

# Allies Blasting Italy Out of the War

## Five-year Term for Man Convicted of Brutal Robbery with Violence

Victim of Assault May Lose Sight as Result of Injuries. Lad of Seventeen Acquitted of Charge of Being Implicated in Vicious Assault and Robbery.

One young man in his early twenties, Frank Miller, was convicted at police court on Tuesday of robbery with violence, and sentenced to five years in Kingston penitentiary, while a lad of seventeen years, Glen Norman McCourt, was acquitted on a similar charge. The victim of the assault and robbery may lose his sight as a result of the violence he suffered. He spent some weeks in the hospital following the assault, but though apparently nearly injured, he made good recovery except that his sight is now so impaired that he has only a small percentage of vision.

Dr. P. Clermont described the injuries suffered by the victim of the assault, Mr. Louis Moreau, a man of close to 70 years of age. "He was covered with blood from three bad cuts in the head when I attended him," the doctor said, "and he was suffering from concussion. He had apparently been hit more than once on the head by some heavy blunt instrument, the tissues being badly crushed." In answer to Greg Evans, counsel for Miller, Dr. Clermont said that Mr. Moreau's memory had not been affected and he was now well on the way to recovery from the injuries sustained. Mr. Moreau had suffered seriously from headaches, the doctor said.

Mr. Moreau's evidence was to the effect that on the evening of Nov. 13th two young men had visited his place in Mountjoy township and asked for a couple bottles of beer. He had given them the beer and they started to leave, but then asked him to telephone for a taxi for them. When he turned his back to go to the phone he was struck from behind and knocked unconscious. Twelve dollars had been stolen from his trousers' pocket. He had identified one of the men (Miller) in a police line-up. He had known Miller before but had not known the other man. He had not identified McCourt in either of the two line-ups at the police station, he told S. C. Platus, counsel for McCourt. Mr. Moreau was asked to see if he could find the other man in the courtroom, but after walking haltingly down the aisle he said he could not see well enough now to recognize anyone. His eyesight had been all right after the assault, but seemed to be getting worse now.

Sergt. Jas. Gariepy told of arresting Miller and that Miller had written out a voluntary statement and signed it after being some time in the cells. This statement admitted that he and McCourt had visited the Moreau house, but asserted that McCourt had pulled a club from his pocket and was ready more than once to hit Moreau, finally getting a good chance and knocking the old man down. Miller said that he was afraid then and ran. Miller claimed that he was outside the house when Moreau was assaulted by McCourt. The statement concluded with a reference to his arrest and the fact that he had been "happy ever since."

Mrs. John Dubeau gave evidence to the effect that McCourt had boasted to her that he was the one that had slugged Moreau. Her evidence also called in question McCourt's alibi regarding his movements and the times he was at Sunnyside Inn. Mrs. Dubeau said her husband worked for Archie Miner, and that she did the work upstairs while her husband was working downstairs. Miss Marie Labreque, who said that she worked for Mrs. Dubeau, and was present when McCourt boasted as Mrs. Dubeau had told the court, corroborated the account given by Mrs. Dubeau.

A girl of 15 years gave evidence of being with McCourt at the Sunnyside Inn at times that supported McCourt's alibi, but under questioning by the Crown Attorney, her story was not impressive.

In evidence on his own behalf McCourt swore that he was not with Miller at Moreau's house on the night of the crime. He claimed that he had gone with Miller to a nearby soft drink stand and then had returned to Sunnyside Inn where he remained until 11 o'clock. He also denied talking to the two women in the way they suggested. He claimed that only one of them was at the bus stand and that he had said nothing about attacking Moreau and had made no boasts of fooling the police.

S. C. Platus, K.C., counsel for McCourt, held that there was no evidence to connect his client with the crime. He held that Miller's statement was not to be accepted, as Miller was evidently trying to fasten the crime on another to save himself. Mr. Platus also discounted the evidence of the two young women as part of an attempt to allow Miller to escape from responsibility.

