

# WE INVADENORTH SOUTH OF FRANCE

## Landings on 100-Mile Front Between Nice and Marseilles

### ATTACK GREATER THAN NORMANDY

#### Huge Sky-Fleet Strikes at Dawn

David Brown, Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Advance H.Q., Italy, said to-day's assault on the South of France was a bigger operation than the Normandy operation.

**SUPPORTED** by the largest force of sky troops ever used in an Allied operation, Anglo-American and French troops to-day invaded Southern France on a 100 mile front between Nice and Marseilles. Latest reports this afternoon said: "The operation is going well."

News of this fresh Allied landing, which puts occupied France in a 400-mile vice and, according to one correspondent, provides the German Wehrmacht with its blackest hour, came at 12.10 p.m. in a special communique from the H.Q. of Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean Theatre. It said—

"To-day American, British and French troops, strongly supported by Allied air forces, are being landed by American, British and French fleets on the southern coast of France."

The Allied Forces are commanded by U.S. General Jacob Devers, Deputy C-in-C, Mediterranean, the

A tremendous fleet of warships of all types began disembarking troops at H-Hour—8 a.m.—to follow up a dawn aerial bombardment and the landing of airborne troops two miles away inland designed to disrupt enemy communications.

Chester Morrison, N.B.C. correspondent said: "Our forces met the minimum of German resistance during the landing, and first objectives were reached in less than an hour."

"Seven waves of infantry—one report puts them at 14,000 men—have been put ashore within two hours of the initial landing. Allied bombers have been reported attacking enemy positions from early morning, but clouds have apparently hampered operations."

Ralph Howard, N.B.C. correspondent, said the first party landed south-west of Cannes about eight this morning.

The German News Agency said that landings took place between Toulon and Cannes, and that Allied warships were shelling the coastal area between Cannes and Nice. It was claimed that one landing at Bormes, about 20 miles east of Toulon, failed.

"About a hundred gliders took part in the landing operations between Toulon and Cannes," said the Agency, which added that heavy fighting was going on in some areas.

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### Over 14,000 Air Crews

David Brown, Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Advance H.Q., Italy, in a message sent off at midday, said: To-day's assault was led by specially trained Allied troops, many of them veterans of previous Mediterranean landings.

For the first time French forces participated in an invasion to recapture their homeland, thereby fulfilling General de Gaulle's recent announcement that a powerful French army would soon be fighting on the soil of France.

The invasion is being carried out at several points along a wide, coastal front where, since daybreak, an invasion fleet has been pouring ashore great masses of troops and equipment, and where, according to returned airmen, resistance has been either negligible or is being withheld by coastal batteries.

A great army of airborne troops were dropped behind the German coastal defences. They have been battered continuously for the past two weeks by forces of heavy and medium bombers.

The record airborne force consisted of over 14,000 air combat men, equivalent to a land stretch of two divisions.

The landings came as a climax to the five days of the Allied air forces have been giving German positions along the Italian Riviera, French Riviera and the French coast to the west.

The landings are expected to touch off the Maquis' movements in Southern France, the Rhone Valley, and the Savoie district, where underground resistance is especially strong.

### 7 Nazi Divisions

The B.U.P. understands that the Germans have the elements of between four and seven divisions in Southern France. These have only limited armour and practically no air support.

For some days past there have been persistent but unconfirmed reports that the German forces were pulling out of Southern France, particularly from the south-western region centring on Bordeaux.

Other reports had spoken of French patriots seizing important positions in this area.

The Germans were also reported to be evacuating civilians from Marseilles.

"At ten minutes to seven a heavy naval bombardment began. Fire was poured into shore positions, where primary objectives were neutralised."

### Mr. Churchill There

The enemy expected that a landing would be made, but obviously he did not know exactly where the blow would fall.

All Berlin reports, however,

### 7 DAYS' LEAVE

Wire To Soldiers To-day

"Evening News" Reporter

SEVEN days' privilege leave for the Army is starting to-day after a ban imposed shortly before D-day. Hundreds of telegrams and telephone calls are being made by units informing soldiers on 48 hours that they may now add the seven days to their present leave. Passes will be sent on to them.

The 48 hours leave may be taken in conjunction with the seven days' leave or as a separate period, if the soldier so wishes.

