

# London Reports Heavy Fighting in Normandy

## Next Red Cross Blood Clinic to be Held Sunday and Monday, June 25, 26

Still Urgent Call for Blood Donors. Picture on Blood Plasma at Broadway Theatre. Urgent Need for Sleeveless and Turtleneck Sweaters. Other Items at Regular Meeting of Red Cross Executive.

Among the special items in connection with the report of the executive of the Timmins Red Cross Society for the month is the announcement that the next blood donor clinic will be held on Sunday and Monday, June 25th, and 26th. There is urgent need for still more blood donors for the clinic here. Any who can help in this should register at the Timmins Fire Hall or at any of the chartered banks in Timmins. It will also be noted by the report that there is urgent need for sleeveless and turtleneck sweaters.

The following is the report in full: **Monthly Red Cross Report**  
President A. W. Pickering conducted the regular monthly executive meeting of the Timmins Branch of the Red Cross Society.

It was with regret that the executive learned of Mrs. C. R. MacLean's resignation as Chairman of the Nursing Division. Mrs. Dewar, technician at the local Blood Donor Clinic, agreed to contact the various groups throughout the town for a meeting with representatives from Headquarters for further organization of the Nursing Reserve. The date for this meeting is not yet known.

The treasurer's statement presented by H.J. Fuke showed expenditures for the month amounted to \$15,678.83. This included a transfer to Headquarters of \$15,000; \$200 for the jam (for Britain) fund, as well as materials purchased for the workrooms, etc. The bank balance was \$10,365.24.

Mrs. W. J. McCoy read the reports of the Chairman of Woman's War Work in the absence of Mrs. H. W. Brown.

### Wool Room Report

The work in the Wool Room was not very brisk this month; due no doubt to the increased activities in the homes and gardens. There is an urgent need for Sleeveless and Turtleneck sweaters. Knitters are requested to call for wool to knit these during their leisure moments during the summer. There is an abundance of wool for every article required for the services at the Wool Room, Municipal Building.

Owing to the small number of articles, only one shipment was made during the month. This included the following 315 articles:—

Seamen's quota—11 Sleeveless Sweaters, 17 prs. Whole Mitts, 29 prs. Hurricane Mitts, 1 pr. Seamen's Alternative Stockings, 36 prs. Plain Socks, 10 Ribbed Helms, 11 Turtleneck Sweaters. Non-quota—30 pr. Seamen's 26" Stockings, 3 Seamen's Scarves, 4 pr. 18" Socks, 1 Aero Cap.

Army and Air Force Quota—8 Sleeveless Sweaters, 8 pr. Gloves, 41 pr. Plain Socks, 11 Ribbed Helms.

Non-quota—1 Aero Cap, 43 Face Cloths.

Women's Auxiliary Quota—4 Sleeveless Sweaters, 1 pr. Heel-less Bed Socks.

Non-quota—17 prs. Ankle Socks.

Civilian Knitting Quota—4 Boy's

Sweaters, 4 Women's Sweaters, 13 pr. Children's Bloomers, 2 Boy's Suits 2-4 yrs., 2 Girl's Pullovers, 2 pr. Boy's Stockings, 1 Girl's Sweater.

### Sewing Room Report

We are pleased to report that work did not suffer too greatly in the busy month of May. One shipment went out during the month which included the following articles:

Civilian Clothing Quota—65 Girl's Blouses, 65 Girl's Pinafore Dresses 12 yrs. Non-Quota—2 Infants' Jackets. Hospital Supplies Quota—120 Triangular Bandages, 80 Handkerchiefs (Air Force).

### Surgical Supplies

The Surgical Dressing department shipped 1040 articles in May.

### Report of Blood Donor Clinic

Mr. J. M. Douglas, Chairman of the Blood Donor Clinic, reported that the next clinic would be held June 25 and 26. There will be no clinic in July as so many nurses, doctors, technicians and secretaries will be on vacations. The picture, "That They May Live," which has been showing at the Palace Theatre Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week will be shown at the Broadway Theatre Thursday and Friday of this week will be shown at the steps of the life-giving plasma from the time the donor enters the clinic until a transfusion is administered to a patient.

Those who wish to save a life in this way may register at the Timmins Fire-Hall or any of the chartered banks in Timmins.

## South Porcupine Loses Another of Her Soldier Sons

Walter MacDougall Reported Killed in Action in Italy

South Porcupine, June 14th. Special to The Advance.

