

Men of 102nd Heavy Battery
Have Passed Since
in 2 Years Ago
 "Original" Officers Have
 N.C.O.s. and Gunners
 Commissioned and Many of
 Have

At the outbreak of the present war in September, 1939, the 102nd Heavy Battery had five officers on its strength. All but one of those five officers are still carrying on with increased responsibility, having won distinct promotions. Of interest equal to that in the progress made by the "original" officers is the advancement that non-commissioned officers and gunners have made, sixteen having since won their commissions while three more are at present at officers' training school. Apart from all that, several of the original members of the old battery are now serving overseas.

TALK OF INVASION

Axis Press for First Time Speculates on Possibility of Allied Move in Europe.

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 6:—The Axis press for the first time speculated today that the United States and Great Britain might attempt an invasion of Europe in the spring. The Italian admiral Ducei, writing in the review *Oggi*, suggested that it was most likely such an invasion would be directed against the Balkans or northern Scandinavia.

INVESTING IN VICTORY

Canadians Asked for Little Compared With Persecuted Europeans, Says Railway Chief.

MONTREAL, Feb. 6:—R. C. Vaughan, president of the Canadian National Railways, today addressed a message to all employees of the system, numbering approximately 100,000 soliciting their immediate interest in Canada's Second Victory Loan and inviting investment in the bonds.

The message which is being distributed to each individual employee throughout the National system reads:

"Five of the countries occupied by Hitler's forces—France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Denmark and Norway—are paying tribute to Germany at the rate of \$4,500,000,000 a year.

"Four and a half billion dollars is a stupendous tax on five small countries, but it does not begin to represent the full weight of the burden Hitler has heaped upon the people he dominates because the death and destruction, the torture and humiliation he has wrought upon them cannot be translated into money figures.

"The Dominion of Canada is this month asking its citizens to provide \$800,000,000 through the purchase of bonds (backed by the total resources of our own country) in order to carry on the war. We will respond to this call willingly, quickly.

"What are the people of Europe getting for the billions they are paying every year in tribute to the powers that have crushed them? Only misery. The money we invest in the war loans will be restored to us with interest—just as every Victory Bond and every Liberty Bond sold in 1914-1918 was repaid in full, with interest.

"And it will be used not to strengthen a conqueror but to drive him back; to keep him from our own door; to preserve the security of our own way of life; to liberate those who have gone down before him.

Doing Their Part
 "The men and women engaged in all departments of the Canadian National system in Canada and the United States number today 100,000 and each one is doing his or her part with the utmost vigor in order that our great transportation machine shall fulfill to the maximum its vital part in the war.

"We are all in the struggle together, men and women of all ranks of railway service on 'both sides of the border which unites.' 'I know you realize that we still have a long way to go. That you will not slacken your energies nor fail to meet the new demands on the war as they rise.

"Come then; let us to the task. 'To the battle, to the toll—' 'Each to our own part, each to our station.'"

Following is the list of original officers showing their rank then, their rank today and what they are now doing:

Lieut. Col. S. D. Johnston, M.C., now colonel commanding, Prince Rupert defences.

Capt. A. G. Rix now major commanding a Vancouver battery.

Lieut. J. T. Harvey now major and staff captain of an infantry brigade.

Lieut. R. L. McLennan (practising law in Vancouver) N

Lieut. T. D. Johnston now major and staff learner, Ottawa, National Defence Headquarters.

Following N.C.O.s. and gunners of the old 102nd have been commissioned:

T. A. McWaters, now captain and area adjutant.

P. F. P. Bird, captain and battery adjutant.

Cecil Fitzgerald, now captain of 102nd Heavy Battery.

R. W. H. Bartlett, now captain and area paymaster.

T. W. Bryant, now lieutenant with overseas artillery unit.

James Hadden, now lieutenant 102nd Heavy Battery.

Earl Norris, now lieutenant 102nd Heavy Battery.

Walter Johnson, now lieutenant 102nd Heavy Battery.

W. R. Cross, now lieutenant 102nd Heavy Battery.

G. H. Madill, now lieutenant 102nd Heavy Battery.

Earl Gordon, now lieutenant 102nd Heavy Battery.

W. H. M. Collison, now lieutenant 102nd Heavy Battery.

E. P. Fisher, now lieutenant with the Victoria Coast Brigade.

H. S. Ward, now lieutenant with the Searchlight Battery.

George Dybhavn, now lieutenant with an eastern artillery unit.

At the officers' Training School are Howard Hibbard, Arthur Cade and William Fisher.

Nazis Stronger—

RESISTANCE IN RUSSIA INCREASES

Soviet Dispatches, However, Indicate That Red Army Is Still Moving Steadily Forward.