Greg. Evans, counsel for Miller, urged that his client was telling the truth. He had been the victim of circumstances in going to Moreau's place. The evidence seemed to show, Mr. Evans said, that McCourt had gone to Moreau's house with the plan of robbing the old man.

Crown Attorney Caldwell thought that conviction should be registered against both men. The assault on Mr. Moreau had been a very vicious one that might have had fatal results. The evidence against both men appeared strong enough to warrant their conviction on the charge.

In announcing his judgment in the case, Magistrate Atkinson gave a brief summary of the evidence. He did not feel that he could convict McCourt on the evidence before the court. There seemed to be an attempt to shift the blame from Miller to McCourt. McCourt flatly denied being at the Moreau house, and there was no conclusive evidence to show that he had been there. The fact that Mr. Moreau had twice failed to identify him in the police line-ups was also in McCourt's favour. Miller's own statement, the Magistrate said, admitted that he had noticed two attempts to slug the old man and yet had made no effort to warn Mr. Moreau or to prevent the attacks. The Magistrate then read Miller's record of previous convictions and pronounced the sentence.

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## APPOINTED PRINCIPAL MATRON, NURSING SERVICES



Miss Dorothy MacRae, newly appointed Principal Matron, Nursing Services, CENTRE, with Miss E. M. Smellie, Matron-in-Charge, and Brigadier Brock C. Chisholm, Director General of Medical Services. — (Canadian Army Photo)

## No. 1 T. C. Air Force Hockey Team to Play at McIntyre To-morrow

Personnel of the Two Teams for Exhibition Game on Friday Evening of This Week. All-Star Team for Porcupine League Has Been Selected for the Occasion.

Tomorrow night in the McIntyre Arena the No. 1 T.C. Air Force hockey team will play an exhibition game with an All-Star team from the Porcupine Mines league.

After winning from the Army in Toronto on Tuesday, they took the train to play three games in the North in as many nights. They play tonight in Sudbury, and on Saturday they play in Kirkland Lake.

The Air Force team personnel and numbers: Goal, Belanger (1); defence, Eush (2) and Dickens (3); centre, Quilty (7); wings, McCreedy (8) and Riopelle (9).

Alternates, Doug, McCraig (4), Murray Henderson (5), McAbee (6), Wallace Wilson (10), Tustin (11), Don, Wilson (12), Bus, Wycherley (14), Pat McReavy (15), Gronsdal (16) and spare goalie, G. Thomas (19).

Coach, Joe Primeau of the famous kio line of Maple Leafs a few years ago. Sqd. Leader J. A. Grant is the manager.

The selection committee have chosen a very formidable team to oppose the Flyers and a good game will be seen.

The personnel of the All-Stars and numbers:—goal, Porter (1); defence, Morris (3) and Patton (4); centre, H. Carnegie (8); wings, O. Carnegie (8) and Wilson (12).

Alternates: defence, Schwab (10) and McKay (11); forwards, Maki (2), Turcotte (5), Baker (6), Drummond (9), Kovalchuk (14), Petrucci (15); and spare goalie, Bentley (18).

This team will be coached by Hobe Essletine with Chas. Brown as manager.

Father of Mrs. I. T. Brill Passes Away at Pembroke

Mrs. I. T. Brill has been in Pembroke for the past couple of weeks on account of the serious illness of her father, Mr. Robert O'Brien, and word was received this morning of Mr. O'Brien's death. Dr. Brill left this morning for Pembroke to attend the funeral.

Two Men Charged With Keeping 50 Dogs Minus License

One Man Had 35 Dogs Without a License. While a Neighbour had 15 More.

At certain times of the year it is not unusual for men in Timmins to be charged with failing to have a license for one dog, or two dogs, or even as many as half a dozen dogs. But it is out of the ordinary for a case to be entered for a man charged with keeping 35 dogs without a license. Yet that is what happened this week to J. Goudreau, end of Pine street, south, near the old incinerator. At the same time Henry Burton, who lives not far from the other man is charged with keeping 15 dogs, none of them having a license. Neither of the men have kennel licenses, according to police records, and if they had to take out a separate license for each breed of dog represented they would have a lot of kennel licenses. It is understood that the dogs are sold at very low prices to anyone desiring that sort of a dog. People in the neighbourhood have complained about the noise the dogs make on occasion, and even people quite a distance away have been disturbed, because 50 canines in a chorus can make quite a noise at night. Both men are charged under the town dog by-law.

