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FDR, Churchill Ask Italy to Surrender

Allies Seize Jap Base in **New Guinea**

Yanks, Aussies Kill 950 In Jungles Near Mubo; Big Solomon Air Fight

WASHINGTON, July 16-United States and Australian jungle veterans, in the island-by-island drive to hurl the Japanese from the South Pacific, yesterday captured Mubo, key enemy stronghold on the north coast of New Guinea, killing 950 Japs in the fiercest fighting since the fall of Papua. Allied casualties were light, official reports of the fighting said.

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After clearing the Mubo area of all organized resistance, the Allied troops pressed on to Komiatum, small village in the jungle strip 12 miles from Salamaua, site of the important Jap supply base on the Bismarck Sea coast.

Formations of U.S. fighters and medium bombers of the 13th Air Force supported the ground attack with heavy strafing attacks.

Six-Months Stalemate Broken

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Mubo's seizure broke the six-months stalemate in the battle for New Guinea.
United States troops, which landed at Nassau Bay on June 30, had infiltrated through the dense underbrush to establish positions behind the enemy's lines. On the other side of Mubo Australians commanded the ridges overlooking the enemy base, thus virtually surrounding the Japanese. The main elements of the two forces joined hands after three days of hard fighting.

In the Solomons U.S. fighter planes destroyed 30 Jap Zeros and 15 bombers in violent dog fights over Rendova, while Dauntless dive-bombers blasted Vila air-

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Advance to Munda

Ground forces on New Georgia con-tinued their advance to Munda against heavy resistance. One Jap counter-attack

was repulsed.

The Navy Department revealed today that the U.S. destroyer Gwin, 1,630 tons, was sunk after being badly damaged in the second Kula Gulf battle last week. The Gwin was completed in 1941 and had a complement of 230 men, according to Jane's Fighting Ships.

Japs Losing Shipping Race
WASHINGTON, July 16 — Two
Japanese ships are being sunk for eachone the Japanese can build, Adm. Emory
S. Land, chairman of the U.S. Maritime
Commission, said here today. "We have Commission, said here today. "We have produced more tontage in one month than the Japanese shipyards have built since the beginning of the war," he said.

Stimson Ready ToVisit inField

The Secretary of War is going to see for himself.

Henry L. Stimson, director of the American war effort, said yesterday that his main reason for being in the British Isles was to visit American camps and installations here. He spent last Saturday in Iceland, inspecting American troops there, and will see as many soldiers here as he can during his short

In comparing American sacrifices with those of the British, Mr. Stimson said that the American public is beginning to feel the pinch of war, but the people are not complaining. Their attitude, he declared, is the same as that of the soldiers: "We're with you to the end, but let's get it over with quickly." War production and training have changed the American forces from a "miniature army" to the best trained, best equipped and largest army that the United States has ever had, the Secretary said.

So successful has conscription been, he So successful has conscription been, he added, that recruiting is virtually finished. When asked if that meant that the goals of 8,500,000 men for the Army and 2,500,000 men for the air forces had been attained, he replied that the goals had not been changed.

U.S.-Jap Prisoner Exchange

German radio quoted Tokyo reports yesterday that negotiations for the exchange of Japanese and American nationals are in good progress, and that a statement will be issued soon.



Maj. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow

Maj.Gen. Leonard Gerow Gets Post Formerly Held by Hartle

Maj. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow has been appointed commander of the forces in the field for ETOUSA, succeeding Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, it was announced yesterday at ETO headquarters.

The appointment for Gen. Gerow came the day after his 55th birthday. The highest point in his military career prior to being sent overseas was assistant chief of staff of the U.S. Army. He held this post in 1941.

Gen. Hartle was commander of the first contingent of U.S. troops to arrive in the British Isles. From Jan. 26, the date of the landing, until the North African invasion he was in command of all troops and the landing of the landing in Northern Ireland. He then succeeded Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark as ground forces commander. The nature of his new assignment was not revealed.

Intruders Blast Five Countries

Allied Blitz on Luftwaffe Airfields Goes On With All-Night Attacks

RAF bombers and fighters swept all across Germany, the Low Countries, France and northern Italy before dawn yesterday, maintaining the pounding of enemy airfields and striking as well at power stations and France's second largest truck factory.

