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Rival News Agencies Differ Widely RUSSIAN UNITS NOTABLY

Soviet Battalions Strongly Armed With Modern Machine | ФФФФФФФФФФФФ Guns, Automatic Rifles and Rifle Grenade Throwers

> Written for the Canadian Press By E. CECIL-SMITH

Armament and fire power of a Russian infantry battalion is enough to astound anyone whose ideas of infantry units are still based on 1914-18 models. Even the 1941 Canadian army does not begin to come up to it.

My ideas in this respect are based on two things. Personal knowledge of many of the actual infantry weapons in use in Russia, and a great mass

AND PERU

Bombing Raids Across Border and

Artillery Shelling on Either Side

QUITO, Ecuador, July 7: (CP)-:

the south told of two days sporadic

PRINCE ALBERT, July 7:-Prime

ALUM OFF

TORONTO, July 7:-The Cana-

"The 5000 food parcels are no

way to Vancouver.

PARCELS

LICHTING

LIGHTING

of information which I was able to FCUADOR pry loose from various Red Army ECUADOR officers over a two-year period. Not all of these men would answer

a direct question involving too many details, but when you are curious, have plenty of time, and a common ground of actual battle on which to meet for discussion, great deal of information can be gained.

Often I used to sit around in the evening, smoking and yarning with Russian instructors who were sent to Spain to teach the Republican Ecuador charged Peru with political soldiers how to use the weapons sold and military aggression today folto their government by the Soviet lowing the week-end bombing raids Union. Or in the quiet of the af-land border fighting growing from a ternoon we would lie on the re- century old frontier dispute. verse slopes of some hill and dis-1 Steadily mounting reports from cuss recent actions.

How would such a town have garrison battles, artillery shelling been attacked by the Red Army? of the frontier towns by the Per-Or, what were the different func- uvian troops and Peruvian bomb tions of the light and heavy motar raids on. Ecuador's military outin Russia? How many light ma- posts. chine guns were there to a Red! Army company? Many such questions could be raised quite naturally. Visiting His by a group of officers anxious to learn their trade, and readily answered by an instructor who knew Own Constituency his stuff.

Russian Equipment

We often used to compare the fire Minister Mackenzie King spent power of our battalion in Spain to Sunday in his own constituency. the 1914-18 Canadian unit, pat- met and shook hands with many of ting ourselves on the back that we his constituents and took occasion could deliver as heavy a blast as to thank them for having returned a First Great War brigade, but when him as their member a number of we heard of the normal equipment times. of the Red Army in 1937-39 we were Tonight Mr. King will address a astounded. Today it may be even mass meeting here and leave after the meeting for Regina. higher in some instances.

Take the lowest fire unit, comsection, or a squad as it would be called in most other armies. This has the fire power of one of our platoons, and is commanded by a sergeant with a corporal as second in command, competent to take over the squad.

Its main fire power lies in various automatic weapons, of course. First among these is the light machine gun called a Diktorovna. We used dian Red Cross Society at the dirboth this gun and the Bren in Spain ect request of the Australian Red and can therefore make a compari- Cross in Melbourne is to pack and ship 5000 prisoners of war food

The two guns are about on a par. parcels each week to Australian True, the Bren gun barrel can be soldiers captured, in the East by changed more rapidly, but this we the enemy, Dr. Fred Routley, naspare barrel is never there when because of the difficulties of ship- ployed. most needed. He is either dead, ping in the East. The Australian wounded, or so far to one side that parcels will be packed in Montreal time he arrives anyway.

Of the breech blocks the Dok- weeks, Dr. Routley said. The Canatorovna has the simpler one. It dian Red Cross will then ship the also has a magazine holding 47 five thousand parcels each week to rounds (50 at a pinch) compared Lisbon. with 30 on the Bren. The Russian magazine is disc-shaped, thin like indication of the number of a phonograph record, not heavy Australians taken prisoners of and clumsy like the Lewis gun war." Dr. Routley said. drum. It can be loaded direct from chargers and requires no loading through their secretary general,

two are about the same. Perhaps along with the ten thousand food the Russian gun has a more com- boxes the Canadian society sends fortable stock and grip, but that is to British prisoners of war in Gera matter of opinion.

be fires a minute, though this rate

HEAVY IN FIRE POWER War News

GERMANS LOST MILLION MEN

MOSCOW-The Vice Commissar of Foreign Affairs, S. A. Lozovsky, declared today that Germany had lost nearly one million men in dead and wounded in a sixteen-day-old attack on Russia. He estimated the German casualties in the first twelve days of the attack at seven hundred thousand and said the average daily loss by the Germans was sixty thousand. Lozovsky said he was unable to give a ratio of Russian losses but said the battles were growing in fierceness and Russia felt no lack of manpower.

