

# ALLIES IN HEART OF COLOGNE

**Weather**  
Rate winds, cloudy and cool  
occasional light snow flur-  
or mixed light rain and  
during morning, becoming  
tionally cloudy in afternoon.  
day: Moderate winds, partly  
ly, little warmer.

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### Tides

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High	5:39	17.9 feet
	18:45	14.8 feet
Low	12:25	7.6 feet



STORM PILLBOX ON IWO JIMA—Marines of the Fourth Division take a short rest in their foxholes after storming the beach of Iwo Jima. In the background is a once impregnable, now shattered, Jap pillbox after the marines came and took it. Reinforcements to a strength of approximately 45,000 marines are now fighting fiercely foot by foot in of fierce enemy fire. A dead Jap lies in the foreground.

## Fall of Germany's Fourth Largest City is Imminent

### Bulletins

Victorious Americans, British and Canadians Sweep Forward Everywhere to Storm Rhine River

#### LATEST

PARIS, March 5 (CP)—Allied forces reached the centre of Cologne today and the battle rages with the fall of the fourth largest German city imminent. American First Army tanks and infantry, in four columns, stormed into the city in a final powerful attack and slowly fought toward the heart of the great Rhine River metropolis. House-to-house fighting was under way. The American Ninth Army has captured Homberg, manufacturing west Rhine bank suburb of Duisburg, and the approaches to two Rhine bridges. The Ninth Army is on the Rhine for fifteen miles and the First Canadian Army to the north holds another 52-mile stretch of the west bank. Germans are surrendering by the thousands and the Allied problem is more of how to take prisoners than to fight the enemy.

PARIS, March 5 (CP)—Three German cities are front line cities today. Cologne, Duesseldorf and Duisburg are under direct Allied attack as the victorious Americans, British and Canadians sweep forward on the Rhine. Cologne is expected to be the first to fall. The Germans are falling back on the city's inner defences and Nazi resistance to the American First Army is crumbling by the hour. The First Army commander has sent his tanks crashing to the Rhine at numerous places north of Cologne. Another column is only a few hundred yards from a suburb, one mile and a half outside Cologne.

#### Nazis Lose Hochwald

### Canadians Victorious

By ROSS MUNRO  
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WITH FIRST CANADIAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 5  
—British troops of the First Canadian Army surged ahead today as the Germans lost Hochwald as a pivot and withdrew rapidly from western and central sectors of the Canadian front between the Meuse and the Rhine rivers. The link-up between the Canadian Army and the American Ninth pressing up from the south was made Saturday after the gap between the two forces had been narrowed to five miles.

It is impossible to estimate accurately how many Germans are being pressed back to the Rhine by General Montgomery's converging forces but it may be as high as 100,000. Elements of the German First Paratroop and Fifteen Army are in the path of this avalanche.

Canadians, fighting in the Hochwald corridor, have had a tough time but have now cleared the forest of the enemy after continuous counter-attacks forced leading infantry to withdraw one mile. At the eastern end they fell back from a wood 2½ miles from Nanteen to dig in again on the eastern fringe of Hochwald whence they renewed the attack to sweep forward victoriously and finally eliminate the Germans from the area.

### MILITARY CROSS IS AWARDED

For gallantry in action while serving overseas in the Italian theatre of war, Lieut. John Elgin Reesor of Pouce Coupe and Vancouver has been awarded the Military Cross.

Lieut. Reesor, Royal Canadian Engineers, was born June 2, 1920, in Saskatoon, Sask. He graduated with senior matriculation and was employed as a surveyor in civil life at Pouce Coupe prior to his enlistment in the Canadian Active Army July 24, 1940, with the rank of sapper. He proceeded overseas November 11, 1941, and was appointed to a commission October 9, 1943. His mother, Mrs. Ellen Reesor, lives at Vancouver.

#### Local Temperature

Maximum	41
Minimum	32

### and Rock Down

Line Blocked  
Same Amsbury Cut  
Way emergency track  
making a final clean-  
down which covered  
National Railways  
ons of rock three  
near Amsbury station,  
section of mountain  
and slid onto the  
way late Saturday  
Passengers, mail, bag-  
express are being  
again.

### IS GAIN

March 5—Large fires  
Tokyo yesterday fol-  
lowing night attack by  
Fortresses 150 strong.

### ry Leaves

ensation Board  
serving for 11 years as a  
of the Workmen's Com-  
Board, J. H. Pillsbury,  
Prince Rupert harbor  
engineer and for-  
dock superintendent.  
red, Mr. Pillsbury now  
home in Vancouver.

### PIONEER AWAY

Prince Rupert's earliest  
passed away last night  
Prince Rupert General  
He was Franz O. Lind-  
83, who according to  
came to the site of what  
this city in 1904.  
Lindberg plied his trade  
here for over 30  
entered the Eventide  
out six years ago. He  
to hospital on January

in Nether Carliehs,  
in 1862, he came to  
Columbia directly from  
land 51 years ago.  
married, his wife pre-  
him during the early  
the city. There were  
son.