Four-engined Halifaxes went alone to the Peugeot motor works at Mont Beliard, south of Belfort, in the French which turn out about 7,000 trucks a year for the Nazis.

Lancasters attacked electric switching stations in northern Italy, while intruders of all types strafed airlields in Germany, Holland, Belgium and France. After attacks on the Luftwaffe fields, the intruders beat up railroad traffic for hundred dreds of miles.
Some of the intruders flew over the out-

some of the introders new over the out-skirts of Paris, and time and again hombers and fighters made repeat calls on German 'dromes before the dust had completely settled from earlier attacks.

The entire night's operations cost seven RAF hombers, the Air Ministry re-ported. One enemy bomber was shot down over Rheims, France.

Baby Carrier' Is Victor In Battle With Sub Packs

WASHINGTON, July 16 (UP)-"Two U-boats sunk, four very probably sunk and four probably sunk out of 11." This was the message received by the

Navy Department from an escort carrier known as "Baby Flat-Top" (a cargo boat made over into a small carrier) after submarine attacks on two outgoing convoys, the Navy revealed today. Planes from the carrier went into action

after the first convoy had been chased all night long by a converging pack of sub-marines. The carrier arrived back with 41 prisoners taken from the two U-boats which were definitely sunk. All the ships reached their destinations.

'Germany Defeated'—Giraud OTTAWA, July 16 (AP)—Gen. Henri Giraud said at a press conference today that "Germany is defeated—all that is left for her is to admit defeat."

NewBreach In Nazi Line

Threaten Main German Defenses and Huge Mass of Troops

MOSCOW, July 16 (UP)-Fresh Russian advances already are widening the initial breaches which have been driven in the German lines, threatening the main Axis line running west from Orel to Briansk.

Red Army units, closing round the Orel salient from the north, tonight were little more than 50 miles from the Russian positions near Syevsk, to which the Russians have clung so stub-bornly since the end of their winter

Offensive.

This 50-mile gap is the only road back for the great forces which the Germans are known to have massed in and around Orel itself.
In a despairing effort to check the Red

Army offensive the Germans have shifted several divisions from the Kursk sector

further south.

Here they had been making sporadic attacks, virtually the death-throes of the

attacks, virtually the death-throes of the German offensive which has been battering unsuccessfully against the Russian lines for the last 12 days.

Air Battles Raging
In spite of bad weather, great air battles are raging over this front north of Orel, with the Germans throwing in fresh fighter squadrons.

squadrons.

Under the low grey clouds which cover the forest country between Orel and Suchinichi, these German fighters are being met by crack Russian fighters flying

Yaks, Bayochkins and Stormoviks.

Below them, the Red Army has fought its way through the German defenses, through and across the open fields, and has now reached the thick forest country which stretches away for miles to the west. East of Orel, the situation is similar, although here the Russians have air

Battle for Crossroads

The most violent battle on this part of the front took place at Setukha, 28 miles from Orel. The town lies at the fork of two important roads, and the Germans made a dozen counter-attacks in an attempt to hold it.

Each attack was made by large infantry forces and each was supported by about

forces, and each was supported by about 30 tanks, half of them Tigers. When the Germans saw that they were failing to hold back the Russians, more forces were brought up from Briansk.

Even these failed to stop the Russians, although they slowed them down, and the town was finally occupied.

Coffee Rationing in U.S. Expected to End Aug. 1

WASHINGTON, July 16—Officials of the Office of Price Administration pre-dicted today that coffee rationing will be discontinued by Aug. 1, and supplies of coffee will be ample to provide all that

Americans wish to drink.

Coffee was one of the first food products to be rationed in the United States.

Each adult has been permitted to buy approximately enough for a cup a day, and restaurants have limited customers to

ETO Ground Chief Reds Widen Quit Axis, Consider Future, They Appeal; Battle Gains in Fury

Stiffest Resistance Since Landings

The heaviest fighting of the cam-paign took place in Sicily yesterday as Allied forces gained new ground all along their 100-mile front and heavy bombers blasted the Italian reinforcement ports of Naples and Palermo and the bomber base at Foggia, Thirteen new towns were occupied.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Sev-Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Seventh U.S. Army advanced several miles through difficult hill country and captured a number of important foothills and towns, including the important railway junction of Canicatti, five miles northeast of Naro. Severe losses were inflicted on the enemy.

