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Naval Base Is Captured By British

Canuck Troops Train at Sea To Learn Invasion Tactics; Gruelling Job Is Involved

By ROSS MUNRO

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, May 7:—Special forces of Canadian infantry have been training at sea with the Royal Navy on combined operations and coastal raiding as the Canadian army steps up assault training of every battalion with the ultimate objective of striking somewhere in Europe.

In the last few weeks I went to sea with one of these infantry commando units.

This training is making the entire army think offensively of operations across the North Sea or the English Channel. The troops are training and planning harder than ever before for action which might be launched anywhere from Narvik to the Spanish border.

With the R. A. F. giving continental targets a non-stop pounding and with talk of a second front heard from Whitehall to country pubs, the Canadians are preparing for anything from reconnaissance to all-out attack.

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R.C.A.F. Crash Kills Eight

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ALASKA RAILWAY

Project For Line Across Canada Considered—Inquiries Regarding P. G. E.

VICTORIA, May 7: (CP)—Government circles said last night that they had been approached by several United States interests regarding acquisition of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway as a link in a possible railway to Alaska. No details are available.

Such a railway would mean construction of sixty-two miles of line from Quesnel to Prince George and thence to Finlay Forks along the Rocky Mountain Trench through the Yukon to Alaska.

The statement here coincided with a dispatch from Washington saying that plans were being considered for the eventual construction of a railway across Canada to connect the United States with Alaska, United States Army engineers to be sent out to make surveys.

Stars for Red Cross



ANNA NEAGLE

Lovely British film star, plays a leading role in "There Too Go I", the dramatic film story of Canadian Red Cross work being shown during the national appeal for \$9,000,000, which starts on May 11.

YANKS ARE CAPTURED

United States Estimate: Loss of Men in Fall of Corregidor At 11,574

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 7:—The United States War Department announced today that about 11,574 soldiers, sailors, marines and civilians were presumably captured by the Japanese on Corregidor and other Manila Bay forts.

Warns Against Eating Clams

VICTORIA, May 7.—Dr. G. F. Amyot, provincial health officer, warns against the eating of clams and mussels—either cooked or raw—on the British Columbia coast at this time. There have been five deaths at Port Alberni and three at Port Angeles, Washington—attributable to the eating of clams.

War News

SINKINGS OFF U. S. COAST WASHINGTON—Sinking by enemy action of a medium-sized British merchant ship and a small United States vessel off the Atlantic Coast of the United States was announced yesterday.

EXECUTING DUTCHMEN BERLIN—Eighty-nine Netherlands citizens have been sentenced to death on charges of aiding the Allies, espionage and illegal possession of arms.

FRENCHMEN RELEASED LISBON—It is reported here that some 30,000 to 35,000 French airmen are to be released from German prison camps on the condition that they take refresher courses and join planes of the German air force.

BERMUDA PREPARING HAMILTON, Bermuda—As a precaution against possible isolation of the island, Bermuda authorities are taking steps to lay in food supplies sufficient for eight weeks. The most of the food is coming from Canada.

HONG KONG CONDITIONS OTTAWA—According to a statement by the Department of External Affairs substantial rice supply is being given to Canadian prisoners of the Japanese at Hong Kong and Kowloon with bread and vegetables daily and a small quantity of meat. There is no disease except for dysentery in one camp. This information came through the British ministry at Chungking.

VANCOUVER MILK SHORTAGE VANCOUVER—Vancouver is facing the possibility of a milk shortage as Fraser Valley farmers demand a better return for their product.

INVESTIGATE ESCAPES OTTAWA—Hon. J. L. Ralston, minister of national defence, announces that a board of inquiry will investigate the escape of two more German prisoners of war from internment camp near Bowmanville.

STATEMENT ON PLEBISCITE OTTAWA—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King said last night that he would make a statement in a few days in regard to the recent plebiscite. Meantime circumstances will be met as they arise.

NEW TORY LEADER OTTAWA—Senator C. C. Ballantyne of Montreal has been appointed Conservative leader in the Senate succeeding Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen who resigned recently to contest a by-election.