### 5 MILES TO BURMA

Japs Fall Back Again

To-day's S.E.A.C. communique said: Japanese rearwards on the Tiddim road for the Indo-Burmese front south of Imphal have again fallen back under our pressure. Fighting continues within five miles of the Burma frontier."

### TITO PUSHES ON

Enemy Columns Routed

Marshal Tito's communique to-day reports: In Slovenia our units began an offensive in Slatkova and achieved admirable results, capturing the German strongholds Gornji and Gorjgrad, Smartno, Dretli, Lubno and Luce.

Under pressure of our forces the enemy withdrew from strongholds of Mozirje, Reciba, Motnik and Slatkova. Thus the whole of Savinja and Zadraska Valleys are liberated. In Macedonia in all recent weeks the Vardar River to the Bulgarian frontier, the enemy launched a new offensive. Strong enemy columns were routed and had to withdraw.

### JAP CABINET TO MEET

The Japanese Parliament is to be called, says Berlin radio, quoting Tokyo reports. Koiso, the Japanese Premier, will make a statement on policy.

### OUT OF BUSINESS

Counsel (cross-examining at London Sessions to-day): Where did the man go? Prisoner: He doesn't work; he is a business man!

### MR. BULLITT JOINS UP

Algiers, Tuesday.—It was reported to-day that Mr. William Bullitt, former U.S. Ambassador in France, has joined the French Army in the capacity of a foreigner.

He will serve as major.

### Guns Blasted

They made pinpoint attacks on gun emplacements defending the vital area of Toulon and Marseilles and on other targets in the coastal sector between Cannes and the great Italian naval port of Genoa.

David Brown, Reuter's special correspondent at Allied Advance H.Q., Italy, said over 1,000 tons of bombs were dropped—an average of 70 tons on each target.

### Russians Smash The Gateway To East Prussia

HEAVILY-ARMED Soviet troops have crossed the Biebrza River—last natural obstacle before the East Prussian border—north-east of Goniadz.

A dense mass of Russian troops is to-day pouring through the shattered Biebrza line towards the border, south-east of Lyck, under cover of huge air concentrations, cables Reuter's correspondent from Moscow.

From Biebrza to the border town of Grajevo is only 14 miles.

Beyond Grajevo is a highway through the bogs, marshes and broad streets of still water of the Masurian Lakes district, Lyck, and thence northwards to Koenigsberg through the heart of East Prussia.

The crossing of the Biebrza River is a smashing blow at German hopes of holding the Russians on the East Prussian frontier. The Germans had switched their best forces to the eastern frontier of East Prussia, where the Red Army first approached the Reich border a few weeks ago.

This new blow against the southern frontier is likely to have struck them at their weak point.



### RODNEY SHELLS ISLE OF ALDERNEY

75 ONE-TON MISSILES

TO-DAY'S communique from Supreme H.Q. reveals that the Channel Island of Alderney has been bombed by H.M.S. Rodney.

Here is the dramatic story of the bombardment of the Nazi-held Channel Island as told by John Moore, of A.P.

Rodney, gallant veteran of many campaigns, poured 75 rounds of one-ton 16in. shells into the German battery.

Three days ago we sped towards our target, only to have R.A.F. Spitfire spotter planes turn us back because of good visibility. We have enabled strong A.A. batteries on the Channel Island to shoot down our planes.

Rodney returned to a British port and remained there until early to-day, then sped back across the once-dangerous Channel.

We anchored in deliberate, methodical British fashion, and for 2 hours and 31 minutes pumped high-explosive shells into a battery about 20 land miles away.

### First Shot

Our first shot landed 300 yards from the target. We corrected the range, and on the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth shots made direct hits on Nazi guns.

I witnessed the first phase of an attack from what the calm, cool British call "Action Plot," a little room where gunners' people figure target range and bearing.

In this hot, cramped space were 11 men, including myself and tall, dignified Captain R. Oliver FitzRoy, fifth Northamptonshire son of the late Speaker of the House of Commons.

### NAZIS TELL PARIS TO "REMAIN CALM"

PARIS radio to-day broadcast warnings to the Paris population to "Remain calm, should the battle further approach the French capital," says Reuter.

