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Tonight's Dim-out

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Churchill Speaks About Tonnage

BOMBS ON SCOTLAND

First Raid in Weeks is Made by Nazis—Southeast English Town Hit

LONDON, March 25—Nazi raiders last night bombed Scotland for the first time in weeks, incendiaries being dropped on the southeast coast. Scotland had been untroubled by heavy German raids since the spring of 1941 and only once previously this year the target for small scale attack until it felt the sting of German reprisal assaults early today when the enemy bombers flew through severe anti-aircraft fire on the southeast coast and dropped incendiary bombs inland.

In a southeast English town during the day more than a dozen planes came over and twelve persons were known killed with the list rising. There were also a number wounded and some damage done. Homes, business buildings and schools were hit. One school was demolished just after the children had left for shelter.

Senate Talks Gas Rationing

Question Raised as to Provincial Rights Being Infringed Upon

OTTAWA March 25—The Senate yesterday engaged in a discussion of gas rationing. One senator raised the issue as to the infringement upon provincial rights as a result of gas rationing.

JAPANESE HIT HARD

Large Scale Raids on Shore Installations and Shipping Around New Guinea

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Mar. 25—Large scale raids by Allied bombing planes on important objectives on New Guinea and elsewhere in the South Pacific continue. Shore installations at Mumbo as well as shipping of the enemy came in for heavy and effective battering with no less than 44 planes taking part in the attack. All Allied planes returned safely to their bases.

Lae on New Guinea was also attacked by the Allied planes and the raids extended to enemy bases on New Britain and the Solomons. The Allied planes hit a 1,000-ton enemy merchant vessel Wednesday, the High Command announced. Two small coastal vessels were also seriously hit.

Police Court Fines Higher

Total for This Year is More Than Double That of Last Year

Police court fines for the first two months of 1943 in Prince Rupert totalled \$1,800 as compared with \$795 in the corresponding period last year. The fines for February amounted to \$953.75 as against \$595 in the same month last year.

During this February there were 126 cases resulting in 118 convictions. Twenty-eight of the cases were under the Radio Act.

FOR DESTITUTE NEGROES

Sierra Leone on the West African Coast was ceded to Britain in 1737 by native chiefs as a home for destitute negroes and escaped slaves in England.

Padre Durnford, Writing From England, Forecasts High Destiny This Year

Britain Tense and Canadian Soldiers Poised For Hour Of Great Adventure — Describes Air Raid

"We are facing a year charged with high destiny for thousands of us and, as the hour draws near for the great offensive in Europe, there is a corresponding tension among us, writes Rev. (Captain) R. C. H. Durnford of Prince Rupert from Britain to Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix, D.D., Bishop of Caledonia. "Most of the lads in my regiment have waited in this country for three years for just this moment. They have not always possessed the grace of patience for so long a delay although at no time have they lacked courage and the fighting spirit. But now all that impatience is changed. There is an air of expectancy and alertness and a certain 'straining upon the leash.' There is, in fact, an air of movement and big events everywhere about us.

"If the surrounding country can lend inspiration to these momentous affairs we certainly have it here for in the area of our training we are reminded of the days of ancient crisis for Englishmen. My own quarters overlook the glorious ruins of a castle which Caesar's legions built on arrival here. Later it was rebuilt by the men of the Crusades and now it provides shelter for the modern attempt to break our resistance against the enemy. From where I sit I can see the steeples and flats of England's shores where but a hundred or so years ago Napoleon essayed an unsuccessful invasion. The scarred faces of many a field hereabouts tell of locked battles and bloody encounters with armed and saddled forces. In many of the ancient churches in this south country can be read the history of those strenuous past days.

"One feels that, apart from the very thorough defences lining every inch of our coast, there is a yet greater defence to be found in the quality of the people. Training for Battle

"All day long our boys have been training for one of the fiercest bouts in military history.

"It would be difficult to imagine a more peaceful spot than this in normal times—the white cliffs dropping sheer to the sea, the dazzling white camparts, the sun and the green undulations of the south downs rolling away to the west. Our lads use these hills from time to time as an ideal terrain for tank and gun exercises.

"The thrush, the blackbird and the skylark are blithely contemplating spring and, for a vastly distant reason, I am doing the same though not so blithely.

