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EDITORIAL

Just Another Task Well Done

With figures released on the week-end and with three or four days this week to clean up odd purchases we can write with more emphasis—Well done Canada! Well done Halton; Well done Acton and District!

Sometimes the figures to be met looked stupendous. Sometimes it seemed objectives were too high; but no doubt it was the very evident need of that equipment on every field of battle that supplied the urge to lend all possible and everyone made a splendid response.

To all of those who worked in this achievement a word of praise is indeed due. To all who by their purchases have made the goal possible added appreciation is in order.

More and More Equipment

The insistent clamor for immediate conscription of manpower for overseas service seems to have subsided as loss of territory by the allies is more and more evidently due to lack of proper equipment for those now in the field to meet the mechanized might of the Axis.

Positions lost and territory gone to the enemy has been won by a superiority in fighting machines, not by lack of bravery of the armed forces.

There are just now a multitude of tasks to do on the home front. Some of them may seem trivial but if each will but try to serve in these tasks as he is asked, the day of victory will be hastened.

Along the Road

Sure the Second Victory Loan is completed and there is an opportunity for a breather. But all the facts presented in the press, radio talk and addresses given during that time surely prove that the task facing us does not allow time for any lengthy breathers.

of that which is likely to be necessary before the victorious finish.

There is no point in attempting to lay in store for these days all that may seem necessary to maintain the present way of living.

The way of life we Canadians have known—wasteful in many ways—is being sacrificed for a time. How long a time perhaps depends on the degree of sacrifice we put into the present and future—on how much evasion is practised by the selfish.

Gas rationing is next, but what of it. It's just one of the many things that after a period of trial may bring a lot more joy than we anticipate.

Criticizing Our Allies

A month before the German troops overran France an army of secret agents invaded that country and prepared the way. They spread stories about friendship between France and her allies.

Events of the last few weeks indicate definitely that the people of the United Nations have not yet realized the danger of such dissension.

Since last December we have suffered grave setbacks on the actual battlefield, but these setbacks are not fatal and the enemy cannot exploit them fully so long as the Allies remain united and determined.

None of the 26 partners in this gigantic crusade has done its part so perfectly that it can afford to lay all the blame on the others.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Well done Acton and district. The Victory loan is another achievement in the list of successes.

March is maintaining its reputation for variety of weather. Don't let its balmy days fool you that spring is here.

One of the things we hope will last until after the war but we know won't is that so-called highway between Acton and Milton.

Some of those objectives seemed to leave plenty of room to bubble over the top. The town we noticed among the first to go over had a third less of objective and a third more population than Acton.

Over eight hundred catalogues from one mail order house were distributed from Acton Post Office last week. Quite evidently there's business to be had in Acton and district when it's gone after.

An advertisement in a road builders' magazine gives a picture of the new construction on Highway 25 in Acton.

Men's suits can be clipped of a few extras as long as the pockets are not lessened.

Don't lay up your car; budget its miles to last out for the duration. An American tire company advises. It's good advice; almost every car owner has some war service to perform which can be expedited by careful use of his automobile.

Editor Walter Biehn marked his second anniversary last week as Editor of The Georgetown Herald.

WAR 25 Years Ago

Capture of Baghdad, German Retreat to Hindenburg Line and Start of Russian Revolt High Spots of the Week

BY H. H. GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

Stirring reports of great British military victories in France and Mesopotamia together with political developments in Russia that ended in the overthrow of the Romanov dynasty highlighted world news 25 years ago in the First Great War.

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ment behind which moved the ambitious Empress Alexandra Feodorovna and the sinister Russian monk Rasputin.

Overthrow of the autocratic government was welcomed at the time by Britain and France where it was felt Russia's war effort would be increased. But soon it became clear that the great mass of the Russian population was unsympathetic and the All-Russian Congress of Soviets strongly opposed the "Imperialist" war.

Belgian Airmen Carry On Fight

LONDON, (CP) — A valiant band of brave Belgian airmen who refused to yield to the Nazi conqueror are serving their enslaved country in the Belgian section of the Royal Air Force.

Decimated during the treacherous invasion of the country in May, 1940, the men of the Belgian Air Force who survived the onslaught fled from France to England after the French capitulation and volunteered for the R. A. F. They were joined later by fellow Belgians from Morocco.

Less than two months after the fall of France, the Belgians were posted to British fighter squadrons towards the end of July, 1940, and shared in the glorious victory of the R. A. F. in the Battle of Britain during which they destroyed 27 German machines.

Fourteen Belgian pilots and four observers posted to Coastal Command, one pilot was killed over the French coast.

Belgian airmen flying Hurri-Bombers, similar to those flown by a Canadian squadron under Sqn. Leader Bob Morrison at Vancouver, have taken part in attacks on Bresle. Two Belgians were killed in action in the Mediterranean theatre.

Three of the airmen killed over Britain were named, Flt. Lt. A. Van den Hoven O'Ertsenrijck, Pilot Officer Count Rodolph de Henricourt de Grunne and Flying Officer Jacques Philippart, who shot down six German aircraft in one day during the Battle of Britain. The others were not named because their families were still in France.

N. Z. DURALUMIN WELLINGTON, N.Z. (CP) — Duralumin, a metal alloy used extensively in the construction of aircraft, is being manufactured in New Zealand for the first time.

LIVERPOOL, (CP) — Mrs. Sybil Kerstens, wife of the Netherlands Minister for Economics, has arrived in Britain from Batavia in Java with her seven children after a two-month air and sea voyage.

300 POLICE INTERNED CAPETOWN, (CP) — Robey Liebrandt, former heavyweight champion of South Africa, with 300 policemen and detectives are now interned and Minister of Justice Collin Steyn says their recent "subversive movement" against the South African Union has been smashed.

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