

Bomb Explodes at Manitoba Dance

Fatal Blast At Open Air Party on Ranch In Brandon District

One Man Killed and Four Others Injured as Practice Missile Fell From Training Plane

BRANDON, Manitoba, July 17 (CP)—One man was killed, and four other persons seriously injured shortly after midnight last night when a target bomb exploded in the centre of an open air dance floor on a farm about seven miles southwest of Brandon. A

PATTULLO AROUSED

Expresses Surprise at Gasoline Appeal to London

Reason For Rejoicing

But Undue Optimism Must Be Curbed, Says Prime Minister

OTTAWA, July 17 (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King said today in the House of Commons that, if the Canadian people guard against undue optimism, "they have every reason to rejoice at the results so far achieved in the first major operations in which the Canadian Army has taken part."

AGREEMENT CONFIRMED

Federal Gov't Will Allow Mining On Indian Lands

OTTAWA, July 17 (CP)—The House of Commons gave final reading to an act confirming the agreement with British Columbia to encourage the development of mining on Indian reserves in the province.

RUSSIANS' INITIATIVE

Tide of Battle Running Against Nazis All Along Soviet Front

MOSCOW, July 17 (CP)—The German High Command has thrown new divisions against the Russian spearhead now threatening Orel, front line dispatches said today, but the Red Army was ported repulsing eleven Nazi thrusts and continuing to advance. One wing of the Red Army's smashing counter attack was reported to be within 25 miles of the heavily fortified Nazi base as the Germans rallied all available manpower and equipment in a desperate effort to stave off a major break-through.

MOSCOW, July 17—The Russians continue on the offensive on all sections of the long front with gains of 6 to 10 miles since yesterday. In some places the Nazis are reported in disorderly retreat. Five more enemy divisions have been routed. Marshal Simeon Timoshenko's army is already on the outskirts of Orel with the main body only fifteen miles away.

A new Soviet offensive is reported to have commenced in the vicinity of Leningrad. Even Berlin admits that the Nazis are now on the defensive.

Yesterday 129 more enemy tanks were destroyed and 76 planes brought down for a total of 3181 tanks and 1762 planes in this campaign. Nazi casualties to date are placed at 62,000.

New Postal Station To Open Monday

The new east end postal station just across Hays Creek will be opened on Monday morning next, it is announced. Residents of the area who wish their mail handled through that office will have it addressed Postal Station B, Prince Rupert. G. I. Goddard will be in charge as postmaster with staff including Mrs. Goddard, Mrs. I. McTavish and Mrs. F. Campbell.

Germany Already Defeated

OTTAWA, July 17—General Henri Giraud stated here yesterday that Germany is already defeated. All that remains is for the Nazis to be brought to realize their defeat.

USE CLOSER FISH PORTS

Seattle Fresh Fish Shortage Predicted Because Voyage There Is Unprofitable

SEATTLE, July 17 (CP)—Predicting a fresh fish shortage here, H. E. Lokken, manager of the Seattle Fishing Vessel Owners' Association, said today that fishermen are selling their catches in Prince Rupert and Alaskan ports because of Office of Price Administration price ceilings. He said that vessel owners would find it unprofitable to bring their catches to Seattle, because no differential is provided to compensate for the trip from the fishing banks.

Baseball Scores

American League
New York 6, Philadelphia 5.
Boston 4, Washington 1.
St. Louis 4, Cleveland 3.
National League
Boston 3, Brooklyn 2.
Pittsburgh 9, St. Louis 5.
Pacific Coast
Hollywood 7, Portland 6.
San Francisco 8, Sacramento 4.
Oakland 4, Seattle 0.
San Diego 2, Los Angeles 1.
International League
Jersey City 2, Syracuse 1.
Newark 5, Baltimore 3.
Montreal 7, Rochester 1.
Buffalo 4, Toronto 1.
American Association
Columbus 2, St. Paul 1.
Indianapolis 3-9, Milwaukee 2-4.
Toledo 13- Minneapolis 4.
Kansas City 3, Louisville 1.

Halibut Sales

American
Lloyd, 44,000, 17.5 and 16.
Whiz and Royal.
Tongass, 57,000, 17.5 and 16.
Storage.
Daly, 38,000, 17.5c and 16, Pacific and Royal.

SMASHING FROM AIR

Royal Air Force Keeps Up Pounding of Italy, Germany and France

LONDON, July 17 (CP)—British Royal Air Force bombers smashed at Italy's transportation system with the second straight night assault across the Alps last night by blasting power facilities which feed Mussolini's electrified railways while mosquito bombers battered Munich on the German-Italian Brenner line. Last night's targets in Italy, as was the case the night before, were transformer and switching stations through which flow current to keep Italian rail supplies moving. The offensive against the continent was kept up in daylight raids today by fleets of twin-engine bombers which started shuttling across the Channel with the rising sun. Abbeville, important French railway centre, was the target for medium bombers in a dusk raid yesterday.

ONE FIFTH OF FORMER SELF

LONDON, July 17 (CP)—British newspapers are using less than 20 percent of their pre-war consumption of newsprint, Col. J. J. Astor, M.P., chairman of The Times, said. Newsprint allocations were carried out by the press itself.

