

'Jackie' went for a ride

JACKIE, cocky little jackdaw mascot of a Canadian unit stationed on the South Coast, went back to billets yesterday after being missing for a fortnight.

His adventures started when he left camp without leave and ended when he amused a bench of magistrates with his tricks at Littlehampton Police Court yesterday.

He carried off their pens, dipped his beak into the magisterial inkwell, was only just prevented from stealing one of the magistrates' spectacles, accepted a cigarette from a proffered case—and tore it into shreds.

This last habit, said Private Bill Pettipas, sent along by the Canadians to reclaim their pet, proved he was Jackie, their mascot.

Boy Was Cruel

Some of Jackie's adventures came out when John Bone, 18, errand boy, of East Preston, Sussex, was fined £1 at the court for "causing a jackdaw unnecessary suffering."

Jackie flew on to Bone's shoulder in a village near Worthing, expecting to get a tit-bit. Instead the youth tied a string round Jackie's legs, attached him to the handlebars of his bike, and took him home. Then he threw Jackie into the air repeatedly, retaining the end of the string in his hand.

"I wanted to see if he could fly," Bone said.

Even this didn't destroy Jackie's faith in humans. He next alighted on the shoulder of 17-year-old Joan Weston, of Daws Close-road, Worthing.

Took Him Home

She took him home, and for a few days he was the family pet. Then she heard of the Canadian's missing mascot.

"Mummy, I must take him back," she said.

So yesterday there was a happy reunion when Joan handed Jackie over to the Canadian boys.

"It's just grand to get him back," said Bill Pettipas.

"He came with us from our previous camp sitting on my shoulder in an Army truck. He often used to go to the cinema with me and sit as quiet as a mouse."

"I was sorry to lose him—but I am glad now that I have seen how much you love him," said Joan to a Canadian officer.

"It's great of you to let us have him back—you will have to come and see him sometimes," was the reply.

RACING HINTS

Newmarket.—12.30. Sir Edward* 1.0. Nasrullah 1.30. Fair Ease 2.0. Mah Iran 2.30. Mabeq 3.0. Solway Double.—*Sir Edward and Mah Iran.

BOUVERIE

FRENCHAWAIT ACTION BY THE ALLIES

"ONE of the weaknesses of the democracies is to speak too much and act too little," said M. Andre Philip, French M.P., and one of the leaders of the underground movement in France speaking to the Press in London yesterday.

M. Philip, who recently escaped to this country, had been asked what the people of Occupied and Unoccupied France thought about a Second Front.

"If the Allies make a landing in France," continued M. Philip, "there will be widespread and immediate revolt of the entire French population against the Germans."

"France is not a country to be pitied by Britain and America, nor do we expect to receive our freedom from them."

"When the time comes France will rise up again and together with the help of the Allies the Germans will be ousted."

M. Philip added: "The real problem is to organise this revolt, because it would be terrible if there were to be an unsuccessful landing with all our people killed afterwards, or if we were not armed beforehand."

"A Lot of Talk"

"We were expecting that one day we should have a Second Front without it having been talked about. Instead of that there was a lot of talking about it, and some have been given the impression that it was about to begin, and have been expecting it from day to day."

"This is all right if it lasts for a few days, but as it goes on it is bad for the nerves of the people, and might bring a breakdown."

"Vichy boasts of having authority, but the real state of affairs is complete anarchy in everything."

"The underground resistance movement, which is really the interior front of Fighting France, has expanded considerably."

Laval Is Despised

"The separate Resistance Groups, formed mainly of working-class people, have now contacted each other, and cooperate as far as is possible."

"The middle-classes, at first, were attracted by Petain. Now that he has taken Laval back they are losing confidence in him, and are steadily coming over to our side. Laval is despised."

He declared that it would be exceedingly difficult for Germany at any time to try to use the French Navy, as that is a point on which Petain will not yield.

Explosion kills two on road

Mrs. Ellen Wood, 67, of Millfield, Sunderland, and Noel Walter Raine, 8, were killed by an explosion on the road near Swaledale (Yorks).

Mrs. Sarah Farrow, 63, and David Chapman, 6, both of Sunderland, were injured.

The party of four were out walking. Raine picked up a piece of metal which he dropped, and an explosion followed, killing Mrs. Wood instantly and injuring the others.

Raine died in hospital the same night.

Yesterday's inquest at Catterick was adjourned.



Getting dirty—and clean

Dirtiest job on the land is cultivating the rich black Fenland soil—which is the job these girls are doing. After a day in the Fenland fields, in dry, dusty weather, the girls are as black as the coloured races! So they go to the dykes and streams and wash the black away.



