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### Australian Cabinet Ministers Killed in Airplane Crash

Canada's Sympathy the Greater Because of Memory of Hon. Norman Rogers.

Three members of the Australian Cabinet, the Chief of the Australian General Staff, two other passengers and a crew of four crashed to their deaths in a Royal Air Force plane two miles from Canberra, Australia, airport on Tuesday.

Other Cabinet Ministers were at one's sworn in to fill temporarily the posts of the key men who crashed—the Ministers for army and air and the Vice-President of the Executive Council.

The crash, a national tragedy, came as the plane was about to land at Canberra, the capital, to which the Ministers were on their way to a Cabinet meeting.

The dead: Brigadier G. A. Street, Army Minister.

J. V. Fairbairn, Air Minister.

Sir Henry Gullett, Vice-President of the Executive Council.

Col. I. F. Thornthwaite, of the General Staff.

R. E. Eldon, Fairbairn's secretary.

The crew of four.

The plane was heading for Canberra airport, flying low, when its motors faltered. It started to roll on its ends. Apparently its pilot tried to make an emergency landing. It crashed into a small clearing between two trees. A few moments later the plane burst into flames. All that was recognizable of it was a small part of the tail fin when the flames burned out.

"It is a great national calamity," said Prime Minister R. G. Menzies. "Every man aboard was doing important war service. Our loss can not be thinking about. They were all fine men and patriots and Australia will honor their memory."

Sympathy in Canada for Australia in the tragedy will be the deeper because of the recent airplane tragedy in which Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of Defence for Canada, lost his life in Durham County.

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### Stolen Ring Located in Thief's Stomach by Doctors

Lower Merion, Pa.—Police turned to medical experts when their own efforts failed to make a robbery suspect admit his theft.

The suspect was caught climbing out a kitchen window of Adaline Bawden's home. She reported that a \$200 diamond ring was missing. Detectives searched the suspect, but failed to find it. They decided he wouldn't have thrown a ring that value away, so they took him to Bryn Mawr Hospital. Doctors promptly put the man behind a fluoroscope and revealed the missing ring in his stomach.

### Aircraft Engines Removed, and Overhauled Every 600 Hours.

#### T. C. A. Planes All Given Four Routine Checks.

Winnipeg, August 14—After every 600 hours of service, the engines in all of the aircraft of the Trans-Canada Lines fleet are taken out and given a complete major overhaul and check.

A gas-electric jib crane handles the engine and transports it to the engine assembly stand, where several men are able to work without congestion. All accessories are removed and sent to the accessory shop. The engine installation crew cleans and services oil coolers, oil tanks and plumbing and the bare engine is taken from the mount and sent to the engine overhaul shop. Here the engine is completely dismantled on a tilting workstand. The numerous parts are placed on a large rack on wheels and they go into the cleaning room for a washing down with grease solvent. Every drop of oil, every bit of dirt and paint on cylinder barrels and crankcase, comes off. The cylinder barrels go to the sand blast room to get rid of the last trace of enamel.

The cleaned parts are inspected, those made of steel being checked by the magnaflex machine which searches out minute cracks not discernible by unaided eyes. Every part is demagnetized, bearing surfaces are checked for wear, cylinder barrels are given a hydraulic pressure test, and after other tests, and replacements if necessary, the engine is re-assembled. It then goes into a test house for a seven-hour run-in. The engine is mounted and fitted with a four-blade propeller. Starting at a low speed, it is run up to complete operating speed and tested under conditions simulating actual flight. The engine is checked over again after its high speed and acceleration test and is cleaned before being installed again in the plane.

#### FOR JOE BROWN?

Plant breeders report they have produced a "topato," described as a cross between a tomato and a potato. It is to be hoped they never set their hearts on cabbage on the cob—Calgary Albertan.

### Forest Fires, Their Results and How To Prevent Them

#### Boy of Ten Wins Award by Thoughtful Essay on Subject.

Following a commendable custom of many years, the Ontario Paper Company and Quebec North Shore Paper Company have again held essay competitions at all of their plants in Ontario and Quebec. The high quality of the results may be gauged by the following prize-winning manuscript written by a ten-year-old lad, Billy Thorsteinson of Heron Bay, Ont.:

#### Forest Fires, Their Results, and How to Prevent Them

Forest fires are started in many ways, but most of these are through carelessness. Some people who are camping do not look to see if their campfires are out when leaving them, and what fire is left may catch onto some brush and spread through the forest causing a great forest fire.

Other people who are smoking, throw their lighted matches and cigarettes into the dry grass and thus setting it afire, and soon there is a great forest fire blazing.

Another way that fires are started are by men who are out of work. They start a great forest fire in the hope of getting work putting it out.

The results of these forest fires are very bad. Thousands of acres of wood are destroyed and millions of dollars are lost. Villages are burned down and the death of many people may result.

