

BRITISH "TERRIER" DOWNED THIS RAIDER



It was a British Terrier that got on the tail of this German Messerschmitt 109, and caused it to crash on British soil. But even so, the invading plane was not yet done with Terriers. This one is named Doodles, and is poking his head from the plane after inspecting the damage that his namesake had wrought.

#### What Canada Is Doing—

## SURVEY OF 1940 IN ARMY'S PART SHOWS PROGRESS OF WAR EFFORT IN DOMINION

Review of Activities of Nation's Forces at Home and Overseas Indicates Advancement During Year

OTTAWA, December 11: (CP)—Emphasis was laid on mobility and mechanization in Canada's military training program throughout 1940 in keeping with the trends of modern warfare.

The training program was necessarily limited to some extent by lack of equipment and accommodation for troops but towards the end of the year the latter deficiency was largely met and equipment was available in greater quantities.

The outstanding development of the year, however, was in connection with preliminary rather than advanced training for the army. This was the introduction of the compulsory principle under the National Resources Mobilization Act.

As the year opened military training was concerned almost wholly with the Canadian Active Service Force, the full-time soldiery now called the Active Army.

In the fall months of 1939 after the outbreak of war, two divisions were mobilized along with ancillary and coastal defence forces. The First Division was sent overseas in December, 1939, partly because available accommodation did not permit of its being concentrated in one place for advanced training in Canada.

That left the 2nd Division and some other units to carry on training throughout the winter of 1940 scattered across the country by units. In the spring camp accommodation for the 2nd division was provided and an intensive program of hut building was launched. When the 2nd Division moved overseas in the summer accommodation was available for the 3rd and 4th Divisions which were mobilized.

#### N.P.A.M. Activity

Early in the summer a recruiting campaign was launched to bring the Non-Permanent Active Militia, now called the reserve army, up to full war strength so that it would serve as a reserve upon which active units could draw for recruits and reinforcements.

This campaign brought the militia up to some 112,000 men, of whom about 65,000 received two weeks intensive training in camp.

Having obtained this, voluntary recruiting for the reserve army was stopped and the compulsory scheme put into effect. Under this men were called into the reserve army by age classes, starting with age 21, and started their services with a period of 30 days in 39 training centres across the country.

More than 25,000 men were trained on the first call for Octo-

## GET LEAVE OVER 'XMAS

Men Of H. M. S. Saguenay Get Rest Following Battle With German U-Boat

OTTAWA, Dec. 11: (CP)—Members of the crew of H. M. C. S. Saguenay, which is now at a British port receiving repairs to damage done in her battle with a German submarine, have been granted leave over Christmas and are to report back for duty on December 27.

Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King yesterday sent messages of sympathy to those bereaved as a result of the mishap to the Saguenay, also expressing hope that the wounded would soon recover.

Overseas the 1st Division, after the fall of France, made its training conform to its probable responsibilities in the defence of Britain against a German invasion. The division practised extensively in rapid movement and extended operations. The 2nd Division on its arrival went through the same type of training and, to some extent, the troops in Canada followed suit.

At Camp Borden the armored fighting vehicles training centre was organized as a nucleus of a possible Canadian tank division. An armored brigade was formed out of a number of mechanized cavalry and other units and the acquisition of some 200 old tanks from the United States made it possible for training of a larger number of men for tank duties to proceed.

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## PR. GEORGE MAN HELD

William Allan Hunt, Aged 76, Arrested After Stabbing on Train In East

RIMOUSKI, Quebec, Dec. 11: (CP)—Sergeant Moise Gauthier of the Quebec Provincial police said last night that William Allan Hunt, aged 76, of Prince George was being held here pending an inquest into the death of Joseph Madore, 68, of St. Clophase, Quebec, aboard a Moncton-bound passenger train.

Madore died of what Sergeant Gauthier said was a knife wound in the heart.

Gauthier quoted Hunt as saying that he struck Madore in self-defence, thinking Madore was about to strike him.