HIT BY BOMBS

CAIRO—The Royal Air Force announced that several large ships had been hit by bombs in a raid by British bombers on the Sicilian port of Palermo.

REDS TAKE INITIATIVE

MOSCOW-The Red Army reported today it was taking the initiative in counter-attacks against German troops weakened by heavy losses and told of one roaring battle of machines in which 300 German tanks were destroyed (location not given). Five thousand German' soldiers died in fierce fighting down the Dvina River toward Polotsk last night, the Soviet Information Bureau asserted today as the Russian troops repulsed elecen Nazi attacks.

BERLIN-The German high command announced today that 300,000 Russian prisoners had been taken up to yesterday, claiming that 52,000 Russian troops surrendered yesterday west of Minsk.

PAINLESS ARMISTICE

ANKARA-British proposals for a "painless armistice" in Syria guaranteeing the repatriation of French troops was transmitted through a neutral intermediary despite the determination of General Henri Dentz, the Vichy commander, to fight to the end.

BRITISH SUCCESSES

LONDON-The Admiralty announced today that the eightinch gun Italian cruiser believed to be the Goriza was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean June 29. It also announced that British torpedoes sunk three axis supply vessels in the Mediterranean.

BOMBERS STRUCK AGAIN

LONDON-Royal Air Force bombers are sweeping the North Sea today while others struck at German-held northern France and sank four German patrol vessels, the air ministry reported.

CLOSE TO BEIRUT

JERUSALEM--Australian infantrymen crossed the Damour River twelve miles south of Beirut and captured the strategic village of El Boum in their drive against the Lebanon capital.

TEN GENERALS SURRENDER

CAIRO-Ten Italian generals have surrendered to British forces in Ethiopia, the British Middle East headquarters announced today.

BOMBERS POUND OCCUPIED FRANCE

LONDON- British bombers pounded German-occupied France twice today in a continuation of the air offensive which reliable observers said jammed the German communication in a deep arc from Brest to Kiel and softened the German defences along a thousand miles of continental coast.

A. Thomas who came to his home Miss Audrey Wright, daughter of found to be a delusion, for in quick- tion commissioner, announced here. the wedding of his two daughters of the wedding of his two daughters. The Australian society will pay the wedding of his two daughters, city this morning on the Princess only be fired a few bursts from any the costs of this undertaking which to Ocean Falls where he is on William Indiana in the Princess to Atlin. Mr. one position, the man with the has been turned over to Canada ployed

the barrel has cooled off by the where a building and equipment time he arrives anyway. Will be in operation within three time he arrives anyway. Occupy Iceland to Replace British Forces Now On Island

WASHINGTON, July 7: (CP)-Forces of the United States Navy arrived in Iceland today. In accordance with an understanding between Roosevelt length of string helped protect your ure until the exact number of the supplement and eventually used to the settlement is on the their prisoners is established. The | supplement and eventually replace the British forces In weight, size and fire power the Australian parcels will be shipped the stationed there to ensure adequate defence of the country. Roosevelt informed Congress in special message of a far-reaching step in the American Foreign Policy. He said that the United States could not \$ Hospital. permit "occupation by Germany of the strategic out-In the heat of action two discs can be fires a minute, though this rate. Miss F. Wilson, teacher at Booth posts in the Atlantic to be used as air or naval bases. of fire cannot be maintained for Memorial High School, who has the for eventual attack against the Western Hemis-

Russians Claim German Drive Is Thrown Back In Five Sectors By Their Counter Offensive

win, no matter if it took another

BABY STANTON DIES

REDS ASSERT GERMANS USING TANKS OF WOOD TROOPS AND CANVAS TO MAKE SHOWING-NAZIS SAY CAPITAL OF BUCOVINA TAKEN--VAST BATTLE DEVELOPING

MOSCOW, July 7: (CP)—The Red Army declared today that the German drive had been thrown back by the Russian counter-offensive in five sectors of the front and asserted that Hitler is using tanks of wood and canvas to pad out armored columns. The discovery of these vehicles was said to have been made by the Red Army Scouts in an unidentified sector.

BERLIN, July 7: (CP)—The Germans claimed today that they had broken the Stalin line, Russia's main fortifications against invasion from the west, and that the Axis forces captured Cernauti, the capital of Soviet Bucovina. The claim that the Stalin line had been broken was made by the D.N.B. news, a propaganda agency and followed German reports that Hitler's troops were jockeying for positions for what Berlin said possibly would be a vast battle.

