

STALINGRAD NOW IS BATTLE AREA — MOSCOW

Tells of "tough Wavell"

A BRILLIANT mind in a superbly tough body... Amazing calmness in a crisis... That was the picture of General Wavell drawn in a broadcast last night by Major-General R. J. Collins.

He said the only way one can tell when General Wavell is worried is when he takes his eyeglass out of his good eye, polishes it and then puts it back in the bad one.

"There is a story that once when things were going very badly the eyeglass changed eyes like this, and he then produced the reserve eyeglass which he always carries and absent-mindedly put it in the other eye. But I don't believe it."

No Beat 400

General Wavell's brilliance was illustrated when he passed top into the Staff College out of 400 competitors.

He was then a subaltern, aged 28—four years younger than any other officer at the College.

And Major-General Collins gave this example of how tough Wavell is. When leaving Singapore for India, just before the surrender, possibly because his good eye was inflamed and he misjudged things, he stepped off the wharf and fell 15ft. into the boat, injuring the base of his spine.

He reached Delhi a very tired man. His eye was so bad that his doctor was insistent that he should go to bed at once for a fortnight, having fears for his sight.

But there was a lot to do, and Wavell just smiled and carried on.

THE growing German threat to Stalingrad was reflected in Moscow's midnight communique which, for the first time, mentioned Stalingrad in indicating a battle area.

Fighting "north-west" of the city was announced in the communique, a supplement to which reported tense battles on this front "with large enemy forces of tanks and infantry which had crossed the Don."

"The enemy attacks were repulsed and enormous losses inflicted," it was added.

"Day and night our tanks hit back without respite against numerically superior enemy forces."

"The position on this front has become more complicated."

Moscow's communique also reported continued fighting on the other Stalingrad sectors—near Kletsk (inside the Don elbow where the Germans appear to be gradually extending their hold) and north-east of Kotelnikovo (south-west of Stalingrad).

Break Through Claim

On the Kotelnikovo front Berlin officially claimed last night a twelve-mile breakthrough by a Hun tank shock force.

Greatest immediate threat to Stalingrad, however, is that coming from the west and north-west. Battles are believed to be raging thirty miles from the city.

More progress in the Caucasus was also claimed by the enemy yesterday.

Several passes in the Caucasus mountains had been taken, it was stated.

BOUVERIES' BEST

Newmarket—12.15 Gowness; 12.45 Eleanor Cross; 1.15. Mah Iran; 1.45 Nazgulah; 2.15 Pay Roll; 2.45 Herald Double; Gowness and Eleanor Cross.

NEWMARKET RESULTS—12.30. Mysore (7-1 P. Lane); 1.0. Lady Sybil (30-100. G. Richards); 1.30. Chanda (8-1. J. Taylor); 2.0. Big Game (11-10. G. Richards); 2.30. Black Strap (9-4. G. Richards); 3.0. Wishwell (6-4. H. Wragge).

ATS draw troops to church

At military stations where soldiers and ATS are on combined duty, the padres find that the girls are the best attenders at church and that their example is influencing many young soldiers to develop a church-going habit for the first time.

The girls have an exceptionally good influence. Officers say that many of the ATS will not go out with a soldier in the same station unless he will go to church with them.

DUKE KILLED

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1930, and lost none of his enthusiasm when he was involved in a plane mishap at Dyce Aerodrome, Aberdeen, in July, 1939.

Wing-Commander Fielden was taxiing the machine across the field and increasing speed before lifting when one of the wheels became bogged.

The plane spun round, seemed likely to capsize, then suddenly stopped. The Duke stepped out of the plane, lit a cigarette, and smiled at the adventure.

In Raid Week Ago

The Duke's last public appearance was only a week ago.

He was staying in a south coast town and enemy machines raided the area and bombed and machine-gunned it.

In November, 1940, German shells from the French coastal batteries fell in Dover during his visit.

During the Battle of Britain, he missed bombs dropped on a Kentish aerodrome by four minutes.

Two months earlier—in July, 1940—the Germans raided an

area he was visiting and bombs falling close to the house where he was staying shook the building.

Two weeks ago, the Duke visited the Ministry of Pensions Hospital at Roehampton, and found that one of the patients was his former first footman.

The Duke was a familiar figure in all blitzed areas. Only last month he drove the royal car himself during part of a five-mile tour of Weston-super-Mare.

Hewed Coal in Pit

A story of the Duke's calmness in the thick of a London raid was told by the then L.C.C. chairman, Mr. Emil Davies.

He was being driven by the Duke through London riverside districts for four hours to the constant accompaniment of bombing and AA fire.

