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FRENCH AIRMEN BATTLE GERMANS

Re - affirms Nation's Reply To Germans

Tells World Any Sacrifice Worth While In Defence Of Things At Stake.

(By J. F. Sanderson, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, July 22—(CP Cable) — **Viscount Halifax bluntly rejected Hitler's peace offers tonight when he declared "we shall not stop fighting until freedom for ourselves and others is secured."**

In a broadcast to the world, the Foreign Secretary declared Britain was unmoved by Hitler's threats and in the face of German preparations to invade this country "there is only one spirit, a spirit of indomitable resolution."

LONDON, July 23—(Tuesday) —(CP)—Prime Minister Churchill, who may comment at this afternoon's House of Commons session on Hitler's "peace offer," has scheduled no speech, but he may make a statement in response to a question. Question time is customarily 3 p.m. (11 a.m. ADT).

Hitler received his answer to his nebulous peace offer in these words:—

"We realize that the struggle may cost us everything, but just because the things we are defending are worth any sacrifice it is a noble privilege to be the defenders of things so precious.

"We never wanted the war; certainly no one here wants the war to go on for a day longer than is necessary. But we shall not stop fighting till freedom, for ourselves and others, is secure."

Meanwhile, diplomatic circles in London were mystified by a stream of peace talk and strange rumors reaching London and originating as far apart as Rome, Zurich and Tokyo. Among the reports was one that the British cabinet was split on the question of accepting Hitler's terms.

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Find Body Of "Bat Wing" Parachutist

MINNEAPOLIS, July 22 —(AP)— The body of Ace Von Korb of Denver, known as the "Bat Wing" parachutist, who disappeared Saturday on a 10,000-foot leap from an airplane, was found late today in the Minnesota River near here.

Von Korb had dropped out of an airplane at 10,000 feet in a practice use of his gliding wings. He had intended to soar on the wings until within a few hundred feet of the ground, then open a parachute.

Elementary Air Training School Opens

VANCOUVER, July 22—(CP)— Vancouver's elementary training school opened today, 11 months ahead of schedule, and 24 tyro pilots began preliminary instruction. More will arrive shortly.

Among training planes waiting for the students were eight shining Tiger Moths, part of 13 such planes purchased by the City of Vancouver in its recent "air supremacy" drive at a cost of nearly $80,000. The remainder of the 13 planes will be shipped here soon for assembly.

Coming Events

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*Dance, Cardigan July 23rd. Rose Orchestra. L-[illegible]

*Talkies and Dance Crapaud, Tuesday. L-587-7-22-2i.

*Talkies and Dance Bradalbane, Wednesday. L-667-7-22-2i.

*Reserve Wednesday, August 7th Cavendish Tea. L-567-7-11-ttstl Aug. 6.

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*Fox Meat beef tripe 3c. Horse meat 5c. Ground meat 5c. Island Cold Storage Co., Limited. L-881-6-26-tf.

*Ice Cream Festival and Bazaar, United Church grounds, Belle River, Wednesday evening, July 24th. L-712-7-23-1i.

*See Civil Service in St. Columba Hall, Wednesday, July 24th, the Pond Dramatic Club. L-711-7-23-1i.

*Unloading at Souris this week, car of mill feeds and flour. Barley at $1.50 per cwt. Robin Hood flour $2.75 per 98's. T. J. Kickham. L-703-7-23-1i.

*The Ladeis of the United Church, Montague, will serve a supper in the Legion Hall, Wednesday, July 24th. Supper served from 5 to 7 P. M. L-693-7-23-1i.

*Supper and Dance on Belleview school grounds July 24th. Proceeds for war work. If not fine following night. Supper served from 5—10. L-692-7-23-1i.

*When you require Bluestone Cement, Lime, Hydrated Lime, Rock Salt, Binder Twine, Flour and Feeds at lowest prices, we suggest you get in touch with us. Dillon & Millett.

*The Annual District Convention will be held in Searletown Hall, Friday, July 23rd at 2 P. M. Public Welcome evening meeting at 8 P.M. Admission 10c and 15c. L-678-7-22-2i.

