serving with the R.C.A.F. Squadron. It is understood that he will receive his discharge from the service because of his wounds.

### Cascumpec Airmen Is Awarded D. F. C.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 — (CP) — Air Force headquarters tonight announced the award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to two members of the R.C.A.F. overseas.

FO. D.E. Freeman, Mont Joli and WO. E.B. Hudson, Cascumpec, P. E. I.

### Boston Cops Search For Lady's Girdle

BOSTON, Dec. 12 — (AP) — The cops are out looking for corsets tonight.

The intensive girdle hunt is due to the absent-mindedness of Mrs. Elizabeth Manning, who blew herself to a foundation garment today. It felt so comfortable she kept it on and fast the discarded girdle wrapped up and continued her shopping tour. As the packages piled up, she decided to toss the used corsets into a rubbish container.

Several hours later, it occurred to her that she had forgotten to throw away a diamond-set platinum necklace and a man's white-gold Maroon diamond clip caught in the lining. Total value \$450, she said.

### P. E. I. Light Horse Company Operating With Canadian Corps

The following interesting article by Ross Munro, Canadian Press war correspondent, appeared in a recent issue of "The Maple Leaf," published for the Canadian armed forces in Brussels, Belgium:

With the First Canadian Army, Holland—the Prince Edward Island Light Horse have a company on the western front, serving as the defence company of Canadian Corps headquarters.

For a year the Light Horse have been in this role. The company commander is Major E. R. Collins of Winnipeg and second-in-command is Captain W.L. MacPherson of Kilmuir, Prince Edward Island. Another Island officer is Lieutenant L. G. MacPhee of Charlottetown.

The Light Horse originally went to England in the fall of 1941 as the headquarters squadron of 5 Armoured Div. They later served as a support group for the infantry brigade in the division and when the division went to Italy, the Light Horse went to the corps now fighting here.

The duties of the Light Horse principally involve guarding corps headquarters, and although they have not been in action, they have been with corps from Caen to Holland.

### MANY CENTRES ARE PARALYZED

#### Blizzard Reached Greatest Fury In Toronto.

TORONTO, Dec. 12 — (CP) — Snow continued to fall tonight throughout southern Ontario, piling deeper the drifts which have paralyzed communications in Toronto and outlying cities.

There was no immediate prospect of relief, with the forecast calling for more snow, strong winds and lower temperatures.

Food deliveries to homes and in many cases to suburban stores were made impossible during the day by blocked roads and snowbound citizens found their supplies running low. All available men were thrown into the work of clearing the streets and Mayor Fred Conboy appealed to private citizens to aid by forming "snow commandos."

Eighteen deaths were reported because of accidents or strain brought on by floundering through drifts or attempting to shovel them. Fourteen were in Toronto where the blizzard reached its greatest fury, two were in Hamilton, one at Campbellford and another at Brantford.

The greatest snowfall was at Hamilton and St. Catharines where the fall was 24 inches. In Toronto it was 22 inches from five a.m. yesterday until three p.m. today. For a while in the afternoon the fall stopped in Toronto but in the evening it resumed again.

The storm reached eastward into Quebec, striking Montreal and Quebec. In Ontario it missed the northern section of the province. The storm did not extend to the upper Great Lakes where Lake freighters now are making their final runs of the season from lakehead ports with water for southern Ontario elevators.

One of the Toronto deaths resulted when a street car carrying about 175 persons turned over in the downtown section of the city. David Quinn was killed and about 40 persons were injured seriously. One woman was so seriously hurt there was a possibility she also might die.

The other 13 deaths resulted from heart attacks brought on by over-exertion in shovelling snow or in plowing through drifts which were six feet deep in places. Police officials said they feared other bodies lay buried under drifts and that the eventual toll would be much higher. Several of the bodies had lain in the snow for hours.

Transportation services in the city were badly hampered. The Toronto Transportation Commission kept a number of street cars operating, but only with great difficulty. Bus services were disrupted completely. From about eight a.m. when a Canadian Pacific Railway train left for Detroit, there were no trains leaving for outside points until about three p.m. Outgoing traffic now has been partially restored. Incoming trains were held up outside the city and around suburban stations from early morning.

All schools in Toronto were closed for the day and it was announced tonight that they will remain closed again tomorrow. Department and other stores were closed—including Eaton's and Simpsons. It was the first time in the history of these stores they were closed because of weather conditions.

The Toronto Daily Star and the Toronto Evening Telegram—the

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### Silk Stockings Pose Problem

OTTAWA, Dec. 12 — (CP) — A "few dozen" sheer silk stockings were in Ottawa today, and the mystery was what could be done with them, although millions of Canadian women would buy.

The importer who brought them in had cost him about \$3.50 a pair. The price board has held that the price ceiling on stockings of similar quality ranges from \$1.25 to \$1.95, although no specific ruling is understood to have been in this case.

R.M. Fowler, board secretary, said the price ceiling would not be raised and no import subsidy would be paid.

The importer appears sure of a loss and the manager of a specialty shop to which they might be given as a gift said they weren't wanted as a riot might be caused when women started out to get them.

### 10 MORE SHOPPING DAYS

HE WHO IS CLOTHED IN AUTHORITY SHOULD SEE THAT IT FITS!

### FORECASTS

LOWER ST. LAWRENCE: High winds with light or moderate snow a little colder at night.

LAKE ST. JOHN: Sirocco winds with some snow and not much change in temperature.

GULF AND BAY CHALEUR: Storm: winds and gales with snow part sheet or rain in south portion.

NORTH SHORE: Gales with snow.

MARITIME PROVINCES: strong winds and moderate rains with occasional rain or snow a little colder at night.

### High tide this morning at 10:30 and tonight at 9:40.

Sun sets this evening at 5:18 and rises tomorrow at 8:30.

New moon December 15th, 11:34 A.M.

Sunrise tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

### DAILY AIR SERVICE — Moncton

Leaves Charlottetown 7 A.M. 11:30 A.M., 5:15 P.M.  
Arrives Charlottetown 12:45 P.M. 5:45 P.M., 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SERVICE  
Leave Charlottetown 11:30 A.M. and 4 P.M.  
Arrive Charlottetown 2 P.M. and 5:45 P.M.

CHARLOTTETOWN — NEW GLASCOV  
(Daily except Sunday)

Leave Charlottetown 1 P.M.  
Arrive Charlottetown 5:30 P.M.

Light Binding