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Tomorrow's Tides

(Standard Time)
High 0:01 a.m. 18.3 feet
11:53 p.m. 21.0 feet
Low 5:50 a.m. 8.6 feet
18:34 p.m. 3.9 feet

PRICE FIVE CENTS

British Are Moving Into Burma

OFFENSIVE VIGOR GRIPS CANUCKS HOME AND AFAR

Two-Corps Army Brought to Fighting Trim During 1942 With Dieppe Attack Symbolic of Its Strength

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OTTAWA, Dec. 19 (CP)—The Canadian army went on the offensive in 1942. The bloody battle of Dieppe in which Canadian soldiers came in grips with the German foe for the first time in the Second Great War was, in a sense, a symbol of the spread of the offensive spirit through the whole of the Canadian military history at home and overseas.

That spirit was in evidence in the perfect training for the offence and in the formation of new striking arms, like parachute units and the Canada-U. S. special service force. Opportunities for offensive action were still limited, however, and the main contribution of the Canadian army to the maintenance and improvement of the fortunes of the United Nations was in defence.

In the United Kingdom the army grew in numbers and from a corps became a two-corps army. There it formed a key part of the defence force which would deal with an enemy invasion attempt.

In Canada, due to the entry of Japan into the war at the end of 1941, the military defences of the west coast were strengthened. Completion of the organization of two divisions, the 7th and 8th, designed primarily for the defence of this country against attack, was pushed.

Two-Corps Army

The midsummer arrival of the 4th (armored) division in the United Kingdom all but completed the year's overseas army program for the creation of a two-corps army of three infantry and two armored divisions, plus two army tank brigades. Lt.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton became army commander with Lt.-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar stepping up from command of a division to command of a corps.

Other changes in commands during the year saw the return of Maj.-Gen. G. R. Pearkes from command of a division overseas and withdrawal of Maj.-Gen. C. B. Price of Montreal from command of a division to become overseas commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross. New divisional commanders appointed overseas were Maj.-Gen. H. L. N. Salmon of Toronto and Maj.-Gen. R. F. L. Keller of Kelowna, B. C.

The August 19 attack on Dieppe marked the first major United Nations thrust at the strongly-defended coast of enemy-occupied Europe and the Canadian army was chosen for the job. Casualties were very heavy during the nine-hour attack, with more than 3,300 of the 5,000-odd Canadians who took part in the raid subsequently reported dead, wounded or missing. Hundreds of Canadians are in German prison camps.

Canada-U. S. Co-operate

On this side of the Atlantic co-

TO THE ELECTORS OF PRINCE RUPERT

We, the candidates of the Civic Labor Federation desire to express our sincere appreciation of the support accorded us at the polls.

- T. H. SORENSON
T. ELLIOTT
J. S. BLACK
G. HILLS
H. M. DAGGETT
T. MORGAN
W. H. BRETT
J. DEANE
T. H. LANGRIDGE

FIRE DESCENDS ON MILAN



This picture was taken during the R.A.F. bomber command's daylight attack on Milan. It shows a well established fire burning in an industrial area of the city soon after the attack. The picture was made from a height of about 4,000 feet. Observers are asking: Are the British softening up Italy for invasion? Continued raids on Genoa, Milan, Turin, Naples and Sicily suggest this.

WAR IN RUSSIA—

STALINGRAD AREA STILL UNDER FIRE

German Air Force Trying Desperately to Relieve Hard-Pressed Nazi Army

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (CP)—Major air battles were fought on the Stalingrad front today as the German air force sought to relieve the hard-pressed Nazi army between the Don and Volga rivers with mass bombings while all along the battle line German troops were reported counter-attacking bitterly.

Near Velikie Luki on the central front the Russians were reported to have taken a strategic height from which new operations could be launched.

German aerial blows failed to dislodge the Red Army from positions and ground activity resulted in heavy losses to the Axis legions, the Russians claimed.

Fighting has been particularly heavy southwest of Moscow and southwest of Rzhev where a fierce Nazi counter attack was repulsed.

