

British Skies Free of Hun Raiders Only 57 Nights in Six Months



ONE HOME IN EVERY FIVE

One In Every Five Homes Lost or Damaged as Britons Still Take It

Over 44,000 Civilians Killed and 50,000 Injured in German Bombings—Services Afforded through Money Raised by H.W.V.C. Help to Alleviate Distress

HERALD FUND DOING ITS PART

Only 57 nights in the first 6 months of this year were skies over Britain free of German raiders.

That's a startling bit of information to crop up among reports of decreased bombings and "quiet" nights in the battle of Britain—but it's an official release from British Information Services, an agency of the British Government.

Although recent German raids on Britain have not been on a scale of the heaviest blitz of September, 1940, and April, 1941, the British people are still taking punishment from the air—the report goes on. "In April, 1942, casualty figures shot up to 938 killed and 908 injured. In May there was a drop to 200 killed and 426 injured.

If there have been any "quiet" periods in the battle of Britain, apparently they have been "quiet" only in comparison with the blitz periods.

Only Two Nights

Only 57 nights in the first half of this year were free from raiders.

That means only two nights a week were the people of Britain spared the sound of German planes overhead and the crash of German bombs in some corner of the Isles.

It means, also, that on only 57 mornings was there no call for assistance from the Lord Mayor's Empire Air Raid Distress Fund—but does not mean that on those 57 days the service of the Lord Mayor's Fund were not in operation.

The Evening Telegram British War Victims' Fund is the largest individual contributor to the Lord Mayor's Fund, and money contributed by the people of Canada and the United States has been at work daily aiding those people who have heard the drone of German planes five nights a week.

Then there is a broader picture. "One home in every five has been destroyed or damaged in air raids over Britain."

Startling News

That's another startling piece of information. It's not easy to imagine that picture, but when you look up and down your street and pick out every fifth house you can get some idea of the damage. Of course, in many areas street after street of houses was completely destroyed, and the one-in-five basis is only a mathematical picture.

On top of that, there is the matter of civilian casualties.

Over 44,000 civilians have been killed and over 50,000 injured. In April of this year nearly 1,000 were killed and as many injured.

That's another startling bit of information that has not been so easy

to see in reports of "slight casualties" and "little damage to military objectives."

Still Take It

Nevertheless, the people of Britain are still taking it, and the battle of Britain is "quiet" now only because it was "Hell" when it was at its worst.

There are more statistics in the release, and they are equally as interesting.

"In May of this year there was a drop to 399 killed and 425 injured. The June statistics have not yet been issued as the Ministry of Home Security must wait the outcome in cases where injuries are serious and the victims may be shifted from the injured to the killed column.

"Indications are that the figures for June—which will include the casualties in raids on Canterbury, Weston-super-Mare, Norwich and Southampton—will be on about the same level as those for May.

"The upswing in the last three months is the result of Hitler's much vaunted "Baedeker" raids. Under the "Baedeker" schedule, Exeter was attacked on April 23 and 24 and on May 4; both on April 25 and 26; Norwich on April 27; York on April 29 and Canterbury on June 1 and 6.

Shifted Raids

"On June 28 the Luftwaffe shifted its attention from historical beauty spots to a crowded seaside resort and attacked Weston-super-Mare, Exeter and Plymouth.

"Both Exeter and Plymouth suffered special hardship under the Nazi attack. Bath, a retreat for the ill and aged in peace-time, was not geared to meet the air onslaught. Exeter, although better prepared to face trouble, had more than its hands full after a terrible pounding by the Luftwaffe. The city suffered not only the blinding effect of high explosives and thousands of incendiaries but also ruthless diving-bombing and machine-gunning. Nazi bombs dropped on many of the main municipal buildings as well as on the ARP emergency food headquarters.

"Fortunately, Exeter was one of the cities which took to heart the great lesson of the heavy 1940 and 1941 blitzes—the vital need of decentralization. Its defense organization survived the vicious attack and continued to function successfully.

Build Up Defense

"This organization was built up during the comparative lull from Aug. 1941, to March, 1942. In this period Exeter, like other cities, did not allow inactivity to dull the edge of its defense work efficiency. On the contrary, the whole national defense organization was overhauled and tightened up.