ERS MESS BURNS  
OVER—Twenty of-  
and unharmed to safety  
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origin gutted the of-  
ess at No. 11 District  
Little Mountain Bar-  
ing the interior of  
storey frame structure  
and shambles.

## War News Highlights

### Unremitting Air War

LONDON—The Germans have spotted Allied day raiders on the way to western Germany for the twenty-first day of the air offensive. Berlin was given its nightly pounding for the thirteenth successive night. Sunday, hundreds of Allied aircraft soared off from Britain and Italy to hammer targets in Germany, Austria and Hungary. The Canadian Bomber Group did not operate during the week-end. However, scores of Canadians formed part of the crews of Royal Air Force Halifaxes which took the synthetic oil centre of Kamen near Dortmund for their targets Saturday night. Targets today were air plants at Harburg and Gelsenkirchen and railway network at Chemnitz.

### Bombing Britain Again

LONDON—For the first time in eight months, German bombers appeared over London and southern England yesterday. Six were shot down, but the Nazi airmen inflicted casualties on the population. The blackout may be resumed.

### Reds Through to Baltic

MOSCOW—Red Army forces have torn through eastern Pomerania to the Baltic and have cut the province into three parts. The two-pronged drives set up barriers. Two hundred thousand Nazis will not be able to break to take part in the defence of Berlin. Soviet columns now stand fourteen miles from Stettin and thirty miles from Danzig.

### Marines Gain On Iwo

GUAM—American marines have smashed a Japanese counter-attack in northern Iwo and have chalked up small gains. No less than 12,864 dead Japanese have been counted on Iwo so far. Eighty-one have been taken prisoner but most of these are Korean laborers. The Americans now control four-fifths of Iwo.

### Mopping Up On Luzon

MANILA—General MacArthur's forces in the Philippines are probing into the mountains of northern Luzon. Filipino guerrillas have cleared one entire province killing thousands of Japanese in the process.

### British Advance In Burma

KANDY, Ceylon—British troops have made a new crossing of the Irrawaddy River, twenty miles from Mandalay, Burma's second city. The bridgehead was established by men of the Second British Division. Second in the drive for Mandalay is an Indian division whose bridgehead on the river north of the city has been expanded to thirty square miles. It has reached a point only eighteen miles from Mandalay.

### New Submarine Campaign

GUAM—Marianas-based superfortresses again have carried the war to the Japanese mainland. Striking in force, the huge bombers early Sunday attacked the industrial section of Tokyo. The attack was the first early morning B-29 raid on the enemy capital and the second consecutive Sunday assault. Presumably nearly two hundred of the big heavyweights took part in the strike and they also paid attention to targets in Yokohama, Nagoya and Shizuka.

### Tokyo Bombed Again

LONDON—Packs of swift, new, long-range enemy u-boats are reported concentrating for a last desperate campaign against Allied shipping in the Atlantic. Norwegian officials say more than 300 German submarines and a considerable number of light cruisers, destroyers, and other smaller warships now are based in Norway's sheltered fjords.

### Italians Fight Germans

ROME—Italian troops of the British Eighth Army have launched a surprise attack on the extreme Adriatic end of the Italian front. Headquarters in Rome says these forces have driven the Germans from the entire coastal area south of Valli Di Comacchio.

### UNRANKED MUSSOLINI AT FRONT

ROME, March 5 (P)—Fierce fighting that has been costly to both sides raged along the east bank of the Senio river in the Eighth Army sector of the Italian front. This is the area in which the First Canadian Corps has been operating.

A deserter from the German lines said that Benito Mussolini, wearing a gray uniform without marking of rank, had visited the front.

### TO BE BURIED IN TORONTO

Body of the late Mrs. David Gibb, pioneer Prince Rupert woman, who passed away in the Prince Rupert General Hospital Friday afternoon, is being shipped east on tonight's train for burial in Toronto.

### DRAFTEE THREW RIFLE IN SEA—COURT MARTIAL

OTTAWA, March 5—Department of National Defence announces that a court-martial has imposed 18-month detention on Private W. H. Smith who threw his rifle and two kit bags overboard from a ship while being embarked for overseas. Smith was one of the draftees from the Home Defence Army for overseas service. This was the incident which is believed to have led to sensational charges in the recent Grey North by-election when John Bracken, Progressive-Conservative leader, suggested there had been several such incidents. Minister of National Defence A. G. L. McNaughton describing the charges as "diabolical untruths."

At the court-martial in England, Smith said he had thrown his rifle overboard from the gangplank while embarking in the hope that military police would take him from the ship.

### CLOSING IN ON LASHIO

Chinese Forces Making Headway in Their Drive Toward Terminal of Old Burma Road

CALCUTTA, March 5 (P)—Three Chinese First Army columns are closing in on Lashio—Burma road and rail terminal 135 miles northeast of Mandalay and one has driven to within eight miles of Lashio headquarters, it was announced today.

