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Canadian Casualties in Recent LONDON Raids. **DECLASSIFIED**

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1. A further report is submitted. This provides data on the Canadian Army casualties caused by the enemy air raids on LONDON on the nights of 16-17 and 19-20 April last, further to that presented in my previous Report No. 24.
2. Annexed as Appendix "A" is a copy of a memorandum supplied to me by the Casualty Section, Records Office, ACTON, of the military casualties suffered on these two occasions as indicated by their records. This list must be nearly, if not quite, complete; though I understand that one man injured in one of these raids is still on the "dangerous" list.
3. This list does not particularize as between the casualties of the first and second raids; but Mr. ELIOT (Supervisor, Casualty Section) has confirmed over the telephone that only one of the men here listed as killed was a victim of the raid of the night of 19-20 April. We may therefore conclude that (so far as our present information extends) the raid of the night of 16-17 April caused 22 fatal casualties to the Canadian Army. The category "Killed" here includes those who died of wounds.
4. As for the wounded, the nature of Mr. ELIOT's records prevents him from telling me with certainty how many were injured on the night of 19-20 April. He believes, however, that "probably" three of the 31 men referred to in his list became casualties in

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this second raid. "A" Branch, C.M.H.Q., are unable to throw further light on this point.

5. It will be noted that the report here given of 31 wounded is at variance with the estimate of 49 wounded given in my Report No. 24, and based upon information from "A" Branch. The explanation is that the Casualty Section figures are founded on hospitalization, and do not include minor injuries treated locally in first-aid posts and not involving admission to hospital. It is worth noting in this connection that cable A. 824 Camilitary to Defensor, 20 Apr 41 states the number of wounded on the night of 16-17 April as 49 (C.M.H.Q. 10, Corps units 32, Base units 7: 22 in hospital, 27 slightly wounded). This cable however lists only 17 men as then known dead; and of course it does not include the small number of casualties suffered on the night of 19-20 April. To arrive at an exact figure for those wounded on either occasion, including all minor injuries, is probably impossible; but the total for the two nights was evidently in the very close vicinity of 50.

6. With further reference to the Casualty Section list, it may be noted that Pte. STANTON is the C.M.H.Q. driver referred to in my Report No. 24 as killed in his own house, and Cpl. WHITNEY is the one man killed on the night of 19-20 April. I understand that WHITNEY was killed in the East End, in the ISLE OF DOGS region.

CANADIAN NAVAL AND AIR FORCE CASUALTIES

7. As a matter of interest, I have ascertained the number of casualties suffered by the Canadian Naval and Air services in these raids.

8. The Canadian Naval Headquarters office now established in CANADA HOUSE under Commodore MURRAY informs me that there were eight Canadian ratings staying at the Victoria League Club on the night of the 16-17 April. Of these, one was killed; one was wounded and is still in hospital; the others so far as known were all shaken up or bruised in some degree. One man remains unaccounted for but is believed to have returned to the Royal Navy ship or

establishment to which he is attached.

9. Overseas Headquarters, Royal Canadian Air Force (Sun Life Building) informs me that the R.C.A.F lost 2 airmen killed and 8 wounded on the night of 16-17 April. There were no officer casualties on this occasion, and none at all on the night of 19-20 April. One of the fatal casualties was at the Victoria League Club.

10. It would appear, therefore, that so far as present information extends the three Canadian services lost a total of 25 other ranks killed or died of wounds in the LONDON raid of the night of 16-17 April, and one other rank killed in that of the night of 19-20 April; and that there were 12 fatal casualties at the Victoria League Club alone.

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23 Other Ranks were killed as a result of enemy action on the dates of 16-17 and 19 Apr 41, and 31 Other Ranks were wounded. The names of the men who were killed are as under, and the location is given as far as we know from information in our possession:

VICTORIA LEAGUE CLUB.

A6080	Pte.	GLOUTIER, L.	C.M.H.Q.
B37729	Pte.	COX, C.W.	R.H.L.I.
K52388	Pte.	DAVIS, J.E.	H.Q. 2nd Cdn. Inf. Bde.
B31304	Sig.	DERRY, W.A.	C.M.H.Q.
B76845	Pte.	DORAN, T.E.	C.M.H.Q.
P21152	GSM.	HAWKES, G.W.	3rd Inf. Hold. Unit
B48836	Cpl.	RICHARD, F.	Royal 22 Regt.
A27144	Pte.	RUTHERFORD, L.E.	11th Fd. Ambulance.
B32959	L/Cpl.	STAFFORD, W.T.	C.M.H.Q.
B34257	Pte.	STORER, S.G.	Corps Troops Sup. Col.

BOTLEY HILL (nr. Oxted).

G4172	Gnr.	CHASE, J.S.	1st A/T Regt.
G4014	Gnr.	CLARKE, B.M.	" "
G4090	L/Bdr.	GREEN, C.W.	" "
G4023	Sgt.	OLIVE, H.K.	" "
G4141	Gnr.	RICHARD, E.J.	" "
G4092	Gnr.	WARMAN, R.K.	" "
G4058	Gnr.	WHEELER, H.R.	" "

BECKENHAM, Kent.

C1010	Gnr.	FORD, A.G.	3rd Field Regt.
M4012	Gnr.	HALLETT, W.J.D.	" " "
M3275	Gnr.	SCOTT, J.A.	" " "
M4200	Gnr.	SIMPSON, P.R.	" " "

LONDON (exact location not known)

C92072	Pte.	STAINTON, C.R.	C.M.H.Q.
G18121	Cpl.	WHITNEY, V.	Carleton & York.

2. For your information, please.

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