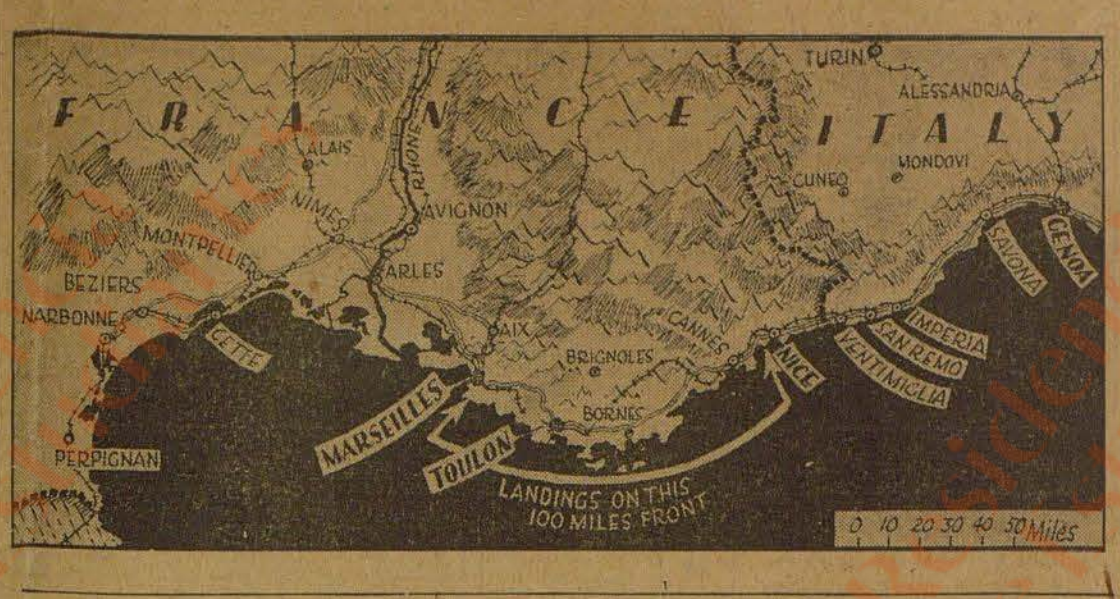
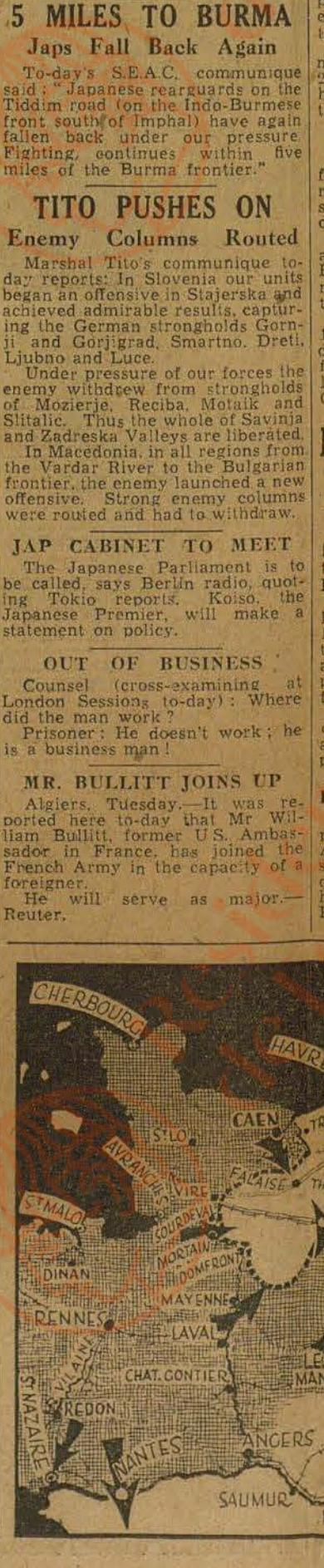
The German commander in Paris was quoted as telling the Press: "The population of the capital ought to know that the German authorities will do all in their power to guarantee the people's food supply."

"This, however, can be done only if the population co-operates as fully as possible with the occupation authorities."

### ESCAPED TROOPER HOME

After escaping from an Italian prison camp and reaching the Allied lines, Trooper W. Brooke, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brooke, of Oakmead, Hemel Hempstead, has arrived home.

He was Apsley Football Club's former left-winger.