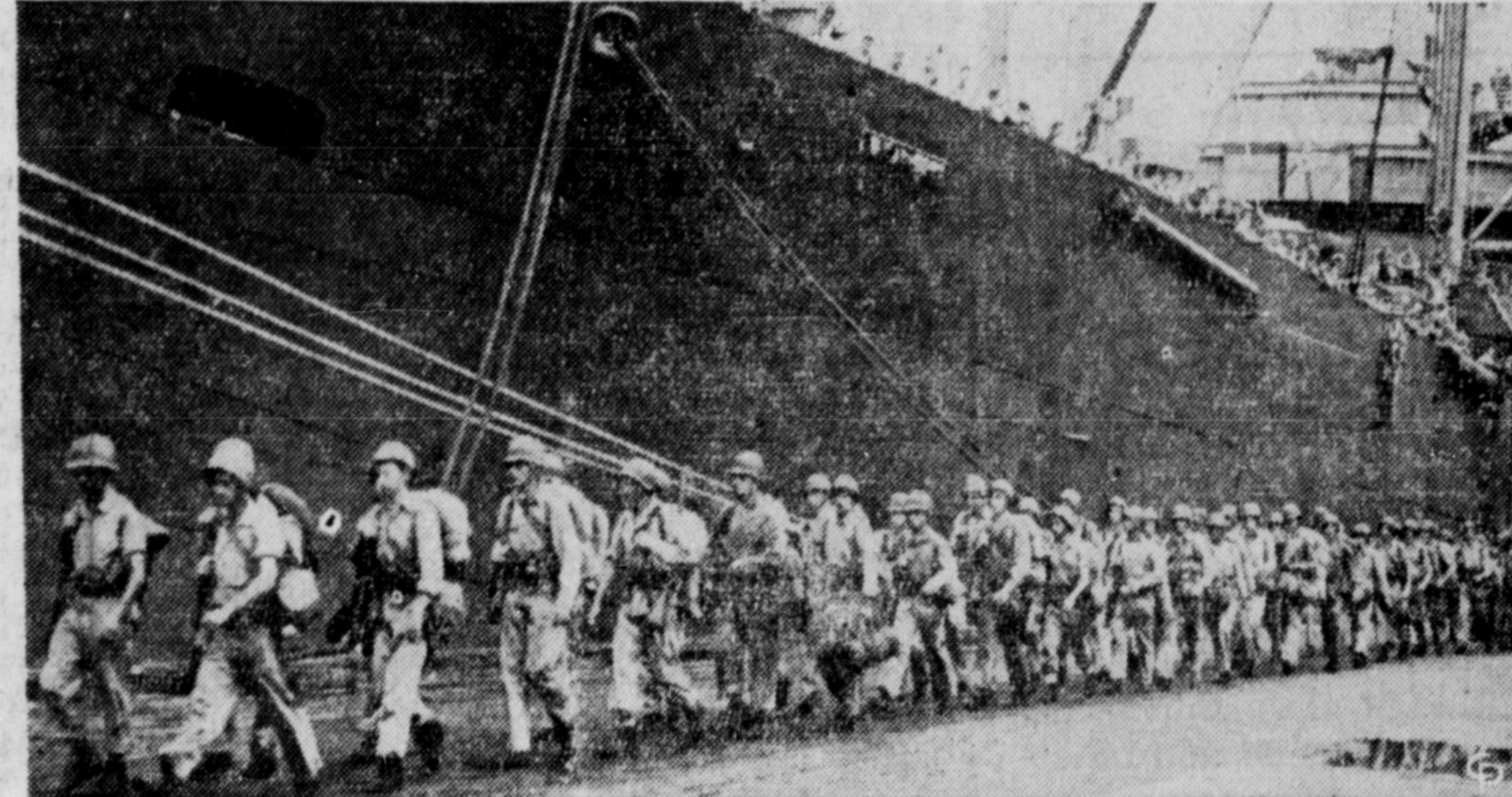
"It is of great satisfaction to me to know that my place on the actual battlefield will be with the medical officer and his advanced dressing station which is only sixty-eight yards behind the front line. If I can win my right to the title of 'padre' there I shall have to thank God for the opportunity. If I can there point men to Christ and help them make their peace with God I shall sing my Nunc Dimittis as gladly as I now sing my Te Deum. In the task before me I rely so much on the prayers of my friends—may they pray that I may cast away everything that hinders a clear and steady witness to His saving grace!"

Enemy In Burma Being Attacked

Railways, Supplies and Communications Are Hit by Allied Bombs

NEW DELHI, March 25—Allied bombing planes found further important targets on railways, supplies and communications in Burma yesterday.

MARINES HOME AFTER EPIC FIGHT ON GUADALCANAL



The first contingent of U.S. Marines to return from Guadalcanal after they were relieved by the U.S. Army is shown leaving the transport that brought the boys back to a south Pacific port. Some of the boys had been on Guadalcanal, battling the Japs without letup, since August 7, when Uncle Sam first attacked the Solomo. Almost as they reached home, Tokyo and Washington announcements told of a complete victory on Guadalcanal.

