

Air attack on London is presented in German broadcasts as a great and exhilarating act. There has been no disposition in London to minimise civilian casualties caused by German raids, but the R A F will not be deflected from its purpose of confining attacks on Germany to military objectives. Germany has attempted to demonstrate the efficiency of British raids by publication of casualty figures. Germany declares that between May 10 & Aug 31 the total loss inflicted by British air raids was 78 killed, 29 gravely, and 22 slightly, wounded. These figures, if correct, would be received only with satisfaction in London, for the killing of civilians is no part of British strategy. The nature & number of R A F attacks on Germany is directly known. During the period mentioned, the R A F has carried out 139 raids on Airdromes, 54 on aircraft works, 57 on munition factories, etc., 139 on oil plants or depots, 15 on blast furnaces, 18 on power plants & 25 on other targets.

The recently arrived Canadian contingent numbered 11,000 men.

The Lord Mayor of WARSAW, who cheered the defenders during the siege, has been shot by the Germans to celebrate the 1st anniversary of Poland's defeat.

While German raiders bombed babies in London last night, the R A F attended to the German dockyards at Hambourg & Wilhelmshaven.

The R A F now possesses a new & highly efficient type of incendiary bomb. Samples have been duly delivered in Germany.

A Canadian destroyer has returned home after a lengthy absence - Bag, 6 submarines. Bravo the Maple leaf.

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To us of the 14th Forestry, this sea journey comes as part of the usual routine of military life: travel is in our bones. "Way back when we were suddenly called together from all the darkest corners of N Z (and some of the worst pubs) we were immediately thrust into tents - no doubt to make us feel at home - but soon we started on a long series of technical manoeuvres. On the occasion of our first inoculation, with the injunction of the M O to go home and keep warm in bed still echoing in our ears, we fell back (in persistent rain) to prepared positions in a hut. Those who did not actually go to hospital fell back a bit further to another hut soon afterwards, and a week after our first evacuation we retook the tent lines, fighting all that night in the rain, which made intensive aerial attacks, and scored some nice hits through the holes in the canvas.

Encouraged by the success of these campaigns (scarcely 40 of our complement being in hospital) the authorities decided that we were fit for bigger things, and an onslaught was made on the Trentham Grandstands. Despite the loss of a fair quantity of equipment these were occupied by the evening; the men sleeping, as the Routine Order so aptly expressed it, "like sardines". A further sally by some who had missed the first onslaught, quickly reduced the Kiosk to a shambles, and coal, generously supplied by hospital authorities, constantly (if stealthily) made its way (by night) to the furnace. It was after this period of successes that we dispersed to our various homes bearing the mysterious insignia of our Unit, and the more obvious sweepings of the bullring. Upon return a memorable occasion was brought about by a concerted movement upon the cook (conducted a la Mahatma Ghandi) the question of who called the sausage-curry-stew-merchant a cook was raised, and a decisive fall was awarded to the messees.

Having thus made Trentham too hot to hold us, and thirsting for greater fields of action we jumped aboard this lugger and asked the Captain to take us anywhere he knew there was a good war on, and we would be players. He forthwith rang up some other ships he knew, to make a party of it, and here we are, in Owen Jones's locker, travelling and travelling; and be damned if I can tell you where.

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The latest addition to the names of psychopathic ills is ergophobia - a condition of being allergic to work - This has long been known to military gentlemen, but under the less scientific title of "Swinging the lead".

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