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## DUKE OF KENT IS KILLED IN FLYING BOAT CRASH

### Jap Battle Fleet Opens Counter-Attack Was En Route To Iceland On Active Service



#### Allies Blast Enemy Convoy Off New Guinea

#### Nipponese Lose Heavily In Sea-Air Battle At Solomons.

**ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Australia, Aug. 26—(Wednesday)—(AP)—**Allied planes destroyed a Japanese gunboat and strafed two Japanese transports in a convoy off the southeast coast of New Guinea yesterday. It was announced today. (It was not immediately disclosed whether the convoy was en route to reinforce the Japanese counterattack in the Solomons Islands, but this is possible since the attack occurred south of that general area.)

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—(AP)—**United States army and navy forces have joined battle with a huge Japanese armada attempting to smash the American offensive in the Solomons Islands, the navy announced today, and so far have inflicted heavy damage on the enemy.

First reports made public from the fighting zone did not indicate the extent of United States losses but showed that more than a half-dozen enemy ships had been effectively bombed or torpedoed with these results:—

One large carrier, otherwise not identified, hit four times by army bombers.

One smaller carrier, the Ryuzo, severely damaged by navy carrier-based aircraft.

One battleship hit by carrier-based planes.

Several cruisers hit by carrier-based planes.

One other cruiser and one enemy transport hit by U. S. aircraft yesterday in what appears to have been the preliminary phases of the battle. Both ships were left burning fiercely.

The Solomons campaign turns into violent fighting after a period of desultory activity marked on Aug. 23 by an enemy air attack on Guadalcanal island in which 21 Jap planes were shot down while American forces suffered only minor damage. On the same night enemy destroyers bombarded marine shore positions.

Naval forces under Vice-Admiral Lee Ghoramley, commander in the New Zealand area, and army forces of Gen. Douglas MacArthur in Australia had been preparing strong Japanese counter-attacks, and presumably were

#### War Situation Last Night

(By EDWARD E. BOMAR, Associated Press War Analyst)

The first impression from the United States Navy's announcement of the new air and sea battle in the Solomons is that the Japanese may have blundered by taking risks outweighing possible gains.

Against an expedition of marines which has had time to dig in, put one or more air fields into operation and is supported by substantial navy and army sea and air forces, the Japanese sent a vulnerable armada which counter-attacked without benefit of surprise.

First reports tell of the bombing of two enemy carriers and a battleship, along with a number of other warships and accompanying vessels, and the downing of 21 enemy planes in a single engagement. The hopeful suspicion is encouraged thereby that the Japanese were so intent on revenge and gaining "face" that they disregarded the battle of Midway's lesson of the perils of a sea attack on an objective defended by land-based aircraft.

The whole fight for the Solomons is still so enshrouded in secrecy however, that ordinary caution advises that judgment be suspended until more returns come in. The onslaught obviously was made with terrific force. Information is lacking on our own strength. Official warnings were given at the outset to expect heavy losses.

The Japanese would not have attacked unless they believed they had a promising chance to accomplish at least one of three things—to retake the eastern Solomons, inflict a crippling defeat, or divert American naval strength to this relatively remote area while attacking again toward Pearl Harbor, the North Pacific or elsewhere.

In at least one particular the Japanese possess an advantage which naval men deem important. Their fleet is operating several hundred miles nearer a major base than Vice Admiral Robert L. Ghoramley's. This attack, like the frustrated Coral Sea advance, seems to have stemmed from the island of Truk in the Caroline group less than 1,000 miles to the north, where the Japanese can obtain fuel, ammunition and reinforcements and make repairs.

Pearl Harbor, American headquarters for the Pacific naval war, is more than 2,500 miles away. The lesser bases of Pago Pago, Samoa, Sydney and Auckland are all farther from the scene than Truk.

This naval advantage is offset, perhaps decisively, by the foothold the marines have won in three of the Solomon Islands since the first surprise attack of Aug. 8-9.