QUALICUM INCORPORATED VICTORIA—Qualicum on Vancouver Island has been incorporated as a municipality under the Village Act.

British Fleet Entering Suarez Harbor Today; French Resistance Was Brief Bloodshed in Battle

Jap Navy On Move South

UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, IN AUSTRALIA, May 7 (Canadian Press)—Increased Japanese naval activity in waters around New Britain, presaging perhaps a southward thrust against the life-lines of this invasion-threatened continent, was announced here today. Japanese warships are reported near Bougainville in the Solomon Islands. These vessels were "successfully attacked" by Allied bombers yesterday but no details were given.

Prime Minister Tells Parliament of Operations Resulting In Securing Vital Outpost on Indian Ocean

LONDON, May 7: (CP)—Strong British land, naval and air forces have captured Diego Suarez, naval base, and surrounding territory on the north tip of the French island of Madagascar and the British fleet is expected to enter Suarez Harbor today, Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the House of Commons. The operation securing the vital outpost on the Indian Ocean from Axis encroachment was completed at the cost of perhaps more than a thousand men in overcoming resistance of Vichy's colonial troops and seamen, the Prime Minister said.

Northern Sea Battle—

BRITISH CRUISER IS LOST

Four Merchant Vessels Also Sunk In Running Fight On Arctic Convoy Route—H.M.S. Jaguar Gone

LONDON, May 7:—Loss of a ten thousand ton cruiser launched in 1939 and four convoyed merchantmen in a running sea fight along the storm-tossed Arctic supply lane to Soviet Russia was announced today by the Admiralty which declared that ninety percent of the convoy got through safely in spite of plane, warship and u-boat attacks. The cost of the attacks to the Germans was one destroyer sunk, another damaged severely, at least two dive bombers destroyed and others perhaps crippled, the Admiralty said.

POLITICS ARE OUT

Movement Away From Party In United Kingdom

LONDON, May 7.—A movement away from party has become noticeable in United Kingdom politics lately. No longer are leaders of the Conservatives, Liberal or Labor parties in parliament helping to form opinion on outstanding issues in this war. Rather do they find their importance to the nation dependent on what they are doing as members of the non-party Churchill cabinet.

JOIN UP ISLANDS

Australia Plans To Merge Papua And New Guinea

AN ADVANCED ALLIED BASE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, May 7:—Even while the Allies and the Japs are trading bombs and machine gun slugs over these islands, the Australian government is working out a political and geographical merger which will combine Papua with northern New Guinea and the surrounding islands, now used by the Japs for their bases.

The fact that the Japs are in Lae and Salamaua in northern New Guinea and Rabaul in New Britain, makes no difference in the Australian plans and Rabaul has been designated as the future capital of the new united territory. The officer commanding the Allied forces here is also at the moment filling the functions of governor of the whole shooting match.

JAP MOVING INTO CHINA

CHUNGKING, May 7.—A Japanese mechanized spearhead with warplane support has swept twenty-five miles along the Burma road into Chinese territory and reached the town of Chefang where very heavy fighting is in progress, a Chinese Army spokesman said today.

The Japanese break-through along the Burma road has become so serious that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has gone to the Yunnan front to take personal command of his armies which have been pushed up the Solwin River for a distance of fifty miles towards Chungking.

The British forces are also in retreat and some have been evacuated into India.

R.A.F. Smashes Nazi Industries

LONDON, May 7 (Canadian Press)—Royal Air Force bombers continued smashing attacks on industries, feeding the German war machine by hammering Stuttgart for the third successive night and roaring into France again today by daylight. Seven of the night raiders are missing, the Air Ministry said. Docks at Nantes were also bombed during the night.

RED ARMY ATTACKING

MOSCOW, May 7:—The Red Army, attacking across bogs on the Leningrad front, was reported today to have driven a wedge between two German forces and encircled one Nazi detachment in an important sector west of the long-besieged city.

It was also reported that the Red Navy ships had sunk a 5,000-ton Axis transport in Barents Sea.