Bitter fighting over "every inch of the ground" took place on the east coast as the British Eighth Army pushed its way north to within 15 miles of Catania, where naval forces again bombarded the airfield. The Hermann Goering panzer division was beaten back with heavy losses.

The total of Axis prisoners captured mounted above 20,000, of which Ameri-

200 Italians Fete Their Two American Captors

WITH U.S. PARACHUTISTS, Sicily, July 16 (UP)-Two American parachutists, a Sgt. Rosenkrantz and Cpl. Lee Black, captured 200 Italian soldiers in Sicily. They began by being captured themselves when they stumbled on the Italians. Then the Italians held a conference and decided they would surrender to the two Americans.

After that everyone dined, wine being provided by the mayor of the village. At dawn next day the Italian colonel paraded his 200 men and, with the two Americans at their head, they marched to headquarters and surrendered.

can troops took 15,992, the communique

The speed of the advance was described as "very satisfactory" at Allied head-quarters. In the air, Allied superiority was so great that very few enemy aircraft were seen during the day, and it was officially announced that our fighters and bombers "flew back and forth almost at will.

The communique added these towns to The communique added these towns to the list of those captured: Canicattini, Bagni, Vizzini, Vittoria, Niscemi, Campobello, Palma di Montechiari, Sortino, Modica, Comiso, Biscari, Riesi and Canicatti. Modica, Comiso and Biscari had been announced earler.

Vizzini, marking the farthest inland advance, about 25 miles from the coast, changed hands five times before it was taken finally, probably by Americans and Canadians. Equidistant from Augusta

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Second Engineer Outfit in Row Raises £400 for Four Orphans

-The Stars-and Stripes War Orphan Fund, which earlier in the week passed the half-way mark to a £50,000 goal, is off to a flying start on the second half with the second £400 contribution in three

An honor guard of four first sergeants An nonor guard of four list sergeants from an Engineer Aviation Battalion commanded by Maj. Joseph A. Crist, of Philadelphia, brought a £400 check to fund headquarters with a request to sponsor four girls—two blondes, a brunette and a hedhead.

The money representing one of the

The money, representing one of the largest single contributions to the fund, came from A, B, C and H and S companies. Only the day before a Negro Engineer Aviation Battalion turned another £400 into the fund.

The four topkicks who visited fund HQ yesterday were Sidney McKnight, Cumberland, Md., H and S Co.; William F, North Africa.

Bliven, Brooklyn, Co. A; Waldon M. Rothenberger, Osborne, Kan., Co. B, and Gordon Carlson, Seattle, Wash., Co. C. They said the war orphan drive within

the battalion started two months ago and that the money was collected on pay days,
Choice of H and S Co., commanded
by Capt. William R. Hout, of New York,
was a five-year-old brunette.

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Co, A, led by Capt. Thomas P. DeWan, of Chicago, favored a five-year-old blonde, while Lt. Gerald A. Vulliamy, of Port Arthur, Tex., and his men of Co. C preferred a blonde of four years.

The boys of Co. B, commanded by Capt. Ira J. Dilks, of Denver, asked for a five-year-old redhead.

The only single contributions larger than the two received this week were the £1,632 from Lockheed Overseas Corp., £1,100 from a U.S. General Depot and £600 from an infantry battalion now in North Africa.

Germans Putting Up Radio Advises: 'Die For Duce or Live For Italy'

The Italian people, warned by their own government that Sicily cannot be held and an Allied invasion of the mainland must be expected, were told in a radio ultimatum by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill yesterday that "the time has come for Italians to decide whether they shall die for Mussolini and Hitler—or live for Italy and civilization."

The ultimatum, coming at a time when Italy's morale was at its lowest and Italian soldiers in Sicily were cheerfully surrendering to the Allies, was apparently the opening gun in a propaganda campaign to drive Italy out of the war.

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It was broadcast in Italian and several other languages from Algiers, London and New York, and presumably dropped in leaflet form by Allied air forces raiding Italy. By these methods, and by word-of-mouth repetition, it was expected to spread quickly through all of Italy.