We are very sorry to report that Major MacDougall, of Connaught Hill, received news on Saturday that his son, Walter MacDougall, (known as "Mac") was killed in action in Italy on June 3rd. He had previously been wounded and has been nursed back to health, returning again to the fighting front.

While in England he had married, and he leaves a widow—Mrs. Rose MacDougall. Mac was 32 years old, and was a true South Porcupine boy and the knowledge of his death will be sad news for his friends here. He was with the "Snipers Squadron"—when killed.

Our sympathy is extended to his father, and his sisters, Stella and Mildred. His mother died three years ago.

## Arrangements Now Being Perfected for the Big Legion "V" Carnival

Stage Show to Feature Pat Bailey, Zena Cheevers, Tom Hamilton and Dorothy and Benny. Several New Games Planned for Event at McIntyre Arena, June 26th to Dominion Day, July 1st.

The committee in charge of arranging the Legion "V" Carnival met on Sunday and all chairman reported much progress. There will be several new games this year, at which the patrons can have a lot of fun while waiting to witness the all-star stage show. The event this year as usual will be held in the McIntyre Arena the week of Monday, June 26th to July 1st, when the Carnival closes with the monster draw for \$2,000 worth of prizes—Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates.

The arena will be tastefully decorated for the occasion and several special exhibits have been promised to add to the interest of young and old.

The stage show secured is one of the finest ever to visit the North. Miss Patricia Bailey has a programme planned which will please everyone. "Pat" made a great hit here last year with her inimitable style and her fine voice. Her dynamic personality also made her a great favourite with the large crowds each evening. All will return to welcome Miss Bailey again to the Porcupine.

Miss Zena Cheevers, famous acrobatic dancer will be another very pleasing item. Miss Cheevers, also possesses great charm and personality, on account of which she was picked to lead the big Lions Club International convention parade in Toronto as Drum Major. Zena Cheevers has appeared in all the leading clubs of the U.S.A. and Canada and everywhere has made a name for herself with her great talent.

Tom Hamilton, will bring out the Scots of the Camp. Tom is a second Harry Lauder and is very popular in Southern Ontario. He has travelled extensively and in recent years was a featured artist on the "C.B.C. Music Hall" programme.

Dorothy and Benny round out the show in a very clever musical act. This act is reported as a real thriller and music-lovers are in for a real treat.

All should make a note of the date and plan to attend to spend one evening at the Legion "V" Carnival. All proceeds are for Legion War Work and that needs no further recommendation.

## Still Listed "Missing"



A letter received this week from the R.C.A.F. Casualty Officer at Ottawa, by his father, Mr. F. J. Hornby, 12 Bannerman avenue, Timmins, says that an advice from the International Red Cross, quoting German information, indicates that Pilot Officer Albert William Hornby lost his life on Jan. 29th, 1944. The report states that the bodies of all seven members of the crew of an aircraft were recovered on Jun 29th, but that only Pilot Officer A. K. Heaton has been positively identified. The letter from Ottawa continues:—"It was felt that you would wish to know of any report received. However as this information comes from enemy sources, pending further confirmation, your son will still be considered "missing." The International Red Cross is continuing its efforts to obtain further particulars which, if secured, will be forwarded here and communicated to you at once."

Mrs. F. J. Hornby, who has been visiting Pilot Officer Hornby's wife in Montreal, has received similar information there about her son. Mrs. Hornby is expected home Friday evening.

## Film Shows How Blood Plasma Saves Many Lives

Picture This Week at the Broadway Theatre.

The picture entitled "That They May Live" will be shown at the Broadway Theatre Thursday and Friday. This picture shows all the steps of the life-giving Blood-Plasma from the time the donor enters the clinic until it is administered to a patient.

Those who have seen this picture claim it is excellent.

If you would become a donor and save a life you may register at the Timmins Fire-Hall or any of the chartered banks in Timmins.

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## South Porcupine Sailor in Destroyer Inspected by King

South Porcupine, June 14th. Special to The Advance.

Gunner Harry E. Disher (Punk) who is serving on the Canadian destroyer, "Sioux," which is reported in the invasion fleet, is the only local boy to our knowledge in the crew.

Harry can be plainly seen in a photograph printed in the Toronto Star of June 10th when men of a Canadian ship's company were inspected by His Majesty King George VI. The photo was taken during the King's recent visit to the Home Fleet.

This young sailor who has been serving since February was also in the raid on the "Von Tirpitz" in Norway.

## Mountjoy United Church Celebrates Paying Off of Debt on Church Building

Social Event Held Last Night. Programme of Much Talent and Interest Given During the Evening. Other Churches Bring Greetings to Mountjoy Church.

