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## BIG BATTLE DEVELOPING NEAR ROME

### Air Letters To Armed Forces Lost At Sea

OTTAWA, Jan. 27—(CP)—Postmaster General Mulock announced tonight that a large quantity of letters has been lost at sea because of an accident to an aircraft carrying mail to the Mediterranean area.

The incident is especially regrettable on account of the fact that many of the letters, which had to be jettisoned to allow the aircraft to return to land, were dispatched from Canada prior to Christmas Day, the statement said.

"The lost items include letters paid at full air mail rates, armed forces air letters and some letters prepaid only for surface transportation which reached the base post office in Canada in various periods during the months of December and January."

"The Postmaster General states that the accident was quite unavoidable and does not advise to draw the incident to the attention of the public as one of the vicissitudes met with in carrying mail to the troops for which no one is responsible."

### Make Armored Boats With Rocket Guns

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 27—(AP)—Higgins Industries, Inc., disclosed here today that it is manufacturing armored support boats equipped with rocket guns.

They are basically the regular 36 foot spoon bow landing craft but now especially armored and supplied with guns capable of throwing rocket shells into enemy beach pill boxes and strongholds.

"The mounting of rocket guns makes the little boat the most deadly and heavily armed naval craft of its size in the world," said Andrew J. Higgins, Sr., president of the company, today.

### Bishop Of Saskatoon Goes To New Post

OTTAWA, Jan. 27—(CP)—Most Rev. Hieronymus Antonutti, apostolic delegate to Canada and Newfoundland today announced that Rev. Gerald Murray, C.S.B., D.D., Bishop of Saskatoon, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Winnipeg, with the right of succession to the Archbishop of Winnipeg.

Bishop Murray, 58, is a native of Montreal. He was appointed Bishop of Florida in January, 1930, transferred to the episcopal see of Saskatoon in April, 1934.

By becoming Bishop of Winnipeg, he automatically becomes the present Archbishop of Winnipeg.

Most Rev. A. A. Sinnott should be 16.

### 16 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED

LONDON, Jan. 27—(CP)—The air ministry and ministry of home security announced tonight that 16 enemy aircraft were destroyed during the heavy attack on London and southern England on the night of Jan. 26. This was 17 per cent of the attacking force estimated at 90.

### COMING EVENTS

- \*East Royals rink tonight, Royals vs. Orlacks. 1-26-11
- \*L. O. E. A. party sale at Maritime Electric Saturday January 29. 1-26-11
- \*Dance in Emerald Hall Friday night, January 28th. 1-26-11
- \*Leading hogs Friday morning until 11. R. N. Dawson, Crapeaud. 1-27-11
- \*Due to arrive this month, ten cars feed including bulk wheat, bulk barley, bulk oats. McGugin & Boyle. 1-27-51
- \*Wanted to buy live and dressed chickens and food. Island Cold Storage Co., Ltd. 8-26-11
- \*Queens County L. O. L. will meet in Crapeaud Tuesday, February 1st at 3 P. M. Vermer Moore, Secretary. 1-26-21
- \*Livestock Marketing Board leading hogs Wednesday morning till train time. A. R. McIntyre, in charge. 1-26-21
- \*Leading hogs for Davis & Frazer every Thursday afternoon at 3 P. M. and Emerald Every Friday forenoon until further notice. 1-19-41
- \*Eastern Shipping Club will be leading Eggs as Baldo Station Monday, January 31st and Emma, following Monday and alternate days thereafter. Further notice. 1-26-21



FIRST PORTRAIT OF THE KING by a Canadian photographer is this camera study by Yousuf Karsh of Ottawa, reflecting the quiet, graceful courage and resolute strength of His Majesty, a spirit which throughout the war has been a symbol of hope and encouragement to the peoples of the British Empire. It is one of a series of photos of war leaders of the United Nations made by Mr. Karsh during his recent visit to British Isles. The King is wearing for the first time, on his sleeve, the insignia of the Fleet Air Arm.

