

Liner Blasted by Bombers Canadian Nurses Sing Leaving Torpedoed Ship

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WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES IN ITALY.—Canadian nursing sister swam, paddled and rowed to safety when German torpedo bombers blasted their ship in the Mediterranean.

Troops and passengers on the liner were so calm, orderly and observant of command that casualties were kept to a minimum and at the time of writing I know of no passenger definitely lost.

CREWMAN KILLED

One confirmed casualty was a member of the ship's crew. He was killed when a torpedo ripped into the liner.

The nursing sisters sang and cheered as they made their way to safety across rolling seas.

I was a passenger aboard the ship carrying the nurses. We were part of a convoy which the Germans spotted one evening at sunset.

We were halfway through dinner when the attack came.

ORDERED BELOW

Warning bells sounded and a calm voice announced over the ship's public address system: "Enemy aircraft are approaching. All personnel go below decks."

The dining room was on the promenade deck near the stern. We remained seated finishing our meal though nobody had an appetite after the first guns sounded in the distance and the guns of our own ship joined in.

Walters and the dining room steward kept up a running commentary on the battle proceeding outside and the diners cheered when word came in that two enemy planes had fallen blazing on the water.

Then our ship was hit. The dining room lights went out immediately although lights in an adjoining corridor stayed on. The ship took a bad list to port and for a few minutes it appeared we might sink fast. But there was no confusion in the dining room. Passengers adjusted their life-belts and went on deck to abandon ship in accordance with orders.

STERN SINKING

By this time the air raid was over.

For what seemed an interminable period several hundred of us stood crowded together on the promenade deck. Others stood on open decks at the stern which was sinking slowly.

The list soon righted itself as water entered the stern holds. But the personnel were taken off as a precaution.

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Fog

The West Vancouver ferry, Bonpabell, and the CPR tugs Nanoose and Qualicum, and brought back to Vancouver. No one was injured.

Crew of the 2000-ton ship stood by throughout the night, keeping a watchful eye on shore lines strung to keep the stranded vessel parallel with the shore.

At extreme low tide early today, the Elaine was nearly high and dry, but her moorings held and she remained firm on her partly-flat bottom.

TRAVELLING SLOWLY

The Princess Victoria will take the Elaine's place on the Vancouver-Nanaimo run until further notice.

The Elaine was undamaged when she grounded because of the fact that she was proceeding slowly in the dense fog, officials said today.

CPR tugs tried to budge her Monday night, but failed, and a salvage vessel was summoned by radio-telephone.

Further changes in CPSS schedules include the following:

Princess Elizabeth will relieve Princess Louise on the regular Victoria-Vancouver night run to night and will continue to do so until further notice.

The Princess Louise, after discharge of mail, passengers and cargo today, will move to the lay-over berth in Victoria until she is further required.

The small freighter, Squid, which ran aground in the fog Sunday night near Siwash Rock, was brought to the Frank Waterhouse and Co. dock Monday, with salvage pumps operating due to a leak created by the stoving in of a plank in the engine room.

The Nelson Bros. fishboat, Western Flier, which ran aground at the same time, was brought to the Evans-Coleman dock where it was found that she had suffered only minor damage.

Canadian Pacific Airlines announced that if the weather improved they may resume their service to Victoria this afternoon. Their trips north are leaving from Abbotsford.

EMERGENCY FIELD

Trans-Canada Airlines, using an alternative landing field at Abbotsford, have been maintaining traffic despite the fog. Two westbound aircraft were landed Monday at Abbotsford and three will be brought in today to Sea Island, if weather condition permits. If the fog remains, however, the Abbotsford field will be used.

The morning's eastbound plane left Abbotsford shortly after noon.

United Airlines said they expected to resume normal departure schedules at 5:15 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

North Vancouver ferries operated on schedule this morning, and the West Vancouver service, deprived of the Hollyburn, which went into drydock on Monday after going aground in the Sunday fog, was maintained on a 20-minute schedule with the aid of a municipal bus.

FERRY UNDAMAGED

Ferry officials in West Vancouver said they expected the Hollyburn to be back in service later today. They reported that the ship was undamaged.

B.C. Electric officials reported that street car service was "fairly normal" today, and said they escaped the heavy fog on Monday without accident. The cars were running 10 to 15 minutes late throughout the day.

DEAD IN HOLLYWOOD



T. A. BERTOLIS

Funeral services for Theodore Alphonse Bertolis, former Vancouver business man who died at his home in Hollywood, California, were conducted there recently.

Mr. Bertolis leaves his wife, Mary Louise; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bertolis, Cascade; two sisters, Mrs. Lillian H. Warman and Mrs. Rosemary M. McInnis, both of California.

He was born in Cascade and, after working for electrical companies across Canada until 1938, he moved to California, where he was employed by Westinghouse Electric and Supply Co. Latterly he was connected with D. E. Sandford Co. there.

13 Sentenced In Victoria

VICTORIA, Nov. 16.—Frank Schlosser and Arthur F. Walton, convicted on charges of breaking and entering the Victoria Pharmacy, received sentences of five years each from Mr. Justice J. M. Coady at the close of Victoria's Fall Assizes today.

Other accused and their sentences follow:

N. B. Hansen, gross indecency, one year hard labor.

J. A. Procter, gross indecency, four months' hard labor.

Ernest W. Johnson, gross indecency, one year hard labor.

John Frank, gross indecency, one year hard labor.

JAYX Pogosin, gross indecency, 18 months' hard labor.

Robert D. Lafferty, gross indecency, suspended sentence for one year, with posting of a \$500 bond in his own recognizance.

James S. Scouler, breaking and entry, three years; illegal possession of narcotics, six months and a \$200 fine.

Don Alverado Ricardo, manslaughter, one year hard labor.

