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EDITORIAL

HAPPY RELATIONS

The Prince Rupert visit of Hon. Ray C. Atherton, United States ambassador to Canada, may be considered one of the high points of the three-year, three-pointed co-operation between Canadian civil and military and United States military authorities in this area. The success of this celebration was the culmination of the fellowship which has developed in spite of inevitable difficulties during the past three years.

Although they have a common language and common social and economic background, Canadians and Americans were not very well acquainted before the war. In the urgency of the crisis which brought them here, the Americans might easily have offended Canadian sensibilities, and Canadians, conversely, might readily have found excuse to repel what a few cynics have called the "American occupation of Northwest Canada."

That those attitudes were avoided, and replaced by the fine relationship shown during the ambassador's visit reflects with utmost favor on Americans and Canadians alike.

The good spirit shown Thursday was more than a sudden spurt of good manners. It was the flowering of deep and worthy attitudes.

From The Daily News Files . . .

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Neil McKay asked the city council for permission to put up a temporary market building. His letter was filed but it urged the construction of the proposed Alderman Montgomery to posed market building right away.

The city council last evening struck the city tax rate for 1914. It is practically 14 mills, being three mills lower than last year.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The city is desirous of building wharfs and floats for the convenience of fishermen and public generally. The minister is to be written with a view to obtaining the necessary water frontage at Cow Bay.

According to word received from the Queen Charlotte Islands the Massett Timber Co.'s mill at Buckley Bay closed down last Saturday. It is understood the plant is due for a long period of idleness.

Indian Workers Are Conferring At Port Simpson

Indian Workers' Conference opened a five-day conference yesterday at Port Simpson, under auspices of the Prince Rupert Presbytery of the United Church, Women's Missionary Society and the Board of Home Missions.

This morning, Dr. G. W. Fiddes spoke on "Medical Problems," followed by Miss Alberta Reid, of the W.M.S., whose subject was "Health in the Homes."

erford took "Education in the School" for his topic, and J. A. Findlay dwelt on "Extra Moral and Adult Education."

Communion service will be held Sunday at 11 a.m. and public worship at 7:30 p.m.

James Gillett, Indian agent, will speak Monday at 9:30 a.m. on "The Indian Department." Rev. T. T. Moore will speak at 10:45 a.m. on "Our Work in Relation to Other Denominations." Greetings from the Native Brotherhood will be brought to the conference Monday at 2:15 p.m. by Alfred Adams, president. Rev. Peter R. Kelly will outline "Indian Problems of the Day" and Rev. D. W. More will be in charge of the certification of lay leaders.



THE "TIGHT" LITTLE ISLAND—"And every once in a while you stumble across these bits of peaceful English countryside tucked away among the air fields . . ."

Real Hunters—

Looking for Weather Near Iceland Aircraft Spots and Sinks Submarine

By F/O "TED" MOSHER

WITH R.C.A.F. IN ICELAND, Aug. 19—"It was just the luck of the game that on this day we went looking for weather and found a pig boat." That's how crew members of an R.C.A.F. coastal command aircraft sum up their recent successful attack on a German submarine.

F/O Peter Fieck, 28, of Fort William, Ont., was first wireless air gunner on the aircraft and was prominent in the gunfire duel which preceded the attack.

"The sub twisted and turned like a scared rabbit," he said. "It corkscrewed, went into tight circles, and tried every trick of evasive action except submerging. Officers were watching us through binoculars from the bridge. Eventually an explosion was seen and the U-boat sank quickly in a smother of foam. Our depth charges had caused a delayed explosion for some reason or other."

F/O Tommy Cooke, D.F.C., of Clinton, Ont., and Dauphin, Man., was captain, and F/O Bert Hunter, of Langley, B.C., was co-pilot. Other crew members were: F/L Eric Wisken, of Island Falls, Ont., navigator; F/O Fieck, first wireless operator; W/O G. McMacken, of Winnipeg, Man., second wireless operator; P/Sgt. Earl Tilander, of Toronto, third wireless operator; Sgt. Eric Hill, of Minot Mines, B.C., and Sgt. T. E. Hoosen, Edmonton, flight engineer.