BIG RAIDS ON BERLIN

Soon Allied Planes Will be Going Over in Hundreds Daily

LONDON, March 25—General Eaker of the United States forecasts an early intensification of the Allied air attacks on Germany. Soon it will be possible to send one hundred plane raiding groups by day to Berlin.

LAND ARMY FOR WOMEN

Will be Organized for Planting and Harvesting Crops in British Columbia

KELowna, March 25—Hon. Dr. K. C. McDonald, minister of agriculture, announced here yesterday that women of British Columbia cities will be organized into a land army to assist in planting and harvesting crops this year.

BOMBING GERMANY

Objectives in Northern France Are Also Targets

LONDON, March 25—Allied fighters machine-gunned railway installations in northern France by day yesterday and mosquito bombers hit railway targets in northwest Germany at dusk.

Madame Chiang In 'Frisco Now

First Lady of China Gets Great Reception—To Officiate at Ship Launching

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek arrived in San Francisco today in the course of her tour of the United States and was given a great reception, particularly in Chinatown. On Friday she will officiate at the launching of a ship to be named Sun Yat Sen.

TANGIER CONTROL

International control of Tangier, opposite Gibraltar, was established by treaty in 1911.

WHEN MEN'S FEET GLOWED

In the Middle Ages men's shoes were often more fancy than women's; many were decorated with precious stones.

HAVE MORE SHIPS NOW

Vessels Afloat Now More Than Before and Steadily Improving Says Churchill

LONDON, March 25 (CP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared today that the United Nations "have afloat substantially larger fleets than they had at the worst moment in the U-boat war and this improvement is continuing."

The statement was in reply to a question in the House of Commons in regard to a German claim last week of some thirty-two ships having been sunk out of an Allied convoy in the Atlantic.

The Prime Minister declined to give a direct answer to the question as to do so would be to give information to the enemy.

GAINS BY RUSSIANS

Advances in Caucasus and Along Central Front are Made by Red Army

MOSCOW, March 25—Russian gains in both the Caucasus and central fronts are reported. Abinskaya, an important railway station and district centre, only twenty miles northeast of Novosibirsk, former Soviet Black Sea naval base in the Caucasus, has been captured by the Russians.

The Red Army is continuing to advance in Smolensk with a two-pronged drive. Several more inhabited points on the way to the key Nazi base were captured Wednesday, Moscow radio reported.

In the sector of Belgorod in the Ukraine the Russians are still on the defensive against powerful Nazi assaults but the attacks are being beaten back with losses to the Germans. Mud is slowing up the fighting in Russia except around Leningrad.

Officers Of Sea Cadets Go South

Local Party Leaving Tonight For Esquimalt to Take Course of Training

Six officers of the local Sea Cadets Corps will leave tonight for H. M. C. S. Naden at Esquimalt to take a two weeks' course of training. They are Lieut. Gwyn Holtby, Lieut. Edward Dawes, Sub-Lieut. John Wilson, Sub-Lieut. Jack Breen, Sub-Lieut. Sidney Alexander and Sub-Lieut. John Christiansen.

Gandhi and His Nationalists Held to Blame

LONDON, March 25—A British government white paper, issued yesterday, blamed Mohandas K. Gandhi and the Indian Nationalist Congress for serious disorders last summer which led to the killing and injuring of British subjects.

Vichy Complains Over Propaganda

Charges That Allies are Inspiring French People to "Ill-considered Action"

VICHY, March 25—Vichy has complained at an Allied program of propaganda to arouse the French people into "ill-considered action."

There has been more sabotage at Lyon, St. Etienne and Toulon.

Reiterated in Ottawa That No Change in Restrictions Are Likely

OTTAWA, March 25 (P)—Despite strong pressure from many quarters for relaxation of beer restrictions, an official source said he did not think there is any likelihood of a change.

BEER WILL BE SCARCE

Eighty-four Percent of National Objective Has Now Been Reached

TORONTO, March 25—The national Red Cross drive up to last night had reached eighty-four percent of the objective of \$10,000,000. In British Columbia over \$756,000 had been subscribed.

MORE WARDENS ARE REQUIRED

To Fill Ranks of A.R.P. in Place Of Those Who Have Gone to Reserve

At a session of the local Civilian Protection Committee (A.R.P.) executive it was decided to make a drive for new volunteers to replace wardens who have joined the local reserve unit. It was also decided to request the A.R.P. wardens who have joined the reserve to turn in their equipment without delay.

J. J. Little, district controller, presided over the A.R.P. meeting.

Telephone Directory

Changes or new listings for next issue of the Telephone Directory, to be made in writing to Telephone Department, City Hall, not later than April 1st.