The congregation of Mountjoy United Church celebrated at a church social gathering Wednesday evening the paying off of the Building debt of \$8,200 since January, 1942, when the church opened.

A varied and enjoyable program was provided. Mr. William D. McLean spoke of the origin of the church. Mr. I. J. Rowland of the volunteer labour during construction, and Mr. W. G. Schweitzer of the paying of the debt by individuals and the church organizations. Thanks to the various business firms which had supplied materials and credit was expressed by Mr. A. E. Demeza.

Not having a mortgage to burn, Mr. Demeza and Mr. A. D. Rose burned paid off bills as a symbol of the end of the debt.

Greetings were brought by Rev. W. M. Mustard, Rev. Lora Carlson and Rev. J. C. Thompson, and also by Mr. W. P. Lawry, Mr. Ian Gordon and Mr. Charles Ramsay. Letters from Mr. Austin Brown, Mr. Lloyd Miller and Mr. H. J. MacEachren were read.

Taking part in the entertainment were Mr. Alun Jones, Mrs. Surman and Mr. John Birnie with vocal solos, Mrs. Gamble with a piano solo, Mr. Walli with two violin solos, Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer with a vocal duet, and Mrs. Norman Kerr with a monologue. Thanks to the entertainers was moved by Mr. James L. Kerr.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation given by the Choir, the W.M.S. and the W.A. to Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer and to Paul for the valued service they have rendered to the church. Mr. Cyril Newell who made the presentation expressed the regret of all at their departure for Toronto.

The sing-song conducted by Mrs. Gamble, and the refreshments served by the W.A. were interesting features. Mountjoy Church now looks forward to the day when the completion of the church building will be possible after the war is over. The enthusiasm and optimism of the congregations is an assurance that this will be accomplished.

## Sergt. Sid Sarson Making Good Progress to Recovery

Schumacher, June 14th. Special to The Advance.

Word was received today by Mr. and Mrs. E. Tisdale, First Avenue, from Sgt. Sid Sarson, Tank Corps, with the 8th Army in Italy, telling them he was wounded but is now feeling much better. He is in an hospital in Italy. Prior to joining up in Timmins, Sgt. Sarson was with the Swift Canadian Co., Ltd.

## Men Feared Lost in Langmuir Tp. Return Home Safely

South Porcupine Prospectors Suffered Only from the Flies.

South Porcupine, June 14th. Special to The Advance.

Messrs Jack Rudkin and Lafurgy, of South Porcupine, who did not return from a trip in the bush in Langmuir Township on Monday, where they went to sample some claims, and thereby caused some anxiety and concern to their relatives, have arrived home safe and well. They came in to town this morning (Wednesday) at 9.30 from the Triplex Mine from where they had started.

They expected it to be an eight hour trip, hence the concern.

They found the old "blazes" hard to follow and got turned around in coming out of the bush.

Save for flybites the men suffered no hardship.

## W.O.1 D. Banning Reported Missing

Word was received this week that First Class Warrant Officer David Banning, R. C. A. F., is reported missing overseas. His mother, Mrs. E. J. Banning, resides at 62 Fifth avenue, Timmins. The Banning boys are among the most popular and esteemed of Timmins young people, and there will be very general hope that Warrant Officer Banning will turn up safe and sound. Recently the family lost another son, Pilot Officer Victor Banning, reported killed in flying accident overseas.

## Pte. Michael Sochowski Reported Killed in Action

Pte. Michael Sochowski, with the Canadian Army in Italy, is reported as killed in action. He was a former popular employee of the McIntyre Mine, and was active in sports circles here. His home was at Wellesley, Saskatchewan. Four brothers are serving in the Armed Forces. Peter, formerly at the Demite, is now in the Navy. Joseph, now a doctor in the Army, was at one time employed at the Buffalo-Ankerite mine.

## First Two-Piano Recital Friday by Local Students

To-morrow evening (Friday) in St. Anthony's hall, Timmins, Miss Claire Vachon and Miss Alice Giovannelli, graduates of Sister Claire of the Sisters of the Assumption Convent, Timmins, and also graduates of the A.T.C. M. class of the Toronto Conservatory of Music will give a two-piano recital that is sure to be a pleasure to music lovers. This is the first time a two-piano recital has been given by Timmins students. Tickets are now on sale for this event which should rouse much interest, as these young ladies are unusually gifted.

