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AIR WAR INCREASES IN THE NORTH

Japs Lose Planes Over Darwin

Mounting air activity by the Allies and the Japanese north of Australia was revealed in General MacArthur's communique yesterday—one of the longest on record.

Two enemy bombers and 12 fighters were shot out of action over Darwin by Spitfires, and three more fighters and two more bombers probably never reached their base. Allied bombers and fighters attacked enemy troop transports off the Aru Islands, north of Darwin.

The communique gave special prominence to the raid on Darwin. This is what it said:—

"Twenty-five Japanese medium bombers and 24 fighters raided the town and harbour before noon. Damage and casualties were slight.

"Our fighters intercepted and drove off the raiders, shooting two bombers and 12 fighters out of action, and so seriously damaging another three fighters and two bombers that they probably failed to reach their base.

"We lost four planes, two pilots being saved."

Transports Attacked

The communique also announced that three medium sized Japanese transports laden with troops were reported by our reconnaissance planes to be approaching Dobo (Aru Islands), from the north on Monday.

Formations of our medium bombers and long-range fighters attacked the convoy late on Monday afternoon, bombing and strafing from mast height.

Direct hits were scored on two of the ships, causing heavy damage and fires, and near hits were scored all around the vessels.

The long-range fighters raked the decks with cannon fire and machine-gun fire, causing heavy casualties among the closely

packed troops on the decks.

One of our planes is missing from these attacks.

Other air activity reported from the north-west area was a raid by our heavy bombers on shipping in Bitajaree Bay, Kiamana, Dutch New Guinea, and a raid by a medium bomber unit on a Japanese coastal schooner in the Banda Sea. Hits were scored on the schooner and she was severely damaged.

In The North East

There was also considerable air activity on Monday in the north-eastern sector.

Our medium bombers made a night raid on the aerodrome at Gasmata, in New Britain. Bombs fell on the target area but damage was not observed.

Heavy bombers attacked the building area later.

At Cape Gloucester, on the south coast of New Britain, our planes strafed the aerodrome from a low altitude. Later, heavy bombers raided the aerodrome.

At Wewak, New Guinea, our heavy bombers bombed the aerodrome and the town of Tring after dark.

At Mubo, in New Guinea, our planes made 10 strafing passes over enemy positions during Monday. They swept the coast from the mouth of the Waria River to Salamaua.

Fifteen Japanese bombers raid-

FORTRESS AND A CAMEL

Never again will First-Lieut. James C. Deiffenderfer, Flying Fortress pilot, fly without his lucky charm, a golden camel.

Deiffenderfer, 23, from Logan, Virginia, has lost one of his four motors six times in eight flights.

He came back from reconnaissance the other day minus a motor, and a spent explosive shell to remind him of a close shave with a Zero.

His Fortress was down to 300 feet when Zeros attacked.

An explosive bullet entered the nose of the Fortress, skinned the bombardier's head, went past the navigator, through a map case and an instrument panel, and then through Deiffenderfer's shirt sleeve.

"I've been forgetting that camel lately. I won't fly without it again," he said.

First-Lt. Jack Campbell, of Fresno (Calif.), co-pilot, said the Zeros came so close that he could have thrown rocks at them.

Mr. CHURCHILL IN THE COMMONS

There were scenes of the greatest enthusiasm in the House of Commons yesterday when the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, made his first appearance since his recent serious illness.

Cheers came from all sides of the House, and Mr. Churchill looked fit, well, and smiling as he crossed the floor to congratulate the new Speaker, Colonel Clifton Brown, upon his appointment.

Colonel Brown succeeds the late Captain Fitzroy.

ed the wharf area at Oro Bay, 20 miles south-east of Buna, at dusk on Monday.

UNREST MOUNTS IN FRANCE

Unrest is spreading throughout France as the Nazis intensify their drives for men and women for labour in Germany.

Nearly 600 Nazi tanks and two regiments of Black Guards have been rushed to Paris to try and forestall trouble.

Many streets have been barricaded and all Nazi barracks and officers' canteens have been barbed-wired or sand-bagged.

Following successful guerrilla forays in Paris and Lille (more than 23 Nazi officers known killed, and property destroyed) patriots have staged rifle and grenade attacks in two U-boat base towns.

