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PRINCE RUPERT, B.C. MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1944

Local Tides

Tuesday, March 28		
High	3:50	21.6 feet
	16:29	19.1 feet
Low	10:20	3.0 feet
	22:24	6.2 feet

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Churchill Full Of Confidence

Total Allied Victory Over Axis Is Certain, Prime Minister Tells World; Makes No Rash Forecasts



AIR FORCE W.D.'s ARE "SKYWAY TRAFFIC COPS" — PL. 23702 Control towers at R.C.A.F. stations across Canada are now being "manne" by girl "Traffic Cops." Surrounded by telephones, intercom, loudspeakers, binoculars, charts, logbooks and weather reports the W.D.'s look after aircraft as they fly and bring them back safely.

RHINELAND BOMBED—

ESSEN IS HEAVY HIT

R.A.F. and R.C.A.F. Blasts Site of Vast Krupp Armament Works

LONDON, March 27 (CP)—A great armada of Royal Air Force and Royal Canadian Air Force planes roared into the industrial Rhineland last night and dropped a shattering weight of bombs on Essen, site of the vast Krupp armament works.

Other Royal Canadian Air Force squadrons formed part of a smaller force which blasted rail targets at Courtrai, Belgium.

The Royal Air Force also smashed at Hanover and other German targets.

The blow at Essen was an effort to wipe out reconstruction work which the Germans did after demolition raids of a year ago.

Nine bombers, including one Canadian, were lost.

Russians Have Torn "Guts" Out of German Army—Conquest of Weakening Japan May be Quicker Than Expected.

LONDON, March 27 (CP)—Confidently predicting certain and total Allied victory over the Axis, Prime Minister Churchill Sunday night declared "the guts of the German army have been largely torn out by Russian valor and generalship" while the Allies may win sooner than had been expected over the Japanese who are showing signs of great weakness.

Mr. Churchill made the following major points:

The Allies hour of great effort is coming but to deceive and baffle the enemy there will be many false alarms, feints and dress rehearsals.

The Russian advance from Stalingrad, a distance of nine hundred miles accomplished in a single year, constitutes the greatest cause of Hitler's undoing.

The U-boat menace is the greatest danger the Allies have overcome.

The Italian campaign has gone slower than was hoped but it will be won and meanwhile 25 German divisions and a large German air force are being held in Italy when they are needed elsewhere.

The American air force in Britain alone is now greater than the vastly enlarged Royal Air Force and either force by itself is almost as numerous and much more powerful than the entire German air force.

being able to send one thousand bombers against Germany every time the Nazis send one hundred against Britain.

Attrition of the Japanese shipping and air force is obvious and the Japanese indicate weakness.

There still will be an interval between the collapse of Hitler and the downfall of Japan but not so long as he believed a year ago.

The Allies have attained individual fighting superiority over the Japanese in Burma and a powerful British fleet is in the Indian Ocean to catch the Japanese Navy if it declines to fight the Americans and turns westward.

The fighting in Burma is not decided yet but in every combat Japanese dead outnumber the Allied by three or four to one.

The British Isles may be the subject of new forms of attack but "Britain can take it."

Victory is sure but only a rash man would predict when or how.

CORVETTE HAS CLOSE CALL

Canadian One of First Ships Outside Mediterranean to be Attacked with Radio-Controlled Missile

By ROSS MUNRO
Canadian Press War Correspondent

A PORT IN NORTHERN IRELAND, March 27. (CP)—A Canadian corvette whose anti-submarine motto is "seekem, sightem, sockem, sinkem," was one of the first ships outside the Mediterranean to experience attack by German aircraft using the radio-controlled glider bomb.

Lieut. M. J. Robertson of Victoria, the first lieutenant, and Lieut. J. R. Brown of Windsor, Ontario, the gunnery officer, told the story of two attacks made some months ago in the Bay of Biscay when they were on escort duty.

Until recently, mention of the glider bomb was prohibited.

On the first raid about 16 bombers came out from France and slowly circled around the ships. They let the new bombs go when they were two or three miles away from the convoy.

"The bomb looks exactly like a glider," said Brown. "It is about 10 feet long, the wing span is about 14 or 15 feet and there is a red light on the bomb which glows all the time it is in flight. The bomb and wings are a gray color. That's about all we could figure out about it during the first raid for they dropped some distance away."

ANOTHER ATTACK

The second attack, which came later by ten planes, was much closer. "The planes circled around as usual and at two miles released the bombs," said Robertson. "They zoomed round at from 300 to 400 miles an hour."

"Then one came right for us and the red light stared us right in the eye. Everyone on board, watching that ugly light, thought it was coming at them specifically. The glider bomber wobbled about and then dived on us. But it hit the water 50 feet away. There was nothing like the explosion we expected. Bits of the wing fluttered down on the deck and that was all. We got off scot free."

Several other Canadian ships were also convoy escorts when this last attack occurred but this corvette had the narrowest escape of them all.

Captain of the ship is Lt. Cdr. R. D. Barrett of Victoria whose wife designed the corvette's crest with the appropriate motto. It hangs in the wardroom for all to see.

Other officers are Lieuts. L. E. Baggis of Cornerbrook, Nfld., H. B. Main of Moose Jaw, Sask., and Regina, and M. C. Morgan of Toronto. Warrant Engineer is W. E. Spershott of Victoria.

PRODUCER'S DREAM

SYDNEY, Australia. (CP)—Gary Cooper, the movie star, believes that three years after the war New Guinea with its ideal scenery will be a producer's dream as the setting for a series of war pictures.

WAR NEWS

CHURCHILL'S SPEECH

"The hour of our greatest effort is now," declared Prime Minister Winston Churchill in a broadcast Sunday. The Prime Minister said that as to when the war might end. Although immediate needs and stern realities of war necessitate, Mr. Churchill took time to discuss war matters as employment and housing in which men and women would have priority of consideration in the Mediterranean area had not been as rapid as have been expected although good results of recent operations far outweighed the bad. "We have accepted United Kingdom in the war against the Japanese in the Pacific," Churchill said, "as they have accepted our leadership in the Pacific."

RUSSIANS AT PRUT RIVER

The Red Army has reached the Bug River, Romania proper, along a 50-mile front after scoring further victories in Bessarabia where thousands of Germans have laid down their arms. Premier Stalin yesterday made a record gun salute of 24 salvos from 324 guns.

AIR ASSAULT KEPT UP

Hundreds of United States heavy bombers conducted an assault on the Nazi fortress of Europe yesterday as the French and British forces on the Pas de Calais and Boulogne of the French coast were dropping. The Royal Air Force lost one bomber on Monday night in lighter than usual attacks on Berlin and Western Germany.

BATTLE OF CASSINO

Fighting in Italy still centres at Cassino where the battle still rages between the Allied and German forces. There is little change in the general situation.

JAPANESE STILL ADVANCE

Japanese columns are continuing their advance towards Imphal, important key point on the new road to Manipur Province of India. One column is 35 miles from Imphal and another 30 miles distant.

TITO TAKES OFFENSIVE

Marshal Tito's partizan forces have again seized the offensive against the Germans in Yugoslavia. They have forced the German drive north of Sarajevo and have taken a large number of Germans moving into Hungary.

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British Make Headway in Burma While Japanese Do Likewise in India.

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Catholic Bishops Of Australia Ask Let-up in Bombs

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