## Timmins Man Now War Correspondent for R.C.A.F., O.S.

Sgt. Maurice Lacourciere Attached to General Headquarters Staff in London.

According to despatches from Sudbury, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lacourciere, formerly of Timmins, where Mr. Lacourciere practised law, but now of the Nickel City, have received word that their son, Sgt. Maurice Lacourciere, is now serving as a war correspondent attached to the general headquarters staff of the R. C. A. F. in London, England. Sgt. Lacourciere is also contributing a column on R. C. A. F. events to The London Evening Standard, and to "Wings Abroad," the official R. C. A. F. magazine. He is on the editorial staff of "Wings Abroad." Sgt. Lacourciere has also been broadcasting in French over the B. B. C. to the occupied countries.

Before his enlistment, Sgt. Lacourciere obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Ottawa. Later he worked in the survey office of the Hollinger Mine, having planned to go through as a mining engineer. For some years past his father, Mr. J. T. Lacourciere, has been a well-known lawyer in Sudbury.

## Flies to West from North at Age of Eighty-nine Years

Mrs. Thomson and Son. Wilson Thomson, Leave for B. C.

Mr. Wilson Thomson, a popular resident of Timmins for over twenty years, and widely known as the poet of the Porcupine, left here at the week-end for Vancouver, B. C., where he and his mother will take up residence. They took the Trans-Canada air line, at Kapuskasing, and intended to make the journey to the West coast by air. As Mrs. Thomson's mother is eighty-nine years old, the taking of so long a trip by air shows that this lady has lost none of her pioneering spirit or her courage in her many years of life. This is the first time that Mrs. Thomson has been in a plane but last week she was looking forward to the journey as another experience.

Mr. Wilson Thomson has been one of the most popular oldtimers of the Porcupine Camp. His original poems on the North and its people have been favourites here. He has for several years brightened many a gathering here by reciting these poems, some of them specially written for the occasion on which they were given. Last year he was induced to publish a group of these poems of the North, and they had a surprisingly large sale. The demand was not even satisfied by a second edition. One of the most popular of these poems was "The Shift Boss," out in all of them he seemed to catch the spirit of the people and the North. During the last week or two he was in town Wilson was much "kidded" as to whether he had a ticket to sell. The joke in this was founded on one of his poems in which he graphically described the cold and the snow and the ice of winter in the North, the heat and flies and other pests of summer, the bush fires and the other hazards of this land. Verse after verse he announced his intention of getting away from it all. In the last verse or two, however his thoughts turn to the beauties of the North, the Northern Light, the fascinating woods and streams, the glorious hills, the gorgeous sunsets and sunrises, and above all, the kindness of the people the friendship made, and in the end he is offering the ticket, he had bought "to get away from it all," to anyone who would take that ticket.

Wilson Thomson will be much missed here. He left with some regrets, but the move was made on account of his mother's increasing years and decreasing health. He wanted to be nearer relatives who live in Vancouver and who have been looking forward to meeting again the young lady of eighty-nine.

## British and Canadian Troops Throw Back Five Attacks at Eastern End

Allied Troops Hold All Along Line and Continue to Advance. Only One Major Set-Back. Allies Win Two Minor Naval Engagements. Finland Finding Difficulties in Stemming Russian Advance.

## Valuable Prizes Donated for Aid to Russia Linen Shower

Interesting Event Now in Progress to Help Russian Allies.

All who admire the gallant battle put up by the Russians have opportunity now to show their appreciation and sympathy. All over Ontario from Monday of this week to June 26th, a special linen shower is being conducted to give needed aid to Russia. The linen shower has been arranged by the Committee in charge of the Aid to Russia Fund work. The local committee is under the chairmanship of Mr. Sol Sky, of South Porcupine, who is assisted by an earnest band of workers. The appeal has been issued to housewives and others to make ready any towels, sheets, pillow slips, bedspreads, quilts or blankets, all in good shape, or in case this is not practical linen may be bought for this shower. All contributing to this shower will be given a ticket, and these tickets may win valuable prizes for their holders. There is accordingly double incentive to take part in this linen shower. Of course, the main incentive should be the helping of a valuable ally, but a large number of valuable prizes have been donated for the lucky ticket holders, so there should be a very generous response to this call for the linen shower.

## Recovering from Injuries Received in Accident

The four ladies injured last week in the auto accident on the Buffalo-Ankerite Road are making progress to recovery, though none of them are completely recovered. Mrs. Neily is still in the hospital but is making good progress. Mrs. E. H. King, Mrs. MacMillan and Mrs. Fred Jackson were able to leave the hospital last week and though still feeling the effects of the injuries received are progressing to recovery. All are still under the doctor's care and Mrs. Jackson may have to take treatment for injury to the spine.