Winnipeg Women Flock To Colors

WINNIPEG, July [illegible]—(CP)— Hundreds of determined Winnipeg women flocked to register today in the women's volunteer reserve, as registration opened in what may be Canada's first female fighting unit.

The reserve with no official standing as yet, is backed by the Commercial Girls' Club, and was organized by Mrs. Gloria Queen-Hughes, member of the Winnipeg Board of Education. Those in charge of forming the unit expressed the hope that they may do something other than home front work.

Today's Guardian On Display In Toronto Tonight

Through the courtesy of Trans-Canada Air Lines the Charlottetown Guardian together with other Maritime newspapers will be flown daily to Toronto for the period July 23rd to August 9th inclusive and placed on display in the T. C. A. window, corner King and Yonge Sts., as evidence of the strides made in modern transportation.

Parachutists Story Causes Flurry In C.A.S.F.

WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, July 22—(CP)—Capture of a prowler within the environs of the Canadian encampment in a new sector of the home front, is believed to have inspired persistent reports that German parachutists had landed on British soil. These reports, however, have been authoritatively denied.

It all started with apprehension of a shabbily-dressed civilian lurking in the underbush near the camp. The arrest was made by Lieut E. Chamberlain, a Montrealer who served with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for several years.

The prisoner, in fluent English, told of having been dropped into the woods by a parachute from a German airplane with instructions to meet an "enemy confidential agent" who would supply him with funds, small arms and explosives.

The man named by the prisoner as the German "go-between," his family, along with several aliens who had been billeted on his farm for several months, were taken into custody.

Investigation, however, disclosed that the self-confessed "parachutist" was a deserter from the British Army holding professed anti-British views. He was appropriately dealt with and the other suspects were held for investigation.

Lieut. Chamberlain caught the prowler while leading a squad to a rendezvous on a country road. After meeting a group of excited villagers who talked of seeing dark objects drop into the woods from a strange plane he detailed his men to draw a cordon around the area.

Lieut. Chamberlain dashed into a thicket and almost stumbled over the prostrate form of a bedraggled unshaven man hiding in the grass.

"I am one of the two fellows who parachuted out of that German plane," said the suspect. There was no trace of another such person. He gave a German name, claimed to be a native of Munich and to have received special training as a saboteur in the German Army. He carried an imposing assortment of credentials, some of which were described as "exceedingly clever forgeries." Near him was a bicycle, stolen from a farmhouse.

Later the captive admitted he had been lying. He then claimed to be a Welshman who had joined the British Army, gone to France, and been captured by the Germans early in June.

While in prison camp, he said, a German pilot officer invited him to return to England for a job of sabotage, and promised to pay him £500 at the end of the war if the mission succeeded.

In the same camp, he claimed were 300 other British prisoners. Those who agreed to work for the Germans were given a week's training in parachute jumping and instructed in the handling of explosives.

He declared the plane which brought him to England also carried five other parachutists, all of whom had been dropped over woods and downlands in England. (It was later established a German plane passed over the area where the man was caught, flying at a great height.)

Seek Change In Regulations For Registration

OTTAWA, July 22 —(CP) —Consideration is being given by the national war services department to easing regulations for national registration so persons registering may fill out replies to questions at their leisure and bring them to the registry office where they would attest to their accuracy.

This information came tonight from a source closely connected with registration arrangements.

Under existing regulations all replies to questions, 18 for men and 19 for women, must be filled in the presence of a registration official. It has been suggested the possibility of congestion at the registry office would be lessened if questions could be answered in advance.

It is proposed to keep registration offices open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. on each of the three days when registration is being conducted. Aug. 19 has been suggested as a likely day when registration will begin.

ASSORTED CARGO

BOSTON, July 22.—(AP) —With a heavy cargo, including eight lifeboats consigned to the British super liner Queen Elizabeth at New York, and 10,000 cases of Scotch whiskey, the Belgian freighter Ville de Gand reached port today from the British Isles.