Edward Wilson, breaking and entry and theft, four years.

Milton Donald Fisher, carnal knowledge of a girl under 14 years, three and one-half years.

Melton Eshiosh, theft of a motor car, one year hard labor.

Pair Face Charges Under Liquor Act

A man and woman were arrested by police Monday evening in the motor testing station where the new liquor coupons are being issued and will be charged under the National Registration Regulations and the Government Liquor Act.

The man is alleged to have tried to get coupons with a registrator card other than his own. His woman companion will be charged with violation of the Liquor Act because police say that when she was searched at police headquarters she had in her possession four liquor permits in one name and three in the names of seamen.

Infectious Diseases Show Drop in October

Infectious diseases among Vancouver school children showed a slight increase in September over the same month in 1942, but a sharp decrease between October, 1943 and 1942, according to a report issued by School Trustees.

Jap Reported Warned Away By Fishermen

A group of white fishermen at Steveston were reported today to have warned G. Taguchi against returning here from Slocan where he went last year in the evacuation of Japanese from the Pacific Coast defense zone.

B.C. Security Commission records show that Taguchi, a veteran of three years' service with the Canadian Army during the last war, is married to a French-Canadian girl, and as such is exempt from the general evacuation order.

An official of the commission said that Taguchi had come here to discuss with his wife moving to eastern Canada where there was less race prejudice.

"In all probability that is what will happen," he said.

He said that Justice Minister St. Laurent last October issued a special order which exempted Eurasians, Japanese married to white men or women, from being moved away from the coast.

"This was done at the request of the commission, which did not wish to see the few white women affected living at interior housing camps where all others were Japanese."

No Shortage Of Vegetables

Abundant supplies of fresh vegetables today offered housewives their opportunity to bridge the gap between family appetites and canned goods, which came back on the market Monday, but in quantities insufficient to meet all-day demands.

Thousands of tons of carrots, cabbage and potatoes stand in Upper Fraser Valley fields, without buyers and without storage facilities, either on the farm or in city warehouses.

Recently the Coast Marketing Board made a frantic appeal to householders to buy potatoes in advance, thus to use basement storage space, save the crop now threatened by frost and rain, and hold both stored and canned stock for late spring use.

The plea drew only a feeble response, Earl Mackay, board manager, reported.

The three vegetables were retailing today in downtown Vancouver as follows: carrots, 2 pounds 9c; cabbage, 3c to 3 for 10c; potatoes, 5c for 13c and 25 for 69c and 100 pounds (Ashcroft) \$2.75. Turnips were 5 pounds for 15c.

Bush Barbecue Solves Missing Fowl Mystery

Mystery of the theft of several of Mrs. S. H. Jacoby's chickens from a coop at 3371 West Thirty-first has been partially solved.

Several youths were seen roasting chicken over a fire in the bush near Twenty-ninth and Imperial on Sunday.

The boys have been identified and will be warned by police.

Japan Adolf's Last Hideout

LONDON, Nov. 16.—(CP)—Reuters' News Agency said last night in a dispatch from Stockholm that Hitler and other German leaders are reported planning to escape to Japan by U-boat and continue the war unless Germany be invaded or collapse, according to the Swiss newspaper Die Tat, quoted by the Stockholm Allehand's Bern correspondent.

Britons' Belts Tightened But No Complaints

OTTAWA, Nov. 16.—(CP)—The British people have had to tighten their belts another notch during the last six months but their determination to see the war through and make a contribution to the rebuilding of peace remains unimpaired, Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, United Kingdom high commissioner to Canada, said today at a press conference.

Mr. MacDonald returned to Ottawa last week from a five-week visit to Britain.

Compared with his previous visit in the spring, he said, he found the people facing added hardships and difficulties.

"Life in Britain is thoroughly Spartan. Food rationing is severe."

"They show some signs of tiredness, as though they had not had sufficient holidays; but there is no squeak anywhere of war weariness. On the contrary, the whole people of Britain are resolved that the war shall be continued until both the Germans and the Japanese have been defeated absolutely and finally."

Albert Emmonds Funeral Wednesday

Funeral services for Albert Emmonds, 52, of 3348 Cambridge Street, a veteran of the First Great War, will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m., at the chapel of the Burnaby Funeral Directors, 4057 East Hastings Street.

Rev. W. E. Fullerton will officiate.

Mr. Emmonds served with the 222nd Battalion. He is survived by his wife, one son, Wilfred C., on active service with the Rocky Mountain Rangers; one daughter, Mrs. W. R. Reid, Vancouver; six brothers and one sister.

There are more than 13,000 women in the Canadian Women's Army Corps, now in its third year.

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One Year Cut Off Sentence Given Burglar

The three-year penitentiary sentence imposed by Chief Justice Wendell Farris when Ralph Prentice, 28, salesman, pleaded guilty in Assize Court to a burglary charge was reduced today by the appellate court to two years less one at Oakalla Prison Farm.

Prentice, who was represented by G. V. Pelton, was charged with Robert Morgan, 27, with breaking into Gurnsey Breeders' Dairy Ltd. and stealing \$280 last arch 2. Both admitted the offense and were given three years.

Judgment was reserved until this afternoon on the appeal of Peter Larsen, 21, to have two convictions in North Vancouver Police Court set aside or a new trial ordered on the ground that he pleaded guilty through a misunderstanding.

Larsen admitted in Police Court theft of an Associated Dairies truck and \$99 but he told the appeal judges today that he borrowed the truck from a fellow employee to come to Vancouver. He said his aim was to try to raise the sum he was short on his return because his money was either stolen or lost when he got drunk with a former navy pal a few days before.

A basic principle in the training of youths of the Royal Canadian Army cadets is to teach the rules of good citizenship.

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