## P.O. W. Jackson Reported Missing Presumed Killed

Mr. R. N. Jackson, 116 Cherry Street, Timmins, received word on Sunday that his son, Pilot Officer Wm. Jackson is officially reported missing, presumed killed, result of air operations overseas, June 11th. The wire came from the R.C.A.F. Casualties Officer at Ottawa, and said that a letter would follow. Pilot Officer Wm. Jackson was a very popular and esteemed Timmins young man, and there will be general hope that by some good chance he may be no more than missing and that he will be found safe yet.

## Three-Year Term for Man Who Seriously Injured South Porcupine Woman

Charles Raymond Latham Sentenced at Cochrane This Week. Woman Suffered Terrible Injuries, but is Recovering. Latham Said That he Had Been Drinking for Several Days.

At Cochrane on Monday Charles Raymond Latham, whose home is said to be at Shawville, but who was more recently at South Porcupine, was sentenced to three years in Kingston penitentiary on the charge of assault with intent to maim. Latham, who was not represented by counsel, entered a plea of guilty. Crown Attorney S. A. Caldwell described the assault as one of the most brutal and serious ever committed in this district. Police and Dr. W. S. Paul told of being called to the Finnish Boarding House on Bruce Avenue, South Porcupine, on the evening of April 29th, and finding Mrs. Mabel MacDonald lying on a bed that was saturated with blood and with the wall splattered with blood. The woman was at once hurried to hospital where the extent of her injuries were found to include: fracture of the jaw, tooth broken off, another tooth loosened, contusion over forehead, hair torn out over left ear, fracture of two ribs on left side, and three on right side, badly bruised around left side. One rib had punctured a lung and the resultant air pressure had displaced the heart some inches to the right side. Dr. Paul said in answer to a question that the woman might have died from the injuries sustained, although he expected she would recover, and she now is improving.

London this morning reports heavy fighting in Normandy. Germans are counterattacking all along the arc-shaped invasion front. However, the Allied lines are holding firm in most places, and in a general way the Allies are continuing to advance. Heaviest fighting is between Troarn and Tilly-sur-Seulles at the eastern end of the arc. British and Canadian troops have thrown back five attacks in that area and the enemy has failed to gain appreciably. Troarn has been apparently recaptured, at least in part, by the Germans. The Germans have given the Allies only one major set-back, U. S. troops having lost control of Montebourg, 14 miles southeast of Cherbourg. On the other hand the U. S. has driven forward at Carentan.

The Allied Air Forces continue to smash at German-held centres and to break rail lines and hamper communications. Daylight raiders are reported out this morning.

Two naval skirmishes have resulted in success for the Allies. Two Allied destroyers intercepted seven Nazi mine sweepers off the coast of France. Three enemy ships went to the bottom in another engagement off Cap Le Hague.

Like Premier Churchill, General De Gaulle has visited the invasion front and been given a great reception.

Russia reports sweeping the Finns before them on that front. The Finns find the going hard but resistance is said now to be stiffening. At present it would seem that Finland is doomed.

On the Italian front several battalions are putting up fierce resistance at a mountain road junction north of captured Ortobello, but in the main the Allies are surely advancing to sweep the Nazi out of Italy.

## F.O. Wm. Shields Reported Missing After Operations

Flying Officer Wm. Shields, R. C. A. F., one of the most popular and highly regarded of the young men of Timmins, was listed this week as missing after operations in the line of duty. Word to this effect was received by his wife, Mrs. Margaret Easton Shields, Flying Officer Shields has been overseas for 18 months, and was expected home for leave shortly on a well-earned furlough. His parents reside at 112 Hemlock street, and his wife lives at 76 Maple street south. There will be a very general and sincere hope that his good luck and resourcefulness will carry him through, and that he will be found very shortly safe and uninjured.

## Acquit South Porcupine Man on Charge of Arson

At Cochrane District Court this week, His Honor Judge R. A. Danis dismissed the charge of arson against G. Frustaglio, of South Porcupine. The charge was laid following a fire at the Frustaglio home.

In his own behalf Latham said he had never been in trouble before, and that he had been just discharged from the army and had been drinking for two or three days before the assault took place. His Honor Judge R. A. Danis, presiding, in District Court, sentenced Latham to the three-year term in the Penitentiary.