On the day of the attack the aircraft had been assigned to a "met flight."

"More or less of a 'Joe' job, it consists of gathering samples of the weather along a given track so the other boys will know just what brand of devilry to expect from the elements that particular day," F/O Hunter explained. "The station authorities also had thrown in a short anti-sub sweep for us as well, after we had finished the met flight—as a piece of cake after the dose of castor oil, you might say."

"Generally we go out looking for subs and run into dirty weather instead," F/L Wisken, remarked, "but this day we went looking for weather and found the pig boat."

F/O Hunter sighted the enemy, the attack alarm was sounded in the aircraft and the plane went into a shallow dive. As they headed straight for the target, flashes of cannon fire stabbed at them from two gun posts on the U-boat's conning tower, and flack burst to port and starboard.

"We were only aware of it vaguely," F/O Cooke said. "We were out to get that sub ahead of anything else."

W/O McMacken was gunner in the nose position and he pitted his two machine guns against the two 20-millimeter cannon

on the sub. His gunfire sent the sub cannon crews tumbling down the conning tower hatch. Depth charges were dropped and the big flying boat swooped on and upward. F/O Fieck swept the sub's gun positions and conning tower hatch with intermittent bursts of fire. Then the U-boat sank.

The patrol plane remained at the attack scene for several hours, long after several relief aircraft had arrived. Quantities of wreckage and several acres of oil seemed to indicate complete destruction of the target.

Oddities...

There is one pert little waitress in town who would receive the blessings of dozens of mothers if they knew about her.

She has a large following among the American G.I.'s who flock to her end of the counter, and delay ordering till she can wait on them.

Her specialty for the men is a sweet disposition, chick talk, a cherub countenance and two large eyes that almost flirt.

But the power to make a hit with their mothers lies in the fact that she is making these boys eat their vegetables.

Her command is, "eat your vegetables soldier"—and her host of admirers pitch in with a will.

If you would get service in a restaurant in town, even in slack hours, watch out that you don't sit at the counter beside a talkative customer. He'll either enthral or upset the waitresses so that no one gets a meal.

Travellers say restaurant meals served in Prince Rupert are so good and in many cases, far better than those obtainable in other cities across the Dominion.

Kitkatla Girl Died In Hospital Friday

Rosabel Robinson, 11 years, of Kitkatla, died last night in Prince Rupert General Hospital. The body was sent today to Kitkatla for burial.

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Young People of St. Andrew's Hold Enjoyable Party

St. Andrew's Young People held a small enjoyable party in the church hall Wednesday evening. Through the kindness of Miss Margaret Morin and Chester LeMaistre of the Y.M.C.A., who lent record player, records and radio, dancing was enjoyed for most of the evening.

Ken Clokie and George Denman assisted in the kitchen to prepare a delicious luncheon. The party ended at midnight.

Holiday Party Has Trying Time During Stuart Lake Storm

FORT ST. JAMES, Aug. 19— Caught in the worst storm to sweep Stuart Lake in seven years, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Lyon of Prince George, and their niece, Miss Ruth Jamieson of Edmonton, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howe and two children

after the group had planned to attend a show next Wednesday evening. The Young People are extending an invitation to the younger set of the city to attend their meetings.

of Vanderhoof, narrowly escaped drowning. Seeking sanctuary from the wide sweep of mountainous waves that pounded their cabin cruiser, the party was cast ashore in a bay opposite the north end of Battleship Island, about 10 miles above Fort St. James. The boat was swept up on the beach.

They were sighted by Indians the following day.

TODAY'S STOCKS

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By GORDON SINCLAIR
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SALUTE TO A JUNGLE-GOING CANADIAN

ONE of the few Canadians to fight with Wingate's Raiders in the leech-filled jungles of Burma, Neil Turnbull . . . a corporal in the Royal Canadian Signals . . . fought off a Jap bayonet charge two hours after he first hit the front line.