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# Fresh Disasters For Italy

## BLOCKADE TO STAND

Great Britain Will Not Allow Food To Get To Occupied Countries

LONDON, Dec. 11: (CP)—Great Britain yesterday ruled that the rigid blockade against sending food into German-occupied countries must be maintained. To allow food to get through to these countries would only assist the Reich and delay the liberation of the occupied countries. It is stated that the food situation in Europe should actually be somewhat improved. Any shortage there is entirely due to German action.

Certain medical supplies may be allowed to pass the blockade.

## Bulletins

### NEW BOAT COMING

The fine new provincial police boat P.M.L. 15, just out of the builders' hands in the south, is due here tomorrow from Vancouver enroute to Queen Charlotte City where it is to be stationed. On board are Sergeant Alex Dunbar, officer in charge, Constable Winterburn and a radio officer. The new boat is sixty feet long by 15 foot beam. She has a 150 h.p. Vivian diesel engine.

### CIANO BLAMED

LONDON—The British press today published a dispatch from Berlin by way of Stockholm stating that Count Ciano, Italian foreign minister, is being held responsible for the defeat of Italian forces in Albania, the campaign having been started before sufficient preparations had been made. Minister of Justice Dino Grandi, former Italian ambassador to London, is slated to return to his former post of foreign minister in succession to Ciano.

### R. A. F. ACTIVE

LONDON—The Royal Air Force staged further successful raids on German occupied country and channel invasion bases despite unfavorable weather last night, it was announced today.

### FALLACIOUS THEORY

LONDON—The Press Association warned today that it was a "fallacious theory" to believe that German air raids on Great Britain were dwindling because the Nazi air force was weakened. It would be foolish to be more optimistic than to believe that the present lull was due to bad weather.

### MCKINNON IN HOSPITAL

BALBOA, CANAL ZONE—Hon. J. A. McKinnon, Canadian minister of trade and commerce, on a tour with the Canadian trade delegation to the West Indies, has entered hospital here.

### DUCHESS DOING WELL

MIAMI—Following a major operation, the Duchess of Windsor was reported this morning to have spent a comfortable night. She is in good spirits and feeling better, her doctor announced this morning. She is a patient in St. Francis Hospital. At 8 o'clock last night her temperature was 99.4. At 11 p.m. it was normal and has been so since. The Duke was at her bedside early this morning, solicitous of her every comfort.

### GAS TO JAPAN

SAN FRANCISCO—Laden with one million gallons of aviation gas for Japanese war planes, the Japanese tanker Meta Maru sailed from here today.

### TROLLER IS MISSING

VICTORIA—Provincial police reported today they were without word of the forty foot troller Aena which is unreported with three men aboard since she left Tofino December 4. Royal Canadian Air Force planes taking part in a hunt have found no trace of the boat. The missing men are William and Bert Hendricksen of Bamfield and Charles F. Bugge of Seattle.

### AID TO BRITAIN

WASHINGTON D. C.—Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones indicated today that decision on the question of United States financial aid to Great Britain now awaited the return to Washington of Franklin D. Roosevelt from his Caribbean tour.

## Rome Admits That Situation Is Bad For Fascists; Losing Both In Albania and Egypt

## CARNARVON CASTLE IS OUT AGAIN

British Auxiliary Cruiser Leaves Montivideo For Sea

MONTIVIDEO, Dec. 11:—Having undergone repairs to damage sustained with a German raider in the south Atlantic, H. M. S. Carnarvon Castle put out to sea again last night.

## Drive On U-Boats

LONDON, Dec. 11:—A new offensive against Nazi submarines and surface raiders has been instituted by the British navy. Warships have been released from other duties for this work.

## Battle Between Big Guns; Dover Has Some Action

DOVER, Dec. 11: (CP)—There was half an hour of shelling yesterday between big guns on either side of the Straits of Dover. Houses were damaged on the Dover side and three persons were injured.