Fractures His Spine as Truck Goes Into Hole

Hugh R. Ross, local truck driver, suffered a fracture of the base of the spine a few days ago when he had to give special attention to a delicate instrument which he was handling and the truck lurched into a pot hole in a downtown street, throwing him against the engine housing. Ross has been removed from the crowded hospital to his home. He will be laid up at least six weeks.

LIZARD STRATEGY

Many species of lizards are able to detach their tails when pursued, in order to distract the foe.

TO DRIVE OUT JAPS

That is the Sole Purpose of Shelling Kiska, Says Knox

WASHINGTON, July 17 (CP)—Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, said yesterday in commenting on the naval bombardments on the Japanese base at Kiska "we propose to drive the Japanese out of the Aleutians." Knox made the statement at a press conference when asked about the significance of the shelling of the Japanese base. A small American warship shelled the Japanese defences on Kiska on Thursday in the fifth attack in ten days.

Bulletins

PURGE IN ITALY
LONDON—Reports are received here of a mass purge of officialdom in northern Italy. Hundreds have been dismissed.

GIFT OF COFFEE
RIO DE JANEIRO—President Vargas of Brazil announces the gift by the Brazilian government of four thousand bags of coffee for United States troops.

KING'S NEW SECRETARY
LONDON—Sir Alexander Harding, 49, has resigned as the King's secretary owing to ill-health. Sir Allen Lascelles, assistant secretary, succeeds him.

ITALY—DESERTED
MOSCOW—The Red Army newspaper Red Star says that Germany has left Italy to shift for herself in the war.

LEAFLETS OVER ROME
ROME—Allied aircraft yesterday dropped leaflets on Rome containing the ultimatum of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill for Italy to surrender.

ROMMEL IS DEAD?
ALGIERS—Rumors persist that Marshal Erwin Rommel has been missing since early in the Sicilian campaign and that he may be dead.

NAVIES MOVING IN
ROME—It is reported here that six British battleships and two aircraft carriers and four United States battleships have arrived in the Mediterranean in an attack on Europe.

Is Named Sicilian Governor

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 17—General Sir Harold Alexander has been named military governor of Sicily with a full staff of competent officers organized to assist him in governing the territory already captured and to take over the rest as soon as it capitulates.

CANADIANS MAN SHIPS

Seamen of Cargo Boats Are Canadian, But Officers From United Kingdom

OTTAWA, July 17 (CP)—Minister of Transport said in the House of Commons yesterday that Canada will be manning 75 merchant ships on the high seas by August. Seamen are being provided by Canada, and officers, masters and other specialists by the United Kingdom. The minister reported great difficulty in obtaining merchant officers for Canadian ships, as few had been trained for such posts.

DETAILS OF BUILDING

New Postal Station on Sixth Avenue is Substantial Structure

The new postal station on Sixth Avenue East measures 40 by 70 by 50 feet, with living quarters for the postmaster consisting of three rooms and bath, office, basement with separate boiler room and coal bin for a supply of forty tons of coal. The building is heated by a hot water system. The building is owned by C. Poulsen, who is also putting up the adjoining building for a store. The Post Office was built by Mr. Poulsen and, when the postal department decided to rent it, the contract was given to Smith Bros. and Wilson. The hot water boiler was installed by Barr and Anderson, the electrical work was done by the Northern B.C. Power Co. and the painting by Fred Scadden.

BATTLE OF SICILY IS RAGING ON

Desperate Fighting Within Thirteen Miles of Flaming Catania

NO LET-UP

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 17 (CP)

The Canadians have captured Callatign and Gramicchio, strategic towns in the centre of the Allied line in Sicily. It was announced today, further to the north-east, the Eighth Army is believed to be approaching the outskirts of Catania after smashing back German armored divisions in the biggest battle yet fought for the Italian island. Going forward with a powerful Allied war fleet on the seaward flank general enemy positions. General Sir Bernard Montgomery has captured both Lentini and Scordia at the entrance to the Catania plain, headquarters announced, while on all other parts of the Allied front the advance continues. Lentini is about 15 miles below Catania, prize seaport and air base base half way up the east Sicilian coast, and Scordia is nine miles inland from Lentini, the main Axis supply artery into Sicily by way of Messina. The San Giovanni ferry line was again hit by crushing round-the-clock attacks from powerful formations of Allied bombers yesterday. Wellingtons and Flying Fortresses planned devastating loads of explosives on docks and sidings of the ferry line itself and photographs showed direct hits were scored.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 17—

The desperate Battle of Sicily rages with heavy fighting today on the east thirteen miles from the important city of Catania which is now in flames and on the west in the approaches to Agrigento. Further gains have been made all along the front by the British, Canadian and American forces. In the extreme west Gunt has now fallen. Huge quantities of enemy armor transportation have been destroyed by fierce Allied bombing attacks.

