

Canadians Reel Under Blows At Dieppe But Plunge Onward, R.C.A.F. in Smashing Victory

No Praise Too High For Dominion Troops in Heroic Action

NAVY WAS MAGNIFICENT

London, Aug. 21.—(CP)—Ross Munro, Aug. 21.—(CP)—London correspondent whose description of the landing on the beaches of Dieppe has been hailed as one of the greatest news stories of the war, said last night "no praise could be too high" for the Canadians who took part in the monster nine-hour assault.

Hit Glory Trail

Munro, who said he was "too tired" to do much talking because he had not been to bed for three days, took part in a British Broadcasting corporation broadcast, entitled "Dieppe Round-up." The program was heard in Canada over the Canadian Broadcasting corporation's national network.

Several other newspapermen and commentators who accompanied the allied force to Dieppe also spoke. One of the correspondents, Wallace Sutherland, of the Montreal Standard, returned slight injuries in the operation and his account was read by C.B.C. commentator, Rooney Pelletier.

Others heard on the program were Bob Bowman, of the C.B.C.; Drew Middleton, of the Associated Press, and Frederick Griffin, of the Toronto Daily Star.

Middleton, who was not permitted to land in France but watched the operation from a motor launch, called the assault "the greatest battle of the war."

Bowman said that his enjoyment of the defeat of the Germans suffered in the skies was tempered by the activities of the German air force, Middleton described how bombs burst around the tiny craft in which he rode.

"They just dropped some eggs," somebody remarked.

"Not to my taste," was the reply. Reburn told of spending six hours on the beach of the Nazi-held coast and concluded his commentary by saying, "Now I realize just what the enemy in Britain has."

He described the approach to the French coast, the landing, and said that shortly after going ashore he noticed that the bayonets of the Canadian rifles were covered with blood. The landing was like "all hell let loose" with Canadians raked with machine-gun fire from both ends of the beach.

Cut to Ribbons

Reburn described how a Canadian soldier—identified him only as Stewart—made a headlong dash toward two German soldiers standing near a house lobbing hand grenades.

He said the Canadian "slashed both of them to ribbons and returned to his company as if nothing had happened."

He also mentioned a 33-year-old Vancouver colonel whose name he gave as Merritt and the part he played in the operation. He quoted another officer as saying, "You'd have to put a drag rope over the colonel to keep him out of it."

He addressed part of his message to the people of Canada, said of the Canadian troops:

"They were in fine mood, in fine shape. The only look I saw on their faces was common to all—a look of confidence and content. This was what they had come for—to fight the enemy."

He described the raid as a "memorable" battle and said that the Canadians who died "fell in the sunlight."

Munro spoke of the "unforgettable deeds" of heroism he had witnessed, repeating some of the details he recorded in his account of the raid cabled from London by the Canadian Press.

"Even when the going was roughest, those Canadians never lost control," he said.

He said the scene on the beaches of Dieppe looked like a "picture of the western front in the last war."

He intended to go into the town of Dieppe, but it was no go.

R.H.L.I. Calmly Receives Instructions From Their Colonel

CRIPPLING CASUALTIES

London, Aug. 21.—(CP)—Bob Bowman, C.B.C. London correspondent, who travelled across the channel with part of the Calgary Tank Regiment and witnessed the raid on Dieppe from their tank-carrying craft, said in a broadcast to Canada last night that "it seems reasonably certain our losses are as heavy as they were at Hong Kong." Bowman did not elaborate on the remark other than to refer to Nazi claims that 1,500 prisoners were taken. "We suffered heavy losses," he said. "I saw men die, but I never saw men die with as much bravery."

Nazis Rattled

(The Canadian contingent which reached Hong Kong last November numbered 1,985 officers and men. Shortly after Hong Kong fell Christmas day, the Japanese claimed Canadian prisoners totalled 1,698.)

Among units in which Bowman said it is feared casualties may be heavy were the Royal Regiment, the Essex Scottish and a regiment of engineers.

The important factor in the raid, he said, was that the landing parties had learned "the secret of German coast defence—and how to break them in future."

As proof that the raid was unexpected, Bowman said the allied assault boats encountered a German convoy moving down the channel. He described this as unfortunate since it held up the invasion force temporarily.