### Nazis Pushed 40-60 Miles From Leningrad

LONDON, Jan. 27—(AP)—The Red Army smashed to within 39 miles of the Estonian border today, capturing the important rail-junctions of Volosovo and Tosno and 50 other towns, and killing thousands of Axis troops, including Spanish Legionnaires, Moscow announced tonight.

Leningrad, former Soviet capital and Russia's second largest city, tonight celebrated its complete liberation from 1-2 years of siege as Red Army commanders ordered a record salute of 24 salutes from 24 guns for the historic event.

More than 700 northern command units have been re-organized in the two weeks old offensive and the Germans have been hurled back 40 to 60 miles from Leningrad an order of the day said.

An unseasonal thaw turned the Leningrad area into mud and flooded streams, hampering both sides, and Moscow dispatches said the Russians were "deep" in German defence positions giving the Nazis no chance to consolidate a line.

### Roar Of Allied Guns Can Be Heard In Rome

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 27—(AP)—The roar of Allied artillery now is heard plainly in all parts of Rome and Allied aircraft swarm the skies about the city, the Rome correspondent of the Goeteborg Handels Sjoerats Tidningen said in a dispatch today.

The Swedish correspondent said naval officers in Rome estimated that at least 2,000 vessels of all descriptions participated in the Allied landings at Nettuno. He said the immense armada virtually covered the sea off the landing beaches.

All radios in Rome have been confiscated, presumably in a German effort to keep the inhabitants in the dark concerning military operations, he said. Telephones, however, still are functioning.

### LONG WAY FROM LAUNDRY

OHATTANOOGA, Jan. 27—(AP)—The laundry season must be serious in North Africa, too. A Chattanooga dry cleaner said today he had received a Red Cross uniform from Mary Mack Rogan, Middlesboro, Ky. field worker in that theatre, who asked that it be cleaned and returned.

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### Freeless Long Session

It was the most meaty throne speech in many years. It promised a long and hard-working session for members, particularly since they must also prepare for an election in view of the fact that the present parliament will soon enter its fifth year.

The announcement of a bill to provide for the voting of men and women in the armed forces was an added notice that this

### News Briefs

LONDON, Jan. 27—(CP)—The Yugoslav Partisans reported today that their advance units are fighting within sight of the capital city of Belgrade while other Partisans have wiped the Germans from two sectors of central Bosnia, to bring in view the fact that are under control of the army of liberation.

### To Probe Death Of N. S. Farm Worker

WOLFVILLE, N.S., Jan. 27—(CP)—The snow-covered body of Cecil Finch was found today outside his home at nearby Avonport, and bloodstains in the fresh snow led police to press an investigation into his death.

Finch, 30-year-old farm worker, had been missing since Sunday. Evidence given at an inquest after the finding of the body indicated he had been drinking over the weekend and might have been in a fight.

### Traffic Resumed After Freight Derailment

ANTIGONISH, N.S., Jan. 27—(CP)—Traffic was resumed over the C.N.R. main line today after a derailment of eight cars of a freight train near Williamsport, two miles east of here, had tied up the line for hours.

Six loaded cars, one empty refrigerator car and the caboose of a westbound freight from Sydney left the rails last night, demolishing the one loaded coal car and doing heavy damage to the roadbed. No one was injured.

Wrecking crews from Stellarton and Mulgrave cleared the track around noon today.

### DUTCH SOAP RATION CUT

LONDON, Jan. 27—(CP)—Netherlands children now have a legal allot for not washing behind the ears. The Nazi authorities in occupied Holland have cancelled all extra soap rations for children under seven, according to a report from the German-controlled Hague press reaching here today.

In addition, shaving soap now is available only for men over 18, with the ration limited to less than two ounces for an 18-week period, the report said.

### NEW AIR COMMAND

ALGIERS, Jan. 27—(CP)—Reuters—Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson tonight announced formation of a new air command, the Mediterranean Allied Air Force, under command of Lt.-Gen. Ira C. Baker.

The new command replaces the Mediterranean Air Command and the Northwest African Air Force, which have officially passed out of existence.