### EVACUEES IN INDIA

BOMBAY, Dec. 11: (CP)—The War Emergency Educational Arrangements Committee has completed arrangements for the school training of European children in India who would "normally have been to school in the British Isles."

## Tomorrow's Tides

High ..... 11:40 a.m. 20.3 ft.  
Low ..... 5:30 a.m. 9.1 ft.  
18:24 p.m. 4.9 ft.

All British Forces Combining to Bottle Up Large Body of Fascists on Western Desert—Talk of Complete Withdrawal From Albania

## SIDI BARANNI TAKEN!

LONDON, December 11: (CP)—British forces recaptured Sidi Baranni this afternoon, it was officially announced tonight. A communique from Cairo issued in London said a large number of prisoners, including three generals, were captured. The town was the main advance base of the Italian drive into Egypt.

With even Rome admitting that things are not going at all well for the Italians, Fascist forces today faced fresh military disasters both in Egypt and Albania. In the western desert of Egypt, the British army, navy and air force were co-operating in pocketing thirty thousand Italian troops in a triangle with its apex near Buq Buq on the Mediterranean west of Sidi Baranni. Already six thousand men had been taken prisoners, a considerable amount of war material seized and thirty thousand more Italian troops were facing surrender or annihilation. In London military authorities were cautious in surveying the situation. If the British could hold at Buq Buq, they said, a large Italian army might be trapped. In view of the vast territory in the Mediterranean west of Sidi Baranni, it was suggested that the campaign be kept in proper perspective. In Albania the Italians were still in retreat and it was suggested there might be a complete Fascist withdrawal through the port of Durazzo.

## SANCTIONS ON JAPAN

Iron and Steel Product Exports From United States to be Embargoed After End of Year

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 11: (CP)—Iron and steel sanctions against Japan will go into effect on December 31, it is announced officially. At the same time the Asiatic fleet of the United States Navy is to be strengthened.

Domei Japanese News Agency declared in a Tokyo broadcast today that the United States extension of the export licensing system to iron ore, pig iron and steel products "is regarded here as a new economic measure expressly aimed at Japan."

### INDIAN AMBULANCES

DELHI, Dec. 11: (CP)—Fifty new military ambulances are being purchased through a popular training of European children in India who would "normally have been to school in the British Isles."

## War News

### 6000 PRISONERS AND BOOTY

CAIRO—The British command announces that more than six thousand Italian prisoners have been taken in the western desert of Egypt together with quantities of war materials. The communique said that operations are proceeding satisfactorily and booty seized has not yet been sorted out. The British Army, having driven a wedge between Italian advance positions at Sidi Baranni and other Italian positions farther west, face a possible head-on collision with the main body of Italians in North Africa. Meanwhile, thirty thousand Italian soldiers are at present encircled and, if the British hold at Buq Buq, may be faced with the alternative of capture or annihilation. British navy and air force are co-operating with the mechanized army. The Italians admit themselves that the situation is difficult.

### SMALL AIR RAIDS

LONDON—A single German plane dropped two bombs this morning on an East Anglian town while London had a brief pre-dawn alarm, the first in forty-six hours, when German scouting planes came over. One of the bombs wrecked a house in East Anglia, killing one person and injuring several others.

### SUBMARINE BELIEVED HIT

LONDON—The German submarine that torpedoed the Canadian destroyer Saguenay is believed to have been hit by a salvo fired by the destroyers, according to A. J. McWhinnie, London Herald correspondent on a nearby British destroyer.

### MILKMAN MUST SERVE

MANCHESTER, Dec. 11: (CP)—Both Nazism and British "so-called democracy" are capitalistic systems, said a milk roundsman appealing to a conscientious objector's tribunal for release from military service. But the judges decided he must serve.

## A.R.P. Meeting

All Civilian Protection (A.R.P.) personnel and special police reserve will meet Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Court House. Speaker, Inspector S. F. M. Moodie, provincial civilian protection officer.