These fires cause the animals to run away to find shelter. Many of these are fur bearing animals.

We try to prevent the forest fires by having fire Rangers to put out the fires. The fire Rangers are men who are good firemen and know how to fight the fires. They know where to go and what to do if there is a fire.

They use aeroplanes, pumps, canoes, hoses, and other equipment for fighting the fires. But there is not enough of this equipment. The towers should have telephone or radio to report to headquarters when there is a fire. There should be many more aeroplanes, more pumps and more of the equipment for fighting the forest fires. They should have a headquarters in each district and have experts in charge of the men.

People who travel through the forests should report to the fire Rangers and get permission to go. There are posters offering rewards to those reporting one guilty of setting a fire, or warning the travellers to be careful. But there are not enough of these posters, there should be a great many of them to warn the people to be careful of setting fires or anything careless in the forests. People who are camping should watch cooking fires so that they will not catch onto any brush or dry grass and after they are finished with their fire they should bury all their ashes in the ground where it would never catch on to anything.

There should be more propaganda spread around so the people would be afraid of the forest fires. They should use this propaganda in movies, radio, contests, magazines, and newspaper articles, and speeches. Then the people would try to keep the fires away and maybe they would be more careful when camping or making fires in the forests.

The woods in the forests are most important now because of the war that is going on. England cannot get her wood from Norway so Canada will have to supply England herself and if part of the forest was to be burned up there would be not so much to send to England.

England needs this wood now for the construction of ships, aeroplanes, and other things that are needed for this war.

If fires were to be prevented as much as possible it would reserve the home of our animals and keep them safe from these damaging fires and I, myself, am going to prevent fires as much as I can and I hope everyone else will do the same.

Billy Thorsteinson.

### Germans Lost 262 Planes to R.A.F. in Past Nine Days

Below are the comparative losses of British and German planes in the concentrated air war that began Monday, August 5:

	German	British
Monday	4	0
Tuesday	0	0
Wednesday	0	1
Thursday	61	18
Friday	1	1
Saturday	0	4
Sunday	65	29
Monday	62	13
Tuesday	69	27
Totals	262	93

### Chief of Staff



A promotion, coming almost before he had time to sit at his desk, raised 52-year-old Maj.-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar to chief of the general staff. He succeeds Gen. T. V. Anderson. General Anderson becomes inspector-general for Central Canada, assigned also to undertake special inspection duties. He succeeds Maj.-Gen. E. C. Ashton, who returns to the retirement which he left last fall.

### New Breed of Huskies Developed at Minaki

Minaki, Ont.—After years of experimenting with cross breeds to develop the perfect sled-dog, Jim Donnelly, veteran guide at Minaki Lodge in the Lake-of-the-Woods district of Northern Ontario, reports success. Jim has developed an exclusive "Minaki strain." It is a cross between an Irish wolfhound and a husky. Says Jim: "Although not much to look at, this new Minaki sledder is a natural and perfect leader. He is gentle and intelligent with strong pulling power."

### The English Have a Name for These—Blitzquirks

(By Dan Campbell)

London, Aug 14—It's the little things that make a blitzkrieg worth watching, so today we give you "blitzquirks" in the news.

Visitors entering the British port of Dover yesterday were greeted by a sign chalked up on a lonely sentry's post on the outskirts of the town. It read: "Welcome to hell's corner—come again."

Seagulls along the coast are doing their part in this man's war. They've joined the "alarm corps." When the first bomb comes whistling down the seagulls begin screaming and the sounds they make sound something like "Fish, fish, fish"—of which they have had plenty since the Germans began bombing the harbor waters.

A canal officer came running out of a hotel at a south coast town to watch an attack on a balloon barrage. He appeared to be choking. To a questioner, he said: "I've just swallowed my bath water."

A southeast coast drug store reported a rushing business as a result of the air raids. The proprietor reported that dozens of persons were coming in complaining of "air raid strain"—pains in their neck and eyes from looking into the skies at the air battles. He sold them sun glasses.

During the night 101 bombs fell on an 18-hole golf course along the southeast coast. "The Germans are pretty bad," said a greenskeeper who belongs to the home defense corps, par is only 72."

When German raiders appeared over a southwest coast town, Justice Hawke adjourned his court, removed his wig and retired to a jail cell with two attorneys and a sheriff. He spread his robe over his knees and made a makeshift table. The sheriff took out a deck of cards. They began playing bridge.

A fisherman wandered out into the Channel to do a bit of fishing between air raids. Before he could get back to shore two German airmen came down in parachutes beside his boat. He dragged them in. One of the Germans said in English: "This war is bad for everybody." The fisherman retorted: "Yep, you never know what you're going to drag in when you go out to catch a mess of fish."

An incendiary bomb smashed through the roof of a house in Kent. It landed in a bathtub filled with water.