The navy's communique implies strongly that the defenders of the Tulagi harbor area and nearby Guadalcanal Island were aided by land-based fighters, these being credited with Sunday's score of 21 planes. Other American aircraft were identified as carrier based, or as army bombers. The Japanese are known to have had one or more air fields on Guadalcanal which the marines seized.

Odds seem to be that the hard-hitting army heavy bombers came from New Guinea, New Caledonia or the Fijis, all of which are within but near the limit of their range.

If it turns out the Japanese miscalculated, it was their second blunder in quick succession. Under-estimating the marines soon after the start of the invasion, they lost an entire 700-man force dispatched from the northern Solomons in last motor craft.

In that attack the Japanese violated one of their military principles, Admiral Ernest J. King, American commander-in-chief, had said that "they never send a boy to do a man's work."

#### Nazis Close In On Stalingrad

Less than 40 miles from Industrial City; Russians fight fiercely.

By Henry C. Cassidy  
Associated Press Staff Writer

**MOSCOW, Aug. 26—(Wednesday)—(AP)—**The Russian high command said today that the Red Army had made seven counter-attacks at one point northwest of Stalingrad, but it mentioned that industrial city for the first time in a communique, indicating that the 1,000,000 Germans smashing at the city's outer defenses had made some progress.

The communique, however, did not mention any Russian withdrawals, either northwest or southwest of Stalingrad where the Germans were threatening the city with powerful masses of tanks, paratroopers, air-borne motorcyclists and endless masses of infantry.

"Our troops are repulsing enemy attacks and inflicting huge losses," the communique said.

The Germans were less than 40 miles from the city on two sides, perhaps considerably closer in

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**Diplomatic Liner Unloads Passengers**

**JERSEY CITY, N. J., Aug. 25—(CP)—**The diplomatic liner Gripsholm was slowly unloading its happy passengers today with prospects that 60 Canadians from Japan and Japanese-occupied areas in the Far East would reach Canadian soil tomorrow.

It was expected the Canadians would take a night train for Montreal, arriving tomorrow morning. They were still aboard the Gripsholm, however, at 6:30 p.m. E.D.T. tonight.

**Warns Oil Shortage To Be More Acute**

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—(AP)—**United States war production chief Donald Nelson said today the oil shortage on the American Atlantic coast will become more acute and warned east coast residents to make provisions to meet it.

He told a conference of New England representatives and war agency officials called to consider the problem that the government's first task is to win the war and that nothing will be permitted to interfere with that effort.

**TEST BLACKOUT**

**HALIFAX, Aug. 25—(CP)—**A Province-wide test blackout was held throughout Nova Scotia tonight. Lights were off from 9:15 to 9:30 p.m. A.D.T. In Halifax, A.R.P. workers held practice exercises.

#### Applications To Transport Commissioners

Two applications dealing with railway matters were heard in the Court House here yesterday before the Board of Transport Commissioners consisting of Colonel J. A. Cross, K.C., Chief Commissioner and Commissioners George A. Stone and P. M. MacPherson. The Board sat, with brief intervals, from 10 a.m. until 6:40 last evening, and reserved judgment in both cases. The Commissioners leave this morning for Halifax.

The first application was for an order allowing additional free time under the inclement weather rule of the Canada Car Demurrage Bureau for the loading of potatoes where the prevailing temperature is under 20 degrees above zero and loading made impracticable. That account, it was presented by Mr. J. W. Boulter on behalf of the Potato Growers Association, Canada Packers, Associated Shippers, Inc. and Stone and MacPherson, potato shippers.

The second application, presented by Mr. Melvin J. McQuaid, Board of Trade, was for further improvement in train service over

#### R.A.F. Makes Strong Raids On Nazi Cities

**LONDON, Aug. 25—(CP)—**A 40-plane attack on Helsinki and the passage of high-ceiling bombers over Lyon in unopposed secret flight to Canada in July, 1941, to inspect the air training schools.

He had flown thousands of miles under war conditions in planes equipped for battle with enemy aircraft. For some time he had been making extensive but little-publicized air trips as a means of speedy transit.

The R.A.F. objectives were Frankfurt and Wiesbaden in the Rhineland, where industrial and chemical plants were bombed, and German railroad concentrations in the Low countries which were attacked again.