At Monday's municipal elections, Mayor J. Emile Brunette was elected mayor for 1943 with a majority of 1289 over councillor William Roberts, the other contestant for the mayoralty.

The four members of present council on the ballot were elected at the top of the council list. Councillor J. W. Spooner headed the poll with the largest vote ever polled here for a candidate for council.

The councillors elected were:—J. W. Spooner, Ellen M. Terry, Wm. McDermott, K. A. Eyre, Philip Fay and E. W. Gladstone.

Only about 56 per cent. of the total vote was polled.

The following is a summary of the votes:—

For Mayor

J. E. Brunette (Elected) 3928

Wm. Roberts 2639

For Council

J. W. Spooner (Elected) 3651

Ellen Terry (Elected) 3486

W. McDermott (Elected) 2663

K. A. Eyre (Elected) 2536

Philip Fay (Elected) 2453

E. W. Gladstone (Elected) 2240

L. Bailey 1963

M. Aubrey 1799

L. C. Cousins 1671

Wm. Stewart 1231

J. Rowlandson 1225

P. O'Gorman 1148

S. J. Morgan 966

## Christmas Concert at Salvation Army Hall on Friday

Weekly Meeting of Home League Wednesday. Sale of Week Before Discussed

The weekly meeting of the Home League was held on Wednesday afternoon at the Salvation Army Hall. Mrs. W. B. Paterson opened the meeting with prayer.

The members spent part of the afternoon discussing the sale held the week before, and noted that the sale was a big success. All the articles were sold long before the afternoon was over.

A Christmas concert will be held on Friday evening at the Army hall, by the Sunday school classes commencing at 8 p.m. The members filled bags during the afternoon with fruit and candy for the concert.

Mrs. Stevens read a chapter from the Bible.

An article on buying Christmas toys for children was read by Mrs. Hoblyn.

The afternoon was completed by the serving of a delicious lunch by Mrs. Dunlop and Mrs. W. B. Paterson.

The meeting was closed with prayer, led by Mrs. Capt. Church.

The next meeting takes place next Wednesday afternoon at the Army hall.

Porcupine Rod and Gun Club's Annual Meeting To-night

Prizes to be Presented to Winners for Largest Fish Caught.

The annual meeting of the Porcupine Rod and Gun Club is to be held this evening, Thursday, Dec. 10th, at 8 p.m. in the town hall. Reports will be presented of the work of the Club during the past year and there will, of course, be the annual election of officers. It is desired on this account to have as large a representation as possible present of the members of the Club and of others interested in the work of the Club. It will be found that the Rod and Gun Club during the past year has filled an important and valuable part in the district in the matter of conservation of fish and game and interest in the natural resources of forest and stream.

Also at the annual meeting the prizes will be awarded to the members who caught the largest specimens of fish during the season:—Kenneth Hulme, No. 11, speckled trout, 7 lbs., 4 oz.; Olivia Pelrier, No. 58, lake trout, 5 lbs. 10 oz.; Elmo Vizeilus, No. 319, pickerel, 10 lbs., 7 oz.; Henry Morin, No. 229, 11 lbs., 4 oz.

All interested should make a special point of being present at the annual meeting of the Porcupine Rod and Gun Club this (Thursday) evening at 8 p.m. in the town hall.

Timmins Soldier Given Medal of Honour Overseas

Word was received in town this week that Sapper Nick Salamone, son of Mr. James Salamone, had been given the Medal of Honour overseas for faithful and efficient services. He has served overseas for two years and a half without a single mark against him. Mr. James Salamone, himself a veteran of the last war, has two sons serving overseas—Nick and Adolph. Both are in the Royal Canadian Engineers. It is a pleasing coincidence that both are in the same company, and so have opportunity to see much of each other.

