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COMMANDOS IN ANOTHER SURPRISE RAIDING THRUST

Heavy Raids On Axis Bases In Greece Were Almost Unopposed In Lofoten Raid

Return unscratched from brief sojourn on Norwegian Islands — Was second visit by tough black-clad Troops to Lofotens.

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To Clamp Down On Car Manufacturing

OTTAWA, Jan. 1—(CP)—Production of automobiles and light trucks in Canada is being drastically curtailed with a view to virtual discontinuance of manufacture at March 31, R. C. Berkinshaw, chairman of the Wartime Industries Control Board, said tonight.

Mr. Berkinshaw said that details now are being worked out of a plan to ensure that essential transportation services are maintained and added that it seemed likely some form of rationing available supplies of motor vehicles would have to be instituted shortly.

Mr. Berkinshaw said he could not go into detail on the production stoppage and plan for rationing available supplies because that sort of information would be "very premature at this time."

However, he said it would be necessary to make enough cars and trucks to "maintain the transportation system" of the country. Such people as doctors who must be able to travel quickly in emergencies probably would be allowed to buy cars.

"But one thing is certain—buying cars for pleasure driving is out," Mr. Berkinshaw said.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—(AP)—The United States government today prohibited purchase, sale or delivery of new passenger cars and trucks pending establishment of an automobile rationing system and disclosed simultaneously that production of new automobiles and light trucks would be stopped entirely "within a few weeks."

The order, issued by Donald M. Nelson, O. P. M. priorities director, is effective immediately.

Hear Hitler Rushes To Moscow Front

Will seek to bolster morale and halt month-long German retreat.

Great shipbuilding Program in U. S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1—(AP)—The United States entered the new year seeking a heretofore unimagined production rate in shipbuilding designed to overwhelm her enemies.

The National Council of American Shipbuilders disclosed today that in ever-rising crescendo, riveting hammers drummed out 123 major commercial vessels totalling 1,478,800 tons and 55 naval vessels totalling 244,585 tons during 1941.

Coming Events

- Show Montague Saturday 3. L-232-13-30-31
- Wanted to buy Chicken Fowl Island Cold Storage. L-219-7-9-11
- Buying pigs Friday at market square, Charlottetown Knud Jorgenson. L-232-12-30-31
- Loading Hogs every Monday (all day) at Souris, George Dymally. L-301-12-31-1-2 Thu.-Fri.-11
- Loading hogs at Souris all day Monday, Jan. 5. Livestock Shipping Association. L-339.
- Loading Hogs at Murray Harbor Monday, January 5th, at Murray River Tuesday, 6th, John J. Beck. L-292-12-31-21.
- Buying Potatoes, Oats, Chicken and Poultry daily, paying highest market price. W. P. Smith & Co., North Rustico. L-278-12-31-31.
- The Annual Meeting of the Wiltshire Dairymen Co. will be held in the hall on Monday, January 12th at 2 P. M. Roland Easter, Secretary. L-128-1-2-51.
- Livestock Shipping Association loading Hogs at Murray Harbor all day Monday, Jan. 5, also at Murray River, same day. A. S. Buell, agent. L-339.
- On account of New Year's falling on Thursday next receiving date for hogs will be Monday, Jan. 5th, all day Albany and Emerald A. C. and G. C. Green. L-313-12-31-31.
- All hogs handled by our organization are sold only to packing plants processing for the export trade. Britain needs our hogs. Let's send them. Livestock Shipping Association. L-339.
- Car choice wheat arriving Souris shortly. Distributing in half-ton lots or more. Shipping Club patrons preferred when making allotment. Book order before supply is exhausted with Shipping Club Secretary, Livestock Marketing Board. L-340-1-2-21.

Expect drive on British Fleet in Mediterranean

Increasing Evidence Of Preparations For Assault From New Bases.

LONDON, Jan. 1—(CP)—Britain's powerful bombing forces in the Middle East were carrying the war back to the Axis tonight with sustained assaults on the Nazi bases in Greece where there is increasing evidence of preparations for an air and sea assault on Britain's eastern Mediterranean fleet.

For the second time in three days the Royal Air Force reported striking hard at important bases the Germans and Italian have developed on conquered Greece and Crete.

A Middle East command communiqué said that in the latest attacks, Tuesday night, British planes bombed munitions factories and a submarine base at the Greek port of Salamis, chemical works and oil installations at the port of Thessalonika.