MOSCOW, Feb. 6:—German efforts to block the Russian offensive somewhere short of the old frontier of the Soviet Union have gained strength but, according to dispatches from the front today, the Red Army is still moving forward. Dispatches, however, significantly related instances of German superiority in numbers, the first such phrase to appear in considerable time. It was thought, with fine flying weather of the last few days, the enemy had brought up reserves by air.

Last night's reports were that the Russians were pressing forward and crossing all opposition on every front. Ski troops of the Soviet had made effective assaults in the Ukraine.

In the south it was claimed by the Russian that two Rumanian divisions of thirty thousand men had been wiped out in the Crimea.

PACIFIC COUNCIL IS FUNCTIONING

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6:—President Franklin D. Roosevelt announced today that the Pacific Council has been in operation here and in London for a month and there has been very close co-operation in its activities.

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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1942.

Tomorrow's Tides

High 5:14 a.m. 20.1 ft.
 17:44 p.m. 17.2 ft.
 Low 11:41 a.m. 6.0 ft.
 23:49 p.m. 6.5 ft.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS

High Sounding Jap Claims

FISHING FOR WAR BULLETINS

Kitwanga Natives Make Suggestion at Meeting With Indian Agent—Hospitality Is Seen.

KITWANGA, Feb. 6:—Indians of the Skeena River are seeking through the Indian Department from the Department of Fisheries permission to catch salmon along the Skeena River and ship their catches to any cannery. This, it is suggested, would enable native people, who through age, infirmity or other reasons, are unable to work at or out of the canneries during the summer rush season and who do not receive any pension from the government, to obtain a living for themselves and at the same time assist the canneries in obtaining more fish in their war effort. This concession is asked only for the duration of the war.

The Indian agent, S. Mallinson of Hazelton, was a recent visitor here in connection with the request of the natives for the establishment of a sawmill here, the request being rejected on the ground of war conditions.

In the meeting with Mr. Mallinson, Harold Sinclair was in the chair and acted as interpreter. The opinion was expressed to Mr. Mallinson that the department was too consistent in its rejecting of requests on various matters made by the Indians.

LOCAL TEMPERATURE

Maximum 50
 Minimum 35

Tanker India Arrow Sinks

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 6:—Twelve survivors of the American tanker India Arrow reached shore today to report their ship had been torpedoed by submarines and that twenty-six members of the crew were missing.

SURVIVORS OF TORPEDOED TANKER



With all their possessions at the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, three survivors of the tanker Francis E. Powell are shown wrapped in blankets after arrival at Lewes, Del. Their ship was torpedoed and sunk somewhere off the Atlantic Coast. Seventeen of the crew were saved and 15 are missing, including the captain, T. J. Harrington, of Baltimore.

NO EXCUSE THIS TIME

Col. Nicholls Talks About Victory Bonds in Addressing Rotary Club.

"The only reason for not buying Victory Bonds is unemployment and that does not exist here in Prince Rupert," declared Col. J. W. Nicholls in speaking before the Prince Rupert Rotary Club at luncheon yesterday. "The person who won't buy a Victory Bond is simply saying he won't give up the luxuries necessary to buy one. He is not in the war on our side if he is willing to let George do it. He doesn't give a damn if the Japs come over and kill our women and children or torture them in untold ways."

Of all the cities in Canada none should be more conscious than Prince Rupert of the implications of this war, declared Col. Nicholls. "We are the city closest to the enemy of any on the Pacific coast. We see all around us actively directly dealing with the war. Every merchant and every worker in Prince Rupert is doing better than last year and the prospects for the future are promising from an industrial standpoint.

The patriotic angle was not being stressed in this Victory Loan campaign. There was nothing especially patriotic in loaning money to the government at three percent interest instead of leaving it in the bank at 1½ percent or nothing at all. It was just plain horse sense. It was also common sense for the worker with moderate earnings to allot a percentage monthly to buy these bonds. There were no valid excuses for buying one or more bonds. To say one was paying income tax was only an Irishman's excuse and no reason. If one was paying an income tax, he had an income. The more the tax, the more the income and the ability to buy bonds. Nor was it acceptable for one to say they were buying war savings certificates. This again was no reason but merely an excuse and a poor one at that. The average deduction for war savings certificates was only about \$1 per month.

Col. Nicholls, who gave some observations gained on a recent trip east, told of meeting the minister of finance, Hon. J. L. Ilsley, in Ottawa. This interview was primarily on the subject of bombardment insurance but Mr. Ilsley also discussed the subject of the forthcoming Victory Loan campaign. "This loan," Mr. Ilsley had said, "must be subscribed overwhelmingly and to do so will need hard work and loyal assistance."