There have been substantial gains for the Russians in the direction of Smolensk and towards Latvia in the north.

Smolensk, to within eighty-five miles of which the Red Army is now reported to have driven, appears likely to now become a key defence position for the Russians.

Ninety-nine German planes, including eight transports, were shot down in Russia yesterday.

A major air battle over the Stalingrad front was reported in progress today.

JEWS ARE DEGRADED

Further Anti-Hebrew Program is Being Planned in France

PARIS, Dec. 19—A million and a half Jews in France will be involved in a new program of Nazi degradation, it is stated there.

Smolensk Is Objective Of Russians Now

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (CP)—The Red Army has now driven to within eighty-five miles of Smolensk which some observers believe may be definitely threatened with Russian recapture. Smolensk ranks second only to Kiev in importance as a point which the Nazis hold in occupied Russia.

SEVEN JAP SHIPS SUNK

Further Heavy Blows Dealt in Pacific by American Submarines

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—American submarines have sent seven more enemy ships to the bottom of the Pacific, the Department of the Navy announced last night. They included a large tanker, a large cargo vessel, a medium-sized tanker, two medium-sized cargo vessels, one medium-sized transport and a trawler.

This makes a total of 105 cargo carriers of the Japanese known definitely to have been sunk with the possibility that there were twenty-two others.

French Admiral Not Co-operating

Commander-in-Chief at Alexandria Refuses to Join With Allies, Paris Says

PARIS, Dec. 19—The Nazi-controlled Paris radio says that the admiral of the French fleet at Alexandria has refused the proposal of Admiral Jean Darlan to co-operate with the British and United States navies in the Mediterranean.

WARTIME SCOTCH

LONDON, Dec. 19 (CP)—For a few months, at least, Scotch whiskey made in Britain, is going to have a special wartime taste. Many distilleries are using more peat than usual in drying barley and the "peaty" flavor will not be altogether eliminated during blending.

REPORTED PRISONERS

Some 238 Men Reported Missing After Dieppe Are Alive

OTTAWA, Dec. 19 (CP)—In three simultaneously issued casualty lists the Canadian Active Army last night announced that 238 men previously reported missing after Dieppe battle of last August were now reported prisoners of war.

AIR FORCE RECRUITING

Unit Now Here Seeking Girls and Air Crew Particularly

A mobile recruiting unit of the Royal Canadian Air Force, seeking both men and women recruits, is visiting the city. It arrived yesterday from Vancouver and is returning south tonight. More particularly are girls and air crew recruits desired at this time. The recruiting sessions opened yesterday afternoon in the city council chamber and will continue until tonight.

The recruiting party consists of Flight Lieutenant J. C. Hackney, medical officer; Flying Officer R. J. Williams, administrative officer; Section Officer L. E. Glenn, women's division officer. Aircraftman One W. Harbord, clerk, and Corp. K. E. Ramsay, women's division clerk.

Good Response
Exceptionally good response was received yesterday by the recruiting party, according to a statement this morning by Flight Lieutenant Hackney. Twenty-five applicants were submitted on Friday afternoon, with eighteen local lads offering their services for flying duties and seven applying for ground crew.

No approaches for enlistment in the women's division had been received up to Friday night but it is hoped that a considerable number of local girls will offer their services before the recruiting unit returns to Vancouver tonight. The unit is prepared to accept applications and administer most of the tests prior to enlistment.

Kiska Island Bombed Again By U.S. Army

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 19 (AP)—Heavy United States Army bombers splattered Japan's base on Kiska Island in the Aleutians with heavy explosions on Thursday, the Department of the Navy announced today, causing heavy explosions and starting fires.

PERFECT STEWARD

LONDON, Dec. 19 (CP)—Arthur Smith, a West Indian from Barbados and a former dancer, is known throughout the Royal Navy as the "perfect steward." Officers say he has never spilled a drop of soup or tea, no matter how rough the weather.