The message called upon Italy to overthrow its Fascist leaders and capitulate to the Allies' overwhelming superiority in

the Allies' overwhelming superiority in order that the nation might assume an honorable place after the war in "the family of European nations."

No Help from Germany

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The timeliness of the ultimatum was emphasized by reports seeping out of Axis capitals that Italy was asking Germany in vain for immediate assistance. The Rome correspondent of the Stockholm Dagens Nyheter said yesterday that Italian commentators were making it clear that Germany was not transferring a single man or plane from the Russian front and the Italians would have to defend themselves.

Italy already had ceded several Italiangarrisoned Yugoslavia towns to Bulgaria to release troops for her own defense.

"The forces now opposed to you are pledged to destroy the power of Nazi Germany—power which has ruthlessly been used to inflict slavery, destruction, and death on all those who refuse to recognize the Germans as the master race," the Roosevelt-Churchill ultimatum said.

Surrender Is Only Hope

"The sole hope for Italy's survival lies in honorable capitulation to the over-whelming power of the military forces of the United Nations. If you continue to tolerate the Fascist regime which serves the evil power of the Nazis you must suffer the consequences of your own choice. own choice.

We take no satisfaction in invading Italian soil and in bringing the tragic devastation of war home to the Italian But we are determined to destroy the

"But we are determined to destroy the false leaders and their doctrines which have brought Italy to her present position. "Every moment that you resist the combined forces of the United Nations—every drop of blood you sacrifice—can serve only one purpose: to give the Fascists and Nazi leaders a little more time to escape from the inevitable consequences of their own crimes."

Only by overthrowing those leaders, the ultimatum said, could "a reconstituted Italy hope to occupy a respected place in the family of European nations."

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Reports in neutral capitals, meanwhile, indicated that Italian morale had deteriorated further and Italy regarded its situa-tion as exceedingly grave.

Sicily Is Germany's Fight, Rome Asserts

BERNE, July 16-Rome let it be clearly known that the battle of Sicily was the German's fight. On top of the continued pessimistic tone of the Fascist press, preparing the people for further setbacks, Pavolini, the editorof Il Messagero added an appeal to Berlin which implied both criticism and lack of Italian ability or will to support the struggle.

Germany is "defending her own soil in Sicily" said Pavolini in the Messagero with a thrust at the Axis partner. He declared that Italians "all believe in our right to live."

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Two Fronts

The Russians, mounting a great new twin offensive aimed at the German "hedgehog" base of Orel, have smashed through the Nazi defenses and have advanced at points up to 28 miles, winning back another 1,000 square miles of Russian territory.

Thus we see written in Russia the result of Allied world planning which has included supplies for Russia's mighty army, air power for use against German war industries, supremacy at sea, and the weakening effect on the Axis powers of the Tunisian campaign and the invasion

No longer can the German military machine be massed at one point or deployed according to the intuition of Adolf Hitler. The limit has been reached, and the greedy Nazis now find themselves so badly over-extended that they cannot afford to strike back in Sicily without risking a major break-through on the Russian front, and it is important to remember that the Russian front is still the first front in the minds of German military leaders.

The operation in Sicily, brilliant and significant as it is, is still small in comparison with the Battle of the East. But even as the shadow of a front, it is so real and threatening to Hitler that he dare not throw as much force as he possesses into

Commenting on this fact the New York Times states: "The wavering giant is not yet as weak as he appears in Sicily and on the plains around Byelgorod; but he cannot use his full strength in one battle or the other. For the first time be cannot lead off anywhere with power and assur-ance because he is actually mobilized on

So, we strike and win in Sicily, and Russia counter-attacks successfully in the east, and we're just beginning to fight.

Japs Afraid

Perhaps the Sons of Heaven have orders not to attack; perhaps they have developed new battle wisdom; but regardless of the reason the Japs are afraid to tackle P-38 fighter planes.

That is the story coming back from the South Pacific where our new P-38's have knocked down so many Zero's that Japs won't come close enough for a

This is a far cry from the reckless abandon with which Jap fliers used to fling themselves at anything that flew, in the days immediately following Pearl Harbor. Then they would attack and attack once more, shouting insulting curses in English at their opponents, and

it was kill or be killed in every combat. Now when P-38's are in the air, Jap planes in the sky are zero in both number and name. Seems they no longer have a desire to prove they are invincible, or it could be they are afraid.