SECRET JOB TO FORGET

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France just before Dunkirk, leaving his wife with a daughter who is now 4.

In June last year Mrs. North became engaged to Lieutenant Kindersley. He was killed in the convoy action a month later.

Last February, seven months after his death, Lieutenant Godfrey-Faussett asked Mrs. North to marry him. The wedding was fixed for March 28. Lieutenant Godfrey-Faussett was killed on March 10 in a flying accident.

Mrs. North, who is 26, said last night:—

"Lieutenant North and Lieutenant Kindersley were at Dartmouth together. All three were in the Ark Royal before the war in the last night."

Trying to Forget

Lieutenant Godfrey-Faussett won the D.S.C. in the Bismarck action.

"After Lieutenant Kindersley was killed I went into canteen work in Scotland for a few months to try to forget."

"I have now taken up important work at the Admiralty—secret work and very difficult. It will, I hope, help me to forget the sorrows which have come into my life."

Mrs. North had not heard of Lieutenant Kindersley's bequest. She is the only child of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Geoffrey Combe, of Craven Arms Station.



Mrs. Joan Valerie North

RUSSIANS WIPE OUT 1,400 TANKS

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from Azov to Tsimlyansk, 90 miles north-east of Rostov.

It is at Tsimlyansk that the Germans are making a powerful thrust across the Don to cut the railway linking Stalingrad with Novorossiisk and to capture Stalingrad itself.

The Russians have cut off the two German units which crossed the Don near Tsimlyansk, but they admit that on one sector they had to withdraw.

A German High Command report last night said the Russians had been pushed across the Don over a wide front west of Stalingrad.

At Voronezh, on the Upper Don, the Russians have driven the Germans further back and established two more bridge-heads on the west bank of the river.

Russian planes have destroyed 1,453 German tanks in four weeks, according to figures based on the daily Moscow war communiqués.

"Wavell and Timo meet" report

A Stockholm dispatch to the Swiss newspaper *Le Democrite* yesterday declared that it had been "confirmed" that General Wavell, C.-in-C. India, and Marshal Timoshenko had met at an unspecified place.

New Norway terror by Huns

MORE wholesale arrests have been carried out by German authorities in Norway on the small island of Moegster, in southern Bergen.

The entire male population of the island was transferred to Germany.

Further arrests were made in Bergen, say reports reaching Norwegian circles in London. Terboven, Nazi Commissar in Norway, personally attended the burning of the village of Traeleborg, razed in reprisal for the killing of two Gestapo men.

This is revealed by the eye-witness account of a man who succeeded in escaping German terror measures.

Many Homeless

Only three out of eighty farms were left standing. Between 400 and 500 people were made homeless, while 129 men were deported to Germany for forced labour.

A hundred and fifty women were "interned," and all children over six sent to reformatory schools.

T.U.C. plan for Empire talk

Sir Walter Collins, general secretary of the Trades Union Congress, has called in the Australian T.U.C. that his council is considering convening an Empire trade union conference in London.

He said the aim of the conference would be to exchange experience and information on labour and production.

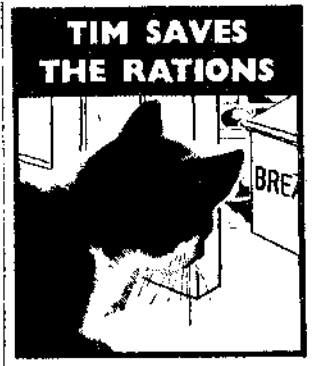
CANADIANS SEE FIRST RAIDER—AND BAG IT

The first German bomber they had ever seen was shot into the sea last evening by two young Canadian sergeant pilots.

The sergeants, flying Spitfires, spotted the raider, a Ju 88, about sixty miles off the west coast of England. One attacked from astern while the other made attacks from the side.

9 SHIPS SUNK—NAZIS

The German radio claimed yesterday that in twenty-four hours nine Allied merchant ships were sunk.



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LATEST NEWS GUNFIRE IN LONDON

Gunfire was heard in the London area early today. Explosive aircraft were also reported to be near towns in the West Midlands, North Midlands, North-West, East, and West Coast.

Bombes were dropped near one of the North Midlands towns. The raiders were met by A.A. and night fighters who were heard.

In the West Midlands area a number of H.E.s were dropped.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE

Almost early today said one Soviet unit west of Voronezh crossed the Don. Another unit killed 1,200 Germans and pushed forward. The Russian troops are developing active operations on the western river bank.