Bowman said the Nazis had been "properly rattled" by the operation. This was proved by two contradictory stories German propaganda was circulating—one that the invasion had been in preparation for months and another that it had been "hastily improvised" as a gesture to Russia.

Bowman related how a colonel of the Hamilton Light Infantry, whom he described as a London man, told him they were going into action. There were no heroics, no cheers. The men asked questions—as a general would—nature of the coast and extent of air protection that would be accorded.

Armour of God

Just after Bowman's boat left the English coast, the padre gathered the men about him and by the light of a flashlight read from the sixth chapter of Ephesians. (The sixth chapter is an exhortation for obedience and one part reads: "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.")

As dawn came the white cliffs of France loomed ahead and the sky was "streaked with fighting foils." Near shore destroyers hammered the coast with broadsides.

In the clouds of planes overhead both German and British craft were shot down. Just as one of the tank-landing craft reached shore the enemy opened fire with machine-guns. Bowman said his boat tried to get in again but the Nazi batteries were still in action and the boat turned out. Meanwhile navy craft put up a terrific barrage against enemy dive-bombers, and Bowman was covered with black soot from the cordite. Bombs plummeted down nearby and some of the men on the boat were wounded.

On shore the tanks formed a square to protect the infantry. The south Saskatchewan infantry got ashore safely but the Canadian Highlanders were under fire six-six-inch howitzer shells and there were casualties.

Bowman told of listening by short-wave to the tank crews talking to one another as they went into action. He heard the captain of one say, "Come on over, boys, we're killing lots of Heinrichs."

Expect Early Decision

Vancouver, Aug. 21.—A decision by the United States government regarding the building of a railway to Alaska is expected within a month, Premier Hart, of British Columbia said here yesterday following his return from Edmonton, where he took part in a conference discussing possible routes for such a project.

R.A.F. Given High Praise By Americans in Assault

Somehow in England, Aug. 21.—(BUP)—Five men of United States Ranger Sgt. Kenneth D. Stempson's 12-man group got back from Dieppe but they got their pill boxes and permitted a commando demolition squad to get to a coastal battery and blow it up. Stempson, 23, of Russell, Minn.; Corporal William R. Brady, 23, Grand Forks, North Dak., and Capt. Roy Murray, Berkeley, Calif., who led the Ranger detachment in the allied raid told their stories today, and Murray summed it up.

"I saw that day everything a man could see," he said. "It was hotter than hell," said Stempson, as had so many others in the raid. "My group of 12 was assigned to knock out the pill boxes and clear the way for the demolition men to get their battery."

"We landed right on the beach and I didn't even get my feet wet. We scaled a 30-foot cliff. I squirmed forward on my belly. A

Quebec Pilot Says Town Almost Wiped Out By Wicked Onslaught

WAS PERFECTLY TIMED

London, Aug. 21.—(CP)—A smashing aerial victory for one of the Royal Canadian Air Force Spitfire squadrons which participated in the attack on Dieppe was reported last night by two returning members of the squadron. Squadron-Ldr. Chadburn, of Aurora, Ont., commanding officer of the squadron, reported in a broadcast interview that his squadron shot down three enemy machines, probably destroyed another and damaged at least six.

Shoot Down Three

All the pilots in Chadburn's squadron returned safely, he said. Specifically, Chadburn said, the squadron shot down three 190s, probably destroyed a Junkers 88, damaged five Messerschmitt 110s, and destroyed a Heinkel 111.

Flight-Lieut. Russell, of Westmount, Que., another member of the squadron, told Flight-Lieut. Jack Beach, the interviewer, how he shot down one aircraft when the enemy pilot "wasn't looking."

"It was pretty shaky all around," he said. "I was very lucky. I got him when he wasn't looking and I think he was probably a fairly good pilot."

Asked how Dieppe looked from the air, Russell said: "There was fire all over. The town was really shaken. There's nothing left of it at all, I believe."

He said the Canadian pilots "did an excellent job all the way through."

He said he might have bagged another plane, but "ran out of ammunition and I don't know what happened to that one."