British Troops Pouring Into North Ireland

Prepared For German Blow Against Ulster Or Eire To The South

By Edwin Stout
Associated Press Staff Writer

BELFAST, July 22 —(AP) — Northern Ireland was jammed with British troops tonight —prepared for a German blow against Ulster or Eire to the south.

The southern entrance to the Irish Sea was mined and to keep invaders from Ireland's eastern shore but it was pointed out here that Eire's defences might be unable to cope with any west coast sea assault or any large- scale parachute descent.

If Eire is attacked, Ulstermen expected Dublin not to object to quick British aid. But what bothers Northern Ireland is inadequate air defences in Eire and the anti- British attitude of Republican extremists.

Eire sped defence preparations along the Ulster border and its coastline. The army recruited up to 70,000 men and thousands were joining the part time local security force. But the official cry is "more volunteers."

Eire's security force has not yet been given rifles. Sources close to the banned Irish Republican army group say it is because the force is honeycombed with I.R.A. extremists itching to get guns.

The Belfast government has interned 300 extremists without trial for the duration of the war.

Eire maintains publicly its determination to stay neutral. Dublin sources said that if British sources push in from the north in anticipation of a German thrust, the Irish army will put up a mere show of force before yielding. But if the Germans try to land the Irish will make a real fight.

Differences in defence preparations was borne out by a trip from Dublin to Belfast. In Eire, golf courses were dotted with barrels to prevent airplane landings and army units raced over roads in practice manoeuvres against imaginary parachute troops.

Eire Small Air Force

Eire has only a small air force—30 planes before the war and an undisclosed number acquired since — and a few tanks.

North of the border, hill's were dotted with redoubts whose guns commanded railway lines and highways. Planes roared overhead in patrol and rehearsal for possible sky clashes to come.

Gov't Turns Down F.C.A.A. Amendment

OTTAWA, July 22—(CP)—The government today refused to accept a Senate amendment to the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act providing the right to appeal decisions of the Boards of Review. As passed by the Commons and submitted to the Senate, the bill would restore the operation of the act to Manitoba.

Finance Minister Ilsley listed five reasons against accepting the proposed amendment these being based on the views of the chief commissioners under the act in three prairie provinces.

Men Called Will Remain In Home Forces

OTTAWA, July 22 —(CP) — A question whether all men called up under the mobilization act would be "retained on service for the duration of the war in the territorial forces for the defence of Canada only" was asked in the Commons today by J. S. Roy (Con. Gaspe.)

Air Minister Power said the question answered itself.

To the question whether the government would authorize propaganda among these men for voluntary enlistment for overseas service, the Minister said he did not know what the government's plans in this regard were, but he saw no reason why there should not be such propaganda.

Trenton May Get Munitions Order Shortly

OTTAWA, July 22—(CP)—Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, told the House of Commons today he expected a proposal for a munitions order from the car works at Trenton, N. S., and if the proposal proved satisfactory he expected the situation there to be taken care of in a few days.

Mr. Howe replied to a query from Clarence Gillis (CCF Cape Breton South) for a statement situation" existing in Trenton and also in Inverness, N. S.

The situation in Inverness, Mr. Howe said, was caused by the idleness of the Port Hood mines. He said the coal there was of an inferior grade and he had been informed no steps would be taken by the Government to open the mines. Miners could be better employed in other collieries, Mr. Howe said, and he thought it would "be unfortunate" if any steps were taken to open the Port Hood mines.

The Trenton plant had been engaged on a contract for cars which had now been completed, Mr. Howe said, but negotiations were going forward for a munitions order.

War—25 Years Ago Today

July 23, 1915—Ortona and other Italian towns bombarded by Australian naval squadron on the Carso front, Italians took 1,500 Austrian prisoners. Strong German counter-attack against French in the Vosges sector on Western Front repulsed.

ANTI-SEMITIC MEASURES

BUCHAREST, July 22.—(AP) — King Carol's pro-Nazi government decreed today two anti-Semitic measures, forbidding marriages between Rumanians and Jews and prohibiting Kosher cuts on poultry.

Secret Moves Keeps U. S. Fleet At Sea

HONOLULU, July 22.—(AP) —Secret operations kept major units of the United States fleet on the high seas today. There have been reports the United States is planning to patrol all southern islands east of the international dateline.