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### SIFTING THE NEWS

By Hugh Murphy

Recently in a beverage room in Timmins, where a number of soldiers were partaking of a bit of brew, one of their number started to sing "God Save the King." Those of the crowd in the room who did not immediately leap to their feet found themselves assisted in no uncertain fashion by the members of His Majesty's forces.

The same thing happened recently in a Southern Ontario town adjacent to a military camp. As soon as one person would start to sing all the soldiers in the place would join in. As soon as the national anthem was sung once someone else would start it again, and again everyone would be forcibly urged to stand up.

One day this practice was in progress when a high ranking officer passed. He entered the room and brought all of the soldiers to attention. He then asked who started to sing the song. Naturally no one knew.

The officer then gave an impromptu lecture on how, where and when the national anthem should be sung. To begin with, he said, "God Save the King" was not a bar-room song. There might be occasions when it could be sung in a beverage room but they were rare. Furthermore, he pointed out, it was not a song to be sung merely because one was in good spirits. It had a very special significance and should be given the consideration it deserved.

The officer instructed the proprietor of the hotel to close the bar in future if the practice was resumed. He warned, further, that if it did continue he would have that town put "out of bounds" for the men of the camp. That was the end of indiscriminate singing of "God Save the King" in that town.

It is not suggested that anyone in the army is singing the national anthem in a beverage room or anywhere else without the respect it deserves. It is very likely in excess of animal spirits and a desire to give voice to the sentiments they hold dear which prompts such action. "Nevertheless the officers point is well taken and some thought before such conduct would very likely bring to mind the truth of his statement that indiscriminate singing of such a song can do little other than cheapen it."

In a southern city recently a very distinguished gentleman was standing on a curb waiting for the lights on the avenue to change from red to green. When he got the green signal he stepped out on the street only to dart back in alarm as a taxicab came whizzing up the inside traffic lane. It stopped with a screeching of brakes right on the line and the driver sat grinning at the old gentleman.

The old gentleman smiled back at the driver, stepped in front of the cab and wrenched both headlights out of line. He lifted his hat to the driver and marched across the street looking more distinguished than ever.

Most pedestrians have, at one time or another, had the same experience as the old gentleman. They have too wanted to commit mayhem. Under such circumstances the old gentleman's action was quite justified.

### Boy at Minden is Badly Gashed and Mauled by Bear

A supposedly tame bear at Minden this week went berserk and seriously injured 11-year-old Norman McNaughton, son of Constable John McNaughton, of Toronto, after the lad had given the bear an empty pop bottle. It is believed that the bear became enraged on discovering that the bottle did not contain the anticipated drink. One of the animal's favourite tricks is to hold a bottle containing a soft drink in his forepaws and put it to his mouth, emptying the bottle in a few seconds.

Norman's screams attracted Mrs. McNaughton and others and the boy was dragged away from the infuriated bear. Blood was streaming from the numerous gashes and the youngster appeared to be suffering from shock. He was taken to Minden where the stitches were applied.

The boy's legs were gashed nearly to the thigh and forty-one stitches were required to close the wounds.

The McNaughton summer cottage is near Carnvon, a short distance from Minden. With Mrs. McNaughton is her daughter, Betty, 14, and her sister-in-law and the latter's two children. The youngsters played for hours with the bear which ordinarily is good natured and friendly.

Constable McNaughton, who is attached to East Dundas Police Station in Toronto, was informed by telephone of the accident and immediately obtained leave to go to the scene. The McNaughtons live at 158 Essex Street, Toronto.

### England Will Live

(Edna Jaques in The Toronto Star)  
Not rocks and soil and seams of coal,  
Nor chalky cliffs out Dover way—  
'Tis something deeper than it all  
That makes this England of today.

Not bravery in time of fear,  
Nor hardihood in time of stress,  
But tiny gardens wet with dew  
That go to make her loveliness.

Not a green island prim and small  
In the rough setting of a sea,  
But race and blood and strength of heart  
That calls to something deep in me.

Not pride that vaunts itself, nor greed,  
Nor people proud of wealth and power,  
But small men reared in decency  
To guard her in her darkest hour.

As long as people laugh and sing  
And make a jest of fear and hate,  
So long will England live, and be  
A mighty nation strong and great.

### REVENGE

A young lady schoolteacher was recently stopped in Detroit for driving through a red light and given a ticket calling for her appearance in Traffic Court the following Monday. She went at once to the judge, told him that she had to be at her classes then, and asked for the immediate disposal of her case. "So," said the judge sternly, "you're a schoolteacher. That's fine, Madam, your presence here fulfills a long-standing ambition for me. For years I have yearned to have a schoolteacher in this court. Now," he thundered, "you sit right down at that table over there and write 'I went through a Stop sign' 500 times."—Maclean's Magazine.

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