ARGENTINE SHIP RESCUES SEAMEN

Picks Up 57 Survivors From British Craft Torpedoed

Buenos Aires, Aug. 21.—(BUP)—Capt. Enrique Grieben, master of the Argentine ship Rio San Juan, said today he had picked up 57 survivors from two British ships torpedoed and sunk off the French Guiana-Brazilian border.

He heard an S.O.S. from the British ship Tremorador, of 4,694 tons, and rescued 46 survivors from rafts. Thirteen were injured, and were attended by Annette Ugling, an American nurse travelling from New Orleans to Buenos Aires. The captain of the British ship, he said, was kidnapped and taken away on the submarine.

Fifteen hours later he heard an S.O.S. from the British tanker Tri-cula, of 6,221 tons, and rescued 11 survivors. Forty-six members of the crew were lost.

Five Soldiers Fined For Missing Camp

Orangeville, Aug. 21.—In police court here yesterday Magistrate Frederick C. Macdonald fined Ptes. F. R. Dale, A. Moss, D. R. Smith, C. R. Bryan and R. McDonald each \$5 under section 115 of the Militia Act. Lieut. Harold Darraugh, O.C. of the Company, of the Lorne Scots, prosecuted.

Breaks Both Legs

Dashwood, Aug. 21.—Mrs. William Jenkinson, 76, of Grand Bend, was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, London, yesterday with both legs broken and other injuries suffered when struck by a car while crossing a street in Grand Bend.

German sniper got busy. We fired everything at him but he was well concealed and then the machine guns got busy.

"We were so close we could hear the Heinie corporals calling out orders, but the Heinies fell back from the pill boxes to higher ground just beyond."

"We silenced the pill boxes, and our biggest job then was to get back to the beach where the landing craft was to pick us up. We had to travel through a deep gully and the machine guns got us. More of our boys got it. But we reached the beach."

"There were Canadians down the beach from us but I don't know what they were doing. I think they went in with tanks."

The Spectator's Portrait Gallery



HON. J. PIERREPONT MOFFAT U.S. Minister to Canada

(The engraving for the above reproduction was made from a drawing from life made specially for the Spectator by the eminent Canadian artist, George Lonn.)

BASIC PAY RATE IS FOCAL POINT IN STEEL THREAT

Say Hope of Preventing Major Tie-Up in Industry Slender

SYDNEY SITUATION

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Aug. 21.—(CP)—Focal point of striking threats in the basic steel-producing plants at Sydney, Nova Scotia, and in Sault Ste. Marie is the recognition of steel as a national industry with a uniform basic labour wage rate throughout Canada.

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BRITISH FLYERS SAVED FROM SEA IN DIEPPE FIGHT

F.O. Bob Morrison, This City, Takes Part in Rescue Attempts

THIRTY PICKED UP

(By Louis V. Hunter, Canadian Press Staff Writer)

With the R.C.A.F. Somewhere in England, Aug. 21.—(CP Cable)—Thirty British pilots were rescued from the English channel during the furious fighting of Wednesday because young Canadians like Flight-Lieut. Johnny Spence, of the Squadron of Guelph, Ont., got a kick out of doing "something that helps the boys who are doing the big jobs."

The 23-year-old flight commander will tell you his section was only a small cog in the wheel, that flying officer there is not R. A. Morrison, whom he'll try to turn the subject towards the Canadian fighter squadron which shared for the day of the Battle of Dieppe his channel coast station within sight of France.

"Didn't Chadburn (Squadron Leader V. Chadburn, of Oshawa, Ont.) do a swell job. Everybody's talking about it." (Chadburn's squadron destroyed three and damaged eight enemy aircraft.)

He'll mention only incidentally that he led 15 flights over the channel between 4 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Wednesday searching for British airmen in the channel.

He was in the air in his aircraft more than 13 hours, patrolling an area of about 50 square miles, and sometimes flyers in his section included F.O. Bob Morrison, 21, of Hamilton, and Warrant Officer Ralph Knowlton, 24, of Amherst, N.S.

Sitting in an armchair in a mission hut at the edge of a cliff, the young pilot classed Wednesday as "the busiest since last June, when the big sweeps started."

Leave Cancelled

Spence's section sighted only one pilot floating at sea, but it wasn't because they were not efficient that they didn't sight more. The channel was filled with fast air-sea rescue launches, which picked up most pilots before the seats of their trousers were wet.