## Royal Air Force Bombers Again Smashed at Italian Cities in Raid Last Night

Attacks on Turin This Week Followed Up by Further Air Raids Last Night. Japanese Failed in Attempt to Break of Allied Trap in Buna Area. Other War Items.

## Change of 26 Degrees in Four Hours

Big Drop in Temperature Last Night from 5 to 9.

At 8 o'clock this morning the temperature at the Hollinger was 5 below zero; in the lower part of the town it was 10 below. Mr. Wheeler of the Hollinger Weather Observatory said this morning that it would be "mostly fair and continuing cold for two or three days, possibly some light snow flurries."

Yesterday (Wednesday) it started to snow at 9 a.m., a light snow falling to noon, then moderate snow to 3.30 p.m., making total of 1 inch. In the three days previous there was just a trace of snow each day.

The maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week were as follows: Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 13 and 3; Friday, Dec. 4th, 13 and 7; Saturday, Dec. 5th, 20 and 8; Sunday, Dec. 6th, 14 and 7; Monday, Dec. 7th, 16 and 3; Tuesday, Dec. 8th, 24 and 6; Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 26 and 6 below.

Last evening (Wednesday) at 5 o'clock the temperature was 26 degrees and at 9 o'clock it was down to zero, which is quite a rapid drop—26 degrees in 4 hours.

Mrs. Raiph Webber Honored Prior to Leaving Timmins

Mrs. R. Webber left this week to join her husband, Corporal Raiph Webber, R.C.A.F., at Sunnyside, Prince Edward Island.

Previous to leaving here, Mrs. Webber (nee Miss Kitty Hale), was guest at several parties and the recipient of many pleasing gifts.

The office staff and surface workers of Moneta Mine where she had been employed for three years on the office staff, presented her with a beautiful toilet set in black leather, all articles initialed.

Others of the Moneta Mine presented her with a beautiful representation of the Commando dagger, all made from ore from the mine and bearing the inscription, "To Kitty Webber from the Moneta Mine. Good Luck."

Miss Cora Amadio presented her with two artistic pictures of Porcupine, the work of Miss Amadio herself.

The Softball League presented Mrs. Webber with a beautiful casserole and service stand.

Her sister, Miss Lillian Hale, also was hostess at a delightful party.

Another pleasing gift was a cheque from the Moneta Mine.

Whist Tournament Winners of Ladies' Auxiliary

The following are the results of the whist tournament held by the Ladies' Auxiliary, for the ten weeks:—

Prize winners are:—Gentlemen:—1st, Mr. S. Gauthier; 2nd, Mr. T. Hefferman; 3rd, Mr. G. Lloyd.

Ladies:—1st, Mrs. Beauline; 2nd, Miss E. Cullen; 3rd, Mrs. J. Ormston.

## Recruiting Booth Here This Week for Women's Division of Air Force

Assistant Section Officer Kathleen Horsman in Charge of Booth Where all Information May be Secured as to Opportunities for Women to Serve in the R.C.A.F.

Assistant Section Officer Mustard and Assistant Section Officer Kathleen Horsman have been in town this week recruiting for the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F. Assistant Section Officer Mustard left on Tuesday to return to North Bay, but Assistant Section Officer Kathleen Horsman is remaining for the week, and there is excellent opportunity for all young ladies to learn full details of how they can serve in the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F.

A special booth has been made in the Kresge store where all particulars of the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F. may be obtained. Those interested will have excellent opportunity at this booth to interview Assistant Section Officer Horsman. Until Saturday night Miss Horsman will be carrying on this recruiting work. At present she is only giving out particulars about the service, although applications will be taken by her.

To 'The Advance', Miss Horsman pointed out that there is a new trade called Laboratory Assistant Nutrition opened for girls with two years' High School and a knowledge of Chemistry. A girl in this course takes her basic training, and at the end of the month is put in a grouping. This is a great opportunity for advancement, as women for this trade are greatly needed. Of course, there is a need for clerk stenographers, and photographers, and the many other trades that the air force offers.

Miss Horsman will be at Kresge's store until Saturday night, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and will give any information needed.