

NAZIS LOSE 141 OF 600 RAIDING PLANES

R. A. F. Blasts Harbours 26 Airdromes in France

Fighting for Initiative Britain Deals Earth-Shaking Blows at Germany. Waves of British Bombers Cross Channel. Report That Five German Divisions Bombed by R. A. F. on French Beaches Not Confirmed.

Fighting for the initiative in the greatest air war of all times, Britain struck earth shaking blows at Germany's positions on the French coast. Today's raid was the third since Saturday night.

Despite the strain of defending their own island from the suddenly renewed massive German attacks, the R.A.F. sent great waves of bombers across the channel and the port of Dover was lighted with the glare and resounded from the echoing bombings from Boulogne and Calais.

The air ministry declined to confirm a press association report that the R.A.F. had bombed into confused turmoil a German army of five divisions, up to 100,000 men, on the French beaches. The press association withdrew the report.

Reports were current in Dover that German infantry was massed on the French shore and the sight and sound of battle tended to confirm these assertions.

The R.A.F. bombed Boulogne harbour and blasted twenty-six airdromes in France, Holland and Belgium.

Three tons of high explosives and incendiary bombs were dumped at harbour targets in Saturday night's raid. The Boulogne harbour was bombed from a low height and the pier at the entrance was hit several times but most of the bombs fell plumb along ships and seaplanes in the basin. One of the seaplanes was struck and came up above the smoke in a thousand pieces.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Ostrander announce the engagement of their daughter, Marion Rush, to Mr. Frederick Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Evans, of Toronto. The wedding will take place September 14th.

Denial of Association With Illegal Groups is Made by Gold Belt Band

Attestation of Loyalty to King and Country Made in Letter Signed by Bandmaster, Secretary and Forty-Seven Members of Band. State Sponsorship of Band Claimed by Different Organizations Without Authority of Band.

Emphatic denial that it was associated with or supported by any organization which had been declared illegal by the government was made by the personnel of the Porcupine Gold Belt Band in a letter considered by the council on Friday afternoon during an informal meeting.

The same letter contained a declaration of loyalty to King and country and the assertion that the 49 signatories to the letter believed that Canada in assisting the Empire, was fighting for a cause they knew to be just.

The letter is as follows:

"During the past three years there have been various opinions voiced regarding our organization, The Porcupine Gold Belt Band. From time to time different individuals have brought forth unsubstantiated arguments, claiming that the band was affiliated to and supported by organizations now declared illegal by the government. Without the knowledge or sanction of either bandmaster or band members, different bodies have, in the past, proclaimed their sponsorship of our organization. Despite desperate efforts on our part to show these claims as untrue, this idea still prevails."

"However, in view of present circumstances, this situation must be cleared up. The Porcupine Gold Belt Band has struggled along for the past years continually burdened by false accusations and criticisms. Despite this burden we have continued to serve the Timmins public through medium of concerts, taking part in parades, helping Red Cross work and in general, willingly doing all the duties of a publicly supported band. The turnout at our Sunday concerts and other events leads us to believe our work is appreciated.

"However, to be appreciated is not enough. Our name must be cleared. We have disclosed our financial affairs to the town fathers and believe that we have satisfactorily proved that we get our financial support solely through our own hard work and general public support. We reiterate, that we have accepted no help from illegal organizations whatsoever."

"At the same time we would like to make this statement public:

"We, the undersigned, all members of the Porcupine Gold Belt Band, in view

Continued Cloudy And Cold

Began to Rain at 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Until 6:30 p.m. To-day Rained 3/4 Inch.

"It will continue to be cloudy and cold," predicted Sydney Wheeler, Hollinger weather expert this morning.

It began to rain at 6:30 a.m. yesterday morning and continued at intervals until 6:30 this morning. Total rainfall was three-quarters of an inch.

It was quite possible, said Mr. Wheeler, that we would get more rain today.

Maximum and minimum temperatures since Thursday have been as follows: Thursday, maximum 84, minimum 62; Friday, 81 and 64; Saturday, 80 and 56; Sunday, 58 and 48. At eight o'clock this morning the thermometer reading was 48 degrees.

