



Colchester Gazette

THOROUGH AND DISTRICT OF COLCHESTER.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1940.

[ONE PENNY.]

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GIFTS**
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BOYS BURIED IN SAND PIT

RESCUED BY SOLDIERS

Lucky Escape at Colchester

A remarkable escape was experienced by two Colchester boys on Saturday, when sand collapsed in a pit at Abbots Road, almost completely burying them. The lads were Ivan Keith (11), of 5, Wimpole Road, and Dennis Finch (8), of 4, Rebow Street.

A party of five or six soldiers was in the vicinity, and, hearing their cries, immediately set about the task of extricating the two boys. It was subsequently found that both lads had been injured—Keith having sustained a broken left ankle and Finch injury to his back.

The Colchester ambulance was summoned, and both were removed by Cpl. Parker (St. John Ambulance Brigade) to the Essex County Hospital. It was found necessary to admit Keith, but Finch was later taken home by ambulance.

GIFT DAY AT COLCHESTER CHURCH

£53 Collected in Twelve Hours

The Rev. M. M. Martin, rector of St. James' Church, Colchester, sat at the gate of the church on East Hill on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and received gift boxes and donations. These were for the work of the church in the large parish which it covers.

A total of £53 was received, including the generous contributions of passers-by and members of St. Anne's Church.

The sum received was in excess of last year's total.

ACCIDENTS IN COLCHESTER AND DISTRICT

CHILD KNOCKED DOWN

A 9-year-old Colchester girl, Pamela Wright, of 171, Greenstead Road, was knocked down by a private car near her home on Friday evening, July 26, and received injuries to her head and right arm.



**INFORMATION WANTED ABOUT
MISSING SOLDIER.**—Photograph of a Colchester lad (marked "George—left England Feb. 4, 1940. Father recently L.-capt., R.A.O.C."). It is thought that he may know the whereabouts of Milton White, reported as missing, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. White, of 66, Hampden Street, Bolton. We have been asked by Mr. and Mrs. White to publish this photograph in the hope that it may lead to some information as to Milton White being communicated to his parents at Bolton.

"GRAHAM JACKSON" REPORTED PRISONER IN GERMANY

In a list of British prisoners in Germany broadcast from Germany on Saturday night, July 27, was the name of Graham Jackson, who it is hoped may be 2nd Lieut. Graham M. Jackson, the Essex Regiment, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jackson, of Mistley Place. He was reported missing in the Essex County

THE WAR

GRANDSON OF FORMER TOWN CLERK OF COLCHESTER KILLED

Pilot-Officer Peter Roderick Bowtree Wanklyn, son of Mr. Roderick Wanklyn, Town Clerk of Ealing, and grandson of the late Mr. H. C. Wanklyn, for many years Town Clerk of Colchester, has been killed in action. His funeral took place on July 26, at Harbledown, Canterbury.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICES

Essex Regiment

Amongst those whose names have been published in a supplement to the "London Gazette" as having been brought to notice for distinguished services rendered in connection with operations in the field up to March 30 are the following from the Essex Regiment:

Lieut.-Colonel A. H. Brest.
Capt. W. S. Smith (Reserve of Officers).
W. D. Lewis (C.S.M.), R. attached A.M.P.C.

FINE BAG OF NAZI BOMBERS

An Air Ministry communique on Monday night stated:

"This afternoon (Monday) fighter aircraft of the R.A.F. shot down an enemy bomber over the Channel coast, and another in the Thames Estuary.

"It is now confirmed that in the engagement at Dover this morning two enemy bombers were shot down by A.A. fire, in addition to those shot down by our fighters.

"This makes a total of twenty brought down today."

YOUNG AMERICAN'S GALLANTRY

While Serving with Royal Inniskilling Dragoons

Lieut. Harold Arthur Sims, Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, is the first American serving with the British Army to be decorated in this war. He has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry at Dunkirk, where he served as wireless operator and gunner in a tank.

His grandfather, Admiral W. S. Sims, commanded the United States Fleet in European waters in the last war, in which his father, Commander George Sims, also served with the United States Navy. Though born in this country, Lieut. Sims has never adopted British nationality.

The lance-corporal celebrated his 21st birthday in Belgium. His younger brother,