The German air forces were described as virtually grounded in the face of the new attacks and informed British sources said the Germans still were suffering from losses and disorganization as a result of the Canadian-led raid on the Frankfurt area, losing 16 bomber out of what was officially described as "strong forces." It was the heaviest loss in a night-bomber operation since Aug. 11.

Vichy reported a great number of planes passed over Lyon at a height of six miles last night, taking 90 minutes to go by, and that French ground defenses sent up a barrage for half an hour.

"There was no verification of the French suspicion that the planes might have been United States flying Portresses such as those which recently have raided German-occupied France and there was no confirmation from Rome of the suggestion that they might be en route to objectives in Northern Italy."

Planes also were heard over Vichy.

#### INTERNATIONAL AT A GLANCE

(Canadian Press)

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The entire crew on the wartime mission died with him.

The Duke was 39. In 1934 he married Princess Marina of Greece. They have three children, two sons and a daughter.

He had been closely associated with the R. A. F. since the war started and was deeply interested in flying. He visited Canada and the United States a year ago, and in the Dominion made a tour of inspection of air-training schools built under the Commonwealth Air Training plan.

He held the rank of Air Commodore and was attached to the staff of the Inspector-General of the R.A.F.

The Duke was probably the most air-minded member of the Royal Family and was its first member to fly the Atlantic. This was on his secret flight to Canada in July, 1941, to inspect the air training schools.

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#### Premier Fraser Arrives In U.S.

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—(AP)—**Prime Minister Peter Fraser of New Zealand arrived in the United States today to confer with President Roosevelt on the war.

He reached the west coast by an undisclosed route and was expected here in time for the usual Wednesday meeting of the Pacific War Council, made up of nations actively engaged in the conflict in the Pacific. They include Canada, Australia, Britain and China.

In announcing the Prime Minister's arrival in this country, the White House was wary with details on how long he would remain or the exact purpose of his trip.

#### Heavy Losses In Convoys

**DES MOINES Ia., Aug. 25—(AP)—**Losses in convoys to Russia's Arctic ports have run as high as 50 per cent of the supplies in some instances, Capt. Leland P. Lovette, director of public relations for the United States navy, said today.

"The Russian front is highly important to us," he told 800 persons at luncheon. "It is difficult to get guns, ammunition and food supplies to them. In some convoys, by way of Murmansk and Archangel, there has been a loss of 50 per cent of the supplies, but we still feel that it's worth it if we get the rest through."

"Russia is doing a job for us—a job that we might have had to do ourselves."

#### To Aid In Building Of Canadian Trawlers

**OTTAWA, Aug. 25—(CP)—**Fisheries Minister Michaud announced the government would pay a subsidy of \$165 a gross ton on new construction of trawlers on the Atlantic coast as a step to make greater use of reduced manpower in the fishing industry.

In the case of fishing schooners converted to the use of trawlers the government will pay two-thirds of the cost of conversion. Maximum subsidy for any one ship will be \$2,000.

Similar subsidies are already in effect for construction and conversion of vessels as "rackers-sciners" to maintain productive power on the British Columbia coast.

#### In \$25,000 Slander Suit

**S. S. HESSIAN, K. C.**  
Plaintiff

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

A writ has been issued in the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island on behalf of Stephen S. Hessian, K. C., plaintiff, against Dr. Thomas V. Grant, M. P., for \$25,000 damages and slander.

Plaintiff and defendant in the suit are both well known political figures.

Mr. Hessian served two terms in the Provincial Legislature as Liberal representative for the Third District of King's. Prior to the last provincial general election, when he was defeated, he held the position of Speaker of the Legislature.

Dr. Grant, also a former Liberal member of the Legislature, is the sitting member for King's in the House of Commons.

The writ was issued against him on Saturday.



I CAN NEVER BE A BATHING BEAUTY I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE WATER

High tide this morning at 11:28 and tonight at 12:26.  
Sun sets this evening at 7:50 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:14.  
Last quarter moon Sept. 2, 11:40 a.m.