"As the Duke appeared oblivious of it all I did my best to look equally indifferent," Mr. Davies said.

Once a time bomb exploded within eighty yards of the Duke's car and showered debris on it. The Duke then got out and talked with people living around, congratulating them on their escape.

During the London raids the Duke visited many shelters.

For a time last year he worked for Mr. Bevin, Labour Minister, and made a series of



A recent picture of the Duchess of Kent taken in the uniform of the Women's Royal Naval Service, of which she is Commandant.

SHOCK TO AMERICA

inspections of war factories. For several years before the war the Duke worked in the Factories Department Inspectorate.

In July last year he hewed coal alongside miners in Haig Pit, Whitehaven.

But for the war the Duke would have gone to Australia as Governor-General.

The Duke made no secret of his affection for his wife. He once told the Anglo-Hellenic League, "The full extent and nature of the Duchess's influence over me I shall never know."

Since the war, the Duchess has untiringly filled a formidable list of engagements. She also worked as a nurse during the raids under the name of Nurse Kay.

From the day she arrived in Britain she became one of the most popular personalities in the country. Her taste in clothes influenced fashion throughout the world.

America Hears

American listeners to the B.B.C. North American service heard of the Duke's death a few minutes before Britain.

The nation was electrified as the U.S. radio stations from coast to coast broke in on their programmes to give the news.

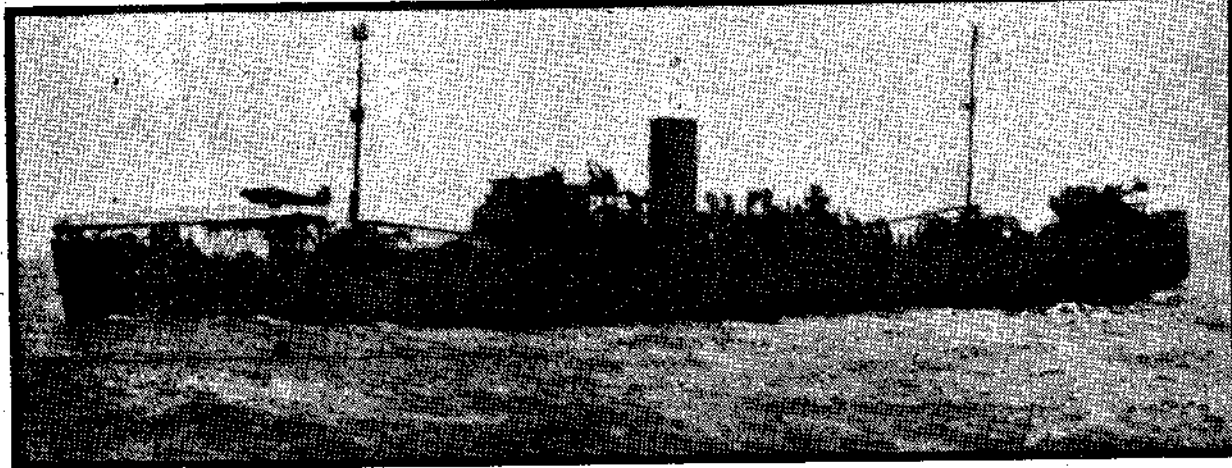
It came as a stunning shock in the capital.

Senator Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, declared: "The Duke of Kent died a hero. His brave conduct will serve as an inspiration to his gallant comrades in the armies and navies of the United Nations."

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BACK IN INDIA

Sir Reginald Dorman Smith, Governor of Burma, has arrived at Karachi, India, by air after his recent visit to Britain—Reuter.



LATEST NEWS FIRE BOMB RAID IN EAST ANGLIA

A few Nazi bombers crossed the East Anglian coast late last night. They scattered out over wide areas in East Anglia, dropping many numbers of flares and fire bombs. Some high explosives were also dropped. There did not appear to be any cost of the bombs fell in rural areas.

NAZIS PUSH ON, SAYS VICHY

According to Vichy radio German troops are said to have pushed southwards to Messina, about nine miles to the north-east of Kufra, in the Western Caucasus—Reuter.

Ships with stings

ARMED with their own fighter aircraft many merchantmen are no longer defenceless against Nazi bombers at sea. These planes carried on the deck of the ship are piloted by volunteers from the Fleet Air Arm. Here is a fighter aircraft on the deck of a freighter, ready to be catapulted.

GUNFIRE DURING DAY ALERT IN LONDON AREA

An alert was sounded in the London area yesterday afternoon—first in daylight in this area since July 27. A.A. guns opened fire in three districts and planes were heard in the clouds.

One enemy aircraft dropped bombs at a point in the Home Counties. Some damage was done.