

German Garrison Still In Dunkerque

(By The Canadian Press) A German garrison isolated more than 150 miles behind the western front...



Pictured here is Lieut. Donald Ivan Grant of Windsor, Ont., a member of the photographic section of the Canadian Army's public relations department...

In Other Posts

Much the same situation applies at Lorient, St. Nazaire, Bordeaux, the Vannes area and the Channel Islands...

'Lame Ducks' In Britain Land On Huge Airfields

WITH THE R.A.F. SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Jan. 4. (CP) The commander finished his briefing of the assembled aircrews with the order: "If you are in any trouble, make for the airfield."

Location of the airfields—made up of little more than enormous runways—is secret, of course, but they are situated near the coast so as to cut down the flying distance of "Lame Ducks."

War correspondents allowed to visit one of the airfields for the first time found its enormous runway was 4,500 yards long, with a 500-yard grass underfoot at one end and a 1,000-yard overshoot at the other.

General Hugo, the father of novelist Victor Hugo, held the town of Thionville for Napoleon.

Tribute Paid To Canadian Bomber Group At Yorkminster

YORK, ENGLAND, Jan. 1. (CP Cable) — The ancient walled city of York paid tribute to men and women of the Canadian bomber group at special ceremonies...

The observations included services in ancient Yorkminster and in St. Wilfred's Roman Catholic Church attended by more than 1,000 R.C.A.F. and R.A.F. personnel...

Choral music at both services was contributed by Air Force personnel. Flight Officer Estibe Mouton, a member of the women's division and a former Metropolitan Opera performer, was one singer.

Before the services, a luncheon was tendered to Air Marshal Brewster and senior R.C.A.F. officers by the civic authorities at the Mansion House.

50 Dead, 60 Injured In Train Wreck

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 1. (AP) — Some 30 persons died and 60 others were injured in the Sunday crash of a speeding Southern Pacific mail-express and a slowly-moving passenger train.

A sailor said a telescoped coach was virtually pulverized, seats and bodies crushed together. The 18-car passenger train, first section of the Pacific Limited No. 21, was running slowly along the causeway that leads to the trestle crossing Great Salt Lake when it was struck from behind by the second section, made up of 20 mail and express cars.

Most of the dead were taken from the rear pullman car and from the telescoped coach. At least 26 were military service men.

A personal note on Post-War Planning

\* That gives us an idea of what we're fighting for...

\* Those are the words of Howard McLean, young naval telegraphist, who used to be ledger-keeper at our branch at Port Alberni, B.C.

What Howard McLean wrote to us has been said in different ways by hundreds of fellow bank men, and letters, which are being filed at our head office, are still coming in daily from our people on practically all the fighting fronts.

Post-war planning begins at home, and, as another of our people in the services said, "the old B of M looks out for us like a mother with a rather large family".

Service men coming back to the Bank will not simply return to their old jobs. While they have been away, their standing in the Bank has been reviewed each year and salary increases have been noted in their records, according to their past performance.

As the General Manager said in his annual address to shareholders,

"It is our intention to place these officers on the salary and, within a reasonable time, in the position, which they would normally have expected to attain had they been in the continuous service of the Bank. Our object is to see that they have not lost ground through their service to their country."



Sig. T/O Howard McLean, Telegraphist on H.M.C.S. "Dundas"

Highlights

OF THE BANK'S 5-POINT REHABILITATION PLAN...



PENSION FUND SOCIETY...

All B of M men belong to the Bank's Pension Fund Society. This fund, which provides each man with a pension upon retirement at 64 years of age, is built up by contributions by the Bank and by each male member of the staff.



SALARIES...

Each B of M man in the Services has had his salary and position reviewed each year and the increases he could reasonably have expected to receive had he remained in the Bank have been entered in his record.



GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PLAN...

Practically all B of M men avail themselves of this low cost life insurance plan, and coverage has been continued by the Bank for its servicemen during their absence, with premiums charged to a loan account pending demobilization.



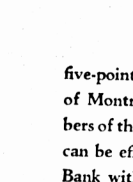
DEMOBILIZATION—REPORTING FOR DUTY...

Every B of M man, after reporting for duty, may, if he desires, have two weeks' leave—on full pay from the Bank—during which he can re-establish his personal and family affairs.



GROUP ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE PLAN FOR B of M Men and Their Dependents...

Under our insurance programme, which gives maximum protection at minimum cost, B of M servicemen can have protection for their dependents at 40 to 60 cents a month. They, themselves, can have protection within four weeks of their return to the Bank's service.



By following this five-point plan, we at the Bank of Montreal feel that all members of the staff on active service can be effectively placed in the Bank within a reasonable time.



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Former French Nobel Prize Winner Dies

PARIS, Jan. 1. (AP) — Roland H. Rolland, French writer and critic who won the Nobel Prize in literature in 1916, died at his villa near Clamecy shortly before midnight Dec. 30 it was announced here today.

NORTH WILTSHIRE Y.P.U.

The annual meeting of the North Wiltshire Y. P. U. was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leth Easter on the evening of Dec. 12.

59 Naval Personnel Are Presumed Dead

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amount spent in 1944, \$122,661. amount in bank, \$160,832; amount on hand \$12,472; Total \$175,334. Dues \$5.25; Offerings at meetings, \$14.39; Sunday services, \$11.43; Herbert Play proceeds \$25.05; parlor social, \$13.15; pantry sale, \$18.15; commission on church papers, \$4.04; commission on Christmas cards, \$6.00; donations, \$2.25; total, \$99.71.

Amount spent:—M. and M. Fund, \$17.24; membership fees to Maritime Conference, \$4.20; India and China Relief, \$6.00; donation to Red Cross, \$6.00; donation to Wiltshire War Services Unit, \$5.00; donation to Save Children Fund, \$5.00; gifts to members, \$8.19; postage on overseas boxes, \$10.91; Church lights, \$2.00; Mt. Allison Fund, \$5.00; shingles, church shed, \$25.65; manse bill, \$18.00; pipe and window glass, \$2.48; bill for fruit, \$6.37; for lettering on shield, \$1.25; program annual, \$12.00; misc, \$3.71; total spent, \$122.66.

Meeting closed by singing God Save the King. (Patriot please copy)

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Sept. 11, said the Corvette sank in waters near the United Kingdom following an explosion caused either by a mine or a torpedo, while on invasion duties. Only 31 of the 90-man crew survived the sinking.

St. Lawrence Waterway Scheme Again Discussed

OTTAWA, Jan. 4. (CP) — Canadian officials were interested in Governor Thomas Dewey's recommendations that New York state proceed with development of the St. Lawrence waterway in conjunction with the province of Ontario and the Dominion of Canada.

The New York governor's suggestion was made in his message to the state legislature at Albany and involved action by the State without the co-operation of the United States government, which has so far failed to obtain approval of congress for a St. Lawrence waterway treaty with Canada.

vious treaty which was not ratified either by the Senate or the House of Representatives. The cost would be divided on a 50-50 basis as between the two countries and costs of work already completed by either country's taker, into account in striking the balance.

Total Circulation Of Newspapers Up

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The results of Ontario's referendum on the development of the St. Lawrence for power is well known. He said, "We have indicated our desire to proceed with the development." "It constitutes one of the most important post-war projects for this province, providing in the first place a very considerable amount of employment in the construction and then requiring a large volume of new industrial and agricultural development from the power produced."

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NEPALESE GIRLS ENLIST

NEW DELHI. (CP) — Following the example of their famous Gurkha brothers, Nepalese girls are joining the colors. For the first time in their lives they have travelled by train and plane.

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