"The recent 'baedeker' raids did nothing whatever to lower civilian morale; they have been a valuable means of keeping the civil defense army on its toes. In Exeter, or Bath, or wherever the Luftwaffe strikes, this

army is now ready to take in stride whatever the army from the air delivers."

The Georgetown Herald British War Victims' Fund, a subsidiary of the Evening Telegram Fund, is playing its part in helping the people of Britain through these horrible times. Almost three thousand dollars has been raised (\$231.15) and the fund, we hope, will receive the combined support of the citizens of this district. We cannot be satisfied to sit back and read headlines like these, without the urge to continue to send more to Britain to help relieve the suffering over there.

District Newspapers Win Awards

Heartly congratulations to Editor O. A. Duff and staff of the Action Press for the laurels they have won in the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Competitions. Announcement of the prize-winners was made at the Convention held in Saskatoon last week. The Action Press won the Hugh Savage Shield for the best all-round paper in class three; the Printer & Publisher Special of an editorial page in class two. The Brampton Conservator won the Amherstburg Echo Shield for the best front page and second place for the Mason Trophy for the best all round paper in class one. To all these papers we say keep up the good work.

DIED

McLEOD—At Oakville, on Monday, August 17th, 1942, Mary Jane Collins, beloved wife of Daniel McLeod, in her 72nd year.

IN MEMORIAM

DEWHURST—In loving memory of Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dewhurst, who passed away August 13th, 1934.

Oh happy hours we once enjoyed
How sweet their memory still,
But death has left a loneliness
The world can never fill.
—Sadly missed by Mother, Dad, Harvey and Elsie.

Bride and Groom Honoured By Ballinafad Friends

Neighbors and friends in Ballinafad community gathered on Wednesday evening, August 5th to honor Miss Helen McLean and Mr. Donald Brown with a miscellaneous shower on the eve of their marriage.

A lengthy program presided over by Rev. Foreman consisted of readings by Rhoda French, Annie Snow, Mrs. T. O'Connell and Joanna Shortill; solos by Fernie McEnery, Lorina Tucker, Alma McEnery, Mrs. Clark and Mr. Phinney; instrumental selections by Miss Jean McLean and the Shortill family; also step-dancing by Reg. French, accompanied by Mr. R. Shortill.

After this Mr. Foreman invited the bride and groom to take the easy chairs in front of the bridal arch while Mrs. Vannatter played the wedding march. At this time Mrs. Jesse McEnery read the following address:

It is with feelings of joy and pleasure that we, your friends and neighbors, heartiest congratulations on your hour of happiness. We extend to you our best wishes for your future happiness. You, Helen, are one of our own girls who have grown up in our midst. Your happy smile and winsome manner has won you many friends. Your sunny disposition will be missed, most especially in your home but also in the whole community. We trust it will make you many new friends for to make friends you must be a friend—a person you have already learned. We wish you "Bon Voyage" ere you embark upon the sea of matrimony.

You, Don, have lived among us long enough to have made many friends. We admire your industrious spirit and genial manner, and hope that kind fortune will continue to smile on all your efforts. We congratulate you on your choice of a life partner and know that our loss is your gain.

To you both, we wish health, happiness and prosperity during the joys and sorrows that lie ahead as you travel down the road of life, hand in hand.

God hath not promised the skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our life through.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain,
But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest from the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.
We ask you to accept these gifts and as you look at them may you

have happy memories of your friends around Ballinafad.

Signed:
JANIE O'CONNOR,
MARGARET HINCHLAIR,
MRS. DAN CAMPBELL,
MRS. JESSIE McENERY.

At the proper time, little Miss Hill and Billie Sinclair dressed in white and silk hat, drew in a decorated wagon laden with gifts.

The groom expressed thanks on behalf of himself and his bride. Lunch was served and the remainder of the evening spent in dancing.

The big 2-million dollar conservation dam in West Carleton, variously known as the Fergus Dam, the Grand River Conservation Dam, was formally opened by Premier Mitchell P. Hepburn, on Friday afternoon, Aug. 7th, before 3,500 people. This venture toward checking river floods and conserving water will be eagerly watched and if successful, no doubt will be tried elsewhere. In honor of the event Hugh Templin, editor of the Fergus News-Record, who has been an ardent campaigner for the project for many years, put out an especially 2nd edition of the paper with a separate photographic section devoted to the history of the great undertaking.

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