They killed five Nazis and wounded a few, including officers, Fighting French H.Q. reveals.

Unrest is growing as Germany's slave-labour drive and the Allies' increasing success bring French guerrillas out into bolder ventures.

Street battles between German troops and French patriots in Brest followed daylight attacks by the patriots on a picture theatre, hostel and hotel, all reserved for Nazis.

Hitler had just appeared on a newsreel in the Brest theatre when the guerrillas attacked with hand grenades.

They killed two Nazis there and two more in a similar attack on the Hotel de la Poste.

Bombs thrown at the hostel for Nazis wounded others.

Wounded Officers

Guerrillas with rifles and grenades surrounded and attacked the German naval canteen at Lorient, another U-boat base, at night.

They killed the sentry and wounded several officers.

At Rochefort, saboteurs have blown up 13 railway trucks. Guards along the line have been trebled.

WHAT BRITISH TROOPS DID IN DESERT

The new British army fought magnificently in Egypt, Libya and Tripolitania. This article, which completes the survey of modern British methods of warfare, published last Sunday, gives a picture of famous British regiments and their deeds.

BRITISH regiments whose names are rarely seen in the headlines fought magnificently in Africa. The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, in the Middle East on the outbreak of the war and there ever since, took part in the first capture of Bardia, Tobruk and Derna, the pursuit of the Italians beyond Benghazi and held the furthest British outpost when the Axis struck back.

At Tobruk they were the last troops to enter. When the fortress was invested, they were the last rearguard forces, breaking out when they won the decisive action at El Duda, where Capt. J. J. B. Jackman won the V.C. With the Durhams, East Yorks and the Green Howards they were in the Gazala battle of June, 1942, when they were cut off. The whole division fought through the enemy back and returned with prisoners to our lines.

Tribute paid by an Australian soldier in Cairo to this Regiment was published in the world press in May, 1942. "Just you show us a chap with the Northumberland Fusiliers' badge walking down the street and we're his friends for life," the Australian said.

Other British units with a glorious record in the Middle East from the first day are the King's Royal Rifle Corps, and the Rifle Brigade. At Sidi Rezegh in November, 1941, the K.R.R.C. crossed 2000 yards of flat country under terrific fire assaulting a strongly held escarpment and took 800 prisoners.

In that action, Rifleman Beeley, single handed charged and wiped out a post containing two machine-guns and an anti-tank gun, but at the cost of his life. He won the V.C.

At El Alamein, the Corps fought to the death against repeated attacks by 90 German tanks and artillery and lorried infantry. They destroyed 39 tanks, and Lt.-Col. V. Buller-Turner was awarded the V.C. The Rifle Brigade won over 40 medals in the Western Desert and the K.R.R.C. over 30.

THE Rifle Brigade included three officers who were members of distinguished families, with Australian associations.

Major A. H. P. Hore-Ruthven, son of Governor-General (Lord

Gowrie), was serving with the Rifle Brigade in the Libyan battle when he was wounded. His death in an Italian hospital in Libya was announced recently.

A son of Major-General Dering, leader of the British military liaison staff in Australia, was killed while serving with the Brigade, as was a son of Sir Leslie Wilson, Governor of Queensland.

The Highland Light Infantry, the Worcesters, the Camerons and the West Yorks did great work at Keren (Abyssinia) and in the Western Desert. The Royal Sussex took an important part in the campaign of Keren. Advancing under General Auchinleck in Libya, they mopped up an enemy force at Sidi Omar, and afterwards drove on to Benghazi. At El Alamein, the Royal Sussex were among the units

The Buffs broke a tank attack in General Auchinleck's offensive and saved a brigade by their sacrifice.

The Black Watch went to Tobruk to relieve the Australians and led the breakout, with their pipes playing.

The Coldstream Guards refused to surrender at Tobruk in June, 1942, and fought their way out.

The Argyll and Sutherlands, the Seaforths, the Camerons, the Black Watch—all were victors of El Alamein and the pursuit to Tripoli.

ON November 30, 1942, beside the Djedeida-Tebourba road, a handful of Hampshires, afterwards thinly reinforced, flung back a heavy German infantry attack and destroyed two tanks with mortar and anti-tank fire. Having repelled further frontal assaults, they made a final bayonet charge—cooks and clerks included; and led by their Colonel, routed the Germans and carried the battalion into the outskirts of Tebourba.