### German Army Wrestling To The Death In "Stalingrad" Stand

### BRITISH LEAP FORWARD, REACH KLUGE'S LAST MAIN ESCAPE ROUTE

#### Closing on Falaise: 'If it Falls To-day the Trap is Shut'

BRITISH and Canadian troops have stormed Epanay, and now straddle von Kluge's main escape route leading east from Falaise, said a cable from the battle-front this afternoon.

An Army spokesman said: "Our forces hold high ground dominating Falaise and are now moving forward on the town itself. If we get Falaise to-day the gap will be closed. The German's only useful road out of the pocket will be blocked, for Falaise is the hub of their universe."

As this news came of the narrowing trap, General Eisenhower announced that the 12th Army Group has been formed and that Lieutenant-General George S. Patton is in command of the Third U.S. Army. The new army group is commanded by Lieutenant-General Omar Bradley.

General Patton—"Blood and Guts" of the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns—has been leading his Third Army tanks in Brittany and Lower Normandy.

### The Death Knell

More guns are moving south to join in the unholy bedlam which all day long is sounding the death knell for the bruised and beaten remnants of Hitler's Army.

I watched our gunners, on the fringe of a grimly stunted wood near the deserted, powdered ruins of a farmstead, delivering their powerful punches to the Wehrmacht's columns of shell-shattered, weary, and wounded troops.

Heavy guns have just taken over the positions, and the gunlayers drank steaming tea in between taking relay. The guns, whose roar sent shattering echoes over the desolation of the battlefield.

### White-Flag Day

Fifty square miles of the battlefield is a gaunt, reeking blood-matted wilderness of cindered tanks, starkly bare, smouldering woods, silent skeletons of shell-shattered villages—except you cannot recognise some of them as villages—and there is eternal dust and smoke as two armies wrestle to the death.

The Germans have taken some grim punishment. Many of them in our attack during the night and again this morning could not take any more.

For some it was a flag-day—a white-flag day. These tokens of surrender floated from stunted trees at the entrances to woods, from house-tops, from crippled armoured cars.

Within the 700-square-mile pocket which may soon become the cemetery of the German Seventh Army, von Kluge's tired troops are to-day hurriedly regrouping for a second "Stalingrad" stand, says Reuter's correspondent at S.H.A.E.F.

### Fighting It Out

Significant movements of troops and transport in an eastern direction have been observed inside the pocket.

It is not the movement of a routed army trying to pour out of a pocket, but an adjustment of forces to meet the immediate threat in the last defensive positions.

The German commander seems determined that if there has to be a second Stalingrad he is going to fight it out on the best terms possible.

North of Argentan German resistance has appreciably increased, but American troops have now forced their way into the town itself and are fighting in the streets.

A vital road for German later movement inside the pocket has been cut by British forces who reached the village of St. Denis de Mere, bringing them within a mile and a half of Conde.

Two more road hubs are also imminently threatened. British spearheads are within a mile of Vassy and a mile of Tinchebray.

### Radio Silence in France: 'Day Raid on Germany'

MOSQUITOES bombed Berlin with 4,000-pounders again in the night, then to-day strong bomber forces flew over the South-East Coast towards the Continent.

Berlin radio said that American bombers, with strong fighter escorts, flew into South-West Germany, and French radio stations ceased working from one end of France to the other.

For an hour and a half bombers day, who raided Berlin reported scores and scores of searchlights, pretty heavy flak and many fighters up over the target.

### STARS FOR FRANCE

Novello and Diana Wynyard

By The Ströller

This week the troops in Normandy are to see a West-End company, including Diana Wynyard and Ivor Novello, in the late Frank Vosper's thriller, "Love from a Stranger." It is the first of a series of straight plays to be sent by E.N.S.A.

This will give Novello his first "horrible" character, and Esma Cannon will play the mad part she created at the Nw Theatre in 1936.

### BALEFUR IN OTTAWA

Captain Harold Balfour, British Under-Secretary for Air, has arrived in Ottawa to confer with Mr. Power, Canadian Air Minister, and R.C.A.F. officials, reports Exchange.

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BLACKOUT 9.53 p.m. to 6.15 a.m.  
Moon sets 7.39 p.m.  
Moon rises 4.3 a.m.

### LATEST

#### OPTIMISM: A WARNING BY EISENHOWER

General Eisenhower said to-day that the Germans are taking a good beating, but anyone who attempts to measure in weeks the duration of the war is basing his belief on "hunches" and wishful thinking—not logic.