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News Briefs

LONDON, Jan. 1—(CP)—Cumulative figures compiled from British official reports show that the Axis lost 8,935 planes in the Middle East and western Europe and the Royal Air Force 3,961 from the beginning of the war to the end of 1941. The losses in the same areas during 1941 were 4,093 for the Axis and 2,189 for the R. A. F.

KUBYSHEV, Russia, Jan. 1—(AP)—The Japanese-Russian fisheries agreement, which requires annual renewal came to its end last midnight without any public announcement as to whether it has been extended.

VALETTA, Malta, Jan. 1—(CP)—This tiny mid-Mediterranean island had 97 air raids in the last 12 days of 1941. Twelve German planes were destroyed and 24 others damaged probably destroyed.

BURSELEM, Staffordshire, England, Jan. 1—(CP Cable)—Hope was abandoned tonight for the lives of 58 men and boys trapped in the shattered works of the Sneyd Colliery 2,400 feet below the ground. The mangled bodies of 12 miners were recovered by rescue squads which toiled for the early hours of this morning.

Historic Levee Held at Ottawa

OTTAWA, Jan. 1—(CP)—With most of the lesser receptions cancelled because of wartime conditions, the historic levee at which the Governor-General on New Year's day shakes hands with all men who come to extend him greetings, featured celebration of New Year's day in Ottawa.

The levee is an ancient custom coming down from the days of French Canada when the governors met their people in Quebec City in front of the Governor's residence.

Today the Earl of Athlone, in his uniform as an honorary Major-General in the British army, stood at the rear of the hall of fame in the centre block on Parliament Hill and shook hands with 850 persons about equally divided between members of the fighting forces and civilians.

Churchill and Roosevelt Resume talks

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—(AP)—Far-reaching decisions were believed imminent tonight as Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt resumed their war planning after a conference with strategists which, it was announced, dealt with all theatres of the conflict.

Mr. Churchill himself had told newsmen who accompanied him back from Canada by train that the job of co-ordinating the British and American war efforts is being made with excellent progress that he thought great decisions would be reached soon.

The results of the conference he had said earlier, and dealing with the war in good time by deeds not words.

In addition to American and British naval, military and air chiefs, Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill called in for their strategic conference Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Undersecretary Sumner Welles, Viscount Halifax, the British Ambassador, and Harry Hopkins, Lend-Lease Administrator.

Mr. Churchill, arriving here at 9 a.m., brought a mass of data prepared by his staff and dealing, presumably, with his talks with the American staff.

Claim morale of Nazi soldiers Low in Norway

LONDON, Jan. 1—(CP)—The morale of German occupation soldiers in Norway is very low and many would flee without resisting an allied invasion, a Norwegian sailor who accompanied a British Commando raiding party back to Britain said today.

The sailor and his daughter were among a group of Norwegians brought over here after the Commandos and R. A. F. and sea forces made a lightning raid last weekend on the Nazi bastion at Vaasa, Norway.

"There is no doubt about it," he said, "German spirit has fallen." He said that Norwegians, although subject to jail sentences if caught, listened to forbidden British news broadcasts and even taunted occupation troops with word of Nazi reverses in Russia and Libya.

War Situation Last Night

(By KIRKE L. SIMPSON, Associated Press War Analyst)

Adolf Hitler had little with which to document his new year's message to the German people promising victory over the Russians in 1942. That Hitlerian I. O. U. to his people was issued in a sort of verbal re-funding operation for the assurances he gave them a year ago that 1941 would see the greatest victories in German history.

The Russians quickly added a pertinent postscript to the Hitler out-giving. They announced the recapture of Kaluga, the smashing of Col. Gen. Meinz Guderian's tank command and the rout of 250,000 German troops south of Moscow.

That the Nazis are compelled to rush reinforcements to the Kerch Peninsula zone from both the mainland front about Mariupol and the Sevastopol siege is obvious. A Red drive from either Kerch or Feodosiya, both retaken in the surprise landings, could turn the Sevastopol battle into a siege within a siege.

The Nazi supply line in the Crimea is vulnerable from the East, where the Russians struck. A 60-mile advance north of the mountains that rim the southeastern coast of the Crimean Peninsula would put them astride the Sevastopol-Perekop highway. It was across the Perekop Isthmus and down that highway that the Germans drove into the Crimea.

As a by-product of the Russian surprise thrust in the Crimea, however, its effect on the southern mainland anchor of the German winter line at Mariupol can be damaging even without any further Red advance on the peninsula. The Nazi flight from Rostov was stabilized at Mariupol. What must have happened was heavy withdrawals of German forces in the Kerch sector of the Crimea to bolster the Mariupol front.