Blast at Windsor, Ontario, Kills One, Injures a Score

An unexplained explosion at a large hotel at Windsor, Ontario, yesterday resulted in the death of one man and the injury of a score of others, some of them seriously hurt. Several of the injured had to have hospital treatment.

The explosion occurred apparently in the basement while electricians were working on some minor trouble with the lights. One explanation given is that the blast was due to gases igniting in the basement. Representatives from the Ontario Fire Marshal's office are conducting a very careful enquiry into the matter.

CONFIRMATION

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FAMED CAVALRY REGIMENT GETS STEED AS MASCOT



The tradition of it days as a dashing cavalry regiment will be carried on by two-wheeled steeds, but there is little about the Governor-General's Horse Guards to recall when the men wore breeches and spurs. A tie with the old days was renewed in Toronto, however, when "Sabiscuit," a small pony in

full galloping order, was introduced to the ranks. The pony was given to the regiment as a mascot from Rupert Bain, master of the Eglington Hunt club, Toronto. Here it hobnobs with the men after the last joint parade of the active and non-permanent units of the regiment.

CONFUSION THIS MORNING BECAUSE OF LACK OF WORKERS.
Registrants Asked to Bring Their Own Pens If Possible.
Officials Pleased That Large Number Housewives Taking Advantage of Lull in Mornings to Register.

About half of the number of volunteers who said they would be on hand this morning to assist with the National Registration here did not turn up. Consequently there was a shortage of workers, and in some schools, considerable confusion.

The Deputy Registrar, Wilfred Spoo-
ner, said that he did not anticipate that dull weather such as there was this morning, would keep the volunteers at home. Such apparently was the case.

During the remainder of today, Tues-
day and Wednesday, persons registering are asked to bring their own pens with them, if possible. Many persons arrive at the registration depot with their cards all filled out. Although it is only a matter of signing their names in front of one of the assistant De-
puty Registrars, they are forced to wait until a pen is available. That is not always a short wait.

Part of the confusion this morning was the result of the pen situation and part the result of a lack of workers. Whatever the reason there was confusion and it was noon before registration started to go through in an orderly manner.

A number of workers who did not appear this morning are expected to turn out this afternoon. It is probable that there will be more than enough workers.

Officials said that they were pleased with the number of housewives who registered this morning. They reiterated their plea to housewives to register in the morning or some time during the day when it would be impossible for business people to register. At such times, noon and after work in the evening, the booths, it is expected, will be jampacked. Early registration of housewives in mornings will do considerable to relieve pressure.

Police Chief Warns Park-
ing Across Driveways,
Lanes Forbidden.

Felician Ferguson, 39, who said that he had no address, is charged with theft. He was picked up by three policemen on Saturday night after he allegedly shoplifted from Bucovetsky's store.

Ferguson was catholic in his choice of articles. He chose two pair of ladies slippers and a man's cap.

There were several speeders. One man was charged with driving sixty to sixty-five miles an hour on the Hollinger flats, another with driving between 40 and 45 miles an hour on the flats during heavy traffic.

Giving information on a charge of lane obstruction, Chief Gagnon said today that he wanted to warn motorists that there is a local by-law forbidding parking across private lanes and drive-ways.

DR. SIMPSON MINISTER OF EDUCATION, DIED YESTERDAY

Many friends and acquaintances in Timmins and district will deeply regret to learn of the death yesterday of Dr. J. L. Simpson, Minister of Education in the Ontario Cabinet. Dr. Simpson's death was sudden and unexpected, being due to a heart attack. Shortly after being chosen for the post of Minister of Education Dr. Simpson visited Timmins and impressed all with his fairness, his desire to be of public service.

Colonel Masson to be presented with letter expressing town's gratitude for work in helping organize Timmins Auxiliary Police.

Fire Chief granted 3 weeks' holidays.

Heaviest Defeat of War Inflicted on Nazis in Resumption of Mass Raids

Attack London Area for Third Time in a Week. Germans Lost Twenty-Four Per Cent. of Force in Yesterday's Battle. Houses Destroyed and Casualties Inflicted in Raids on Southeast Town. R. A. F. Raises Ratio to Nine to One.