Declares China Will Win War No

Trains And Boats Except Union Operate Under Old Time

There was some confusion this morning in regard to what time it was but on the whole the change has been carried out without much inconvenience. It will have to be four years to do it. remembered that the trains, the Canadian National Steamships and Rotary Club In the Canadian Pacific Steamships Rotary Club In run on the old time. The Union Steamship Company, being a pure-ly British Columbia concern, op- Helsinki Helps erates under British Columbia time. Scouts There Word has been received from J. Scouts There A. Motherwell that the Fisheries regulations would be operated on the new time throughout the pro-

Salmon Arrivals Since Saturday

rived here since the week-end with to the Boy Scouts of that city. fish for the Co-op: Shaula, 200 springs, Booth; 1500

coho, sold to B. C. Packers. Odny, 2400 springs, Cold Storage;

2400 coho, sold to B. C. Packers. Keno, 3000 coho, B. C. Packers. Ona, 500 coho, B. C. Packers.

Not sold yet.

Coal Strike Is Settled In East

WASHINGTON, July 7:- Word has been received here of the settlement of the strike at the southern bituminous coal field thus eliminating the differential between

DIED ON SATURDAY Mr. Neibuhr died Saturday after-

noon in the Prince Rupert General

The Bishop of Calgary, who has and 11.2c. few days staying with Bishop and and 11.1c. Mrs. Rix, is leaving on the train Narrona, 26,000, Storage,

ON COAST NORWAY Many People Refused Permission

To Visit Families In District

LONDON, July 7:-Great numbers of troops and huge quantities of war equipment are being concentrated on the west coast of Norway by German military authorities, it is reported by the Norwegian telegram bureau in Stockholm. A decree has been issued forbidding (Norwegians to travel in these coastal regions. Only those who can prove to the satisfaction of the military authorities that their presence is imperative are allowed to visit the districts west of Bergen. People from the town of Aalesund, who reside in Oslo and who have applied for permission to visit their families, have been refused such permission.

The German high command has, laccording to reliable reports, set up its headquarters at Bergen. The small town of Ulvik in the Hardanger fjord has been evacuated by all Norwegian citizens. An unusual number of German CHUNKING, July 7.—Celebrating pursuit planes are observed daily the entry of China into the fifth over Oslo and a steady stream of year of the war with Japan General ships have been seen along the southern coast heading for the Ciang Kai Shek gave an address in which he told of the successes they west coast, many of them are camouflaged transports. had achieved and said they would

WEEK-END DROWNINGS

Lives of Four Young People Lost Result of Not Being Able to

CHICAGO, July 7:-Finland is VANCOUVER, July 7 .-- Drownone of the few remaining Euro- ings took three lives in British Copean countries in which the Boy lumbia over the week end while re-Scouts are still carrying on, Hitler, ports received today at Rivers Inlet, Mussolini and Stalin having abol- 250 miles north of Vancouver, told ished the movement in all areas of a fourth last Wednesday. At coming under their control. A Brilliant Adolph Antoss, 22 years of Rotary International News Letter age of Esterhazy, Sask., was drownitem from Helsinki mentions a ed while swimming. Frank Calla contribution of 20,000 Finnish 16 years of age was drowned in a The following salmon boats ar- marks by the Helsinki Rotary Club vain attempt to save his brother Nicholas aged 13 at North Vancou-

The fatality at Rivers Inlet was Katherine Stanton aged 10 that of Dick Asplund 22 years of months, died this morning in the age, who was drowned while fishing Prince Rupert General Hospital. from a small skiff.

Secure, 5000 coho, B. C. Packers. Morning Armada Swept Across Channel And Pounded Centres From Brest To The Ruhr Valley

Heaviest Assault From British Bombers This Morning and Rotterdam Docks Included

LONDON, July 7: (CP)—British bombers raided German-held France today in two heavy attacks continuthose mines and the northern ing without let-up an overnight assault extending from the docks at Brest to the Ruhr Valley. Coast watchers saw a morning armada sweep over, heard distant bomb explosions and estimated many tons of propectiles dropped on northern France. In the after-

HALIBUT SALES American

Torkenskjold, 40,000, Atlin, 12.5c

and 11.6c.

noon new flights swept across the Channel. Dortmund in the Ruhr Valley was

pounded particularly hard overbeen in Prince Rupert for the last | Constitution, 40,000, Royal, 12.5c | night and other points raided included Munster, Dusseldorf, Co-