It was understood part of the detachment leaving Lahaina roads went to Christmas Islands, jointly owned by the United States and Great Britain.

U. S. Swelters In Heat Wave

CHICAGO, July 22—(AP)—Millions of Americans were harassed by intense heat today and harried by advice that no general break in the sultry spell was in prospect.

Temperatures scaled up into the 90's in the midwest, east and south.

The cumulative count of deaths attributed directly to the sweltering siege—now nearly a week old in some sections—rose to 22 while 113 drownings were reported. Pennsylvania had the highest death list attributed to heat—eight. Wisconsin was next with three. Ohio counted 13 drowning victims and Michigan 12.

Nebraska thermometer held around the 100 degree mark for the sixth consecutive day. Scattered weekend rains limited relief to some sections.

12 MUNITIONS PLANTS TO BE BUILT

OTTAWA, July 22 —(CP) —Munitions Minister Howe tonight announced the immediate construction of 12 munition plants at total cost of approximately $19,000,000.

This is in addition to an $11,000,000-plant for manufacture of chemicals for explosive purposes announced last week.

Largest of these plants will be located "somewhere in Western Canada", where existing facilities are being extended to produce a large tonnage of ammonia and ammonium nitrate. Work has also begun on a plant to produce the chemical used in making smoke screens. It will be in operation in about four months.

Work has started on erection of a plant for manufacturing of bombs which will be completed in six months, and another plant will produce chemicals required in production of gas masks, the Minister said.

One plant will produce thousands of special glass and fire control instruments, and the capacity of the Bren gun plant in Toronto is being doubled.

Capacity of two gun plants—one producing anti-aircraft barrels and the other complete field guns —is also being doubled.

Two firms at present producing machine tools will expend their plants substantially, while the automotive plant facilities are being expended to permit, among other things, production of 200 trucks daily and greater productive capacity of universal carriers.

Some of these expenditures are for British account. But all are being carried out under the supervision of the department of munitions and supply.

All told, the Minister said, plant expansion now under way or completed in Canada and financed in whole or in part by the two Governments amounts approximately to $80,000,000, involving about 50 firms. The estimated production from these plants will run to well over $400,000,000 annually.

Takes Important Post At Ottawa

LONDON, July 22—(CP Cable) —Col. E. L. M. Burns, it was disclosed today, is en route to Ottawa to accept what is described as a new and important post.

Col. Burns, who was attending the Imperial Defence College when war broke out, was ordered to remain in England to assist Maj.-Gen. H.D.G. Crerar at Canadian military headquarters. Gen. Crerar is now chief of the Canadian general staff in Ottawa.

A cartographical authority, Col. Burns invented the aero cartograph for making accurate maps from aerial photographs.

Take To Air With British Against Nazis

Enemy Planes Scatter Explosive And Incendiary Bombs But Cause No Great Damage.

LONDON, July 23—(Tuesday)—(CP)—German planes scattered incendiary and high explosive bombs on England, Scotland and Wales this morning but no great material damage was reported.

One Scottish town was struck for the second time in 24 hours. Incendiary bombs set fire to some houses.

Anti-aircraft guns maintained a hot fire, and British fighter planes engaged the enemy.

Explosions were heard in southeast Scotland shortly after enemy planes passed over, indicating the possibility they were time bombs. The sounds indicated that the bombs had exploded some distance from a town.

The barrage of anti-aircraft fire over one southwest England town was terrific. Bursting shells, tracer bullets and searchlights illuminated the scene.

French airmen, battling on the side of Britain, have begun operations with the Royal Air Force in its incessant operations of destruction over Germany and German-subjugated lands.

The headquarters of Gen. Charles De Gaulle, commander of the French forces which refused to recognize the Petain Government's capitulation, announced that French airmen took part Sunday night with the R. A. F. in widespread raids during which a 14,000-ton enemy supply ship was successfully bombed.

The announcement from the commander of the free French legion, his first military communique since French airmen, soldiers, sailors and civilians rallied under his banner to continue the fight, came tonight as Nazi bombers maintained their aerial preparations for the expected attempt at invasion.