The Supreme Commander said: "This week is marking a very definite climax in one phase of operational plan that has been in effect since D-day. Just what will be result in sum total no one can say."

"It is certain that German forces congregated on our front are taking a good, sound beating in the campaigns lying ahead numbers of such tactical victories must be won such as this. We are still a long way from the Rhine. All of us are keyed up to keep on intensifying our efforts to the moment of final victory, no matter how long it may take."

#### KLUGE'S ESCAPE GAP LESS THAN 10 MILES

New York radio broadcast CBS dispatch from Normandy saying that gap in trap now less than 10 miles wide.

#### GERMANS ADMIT 'OUR LINES PIERCED'

German communique says Allies have gone over to major attack with strong artillery and tank support south-east and south of Caen. It admitted Allies succeeded in piercing German lines in several sectors in France.

#### WE BOMB FORMOSA: 3 JAP SHIPS SUNK

Chungking, Tuesday.—Generalissimo's H.Q. to-day announced a raid by Allied heavy bombers on docks in Takao Harbor, South-Western Formosa. Three freighters were sunk in Formosa Straits.

#### WARMING UP IN THE CHANNEL

TEMPERATURE UP TO 70, CLEAR VISIBILITY

IT'S rapidly warming up in the Straits of Dover, with the temperature on the 70 mark. Visibility is excellent.

The minimum temperature during the night was 55 degrees. The barometer fell a point during the night.

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## OUR GUNNERS FOUL A NEW FLYING BOMB TRICK

## SUN USE AS A SCREEN

## ROBOTS' NEAR MISS ON HOSPITAL

FLYING bombs were launched at Southern England and the London area soon after breakfast time to-day. They were met by a heavy A.A. barrage at several points on the coast.

Within two minutes a number of the robots has been destroyed in the air.

Some of the raiders were crossing the French coast in the region of Calais and may have been launched from near to the Franco-Belgian frontier.

## No Handicap

It is believed that the enemy chose the time of this attack to handicap our defences, for the robots were being sent in out of the sun. A.A. batteries, however, were not caught napping, and many were brought down in the sea.

Two flying bomb attacks across the Channel during the night were met by A.A. defences and R.A.F. fighters.

The bomb exploded on a river bank, shattering shop and house windows and damaging a bus garage. The only casualties were two women, who had slight cuts. A woman was one of four people killed when a flying bomb fell on a garage used as a shelter.

## Off Duty Death

The bomb fell not far from the spot where one landed a fortnight ago, and was on the occasion of the death of a man on duty working on the "incident." Last night he was off duty.

Kate Lefman, who was also killed in the shelter, her husband died on the way to hospital, and their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Lefman, died in hospital.

A hospital escaped damage when a bomb fell in fields half a mile away. Another flying bomb had earlier fallen in the same locality, also in a field.

A doctor was killed and his wife taken to hospital seriously injured when a bomb dropped on houses early to-day.

## Ten Trapped

Ten people were trapped in adjoining houses, and though two are in hospital it is feared that the rest, who were being dug for this morning, are likely to be recovered so far. Bodies have been recovered so far.

The doctor was with his wife in a reinforced basement shelter when the bomb fell next door, the rescuers untroubled through the debris for three hours before they could reach his wife.

Thousands of pounds of tomatoes have been condemned as a result of a flying bomb falling near one of the biggest nurseries in Southern England.

The glass was shattered, and, after investigation by Ministry of Food officials, it was decided that it was too dangerous for the tomatoes to be sent to market.



HUNDREDS of happy holiday-makers enjoy the freedom of the beach at one of the seaside resorts open to the public in Southern England.

## Singapore, 1942, Wires Have Just Arrived Here

A LARGE consignment of E.F.M. telegrams handed in at Singapore immediately before the capitulation of the city on February 21, 1942, recently reached Britain, states the Postmaster-General.

The telegrams, which were for addresses throughout the United Kingdom, have been decoded and delivered with a personal note from the Postmaster-General, who expresses regret that "the vicissitudes of war have caused such a long delay and so make the message completely out of date."

## P.M.G.'s Sympathy

The note adds that the P.M.G. "feels that, despite the lapse of time, you would wish to be in possession of this telegram."