If those forces now must backtrack to the Crimea to meet the new Russian thrust, it might open the way for renewal of the Russian westward drive along the Sea of Azov coast line and in the Lower Donets region which started the German retreat to winter quarters. Russian forces there, except for the cross-water double attack in the Crimea, have had opportunity to rest and reorganize after their battering-ram drive to retake Rostov and reach the Mariupol area.

Island Sailor Is Awarded D.S.C.

Lt. Robert C. MacMillan of Charlottetown only Canadian sailor to win coveted award in New Year's honors list.

(By Harold Fair, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Jan. 1—(CP Cable)—Canadians fighting in the air and on the sea were rewarded by the King today in the New Year's honors list. Of the 24 Canadians included in the list, all but two are airmen.

The Distinguished Service Cross was awarded to Lieut. Robert C. MacMillan of Charlottetown, P. E. I., a member of the Royal Canadian Navy Volunteer Reserve, whose name was included in a long list of sea-military honorees "for outstanding sea-patience and cheerfulness and for the high tradition of the Royal Navy which he could not have been upheld."

The name of Sub-Lt. D. Armstrong of Toronto appeared in the naval list under heading "men-of-war" in the King's 1941 new year's honors list.

The Air Force Cross which was instituted in 1918 is designed for presentation upon officers and warrant officers of the R. A. F. "for acts of courage or devotion to duty when flying, although not in active operations against the enemy." The Distinguished Flying Cross, which also dates from 1918, is bestowed "for acts of gallantry when flying in active operations against the enemy."

The others receiving the A. F. C. in today's list are Group Capt. C. L. King of Wallace, Man.; Sqdn.-Ldr. F. A. Powley of Kelowna, B. C.; Sqdn.-Ldr. Alex. M. Jardine of Vancouver and Sqdn.-Ldr. David K. Banks whose birthplace was given merely as "Nova Scotia."

A distinguished group of seven Canadians in the R. A. F. were listed as mentioned in dispatches. They were Acting Squadron Leader R. A. D. Foster of Prince Albert, Sask.; Acting Squadron Leader J. H. Van Lake-Megardie, Que.; Acting Wing Commander Howard P. Blatchford

Fierce blizzard Rages in Iowa

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 1—(AP)—A howling new year's day blizzard built up sub-zero temperatures and the heaviest 24-hour volume of snow in more than half a century here, strangled Iowa traffic on the highways, in towns and in the air today.

While cutting winds ranging up to 45 miles an hour sent road plows to the sheds as temporarily useless equipment, weatherman Charles D. Reed predicted the temperature would slide to a low of 15 degrees below zero in northwest Iowa tonight.

Reed reported 16 inches of fresh snow by mid-afternoon, with the heavy fall sleet continuing. One 24-hour fall in January, 1890, measured 15 inches, he said, while the all time high of 17 inches was recorded Dec. 26, 1858.

British Premier Grets New Year In speeding train

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1—(AP)—Prime Minister Churchill returned to Washington at 9 a. m. today from a four-day visit to Canada.

The Prime Minister welcomed the New Year by proposing a victory toast at a midnight ceremony in the dining car of his special train "somewhere in Vermont" with members of his staff, newspaper correspondents, the train crew and porters.

Wearing his gray slippers lounging suit, Mr. Churchill walked into the dining car in place, glass in hand as his train pulled out of Brattleboro, Vt.

A few miles south, nearing the Massachusetts line, Mr. Churchill raised his glass with the toast—"Here's to 1942."

Soviet Army Recaptures Important town

MOSCOW, Jan. 2—(Friday)—(AP)—The Red army has recaptured Staritsa, important Volga River town 125 miles northwest of Moscow, the Soviet command announced early today.

The recapture marked a 45-mile sweep southwest of Kalinin, which the Russians took back several weeks ago. Staritsa is only about 30 miles northeast of Rzhev, railroad and river junction point 145 miles west of Moscow.

International At A Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

SINGAPORE — British defence of Malayan Peninsula holding.

WASHINGTON — Fate of Manila in doubt; defenders consolidated forces into single unit.

LONDON — Hitler reported to have flown to Moscow front to take personal charge of retreating Nazi forces; Russians retake Staritsa, 125 miles northwest of Moscow.

LONDON — Commandos raid Norway's Lofoten Islands, seize Nazi garrison, evacuate Norwegians, cripple shipping.

WASHINGTON — Churchill returns to Washington for defence co-ordination talks.