Waves of Nazi planes, roaring from the east singly and in groups, bombed midland industrial centres

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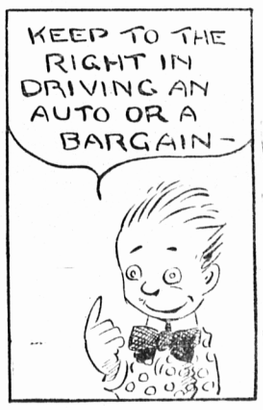
German Press Reports British Raids Increase

BERLIN, July 22—(AP)—The German press reported tonight that British air raids on Germany have greatly increased since Friday when Hitler offered "peace" and showed in advance what Prime Minister Churchill's reply would be.

Informal opinion in Berlin political circles was that today's address by Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Secretary, "changed nothing, and gives no reason to hope that Hitler's peace offer found any response in British official quarters."

Formal comment, however, was reserved. The general disposition in Berlin seemed to be to wait until tomorrow to see what Mr. Churchill himself, has to say to the House of Commons.



TORONTO, July 22—(CP)—Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Dawson	45	76
Vancouver	53	74
Edmonton	47	74
Regina	55	94
Winnipeg	68	100
Toronto	69	86
Ottawa	66	87
Montreal	60	84
Quebec	63	82
Saint John	59	—
Halifax	57	69
Charlottetown	58	78

FORECAST

Maritime Provinces: Light to moderate winds; mostly cloudy with light scattered showers and some fog; not much change in temperature.

Synopsis: The weather continues fair and warm over the greater part of Ontario. It has been generally fair in the Prairie Provinces and decidedly warm in southern districts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

High tide this afternoon at 1.05 and tomorrow morning at 1.48.

Sun sets this evening at 7.37 and rises tomorrow morning at 4.36.

Last quarter moon July 27, 7.29 a.m.

Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

THE CAR FERRY SAILINGS

Leaves Borden 7 A. M., 9.45 A.M., 1.00 P. M., 4.45 P. M.

Leaves Tormentine 8:15 A.M., 11.00 A.M., 3.15 P.M., 6.20 P.M. (A.S.T.)

SUNDAY SERVICE

June 16th to September 8th inclusive:—

Leaves Borden 9 A.M., 7 P.M.

Leaves Tormentine, 10.15 A. M., 8.10 P. M. (A. S. T.)

Maj.-Gen. Crerar Calls On Canadian Men For Service

OTTAWA, July 22—(CP)—Maj.-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, newly-appointed Chief of the General Staff, called tonight on Canadian manhood to rise above self, to offer themselves for service and, "as required,' go overseas to meet the enemy and defeat him.

Speaking over the national network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation with various commanders of military districts General Crerar said that if Hitler overthrows Great Britain, Canada would become the front line trenches of North America in what would be the final single-handed struggle of this continent against domination of the "would-be dictator of the world."

General Crerar spoke as follows.

The call has gone out from the Minister of National Defence for Canadians to volunteer for service in the army of Canada. But I am not going to take up these few minutes in any attempt to give in detail the existing opportunities throughout Canada, for service in its land forces.

And, I have two good reasons for that decision. In the first place, I have only just arrived back from the United Kingdom and so, am unable to speak with real knowledge of that detail, and in the second,

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Amendment Would Permit U. S. Ships To Evacuate Children

WASHINGTON, July 22.—(AP)—Representative Thomas Hennings, Missouri Democrat, introduced in Congress today an amendment to the neutrality act which would permit United States ships to bring refugee children from Europe.

He said in a statement that "I have every reason to believe that my amendment will have the approval of the State Department and the administration."

Hennings proposed to revise a previous relaxation of the act which permitted Red Cross ships to enter the combat zone "for the relief of human suffering" upon assurances of safe conduct from the belligerents. This change included no authority for the transportation of children.

Several groups have proposed legislation such as Hennings introduced. Opponents have contended that the sinking of a United ship carrying children might precipitate an incident which would lead the country to war.