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Leave Carleton Place 9 a.m., 1 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

**AIR SERVICE**  
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Leave Charlottetown 6:35 a.m., 12:45 p.m.  
Leave Summerside 7:10 a.m., 1:30 p.m.  
Leave Moncton 11 a.m.; and 6:10 p.m.  
Daily except Sunday.

#### Local Man Killed Off Governor's Island

Francis Mahar is victim of accident; Inquest to be held today.

Francis Mahar of Charlottetown was killed yesterday in a dynamite explosion a short distance off Governor's Island in Hillsboro Bay, eight miles from here. He was working with a seismograph survey crew probing for oil possibilities in the area.

The accident occurred in the early afternoon. Information indicated Mahar was placing charges of explosive underwater, using a small row boat for the purpose, the place the charge then rowed in more than 100 yards away before exploding it by electricity. The wires were unrolled from the boat as the man rowed.

But the last time the explosion took place very close to the boat, smashing the craft to matchwood. It was believed the charge became entangled with the boat and was thrown instead of sinking to the bottom.

Mahar's body was not recovered until several hours after the accident. It was taken to Charlottetown. Coroner Dr. I. J. Yeo ordered an inquest. A jury was impaneled tonight and viewed the body. No evidence was taken. The hearing will be resumed this morning.

Members of the jury include: John Leightner, foreman, Frank Bell, R. H. Jenkins, Stewart Jones, Claude McMillan, Ray Keenan and Donald Fraser. The hearing will be held at Frank Hennessey's Funeral Home and open at 2 p.m.

The accident victim was a son of Pius Mahar of Charlottetown. He was about 25 years old. His wife and a four-year-old son survive.

#### Canada Saddened By Duke's Death

**OTTAWA, Aug. 25—(CP)—**Official Canada and the man-on-the-street were saddened tonight by news of the death in an air crash of the Duke of Kent, youngest brother of the King, who visited the Dominion a year ago.

It was last summer that the popular Duke came to Canada, making an official visit to Ottawa and touring establishments of the Empire Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

The 39-year-old Duke was the first member of the British Royal Family to fly the Atlantic Ocean in a bomber. He was flown from Britain to Canada in a Liberator bomber.

At the end of his six weeks visit to the Dominion in which he was flown from coast to coast visiting training establishments and meeting men from many parts of the Commonwealth, training for the task of dealing with the Axis in the skies, the Duke of Kent flew back across the Atlantic to Britain.

#### Coming Events

—O—  
Late for Notices in this column 3 cents per word

—T—  
Talkies—Montague Friday and Saturday. 8-26-31.

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—U—  
Unloading Old Sydney Screen Coal today and tomorrow. B. C. Wheeler, Milton. 8-25-21.

—D—  
Dance Georgetown Hall, Thursday, August 27th, Webster's Orchestra. 8-25-21.

—C—  
Collecting hogs every Friday. Please list with Leslie McDowell, Fredericton. 5-19-20-twif.

—D—  
Dance in Summerfield Hall, August 27th. Auspices C. W. I. 8-26-21.

—T—  
Trucking hogs as usual for the summer months. List your hogs with A. C. Green, Albany and G. C. Green Emerald 5-6-7-11-W-T-M-F.

—C—  
See "Coming of Peg" by St. George's Players, in St. Peter's, Friday, August 28. 8-24-26.

—D—  
Dance at Souris, old time and orchestra, Friday, August 28. R. A. F. Orchestra. Proceeds in aid of Red Cross. Dancing 9 to 1. Admission 25 cents. 8-26-21.

#### Baptists Meet In Convention

**WOLFVILLE, N.S., Aug. 25—(CP)—**Mrs. C. T. Clark of Saint John, N.B., immediate past president of the United Baptist Missionary Union of the Maritimes, presided at tonight's opening session of the Union's 33rd annual convention.

Throughout the day delegates were arriving for the opening tomorrow of the United Baptist Institute of the Maritimes. Several committee meetings were held today including three sessions of the Board of Christian Education, with Rev. I. J. Levy of Charlottetown in the chair.

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