Trio of Auto Crashes

No One Injured and Damage Not Great in Car Accidents.

A charge of carelessness driving was laid against Raymond St. Denis, 129 Commercial Avenue, by Herbert Hoelke, Schumacher, following an accident on the east side of the Mattagami River, on Sunday morning.

The accident took place at 12:20 a.m. The two cars met in a collision on the extension of Wilson Avenue. Damage to Hoelke's car amounted to \$35.

CRASH IN TIMMINS

At 11:45 a.m. on Sunday, opposite 62 Pine street south, a truck, driven by Emile Therrien, and a car, driven by Howard Brunette, met in an accident. The truck was making a left hand turn off Pine street and the taxi cab was coming north on Pine street when the accident occurred. Drivers agreed to settle the damage between themselves and no charges were laid.

Cars driven by Jack Sanchy, 268 Birch street south, and Albert E. Lake, 205 Maple street south, met in a minor collision at the corner of Kimberley and Balsam streets at 2:40 p.m. on Saturday. Damage was only trivial and charges were not laid.

The attack yesterday on London South was the most extensive of the war in the metropolitan area. Scores of bombs were dropped and a large area was rocked by their explosions. One town just outside of London was heavily damaged and many casualties were inflicted when formations of German planes dive-bombed their objectives.

The sky was said to be "black" with planes. The air ministry reported that several R.A.F. airfields were hit and some service personnel killed and others injured.

Britain having destroyed four German planes, to each British plane lost during the past week's six successive days of raids, made the ratio better than nine to one in fighting off yesterday's attacks which struck at the outer edge of South London, at Croydon Aerodrome, at Kent, Sussex, the Portsmouth naval base, Hampshire and Surrey, the east coast, the Midlands and south and southeast coast.

Hints That Germany Has Plans to Attack Iceland, Greenland

Newfoundland Also Listed as to be Menaced.

London, Aug. 17.—Under the heading: "Hitler Plans an Attack on Iceland and Greenland," the military correspondent of the Daily Express to-day writes:

"Details have reached me of a German plan to attack Britain's trade routes by encirclement.

"Attacks on the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland and the Newfoundland are contemplated under this plan.

"Establishment of bases on this route would have the object of cutting Britain from her bases of supply, the United States and Canada."

For many weeks troops of the Canadian Active Service Corps have been stationed in Iceland and Newfoundland, including the Labrador coast. A large number of troops assigned to duty in Iceland is composed of Canadians of Icelandic descent, recruited in the Lake Winnipeg area, which is the centre of Canadian Icelandic settlement.

KEEPING SCORE



Watching from the ground a "Spark" as a telegraphist is known festooned with a machine-gun belt counts as British R.A.F. fighters shot down at least 60 enemy planes in a 14-hour aerial battle over the English Channel.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert G. McGee, Schumacher, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn Avis, to Mr. Thomas Edward Leck, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Leck, Schumacher. The marriage to take place September 7th, at Trinity United Church, Schumacher.

Timmins Citizens' Band to Present Concert Thursday

Event Planned for Last Night Could Not be Held on Account of Weather.

On account of the heavy rain yesterday it was impossible for the Timmins Citizens' Band to present their open air band concert as planned. However, with the proviso that the weather permits, the programme will be presented in full on Thursday evening of this week. A programme of special interest has been prepared and the selections to be given at the bandstand in the Spruce street park on Thursday evening, under the leadership of Bandmaster F. J. Wino, should prove popular.

Roosevelt, King Issue Statement After Conference

Co-operation for mutual defence of Canada and the United States, which stops only short of a formal alliance was contained in a joint statement issued by Prime Minister Mackenzie King and President Roosevelt following a weekend conference.

The agreement provides: 1. for the establishment of a joint board for defence to be set up immediately. Each country is to be represented by four or five men, mostly from the services.

2. The Board is to consider immediately studies relating to land and sea problems including personnel and material.

3. The Board's scope will be so wide that it virtually will be considered in the broad sense the defence of the north half of the western hemisphere.