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The War Office states:-

There is no foundation for the statement that the Norwegian Commander-in-Chief was not informed of the Allied decision to evacuate the Trondhjem area, or that he is negotiating an armistice.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Norwegian Army and his staff embarked on a British man-of-war on the night of 1st/2nd May, 1940.

Military Affairs.

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SUPPLEMENT TO ISSUE No.1 OF TODAY'S DATE.

The Norwegian Commander-in-Chief has been conveyed to an undisclosed destination in Norway, and any Norwegian order of the day announcing negotiations for an armistice was obviously made without his authority.

Military Affairs.

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FRENCH OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE

(MORNING)

The following communique was issued this morning by the French G.H.Q.:—

Activity of the artillery on both sides to the east of the Moselle as well as between the Blies and the Vosges.

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YACHTSMEN NEEDED FOR THE R.A.F.

Amateur yachtsmen and week-end sailors between the ages of 18 and 42 now have an opportunity to join the Royal Air Force. They are needed to man the fast, high-power motor-boats and tenders of Coastal Command

Recruits will be enlisted as Aircraftman (2nd class) with pay at the rate of 2/- a day. Pay will be increased to 3/- a day at the conclusion of a short instructional course.

The motor-boat crews of the R.A.F. lead a healthy, vigorous open-air life. If they show ability and initiative they have the prospect of being recommended for a commission.

Volunteers should have perfect vision. They must not be colour-blind. They must be able to swim, should have some knowledge of marine engines and should be able to handle motor-boats.

Applications should be made in the first place to the nearest combined recruiting centre.

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PRESS NOTICE.

Silver Badge for Officers and
Men in Anti-Submarine Craft
and Minesweepers.

His Majesty the King has approved the institution of a silver badge for award to all officers and men of the Royal Naval Patrol Service, including R.N. and R.N. pensioners, R.F.R., R.N.R., R.N.V.R. and R.N.V.(W)R. personnel, and those who have enlisted for hostilities only since the outbreak of war, employed in minesweeping and anti-submarine craft in home waters manned from the Patrol Service Central Depot, Lowestoft.

These officers and men will normally be eligible for the badge after six months service, but in special circumstances, such as meritorious service in the face of especial danger or difficulty not sufficiently deserving of recognition otherwise, the badge may be awarded after a shorter period.

Personnel of all kinds employed in other vessels of the Fleet will not be included in this award. The badge will be worn on the left arm in uniform, or on the lapel of a plain clothes coat after the war.

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Palestine Naval General Service Medal.

It has been approved that the following personnel should be entitled to the Naval General Service Medal, with Clasp "Palestine":-

- (1) Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines actually present in Palestine in H.M. Ships "Valiant," "Malaya," "Repulse," "Sussex," "Durban," "Arethusa," "Delhi," "Despatch," "Adventure" and "Cyclops" at any time during the qualifying period - 19th April, 1936 to 3rd September, 1939.
- (2) Officers and Men of the Royal Navy serving in H.M. Hospital Ship "Maine" while at Haifa in October, 1936.
- (3) Officers and Men of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines lent from other ships for duty ashore.

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London Centre for New Zealand Personnel

The Central Council of the Over-Seas League, at the request of the Ulster Branch of the League, have agreed to place the Ulster Library, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St. James, S.W.1, at the disposal of New Zealanders serving in H.M. Forces, as a "rallying place" in London.

Officers and others availing themselves of this facility will be accorded the privilege of honorary membership of the Over-Seas League and will be able to enjoy all the Club amenities of Over-Seas House.

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Grant of Leave to Sit for Examination in Law, Accountancy or Other Profession in Civil Life

Personnel serving in the Royal Navy or the Royal Marines who were students for a profession in civil life such as Law, Accountancy, etc., before joining H.M. Forces, and who desire to take an examination arranged by the Society or Institute governing the profession, may, if they are serving in shore establishments at home or in sea-going ships in home waters, be granted leave when service exigencies permit, at the discretion of the Commanding Officer.

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ADMIRALTY, S.W.1.

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NEW PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Mr. A.T. Lennox Boyd, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food, has appointed Mr. L.R. Pym, M.P., to be his Parliamentary Private Secretary.

MINISTRY OF FOOD.

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Joint announcement by the Agricultural Departments
and the Ministry of Food.

WHEAT QUOTA PAYMENTS.

As a war-time measure the Ministers concerned with the Wheat Acts have suspended from 5th May, 1940, the liability of millers and importers of flour to make quota payments (at present 3/6d. per sack of flour) to the Wheat Commission. These payments have provided the funds from which the Wheat Commission make deficiency payments to wheat growers when the price of wheat falls below the standard price (at present 49/6d. per quarter). As a set-off against this reduction in the cost of flour, the Minister of Food has by Order raised the "appropriate price" for national straight run flour as from 5th May to 25/6d. per sack instead of 22/-d. per sack to which latter price the quota payment used to be added. Thus no alteration will be made to the cost of flour delivered by millers and Port Area Grain Committees, and the price of bread will not be affected.

The funds from which wheat deficiency payments will be made by the Wheat Commission to wheat growers will in future be provided by the Ministry of Food, in accordance with the provisions of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous War Provisions) Act, 1940.

Effect is given to these changes by an Order dated 1st May, 1940, amending the Flour (Prices) Order, 1940.

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4/5/40 - No. 8.

FRENCH OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE
(Evening)

The following official communique was issued from French G.H.Q. this (Saturday) evening:-

Fairly brisk artillery activity on both sides in the region of the Moselle and of the Blies.

Last night the enemy attempted a rather important raid in the region of the Saar on a wide front. This attempt having failed under the fire of our artillery and our automatic weapons the enemy retired in disorder.

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