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ONE MINUTE NEWS

London

We salute a Royal Birthday. Her Majesty the Queen - born in the first year of this century - was 47 on August 4th. In the grounds of Buckingham Palace, we picture Queen Elizabeth during the inspection of a contingent of Empire Scouts, newly arrived for the coming World Jamboree.

The Queen and the rest of the Royal Family will soon be leaving London for their well-deserved Highland Holiday at Balmoral.

Brest

In the harbour of Brest, the shambles of the Ocean Liberty marks the setting of the newest dock-disaster. The Norwegian Liberty ship, loaded with ammonium nitrate, caught fire and was towed out to sea. On the way, she blew up, showering the town with liquid fire. When the fires burned out, divers went down to check damage to the dock foundations.

Brest was still smouldering three days after the holocaust. Flattened buildings, twisted girders, testify to the fury of explosions which occurred when the city's gasworks and petrol installations caught fire. The toll of dead and injured is high. Brest's agony goes on record as France's worst disaster since the war.

SWIM

Hands across the Channel - new style. 32 French Boy Scouts take it in relays to swim from France to Britain - Calais to Dover. France's amphibious Scouts swim for half an hour each. An escorting submarine-chaser carried the spares. Here's one coming aboard for a breather while No. 2 takes off.

The Big Swim got off at five in the morning. Here's the first plunge at dawn - off Cap Gris Nez. The others slept 18 off till their turn came. *Après-vous, Gaston!*

All told, the relay took 12 hours to make the crossing. The swimmers carried a goodwill message to Britain's Scouts, and an invitation to the August Jamboree in Paris.

Only a few miles to go. At Dover, Scoutmaster Wood is there to greet them. In the Scouts, you've got to Be Prepared for anything.