He realises that you have suffered anxiety or sorrow as to the fate of the sender, and he asks you to accept his sympathy.

## WANTED TO TAKE PART IN D-DAY

## MAJOR'S BREAK-DOWN

"THIS gallant young officer apparently broke down as a result of his hard work preparatory to D-day," said the deputy coroner at an Edmonstone inquest to-day on Major Peter Charles James (27), of Carlisle, who died in a hospital bath from poisoning and from a cut in his wrist.

His father said that after passing out of Sandhurst about seven years ago, Major James had been in the Middle East and was in command of a column attacking an enemy stronghold when his tank was blown up. Afterwards he had malaria, dysentery and diphtheria.

He had been working very hard before D-day on invasion plans and was depressed through not being able to take part.

## Stopped by Illness

A hospital medical superintendent said Major James had an excellent Army record but was "fed up" because his career was stopped by his illness.

Recording a verdict that the Major took his life while the balance of his mind was disturbed, the Deputy Coroner said that his state of mind was due to his experiences on active service.

## "SCRAMBLE" IS PART IN D-DAY

## 'WIZARD SHOW'

## AIRMEN WRITE PLAY IN A DISPERSAL HUT

## "Evening News" War Reporter

## IN NORMANDY

## FLYING personnel at a R.A.F. station here are hoping that

London will see a three-act atmosphere play which has been written by two of their fellow officers. They say it is a "wizard show."

Entitled "Scramble," the action of it takes place in the dispersal hut of a night-fighter squadron somewhere in England. Joint authors Flight-Lieutenant Philip Sandeman and Flight-Lieutenant Michael Schofield wrote it "just for fun."

Sandeman, who wanted to go on the stage before the war, said to me: "The idea occurred to us one night when we were having a drink. We returned straight to our station and began work on it, jotting down our ideas on the back of some routine orders."

## True to Life

"Then Mike went on leave and I left before he got back. When he returned, he had written the first two acts and I had left the third one for him. It took us almost as long to cut down the play and trim away the loose ends."

"We have tried to make the play to life, and members of the squadron say they recognise some of the characters as themselves, but they are mistaken."

"Part of the play was actually written in the dispersal hut while the characters were themselves, to go out on patrol."

Mike Schofield, whose home is in Leeds, and who was producing and on the stage before the war, said: "We are now working on another play which is not about the R.A.F."

"Scramble," a two hours' show, has been sent to the Air Ministry for approval."

## SLACKERS WARNED

## Compulsory Billeting

Norwich Emergency Committee have issued a warning that they will introduce compulsory billeting unless more householders agree to take in evacuees from Southern England.

About 1,400 "official" evacuees are billeted in the city, and it is estimated that another 4,000 have made their own arrangements. Further contingents of 800 are expected.

## OFF THE SECRET LIST

Husband in London court: Speaking from experience, a man who tells his wife a secret is a fool.

## OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY

M. A. G. Roby, K.C., Phillips, more-place Kensington, £26,284. Mrs. Archibald Melchers, Hampden, Surrey, £29,196. Mrs. Archibald Melchers, Sussex, wife of Rev. Magnus Peterson, £20,369. Col. Frederick Jeffries, £12,500. Westwood-road, Southampton, £12,165.

## RADIO

HOME: 293.5, 301.1, 449.1 m. 3.0.—Harry Fryer's Orchestra. 3.30.—B.B.C. Singers. 4.0.—March of the Movies. 4.30.—Eerie Adeline, contralto Raymond Newell, baritone; Fred Hartley's Music. 5.0.—Welsh News and Children's Program. 5.30.—Children. 6.0.—News. 6.30.—Transatlantic Call. 7.0.—Dino Borgioli, tenor. 7.30.—Jack Benny Program. 7.45.—"The Poison Belt." 8.15.—Kentucky Minstrels. 9.0.—News. 9.35.—Theatre Orchestra. 10.25.—Prayers. 10.40.—Records. 10.55.—Phil Green's Band. 12.0.—News.