"There were launches all over the place and they did a swell job," he said.

The distressed pilot was sighted by Knowlton, who remarked that "oddy enough he was a British pilot from this station and he was back here less than three hours after he fell into the water." He was picked up within 45 minutes by launches directed to the position by Knowlton.

Spence said he saw one aircraft go right into the sea.

"He must have been British because a Spitfire was circling him without firing. There was nothing left but a patch of oil and the pilot must have been trapped."

Morrison was one of the most depressed members of the squadron. His seven days' leave was cancelled and he presumed something was in the air. His day off came Wednesday and when he was recalled there was time only for one flight. Even sadder was Sgt.-Pilot Bill Uptgrove, of Penitence, B.C.

"I was pretty browned off when I found out what was going on and that I missed most of it," he said. All agreed that German attempts to bomb the convoy carrying the Canadians were "pretty damn poor."

Youthful Flyers Are Disappointed

"Couldn't Do Anything," Say Canucks After Eight Hours in Air

With the R.C.A.F. Somewhere in England, Aug. 21.—(CP Cable)—Two airmen sprawled on the grass of this Canadian fighter station, loose-limbed from relaxing after the day's terrific activity against Nazi flyers and protested, "shucks, we didn't do anything."

They were wiry-haired P.O. Gordy Mather, of Ottawa, and P.O. Maxwell Portz, of Weyburn, Sask. "I didn't even fire my guns once," said Mather.

Safe and Well Following Raid

Calgary, Alta., Aug. 21.—(BUP)—Major John Begg, of Calgary, who led the 14th (Canadian) Army Tank Battalion in the attack on Dieppe, is "safe and well" in England, according to a cable received here by his wife late last night. A veteran of the first Great War, Major Begg has been overseas since June, 1941. He was second in command of the Calgary Regiment (tank) of the reserve army during peace-time and was called as a training officer early in 1940. When the Calgary Regiment was mobilized as the 14th Army Tank Battalion in February, 1941, he began training with the unit at Camp Borden.

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Strong Fortress

The Casino was proving a strong fortress and a nearby tobacco factory also was very strongly held. The Germans had assembled about 100 British prisoners near the Casino, said one tank's radio.

At last the tank radio gave the word everybody had been expecting for some time. The men on the beach and on the promenade and those that had driven into the town had had a hard fight, but they had stuck to it.

"Evacuate," said the radio. A smokescreen along Pourville beach had already covered the withdrawal of the South Saskatchewan Regiment. Smoke concealed the coast for several miles.

Gripping Drama

The final drama of the raid, most gripping and intense of the whole operation, came over the tank radio.

Twenty-five minutes later the beach radio reported a tank landing-craft holed and sinking. The voice answering this piece of dire news was quite unchanged.

"Can you see anything coming yet?" asked the tank radio. Four minutes later the radio emitted only a heavy burst of machine-gun fire.

End very near. Another four minutes and I heard: "I am ready by the centre of the tank-landing craft to unload."

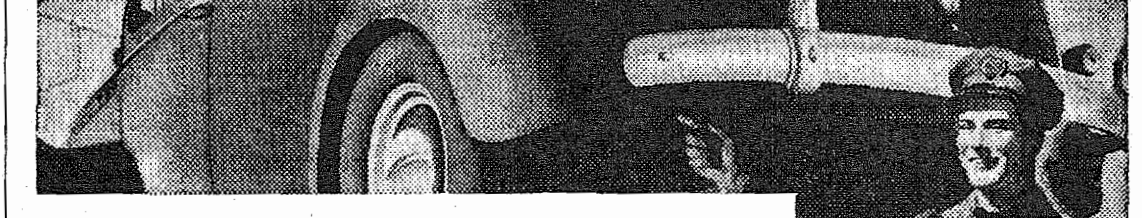
Back came the imperturbable answer: "You'll see me when the smoke comes in."

Only one more minute—the last: "I have to unload. My guns are gone. I can do no more good on the beach."

Publisher Dies

Lawrence, Mass., Aug. 21.—(AP)—Alexander H. Rogers, 74, publisher and owner of the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune, died yesterday at his Seabrook, N.H., summer home, where he had been recuperating from a recent illness. A native of Scotland, he came to the United States in his boyhood.

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