Lauds War Cabinet
 While in Ottawa Col. Nicholls took up several matters of concern to Prince Rupert. He met with a number of ministers and others directing the war effort and remarked on their earnestness and the long hours they were working. He was very impressed with the sincerity and ability of the members of the war cabinet he had met. One suggestion Col. Nicholls had made was that British Columbia should be better represented in general staff. Coincidentally within one week the general staff in Ottawa announced the appointment of General Harry Letson of Vancouver and General Peter Mackenzie of North Vancouver to high positions on army general staff headquarters at Ottawa.

President P. H. Linzey was in the chair at yesterday's luncheon. A canvass for the sale of Victory Bonds would be made at next week's luncheon, it was announced.

W. Sheardown was initiated as a member of the club. George Franklin was the winner in the weekly raffle of a war

MEDAL FOR McARTHUR

WASHINGTON—Award of the Congressional Medal to General Douglas MacArthur for his great defence of the Philippines is proposed.

MANY AXIS SHIPS SUNK

LONDON, Feb. 6:—A statement was issued today of successful air attacks made on Axis shipping during the month of January. In European waters 64 vessels were sunk or damaged, in the Pacific 52 vessels, in the Mediterranean, fifteen and in the North Sea, six.

DISAPPROVE HEPBURN

TORONTO — The caucus of Ontario federal Liberal members yesterday passed a vote of disapproval of Premier Mitchell Hepburn of Ontario and one of confidence in Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King. Because Mr. Hepburn is campaigning for Senator Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, in the by-election, the Ontario minister of mines has resigned.

GIVING UP STRIKE

KIRKLAND LAKE—A break in the Kirkland Lake mine strike appears near. The miners' union has sent a telegram to Prime Minister Mackenzie King offering to resume work if there are no reprisals and seniority rights are respected.

ONE OF BIG STAFF RESIDENCES IN WARTIME HOUSING FINISHED—NEW STREETS COME INTO BEING.

Sixty-five of the 151 new houses being erected for local war workers between Sixth Avenue and Overlook Street across Hays Creek by Wartime Housing Limited are now completed and occupied. Work of completion of the other houses is being pushed and they should be ready before long. Meantime, it is reported, although no official announcement is available, that even more houses than those originally contemplated are to be built.

In connection with the re-subdivision of the property on which these houses have been built, a study of the lay-out is of interest. A number of new streets have been arranged such as Piggott Avenue, Piggott Place and Herman Place. Among the old streets in that area retaining the original names are Sixth Avenue, Herman Street and Overlook Street.

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Rev. C. A. Wright, pastor of First Baptist Church, was a guest at yesterday's luncheon.

Japanese State Dutch East Indies Fleet Has Been Annihilated

Artillery Battle Across Johore Straits Is Still Raging—Ten Enemy Planes Down Over Rangoon—Burma Defenders Standing Firm.

Tokyo headquarters issued a high-sounding claim today that Japanese naval planes have "virtually annihilated" the Netherlands Indies fleet and claimed, in addition, that two American warships had been damaged. There was no immediate Netherlands comment but Washington stated it had no information on the report concerning American vessels.

In the siege of Singapore British guns fired on Japanese troops across Johore Strait while Royal Air Force fighters battled Japanese planes overhead.

Netherlands headquarters admitted the Japanese capture of Samarina, a town sixty miles north of Balikpapan on the east Borneo coast.

In Burma Japanese bombers blasted at Rangoon but defenders on the city shot down ten planes definitely and possibly ten more. London said that British land defenders of Burma were standing firm on Salween River 100 miles east of Rangoon.

SIXTY-FIVE DWELLINGS COMPLETED

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STAND UP TO NAZIS

British Resistance in Libya Stiffening Although Little Change in Situation During Last Day.

LONDON, Feb. 6:—British desert fighters, hurled back almost to Tobruk, have stiffened their lines on the Libyan Desert today while the Royal Air Force pounds the lengthened Axis supply lines. A Cairo communique says there is no change in the land situation since yesterday and Axis communique omitted specific details of gains.

Last night advance units of the Axis were reported to be within sixty miles of Tobruk.

Royal Air Force attacks against the enemy are continuing to meet with good results.

To Advertisers:

The SECOND VICTORY LOAN Committee has furnished THE DAILY NEWS with a supply of attractive slogan cuts with the request that advertisers insert one in each local advertisement.

Use of these mats is available not only to regular advertisers but to those who might care to insert special advertising adapting the Victory Loan theme to advertising during the campaign which is now commencing.

We would be pleased to show these cuts to advertisers feeling disposed to lend their support to the Victory Loan campaign in this manner.

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