The Northhamptons led the advance toward Mateur along the coast road and repelled a German attack with the loss to the enemy of 11 light tanks.

The Lancashire Fusiliers were among the first troops in the advance on Tunis and Bizerta. They fought their way to within 20 miles of the capital, and later

made good the Allied front against enemy counter-attacks.

In the Djedeida and Tebourba area, the Royal West Kents on November 18 accounted, with the gunners, for 11 of 30 German tanks by which, with infantry and artillery support, they were heavily attacked. A unit of this Regiment was also in the 8th Army's advance to Tripoli.

Nor are forgotten the battalions of the Brigade of Guards which gave invaluable service to the 8th and 1st Armies.

Tank units won innumerable distinctions in the Western Desert. The 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 8th Battalions of the Royal Tank Regiment fought for a long time in the desert, each being engaged in 40 or 50 battles.

The 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th and 11th Hussars fought in all the desert

campaigns, established wonderful records and earned innumerable decorations, as also did the King's Dragoon Guards, the Royals, the 9th and 12th Lancers, the Queen's Bays, and the 10th Hussars.

IN attack and defence, the Royal Artillery was everywhere—Keren, Amba, Alagi, Tobruk, Beda, and in the advance from El Alamein. Theirs was the major share in the success of El Alamein, where their guns fired over 1000 tons of shells an hour.

Major-General Jock Campbell, founder of the "Jockies" won the V.C. as Brigadier at Sidi Rezegh, where he served the guns personally, and went from battery to battery under the fiercest fire at desperate personal risk.

MIGHTY WEIGHT OF BOMBS ON EUROPE

Air observers in London believe that it will not be long before the Bomber Command drops 10,000 tons daily in dawn-to-dark attacks on the European continent.

That would mean that in every 10-days' period Germany would receive a tonnage of bombs equal to that dropped by the R.A.F. throughout the whole previous war period.

Those figures still do not add up to the ambition of cliff-browed ginger-haired Air Chief-Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, chief of the Bomber Command.

Said Sir Arthur Harris, in the middle of last year: "If I could send 20,000 bombers to Germany to-night, Germany wouldn't be in the war to-morrow. If I could send 1000 bombers to Germany each night, it would end the war in three months."

Even with the big American reinforcements that have joined the R.A.F. attacks, it will probably be a long time before Sir Arthur Harris can get his 20,000 bombers into the air.

The last four-figure raid was on June 25 of last year.

But the 300 odd four-engined bombers which were over Berlin recently dropped a heavier tonnage of bombs than the 1000-bomber raids on Cologne last year. More than 500 tons of bombs were dropped in the Berlin raid.

To achieve the devastating "thunderbolt" raids, 50-year-old Sir Arthur Harris has evolved a new method of attack.

Instead of throwing the vast strain on groups and headquarters of the Bomber Command, he farms out the organising to various bomber station commanders. Each

station does an independent job.

So far, in the 2000 raids on Germany and occupied territories since the war began, the R.A.F. has averaged a loss of only two planes a raid, but this rate is expected to increase this year.

Berlin Give-Away

Biggest give-away in the recent Berlin raid was the German statement that the church of St. Hedwig's had been hit.

Just eastward of the church lies the busiest district in Berlin city; a little to the west lies the big Friedrichstrasse station; nearby are Hitler's Chancellery, the Foreign Office, Air Ministry and Propaganda Ministry.

St. Hedwig's is the bull's-eye of the target area. If the church was hit, it can be assumed that Berlin's Whitehall was badly damaged.

In an attempt to mislead the R.A.F. Germans altered many Berlin landmarks, including a lake which was covered with trellis-work.

Netting has been stretched over a 10 miles thoroughfare leading to the country from the Unter den Linden. Many other main thoroughfares were painted green.

Reconnaissance showed the destruction as the greatest ever experienced by the German capital.

PARSON'S TILT AT POLITICS

The Rev. R. C. Firebrace, of Wahroonga, Sydney, has decided to contest Parramatta seat at the next Federal elections.

Sir Frederick Stewart (U.A.P.) is the member for Parramatta. Mr. Firebrace is 44, married, with three children.

He was born in England, and went to Harrow and Cambridge. He has worked as a farmer in Australia and as a teacher at an Indian university.