CHECK UP ON RADIO

Permanent Committee is Asked by Leader of C.C.F.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19—M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, has asked the Dominion government to re-appoint the radio committee of 1943. He believes there should be a standing committee on radio.

GENERAL GANONG HERE

Major General Harvey Nelson Ganon, general officer commanding, Eighth Division, is paying a visit to the city in the course of one of his periodical visits. He will be here for the next couple of days.

VICHY IS CUT OFF

All of France is Out of Communication

LONDON, Dec. 19—The whole of Vichy France has been cut off for two days from outside communication. There are many rumors, one that the Petain government is moving back to Paris.

Japanese Withdraw as Forces Cross Border, Coming Out Of India

Move Follows Recent Heavy Aerial Bombardment—Initiative Changes Hands For First Time Since Last May

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (CP)—British troops, in a surprise blow, have crossed the Indian border and advanced some forty miles into Japanese-occupied Burma to the Manugdaw-Buthidaung area about sixty miles northwest of Akyab on the Bay of Bengal, the British command announced today. The advance started after terrific aerial bombardment of Japanese positions between the Indian border and Akyab and was made without opposition. Japanese forces withdrew before the approaching troops, a communique said.

AFRICA WAR TEMPO NOW MOVING UP

Urban Cruiser Hit off Bizerte—Afrika Korps Being Hit Hard

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Dec. 19 (CP)—Flying Fortresses, continuing daily attacks on Bizerte, one of the principal Axis ports in Tunisia, scored a direct hit and set fire to an enemy warship believed to be a cruiser off the naval base in addition to registering numerous hits on the port. The warship is believed to have been an Italian vessel.

With an all out struggle for Tunis and Bizerte now appearing imminent, the tempo of land and air fighting in Tunisia is rising steadily in every sector.

Allied aircraft are steadily gaining domination over the Tunisian war front. The Axis is rushing in troops to north and south Tunisia by sea and air.

From the east there are still indications that Marshal Erwin Rommel intends to move the remainder of his shattered Afrika Korps from Libya through Tripolitania to Tunisia.

Radio broadcasts from North Africa say that one British column, pursuing one fleeing part of Rommel's army, has reached a point 158 miles west of El Aghella.

Another trapped portion of Rommel's army is being steadily pounded by air and artillery and faces annihilation or surrender.

Chase Continues
With heavy fighting, the British Eighth Army chase of Marshal Erwin Rommel's retreating army rolled swiftly westward today and the Morocco radio reported vanguards of pursuers were within eighteen miles of Sirte, 155 miles beyond El Aghella, starting point of the current drive and only 240 miles from Tripoli. The crushing of the trapped portion of Rommel's army continues.

A British communique said only that Axis forces continued flight yesterday under day long ground and air blows.

Hogs Wanted On Vancouver Mart

Watime Prices and Trade Board at Vancouver Asks Ottawa to Take Action

VANCOUVER, Dec. 19—The local office of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board has asked Ottawa to take action if possible to get hogs back on the market here with a view to relieving the pressure on other kinds of meats.

Tide Turned By Secret Weapon

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—A war correspondent, returning home from Africa, says that a new secret weapon of the British turned the tide against Marshal Edwin Rommel in the Battle of Libya. It was a powerful self-propelling anti-tank gun mounted on a tank with armor-piercing shells which ripped open even the most powerful tanks of the enemy.

Big Fight On Guinea

Intensity of Battle Mounts as Allies Close on Japanese

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Dec. 19 (CP)—Tightening of Allied rings about trapped Japs on either side of Buna village erupted into heavy fighting in northeast New Guinea today. Allied planes kept up incessant pounding of enemy ground positions. The Japanese staged another air raid on Port Moresby, but with little serious effect. Allied bombers meanwhile raided enemy installations on Portuguese Timor. Around Buna Mission there has been particularly heavy fighting with artillery, machine guns and mortars under increased air activity as the American forces steadily close in on the enemy. The heavy air raids on the area west of Buna have been almost continuous during the past week.