SOFTENING AT MUNDA

Bombing Employed to Soften Japanese Lines for Jungle Fighters

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 17—

More than 100 American planes dropped 82 tons of bombs yesterday on the Japanese air base of Munda. Allied headquarters announced today. The aerial onslaught was intended to soften the Japanese whole and log bunker defences by being approached cautiously by Allied jungle fighters. Allied planes also bombed enemy positions at Bob Dubi, only five miles from Salamaua. Munda is in flames following the latest heavy bombing attacks. Heavy rains have started to slow up land activities in the central Solomons.

CLOSER IMPERIAL TIES

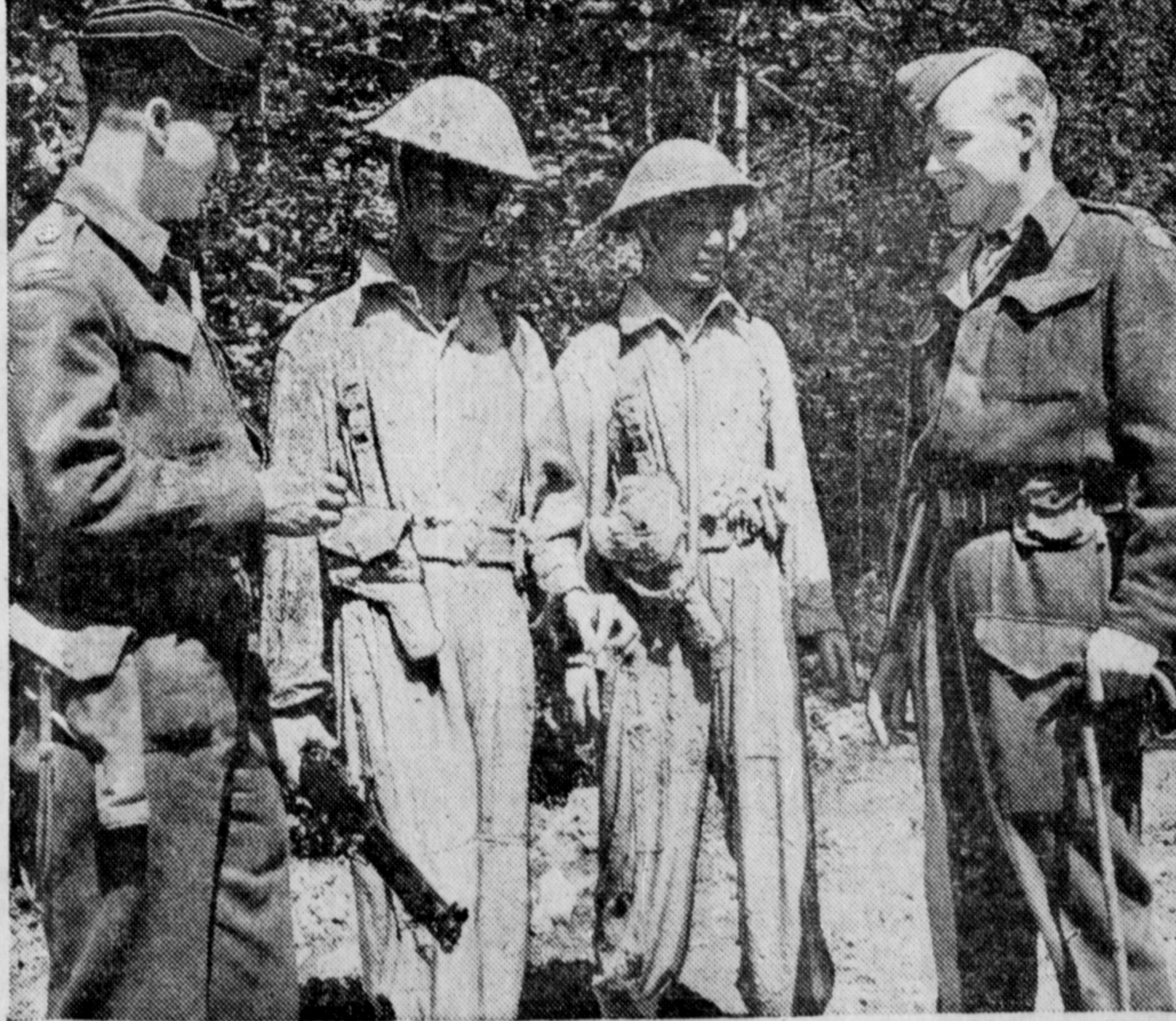
LONDON, July 17 (CP)—Australian Minister for External Affairs Evatt said his nation would have two particular needs after the war—a much larger population, preferably through British immigrants "who want to be Australians," and closer imperial ties.

THEY'RE DIFFERENT

Paddle fish and sturgeon do not have a bony skeleton like the fishes.



It looks tough and it is if you haven't been hardened up by daily training. But for Canadian troops overseas it's all part of the day's work at a Battle Training School in England. Below, senior officers and instructors look on.



Four Canadian officers discuss day's work, two of them slightly worse for mud. Left to right, Major G. McGillivray, Port Arthur, Ont., Lieut. R. MacDuff, Montreal, P.Q., Lieut. J. P. Picard, Hull, P.Q., Capt. C. Fritz, North Battleford, Sask.

Hardening Up The Canadian Army Overseas