"I and my friends call ourselves 'The New Political Group,'" said Mr. Firebrace.

"No, I am not an Independent, because I do not want to be in the isolated and irresponsible position as an Independent.

"I am not opposed to everything on the Labour platform, but I do oppose the tyranny, rigidity, and lack of liberty in Labour policy.

"I am against Socialism.

"I also feel that the U.A.P. is not sufficiently democratic to lead the people along evolutionary lines.

"I feel that in the post-war period the great political issues will be whether we go the Russian, or revolutionary way, or the British, or slow evolutionary way.

"I have two slogans. 'Nothing that is morally wrong can ever be politically right,' and 'everything that is physically possible must also be made financially possible.'"

D.F.C. AND BAR FOR EX-BOOKMAKER

Flight Lieutenant Hugh Fisher, who has been awarded the D.F.C. and bar, was formerly a bookmaker on the flat at Flemington.

He retired from the ring to enlist in the R.A.A.F. soon after the outbreak of war.

Successor For Lieut Cutler V.C.

The N.S.W. State Council of the Returned Soldiers' League has decided to advertise for a successor to Lieut. A. R. Cutler, V.C., who has resigned from the position of State Secretary.

Lieut. Cutler's resignation will take effect on April 11.

Until a new appointment is made, assistant secretary, Mr. J. R. Lewis, will be acting secretary.

Church, Beer And A Barmaid

A minister told the Methodist Conference in Sydney that he had much appreciated a present of one dozen bottles of beer from a grateful parishioner at Wyndham (W.A.)

He is the Deputy-Director of the Methodist Inland Mission at Alice Springs (the Rev. R. J. Noble). He was previously stationed at Wyndham.

When asked what he did with the beer, Mr. Noble said: "We got rid of it in a suitable way."

Mr. Noble also told conference that the residents of Fitzroy Crossing had called a meeting of the local race club at his home.

"The result of the meeting was that they called a race at their next meeting The Rev. Noble Stakes," he added.

"I attended the meeting."

Mr. Noble said that the organist at his first church service had been the barmaid from the local hotel.

"She converted a lot of the publican's customers to my services," he declared.

VOICE OF THE HONEYMOONER

A priority system for accommodation for honeymooners from the fighting Services was suggested by a soldier in Melbourne.

He and his bride had to "go home to mother" after he had tried unsuccessfully to book at a holiday resort.

He suggested that people on ordinary holiday should give up their rooms to newly-married soldiers who had only a few days' leave.

All holiday accommodation has been booked out in Victoria since the New Year.

Many guest houses have had to close most of their rooms because of staff shortages.

WAR EFFORT BY 84 YEAR OLD SALT

Peter Petersen, 84, of Turramurra, N.S.W., who worked as a deck hand on wind-jammers in 1870, is now building models of sailing ships in aid of patriotic funds.

With his sight failing rapidly, Mr. Petersen relies mainly on his sense of touch and wide knowledge of sailing ships to produce the models.

One of his models recently brought £10 for the King George Fund for sailors.

RETURNED MEN OFFERED HOTEL

Toohy's Ltd. have offered the N.S.W. Returned Soldiers' League for its proposed Memorial Club, the licence of the Carlton Club Hotel, in Young Street, Sydney.

The League President, Colonel A. W. Hyman, said the League could spend about £5000 in improving the premises and in getting the club started on a lease only basis.

After the war the League would aim to obtain its own property and put up a modern building as a memorial to fallen servicemen.

In Adelaide it was announced that free legal services were now available to all members of fighting forces. The facility was being widely used, particularly in matters affecting landlords and tenants, war service moratorium and debtors' relief.

Oysters Cook In The Sun

Thousands of Clyde River oysters were cooked alive by the sun during the heat wave in N.S.W. three weeks ago.

As a result, Sydney is facing an oyster famine, and all oysters are severely rationed.

Manager C. S. Hopkins, of Woodward and Co., oyster merchants, Sussex Street, said 70 per cent. of Clyde River oysters had been destroyed in the hot weather.

Losses were also heavy on the George's and Hawkesbury Rivers he said.

Half Australia's oyster supplies come from Clyde River farms.

"Low tide occurred during the hottest part of two scorching hot days," said Mr. Hopkins.