#### MRS. LIPSETT DIES

VANCOUVER—Mrs. Catherine Lipsett, aged 101, mother of Edward Lipsett, president of the company bearing his name, died in a Vancouver nursing home Saturday. She was born in Nova Scotia.

#### DRASTIC STEPS TAKEN

LONDON—The British War Office has taken drastic steps to make sure that the flow of war supplies to the western front is not interrupted. Seven thousand British dock workers and stevedores at the Port of London are striking and their walkout had threatened to slow up the transportation of war material to Allied fighting men on the continent. To guard against this, the War Office has replaced the dock hands with British soldiers to the number of 3000.

#### RAILWAY ACCIDENT

ZORRA, Ont.—A train accident early this morning near Zorra, Ontario, resulted in serious injuries to at least eighty passengers, eleven seriously. The accident occurred at 12:15 a.m. (E.D.T.) when a Canadian Pacific Railway passenger train jumped a broken rail. At least four cars were derailed. Injured service personnel were taken to London.

#### ONLY ONE INCIDENT

OTTAWA—Official word has been given out on an incident which, during the past month, has created quite a flurry in Canadian political circles. It has been established officially that only one soldier threw his rifle and kit overboard as Home Defence troops embarked for overseas duty.

#### NEXT VICTORY LOAN

OTTAWA—It is expected that the Eighth Victory Loan campaign will have an all-time high objective of one and a half billion dollars. The dates of the loan were announced in Prime Minister King's radio address. They will be from April 23 to May 12. Mr. King placed emphasis on the importance of the forthcoming campaign. He declared that Victory Loans are an all-important part of Canada's war effort.

#### VETERANS' INSURANCE

OTTAWA—An act providing for the insurance of veterans of the present war by the Dominion now is in effect. The act was passed at the last session of parliament. It enables veterans to get insurance at low rates in multiples of \$500 up to \$10,000 without medical examination. Applications for such insurance must be made to the Veterans' Department.

### THIEVES CRACK GROCERY STORE SAFE, LUG AWAY \$119 IN SILVER

Thieves who exercised their "professional" skill on the safe in Sheardown's grocery store over the week-end followed up the job with a considerable amount of physical enterprise. They lugged \$119 in silver away from the darkened Third Avenue store after they had opened the safe by knocking off the

trade. There was no currency in the strong box.

The relatively silent method of hammer and punch was favored over explosives by the thieves, who apparently believed that a brief, workmanlike clatter could cause less disturbance than the convulsion of nitro-glycerine.

The office safe is a position midway in the store and cannot be seen from the street.

City police are continuing an investigation.

#### BRACKEN'S CHALLENGE

OTTAWA—The leader of the Progressive Conservatives, John Bracken, Friday night challenged the Liberal government to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate certain questions about the Canadian Army since General McNaughton was appointed defence minister.

#### STARTING AIR LINES

LONDON—Thirty-seven British shipping companies have formed Shipping Airlines Limited—a company proposing to operate civil air services between Britain and all European capitals. The thirty-seven companies include some of Britain's largest tramp steamship owners.

#### ELIZABETH JOINS ARMY

LONDON—Princess Elizabeth has joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service—the British equivalent of the Canadian Women's Army Corps. She is training as an officer driver. Princess Elizabeth is the first woman member of the Royal Family to join as a full-time active member of the women's services.

#### DRUMS UNIFORMS OUT

OTTAWA—Khaki serge walking-out uniforms introduced in the Canadian Army in 1942 are being withdrawn from service. The walking out uniforms are being sent as mutual aid to armies of liberated countries. The uniforms were never popular with the troops who described the mas zoet suits.

#### ONE MILLIONTH PRISONER

PARIS—The one-millionth German prisoner to be taken on the western front may fall into Allied hands sometime within the next few hours. The official prisoner count from the time of the Normandy landing to February 28—last Wednesday—was 954,327. Since then, between 7000 and 10,000 Germans have been captured daily.

#### 25 BELOW IN REGINA

REGINA—This city, with 25 below zero, was the coldest point on the prairies today as a cold wave swept over the west.

#### CANADA'S PART

OTTAWA—Reports are circulating in Ottawa that Canada's part in supplying occupation forces in Europe has been decided. One report has it that the Dominion will supply two brigades of police troops for Germany and several squadrons of police planes. It is doubtful whether Canada will be asked to supply any forces for police duty in the Pacific area after Japan is defeated.

### COAST SHIPS BEING BUILT

Thirty-Five Vessels to be Built in Canadian Yards Including Prince Rupert

OTTAWA, March 5—Shipyards of Canada have been awarded contracts for 35 coastal type of freighters—15 1350-tonners and 20 of 350 tons. The work is going to yards at Vancouver, Victoria, Prince Rupert, Quebec, Collingwood (Ont.), Port Arthur and St. John.

Twelve of the ships come to British Columbia yards—Burrard Dry Dock, North Van Ship Repairs, Victoria Machinery Depot and Prince Rupert Dry Dock. The work at Prince Rupert will start in May.