Ferry hearing Is continued

HALIFAX, Jan. 1—(CP)—Evidence of a technical nature was given Wednesday by Captain John Read and Chief Officer Jay in connection with the investigation at Halifax into the sinking of the C. N. R. ice-breaking car-ferry S. S. Charlottetown last June.

The witnesses gave technical details concerning the course taken on the ill-fated voyage which saw the world's largest ice-breaking car-ferry go down less than 96 hours after the craft had struck a submerged object while enroute from Borden, P.E.I., to Saint John.

Tuesday morning will see resumption of the inquiry which is being presided over by Mr. Justice Archibald.

Seek to halt Formation of Axis 'Tobruk'

(Associated Press Staff Writer)

GIRO Jan. 1—(AP)—Rear-guard units of the British 8th army, concerned lest a second Tobruk—this time of Axis origin—developed on the flank of the desert advance, hit hard tonight at the well-fortified Italian-Nazi forces isolated in the Bardia-Halaya region of Eastern Libya.

South African troops, supported by tanks and mobile artillery, battered their way into the southern sector of the Bardia perimeter, taking several fortified positions and seizing 600 prisoners.

The attack, hundreds of miles behind the front lines, foreshadowed a determined effort to keep the Axis Bardia garrison from holding out and possibly being supplied and reinforced by sea, as happened to the British garrison at Tobruk, farther east.

Temporarily there was lessened activity around Agadabia, 90 miles south of Benghazi, but the R. A. F. kept on with its attacks on Axis motorized and tank units in the Agadabia battle area and also on the line to Tripoli along which the Axis must reach Lt.-Gen. Erwin Rommel's hard pressed army if any aid is coming.

Heavy raids on Misurata and Benghazi, 300 miles from the Egyptian border, were reported by the R. A. F.

British ground forces also continued their harassment of the remnants of Rommel's main force south of Agadabia.

Rommel still has left considerable infantry and tank strength.

South African Troops Batter Hard At Isolated Bardia.

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BEATS OWN RECORD

SEATTLE, Jan. 1—(AP)—The Boeing Aircraft Company today revealed it had beaten its own accelerated delivery schedules by 70 per cent for December.

AWELL CONFIDENT

NEW DELHI, Jan. 1—(CP)—Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, commander in chief of Britain's forces in India, told his countrymen in a New Year broadcast today to "look forward to 1942 with courage and confidence."

His father is Deputy Minister of public Works and Highways.

NEW DELHI, Jan. 1—(CP)—

In 1941, he said, "we weathered a fierce tempest. We are now stronger materially and morally. We stand almost alone and now we have great allies."

SINGAPORE, Jan. 1—(AP)—The British Imperial line strongly engaged the Japanese invader today about Kuantan on the eastern Malayan peninsula 250 miles north of this base, but action on the western front about Perak was confined principally to skirmishes and artillery fire.

Nowhere was there evidence of material enemy progress.

(The Japanese have claimed the capture of Kuantan.)

In a New Year's Day communiqué British headquarters thus summed up—

"On the Perak front (290 miles north of Singapore) there is contact with small parties of the enemy. There has been some enemy shelling.

"One of our companies, supported by artillery, inflicted about 100 casualties on the enemy and destroyed a small enemy ammunition dump.

"At Kuantan fighting continued. Singapore's people, many removed by half a world from home, enjoyed their New Year's celebration in blacked-out homes and hotels with a calm and cheerful determination unbroken by two Japanese air raids early today. From both, the only damage reported was to civilian property, and that light.

Military personnel and military objectives again were not hit.

A total of 17 civilian casualties were reported from previous enemy air attacks.

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(Canadian Press)

TORONTO, Jan. 1—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	15B	4B
Victoria	18	35
Edmonton	10B	31
Regina	20B	21
Winnipeg	21B	23
Toronto	28	37
Ottawa	6	24
Montreal	23	24
Boston	34	39

Synopsis: The weather has been fair with higher temperature today in the Prairie Provinces while in Ontario it has been unsettled with light to moderate snow in northern districts and rain in the lower lake region.

BOSTON, Jan. 1—(AP)—Forecast for Northern New England—Rain in south, snow changing to rain north portion, warmer Friday.

High tide this morning at 11:17 and low tide at 10:22.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4:29 and rises tomorrow morning at 7:38.

Full moon Jan 2 10:42 a.m. Summer's tide 18 minutes later than Charlotte.

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Leave Borden 9:25 A.M. 1:00 P.M.
Leave Cape Tormentine 11:00 A.M. 3:20 P.M.

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