"The oysters were left uncovered and the sun's heat killed them.

"The liquid in the oysters was almost boiling."

Sporting Highlights

Punters who have supported E. Bartle's mounts this season are showing a good profit.

With 20 victories, Bartle heads the N.S.W. winning jockeys' list. He has had 97 rides since August 1, and £1 invested on each of his mounts would have resulted in a £20 profit.

Kimvell at 6 to 4, was his shortest priced winner, while two of his successful mounts, Glendower and Soho—started at 14 to 1 and 10 to 1.

Bartle's followers on the place tote also are on the right side of the ledger. Forty-six of his mounts have either won or been placed.

Winning Average

Bartle is one of the few jockeys to retain his form this season, and his winning average a little more than one in five is remarkable.

His place record is better still—just a little below 50 per cent.

Though he is not yet near the retiring age, Bartle is one of Sydney's veteran jockeys, and the fact that he has excellent prospects of winning another premiership indicates his fitness.

Modulation, on whom he has won three races, has been Bartle's best mount this season. He also won twice on It's Funny.

AUSTRALIAN CUP

Prairie-dale, one of the oldest horses racing, won the J. L. Reilly Stakes (2nd div.), and won it well. Favourite, Royal Decree, was close to pacemaker, Palencia, most of the way going easy, but finished

weakly and missed a place. Prairie-dale is engaged in the Australian Cup with 7-12 next Saturday. Velocity, High Road, Mac Rob, and other Cup horses ran poorly.

SWIMMING RECORDS GO

The Spit won the N.S.W. Inter-club swimming premiership after records had been shattered in four or five events at Manly Baths. Triple State Junior titleholder, Warren Boyd, clipped 4 4-5 secs. off the junior 110 yards, freestyle.

DEVASTATING BOWLING

Devastating bowling by Chilvers, who took 8 for 37 off 13 overs, plus a dashing 95 by Alley against Petersham, carried Northern Districts into third place in the Sydney cricket premiership.

Sid Barnes, of Petersham, who carried his bat for 60, established a season's aggregate record of 1162 runs.

"SPORT SHOULD CONTINUE"

Mr. Justice Herron, who was elected, unopposed, as president of the N.S.W. Rugby Union at its annual meeting during the week, expressed the opinion that sport should continue during wartime.

He said there had been a certain amount of controversy on the subject, but it was answered by the number of men engaged in sport who were in the services and in war work.

SCHOOL CHAMPION'S RECORD

The Western Australian champion, Bob Trend, won four events and set two records at the inter-school swimming championships held in Perth.

Bismarck Sea Technique In Mediterranean

U.S. bombers, using the Bismarck Sea battle technique, have smashed a strongly escorted, heavily laden convoy that Rommel and von Arnim were expecting to make up losses in Tunisia.

Mitchell bombers coming in low beneath the ships' arc of fire followed the Flying Fortresses and Lightnings, high-bombing, sank two ships and left a third sinking and four afire. Six enemy escort planes were shot down.

This on top of the Allied submarines' week-end haul of seven Axis ships sunk and nine damaged, is choking Rommel.

He is getting only 1000 reinforcements a day, it is estimated, chiefly by forcing every spare transport plane into service.

The convoy, Algiers radio said, protected by a half dozen warships and about 12 aircraft, was bound for Tunisia from Sicily.

The U.S. Mitchell bombers dived and attacked from 200 feet, going through flak so thick that one bomber was hit 115 times.

Several of its crew were wounded, but it dropped its bombs squarely on two ships and later landed safely at the base.

The Flying Fortresses and Lightnings followed in.

Other Flying Fortresses pounded the Axis supply port of Susa once again.

X-Ray Hero's Death

Last survivor of the London Hospital's "X-ray martyrs"—Mr. Harold James Suggars—has died at the age of 65 years.

Mr. Suggars joined the X-ray department 41 years ago, and, like his three associates in the department, died after years of suffering from X-ray dermatitis.

Mr. Suggars retired in 1938, with a seven-inch scar across his chest, a false eyelid, failing sight and intense skin irritation.

He was working as a carpenter when he volunteered to assist Mr. Ernest Harnack, founder of the radiological department of the London Hospital in 1896, although Mr. Harnack warned him of the danger and displayed his own hands, already deeply scarred.