In palm, teakwood and banyan, where soldiers can't see their buddies within 40 feet, radio is vital . . . like bullets.

Army ants hungrily ate insulation from radios of Wingate's Raiders, and mildew ruined exposed wiring. Ant-proof radio had to be flown to the battle zone at grave risk, and Turnbull, who had never been in a plane, volunteered to go.

Reaching base above the airfield Turnbull's group of four came under fierce fire with Japs using explosive bullets, mortars and howitzers.

Turnbull took refuge in a foxhole near his gear, but under increased fury of fire was ordered to abandon the precious radio, and retire.

After dark, in creepy light, the Japs charged with bayoneted rifles, knives and swords. Turnbull and his three men fought off that charge with Tommy guns, then raced forward.

They killed a dozen Japs, drove others to retreat, retrieved the vital radio intact, then joined the British in fighting off a second Jap charge with great loss to the enemy, none to themselves.

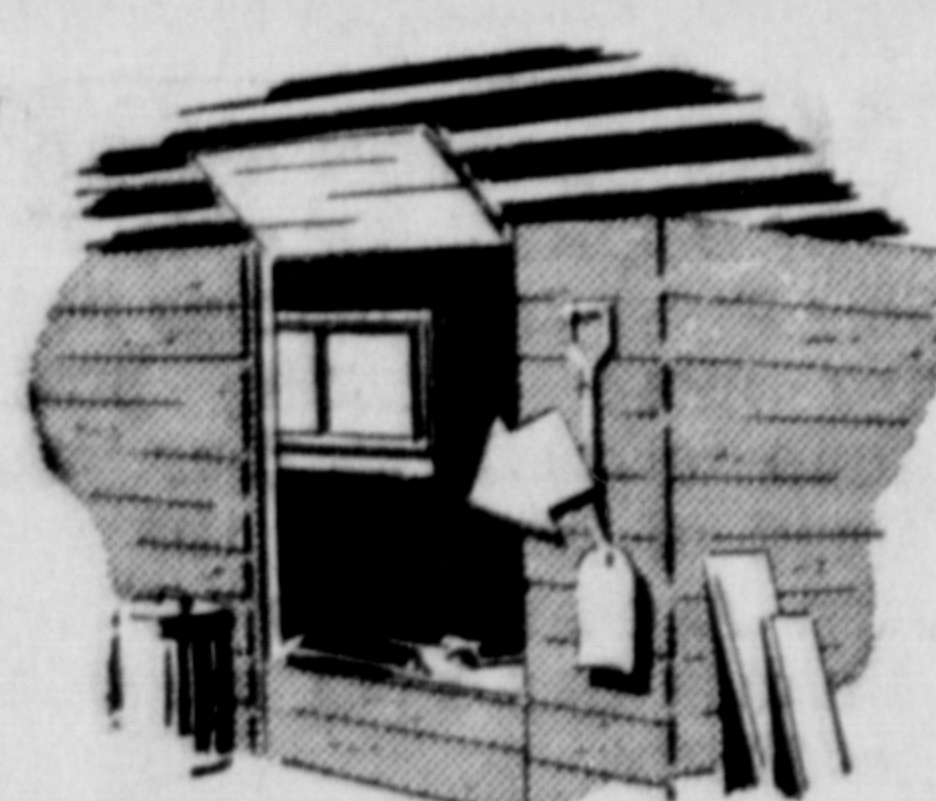
For such gallantry in his first battle, a salute to a jungle-going Canadian signaller.

Canadians can be proud of their part in the great Invasion of the Continent. Ships of the Royal Canadian Navy, over 700 of them, landed Canadian fighting men, who captured a dozen towns in the first forty-eight hours, while the men of the R.C.A.F. played their part in the air overhead. Until final victory, the men and management at U.D.L. will continue to produce high-test alcohol for vital war materials in this war-gear plant—twenty-four hours a day—every day in the year. More than any similar plant in Canada.



