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Raiders Return to London



THEY'RE BOMBERED GERMANY—This Canadian bomber crew of the Royal Air Force has taken part in British air raids over Germany. Photographed beneath the forward gun turret of a Liberator Wellington bomber, left to right, Sergeant Pilot A. Walroth, Toronto; Pilot Officer W. L. S. O'Brien, Montreal, who has since been seriously injured; Pilot Officer T. R. Kipp, Winnipeg; and Flying Officer J. S. McArdie, Whitefish, air gunner.

LONDON (CP) — German planes droned for two hours over this capital early today and dropped bombs for the first time in almost two months, causing damage and a number of casualties among raid-lax residents of several districts.

Unfavorable weather, for the second successive night, restricted British operations. One small force of bombers attacked docks at Danekerque.

The attack on London was considered retaliation for the Royal Air Force's sortie against Berlin Friday night.

Striking almost simultaneously, 10 high-explosive bombs fell in the middle of one suburban street, or struck houses. At least six women and six children were killed, and several others were injured, some seriously, it was reported.

German planes also were reported over other towns in England last night, but a joint air and home security ministries communique said the Nazi activity "was not on a heavy scale."

At least three German planes were said to have been downed. The night was the first since July 17 and the fourth since the great bombing offensive began in which the R.A.F. did not visit Germany.

A.R.P. Work Very Important Defence Head Warns 'Nothing Impossible'

PRINCE RUPERT—Speaking to an A.R.P. meeting here today, Major-General Gordon Wismer, chief of the civil protection organization work that is being done. The general added: "I realize that home defence, air-raid precautions and kindred subjects, may appear very unimportant to a great many people here in this beautiful and idyllic province, but unfortunately nothing is impossible today, and I feel it is the duty of all of us to prepare ourselves for any possible or potential danger which may confront us, regardless of how fantastic or improbable it may seem."

The defence commander recited how the war had gradually spread over the world and might become "a battle of the hemispheres."

"There are many possible developments in the international situation and in the progress of the war which might very closely affect us, and anything you can do to bring it home to our fellow citizens is, I feel, very much worthwhile," he said.

Mr. Wismer spoke here in course of a tour of the northern and central parts of the province to encourage A.R.P. organization. He is accompanied by B.C. Police Commissioner T. W. S. Parsons and Inspector S. F. M. Moodie, chief protection officer.

Sham Fight In England Canadians Exercise Against Paratroops

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND (CP)—Giant Royal Air Force planes swooped down over housetops at dusk on a quiet summer evening. Curious town people and farmers rushed from their houses to watch.

Then over an open field British paratroops spilled from the air and in a remarkably short time were on the ground getting ready for action.

Soon the streets and fields swarmed with Canadian infantrymen from Quebec and Nova Scotia and gunners from several provinces stationed in this district. The Canadian army's biggest sham paratroop hunt was on.

Feinting airforce defences, two batches of paratroops had been suddenly dropped, without much warning, near an airfield in the Canadian defence zone. They quickly dispersed to "attack" the "drome from a half dozen directions and to "blow-up" power plants in the vicinity. All night the Canadians coped with these wandering

Death Penalty For Traitors

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)—The death penalty for anyone attempting to turn Paraguay or any part of it over to a foreign power was decreed today by President Higinio Morinigo, a week after neighboring Bolivia had nipped an alleged revolution and expelled the German minister.

The decree followed another last night in which President Morinigo called it "the supreme interest of the nation" to have strict measures against "sad effects us, and anything you can do to bring it home to our fellow citizens is, I feel, very much worthwhile," he said.

There was no direct indication that the Paraguayan action was connected with the purported Nazi plot to overthrow the Bolivian government, but Bolivian officials had said the conspiracy uncovered in La Paz had ramifications in other American countries.

(From Berlin came word that the German government had sent a new note to Bolivia today over the expulsion of German minister Ernst Wendler from that country.)

(At the same time, Maj. Elias Belmonte, Bolivian military attaché in Berlin, who has been dismissed by Bolivia on a charge of treason, denied today he was author of the letter to Wendler, which has been called the source of friction. The contents of the German note were not immediately disclosed.)

Lewis Hits Waterway
WASHINGTON (AP) — John Lewis came out against the St. Lawrence Waterway project today, contending before the House of Representatives that it eventually would displace as many as 50,000 United States workers from their jobs.

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TOBRUK GARRISON STAGES MORE RAIDS

CAIRO (AP)—The Middle East command today announced Australian patrols from Tobruk had inflicted further casualties in the Axis siege lines while the port garrison had driven off three German-Italian parties which had made a "half-hearted attempt at a salutory raiding party."

Rifle fire alone sufficed to repel the Axis patrols, the communique said, "with no casualties to our own troops."

The Australian patrols, reported yesterday to have struck deep in the Axis lines about the Libyan stronghold July 26, held their positions until Saturday night, it was said, and finally withdrew after inflicting further casualties on the enemy."

Two strong Axis patrols, made up of all types of arms, were reported yesterday by mobile British troops in the Egyptian-Libyan frontier zone, the communique said, and were finally forced to withdraw."

Royal Air Force headquarters reported that heavy British bombers had again raided the harbor of Axis-occupied Benghazi, Libya, Saturday night and "obtained direct hits on the mole and Julian Point."

Two Italian planes, Savoia 79s, were reported to have been shot down in flames by R.A.F. fighters 50 miles at sea off Malta yesterday.

ROME (AP)—The Italian high command claimed today its planes bombed the British naval base at Valetta, Malta, last night for the third consecutive night.

The war bulletin declared British planes raided the Axis Libyan supply port of Benghazi and said British attacks on the Tobruk encirclement were repulsed.

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VENCEDOR SOLD

Lieutenant-Governor E. W. Hamber's luxury yacht Vencedor, tied up at Vancouver since the start of the war, has been turned over to the Royal Canadian Navy for service in any capacity naval authorities may decide.

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Barn Destroyed In Duncan Fire

Fire which started from an outdoor cook stove burned down a barn and did other damage on the Quamichan Indian Reserve, one mile south of Duncan, yesterday afternoon at 2.30.

Constables Walter Deans and A. McMillan of the provincial police at Duncan investigated the blaze and found it started from a cook stove on the reserve being used by Mrs. James George.

Mrs. George said she must have fallen asleep and a spark from the stove caught the grass nearby. Flames spread quickly and a barn owned by Andy Edwards was demolished. The fire also swept a stubble field before it was extinguished by fire fighters under the forestry department.

Dead
NANAIMO (CP)—Funeral service will be held tomorrow for George Alexander Sim, 63, Nanaimo district rancher. He died Sunday.

A native of Inverkip, Ont., Mr. Sim lived at Saskatoon for a number of years before moving to Nanaimo in 1934. He carried on a transfer and hauling business here as well as operating his ranch. He leaves a widow here, two sons, Alex at Bamfield, and Donald, in the Canadian (Active) Army, and a daughter, Mrs. Dave Jones of Port Alberni. He also leaves six brothers and a sister.

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