## Children's Cross Word

ACROSS. 1. A well-known swimming-bird. 2. A large and powerful wild beast that roars. 3. A four-footed reptile. 4. To avoid. 5. A short twist in a rope or wire. 6. The principal timber of a ship, extending from stern to stern. 7. Silly talk or chatter. 8. A river of South Wales and Monmouthshire. 9. Place with a mineral spring. 10. A young swan. 11. The sliding frame of a window in which the pane of glass is set. 12. A lever of South Wales and Monmouthshire. 13. A short twist in a rope or wire. 14. A large sheet of water surounded by land. 15. A musical instrument with six strings. 16. A plant the fibre of which is used in rope-making. 17. A graceful animal, seen in some parts of Africa. 18. A kind of poem or song. 19. Holds or possesses. 20. Used for making boots and shoes. 21. A minstrel's song. 22. A trap for catching birds or animals. 23. A problem in arithmetic. 24. Pod. 25. Adder. 26. Sired. 27. Peet. 28. Ruck. 29. A dog. 30. A dog. 31. A dog. 32. A dog. 33. A dog. 34. A dog. 35. A dog. 36. A dog. 37. A dog. 38. A dog. 39. A dog. 40. A dog. 41. A dog. 42. A dog. 43. A dog. 44. A dog. 45. A dog. 46. A dog. 47. A dog. 48. A dog. 49. A dog. 50. A dog.

## BEER—THIS IS OFFICIAL WHY LONDON IS GOING SHORT

"Evening News" Food Reporter

TO-DAY'S food news chiefly concerns BEER.

Mr. W. Mabane, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Food, made a highly authoritative statement on the subject to-day.

Although the quantity of materials used for brewing for the nine months October 1, 1943, to June 30, 1944, were approximately the same as before the war, said Mr. Mabane, the amount of beer brewed has fallen by 25 per cent, more than the same period of the pre-war years.

## But Still Not Enough

Pretty well throughout this year, over the whole country, there had been a shortage of beer. In the sense that there had been less beer available than consumers would like to drink. But there was not a shortage in the sense that there has been less beer. Hitherto London had suffered rather less than other parts of the country, and had been able to provide for all its needs, and others too.

The flying bomb has recently interfered with the supply of labour, particularly female labour, at the bottling stores in the London area, so London did not now enjoy the slight advantage it had over the rest of the country.

At the request of the Food Ministry the Brewers' Society had again impressed on all licensees the desirability of spreading out their supplies over the whole week.

## "Spread" Disappears

Mr. Mabane also talked about vanishing middle-aged spread.

Adolescents had achieved rather greater weight and growth on war-time rationing than they did in the period 1929 to 1932. Adults up to 30 showed similar results, but after the age of 35 the male weight showed little change while in pre-war days weight was put on steadily between 35 and 55.

## THE M.M. COLOUR

## "Won't It—Doesn't Know"

On saying that he had been awarded the M.M. for gallantry at sea, Sapper F. E. Clayton (23), Royal Engineers, was asked by the president at a Southern England court-martial: "What is the colour of the ribbon?" Clayton replied: "I don't know. I've never seen it. My wife has it."

Clayton admitted absence without leave from July 9 until surrendering to the Military Police at Hull on August 2, and said he was away looking for his wife. The findings of the court will be made known.

## HE TOOK HIS BED

## To Torquay

A holidaymaker arriving at Torquay to-day brought a camp-bed under his arm. "I had to sleep on the beach," he said, "but I really prefer a bed to the sand. If not, I may be able to rig up the bed in one of the street air-raid shelters."

Among the arrivals last night were a young couple who went from door to door of business premises in the town offering to do a fire-watcher's duty for the use of his bed. In the end they were lucky.

## MAKING KLAXONS for London's flying bomb warnings. This war worker is giving a klaxon a final test in a Midlands factory.

GENERAL FORCES: 296.1, 342.1 m. 3.0.—News. 3.20.—For American Pershing. 3.55.—Sandy Macpherson. 4.0.—News Headlines: Newsreel. 4.15.—Records: Forces Favourites. 5.0.—News. 5.15.—War Review. 5.25.—Sally Macpherson, contralto; Rayn Adams, Celtic Singers. 6.0.—Strike a Home Note. 6.30.—War Office. 6.45.—Records. 7.0.—Calling Army. 7.15.—Scottish Orchestra. 8.0.—Carroll Davis Hour, with Vic Oliver. 9.0.—News. 9.10.—Canadian News. 9.15.—Anne Shelton; Nat Allen's Orchestra. 9.45.—Australian and New Zealand News. 10.0.—Records. 10.30.—London Coliseum Orchestra. 10.50.—News Headlines.