Mr. Harnack later lost both hands and wrists.

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Nazis In Kharkov Again

SOVIET ADVANCE ON CENTRAL FRONT

A special Moscow communique announces that the Soviet High Command ordered the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Kharkov.

The city is once again in Nazi control following bitter hand to hand fighting in the streets.

The Moscow communique added that stubborn battles were being fought around Kharkov.

Into the battle for Kharkov itself, the Nazis threw thousands of fresh troops and a great weight of armour.

They managed to re-group their forces on the lower Dnieper.

On The Offensive

South-west of Moscow, General Golikov's army is making a big attack against the Orel-Bryansk line from the south.

Bryansk is 80 miles west of Orel.

The Russians are also deepening their wedge between Orel and Kursk, and are rapidly clearing a 100-mile stretch of the Moscow-Ukraine railway between Bryansk and Konotop (south-west of Bryansk).

Difficulties Ahead

Reuter's correspondent warns that the most difficult part of the Red Army's task lies ahead.

The Germans have suffered serious setbacks, but Hitler still has about 180 German divisions (2,700,000 troops) in Russia, as well as satellite forces.

According to Reuter's correspondent, the Russians are de-

veloping a drive on the whole 100-mile stretch between Lake Ilmen and Lake Lagoda (near Leningrad).

U.S. BUILDS MANY SHIPS

America built 150 warships and 700 landing barges in February.

It was an all-time monthly record, Colonel Frank Knox (Navy Secretary), told a Press conference.

Of 1400 planes produced, half were for combat, he said.

Colonel Knox said that a new type of anti-submarine vessel was in service. They were of approximately 1300 tons (smaller than a destroyer), and were more powerful and more effective than corvettes.

Output this month is expected to be better, concluded Colonel Knox.

American shipyards also delivered 130 new merchant ships last month, totalling 1,239,000 tons.

They included 81 Liberty ships, 15 C-type cargo ships, nine tankers, 23 special types, one concrete barge, and one coastal cargo ship.

AIRMEN SAVED BY A PIGEON

A Beaufort Bomber Squadron of the R.A.F. Coastal Command has honoured a carrier pigeon, which flew with one of the Squadron's crews and saved the lives of its members.

The plane came down in the sea 120 miles from land, and the crew's one chance of rescue was "Winkie," pigeon No. 1 of the National Pigeon Service, 1940.

Scribbling a message giving their plight and their exact location, the members of the crew sent "Winkie" off and watched with anxious eyes while the bird wheeled and then sped out of sight. "Winkie" reached the base in record time and the crew was saved.

An armourer of the Squadron fashioned a remarkably fine plaque in bronze and at a special ceremony at the aerodrome, at which "Winkie" was present, the plaque was accepted by her owner, James Ross.



DEADLOCK MAY LEAD TO ELECTION

Deadlock in the Federal Parliament resulting from the Senate's refusal to regard the Income Tax Rates Bill and the National Welfare Fund Bill as interlocking measures may lead to an early Federal election.

The Opposition parties have a majority of one in the Senate.

The Government insisted that the acceptance of one bill by the Senate was contingent upon the acceptance of the other.

This, the Senate refused to acknowledge.

The Federal Attorney General, Dr. Evatt, sought the legal opinion of Sir Robert Garran, Sir George Knowles, Mr. G. B. Castieau, deputy Crown Solicitor, and of Professor Bailey, of Melbourne University, all experts on the Constitution.

They agreed that the interlocking of the two bills was constitutional and that the Senate's action was unconstitutional.

At the request of the Prime Minister, Mr. Curtin, a conference took place yesterday afternoon between senior Cabinet Ministers and Opposition leaders.

In the lobbies, opinions vary. Some members consider an election inevitable.

3 A.M. STOP PRESS

Russians are meeting the German drive on the middle reaches of the Donets River, a few miles east of Kharkov.

Moscow says the Nazis are losing enormous quantities of equipment and men.

British troops have advanced slightly in Northern Tunisia.

Further fierce fighting in

Western Burma, near Rathaung. Neither side has gained ground.

Twenty Nazi planes attempted to raid England. Four were shot down. Ten crossed the coast and caused some damage over a wide area.

Mr. Churchill yesterday had lunch with the King.