### War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

A hint of desperation is evident in the Nazi choice of a site for the first limited counter-attack effort against the Allied flanking operation south of Rome which seriously threatens to turn the whole German trans-Appennine front in Italy.

The stroke came southwest of Nettuno in the Pontine Marshes-Minturne main battle front to the south, were used but promptly were thrown back. Anglo-American forces on that sector obviously are concerned chiefly with protecting the south flank of the Nettuno-Anzio beachhead.

The brief fight probably cannot be classed as more than the first preliminary skirmish in the decisive battle to come in the Rome area. The Nazi armored blow fell too late to catch the Allies unprepared to meet it tank for tank and gun for gun. It was stopped cold without need of calling on heavy Allied naval guns within easy range.

South of the Pontine Marshes skilful lines the main Rome-Naples highway runs along the seashore at two points, at Terracina, northwest of Gaeta Gulf, and at Formia at the head of that Gulf. Both sectors are under Allied air and direct naval bombardment. That seriously restricts Nazi use of the Apennine Way as a spring-board for a powerful attack from the south against the Nettuno beachhead.

The indicated Allied defence pattern for protection of its Nettuno lifeline seems too formidable in the Pontine Marshes to assume that the Germans will risk a main counter-attack there.

By every military yardstick it is to be expected in the Velletri-Valmontone sector farther north, unexpectedly the route on which the Allies intend to cross both Rome-Naples highways in the rear of the Cassino-Minturne line.

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### Nazis Seek To Halt Expanding Bridgehead

CAIRO, Jan. 27—(AP)—German counter attacks to check the expanding British and United States bridgehead south of Rome increased in fury today after Allied troops repulsed a tank led smash by elements of the Hermann Goering Division south of Littoria in the Pontine Marshes, some 13 miles east of the invasion beaches at Nettuno.

Field Marshal Albert Kesselring appeared to be hurling all his available reserve battle strength against the Allied attempt to get a stranglehold on his communications with the Italian capital.

Heavy enemy traffic was observed between the Cassino front and the area just south of Rome and Allied aircraft were taking a heavy toll.

Two days ago Allied headquarters announced that the Nettuno bridgehead had been extended 13 miles inland and to the edge of the historic Apennine way.

### Expanding Battle

The expanding battle area as the Nazis throw more and more troops into the fight for Rome might soon engulf the summer home of the Pope at Castel Gandolfo, which is just off the Apennine Way in the Alban Hills, 20 airline miles from Nettuno and about 13 miles from Rome.

A Cairo Radio broadcast recorded in London by the Associated Press said the Germans "are already preparing to leave Rome."

The broadcast was immediately amplified or clarified.

Yesterday's encounter south of Littoria, the main town of the Pontine Marsh agricultural development, was the only fight specifically located by the Allied command.

### A Grim Race

The outcome of the impending battle almost within sight of Rome may depend on whether Allied ships can pour in reinforcements faster than the Germans can swing their nine divisions on the main 5th Army front up to face the new thrust.

An announcement that Allied forces Wednesday pounded the town of Cisterna, a road junction on the Apennine Way 24 miles from the edge of Rome and 13 miles inland from Nettuno, at least made it obvious that objective still was a German hands.

On the main 5th Army front, United States troops who established a foothold across the Secco River just north of Cassino two days ago continued to fight their way forward through minefields and a maze of defences to within a half mile of Cassino itself.

Four miles north of Cassino French forces crossed the Secco River and the Casse - Altina road and attacked German positions on the slopes of 2,500 foot Mount Belvedere.

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An earlier blast of four tons of dynamite removed the other plug which had blocked the flow of water between Raft and Finlayson Lakes. It removed 2,000 cubic yards of rock.

The immediate countryside looks as though it had been jacked up in the air. Islands seem to be sitting on iceberg bases, while bridges, constructed last winter a few feet above the water, now are sitting up in the air at the height of a two-story house.

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High tide this afternoon at 2:16 and tomorrow morning at 2:53. Sun sets this afternoon at 5:51 and rises tomorrow morning at 8:34.

First quarter moon Feb. 1, 4:08 a.m.

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