## SMILING THROUGH (No. 3,069) By LEE

Courts Day by Day

## ROMANCE THEY MISSED

IT was with the sigh of a man who was troubled by the girls of to-day that Mr. Hedley frowned down at Margaret from the bench of the Marlborough-street court. He took no pleasure in the sight of her fair hair, her pink cheeks, and her trousered legs. He was not charmed by her smile.

She was not a girl to him. She was part of the problem of the Margarets and the Daisies and the Hildas who ran away from home and came to seek the glamour of London, and he, who in girlhood had been a mathematician, seemed to him, whose recurring decimals appeared to be recurring day after day and week after week to infinity.

His sigh turned to the policeman who had found Margaret wandering homeless in Hyde Park, and he listened sombrely to her story. "I asked her where she was living," related the policeman, "and she said she'd been sleeping in air-raid shelters for the last five weeks. She told me she was 23 and had been discharged from the A.T.S."

"She doesn't look 23."

"When did she join the A.T.S.?"

"In 1939," said the policeman.

Mr. Hedley, working out another problem in mathematics, discovered that Margaret must have been a child of 13 when she joined the A.T.S., and his expression took on a darker doubt.

"And will she go?"

"She says she will, sir."

"Her sister will take her."

"I'll have a word with the sister," said Mr. Hedley, and he turned to a girl who was a darker, more and less together, staid, version of Margaret. "The home's all right, is it?" he asked. "And your father and mother are alive?"

"Yes, sir, they're both alive. And you'll see she gets there?"

"Yes, sir."

"And Margaret, joining her sister, went with her trousseau and a letter to the next chapter in the life of a modern girl."

LILIAN had also felt the call to adventure. She was a slight, pale girl of eighteen, dressed in a school-me-down dress of grey, and she had spent a week in the remand cells while the missionary discovered why she had run away from the Midlands to sleep in air-raid shelters in London.

Mr. Hedley, glancing down at his register, saw that the charge was, as usual, one of wandering about and lodging in the open air—a way of life which, though no doubt suitable for gipsies and soldiers, was not permitted to girls.

"Tell me about her," he said to the missionary without very much hope.

"She's one of a large family in the Midlands, sir," reported the missionary, "and they're anxious to have her back, if she'll go."

"And will she go?"

"Yes, sir."

"Why did she leave?"

"To avoid factory work, sir."

"There's nothing against her?"

"Nothing before this, sir."

Mr. Hedley consulted Lilian, and Lilian said she would like to go home, please. "Very well," said Mr. Hedley. "I'll accept your undertaking. I'll give you the opportunity of going home and making good. You may go now."

NO sooner had Lilian departed than towards home than the gaoler led in Hilda. Hilda was a short-hand-typist of nineteen who wandered abroad some months ago, was put on probation for it, and was now charged with breaking the rules of probation.

The constable seemed a little troubled. She went to Embury with the court's consent, sir," he said, "and she found honest employment there, and the probation officer there put her in a hostel. But she changed from the hostel to a private house—a perfectly respectable house, sir—without telling the probation officer. So a warrant was issued for her arrest, because the probation officer didn't know where she was. Then she came to London for a week's holiday, and by chance I saw her as soon as she stepped off the train."

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NINE P.M. RESTRAINT "Now, John, don't forget the Government's warning about foolish optimism."

## 3,800-year-old Beaker Dug Up

A BRONZE AGE beaker dating from 1800 B.C. was unearthed by a mechanical excavator in a gravel pit at Ardleigh (Essex), and is now in Colchester Museum.

A "lovers of Lavenham" committee has been formed to watch over the future development of Suffolk's show village.

This is the war-time badge issued to new members on joining the British Legion.

Outings for 84,946 sick and wounded Service men in Cairo have been arranged during the past two years by the Regional Officer of Red Cross and St. John.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has made rewards of £303 to crews of 25 lifeboats for going out during the past seven weeks to the help of "ditched" aeroplanes.

Harold (Beds) residents complain that Italian pioneers, formerly prisoners, disturb the village at night by "bawling as though they won the war."

Bury St. Edmunds licensing justices urge landladies to open public-houses from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. for harvest workers.

Visiting a Middle East N.A.A.F.I. canteen Trooper Robert Collins, of Chislet, Kent, was served by his sister Linda.

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