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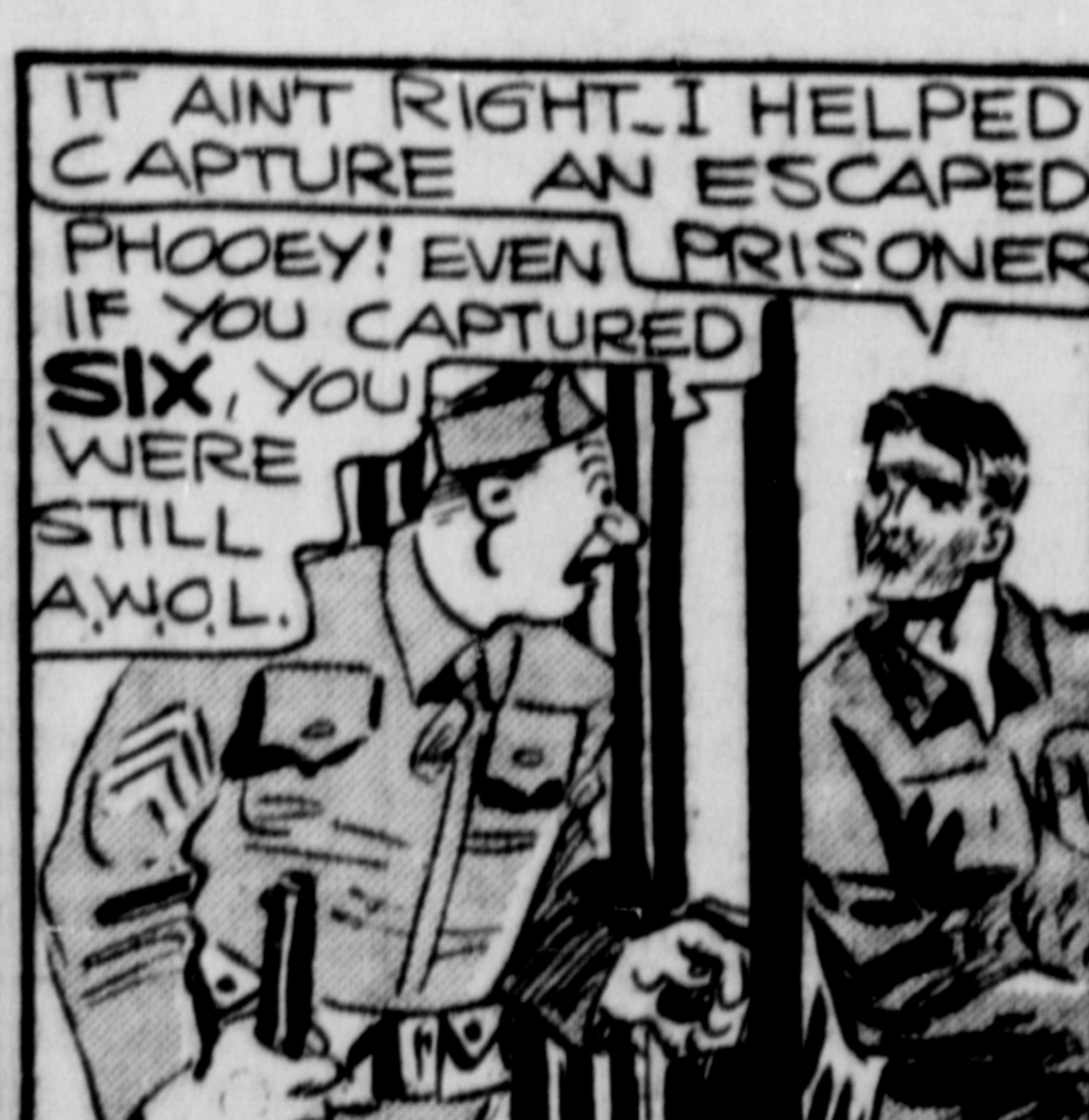
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