Editorial Comment

An editorial recently published in the Daily Express gave the U.S. Armed Forces in this theater a hefty pat on the back, and we quote: "The British people praise the splendid bearing and the good manners of the American armed forces in

Confidentially, we urge you to accept that statement with reservations not because it wasn't sincerely made, but, frankly, because we haven't earned it. Now don't get us wrong. In the mass American troops in this theater are above reproach, but we've also seen too many violations of "the rules of good conduct" to suggest that you can accept that bit of praise without additional effort to justify it.

Continuing, the editorial added: "Frequently an occupying army, even the army of an ally, raises trouble and difficulty among the populace. Those who see their privileges curtailed on account of the visitors to their shores feel resentful.

"But," says the editorial, "it is not so in the case of Americans, Their manner is good, and their attitude to us gives the assurance that they take into full account our proprietorial rights. In consequence officers and troops alike have won our deep respect and affection."

Well, there it is . . . if your foot fits that shoe . . , wear it.

Hash Marks

Fellow workers were puzzled to see W. P. Bead studying manuscripts during lunch hour of his wheel-barrow pushing night job at a Salt Lake City cinder block plant. Bead finally confessed that during the daytime he is professor of philosophy and logic at the U, of Utah.

The laugh is on the Los Angeles thief that stole Joe Jackson's bicycle. It's a



trick bike that falls apart, leaving the rider pedalling along on one wheel.

Dr. B. L. Frexell, English department head of Milliken University, hung a pair of pants on the line in his backyard. A short while later he discovered that a family of wrens had moved into one of the pockets. Kind-hearted Frexell fastened the trousers to the line more securely and is awaiting developments.

Now it can be told. When the Ameri-Now it can be told. When the American troops started building the Alaska military highway, they found they could make quite a hit with the wives, sweethearts, mothers and sisters back home by sending them furs. And the girls were quite thrilled with gifts from the great Northland. BUT, what they didn't know was that the supply of Canadian furs was so quickly exhausted by the GI demands. was that the supply of Canadian furs was so quickly exhausted by the GI demands that it was necessary to send back to the States for additional pelts to be reshipped home as gifts.

Excitement on the home front: In Columbus, Ohio, Willis Steinman, driving his wife to the hospital, was halted by a traffic light at one of the city's main intersections. Traffic piled up and horns tooted, but the Stork was not to be denied. The fire department emergency squad roared up and delivered a son to the traffic-bound Steinmans.

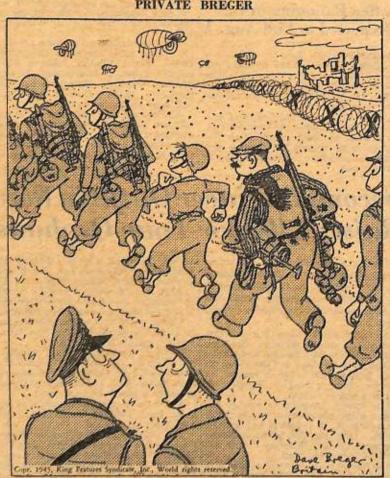
Yesterday was a busy day for Sgt. Charles L. Logan, of Coffeyville Army Airfield. Sighting a runaway horse, Logan drove his car alongside, grabbed the bridle and stopped the nag. When the horse was calmed down, Logan looked around to see his car rolling swiftly toward a tree. He stopped that runaway,

The tempo of this modern age is terrific. When an interstate bus stopped



Nevada town, Stanford Harris and Miss Lorraine Christensen jumped off, got a marriage license, corralled two witnesses, dashed to a justice of the peace, were married and sprinted back to the busall during the ten-minute station stop.

J. C. W.



"He hired him when we went through that last village!"

Sicilians Treating Yanks As Friends

Regard Them As New Authorities, Not Conquerors

By Alexander Clifford

Representing Combined British Press WITH AMERICAN Southern Sicily, July 15 (delayed)—We are well dug into Sicily now. That first dangerous stage when we merely had narrow beaches has been surmounted.

The central point on the coast is Gela,

a very old town, once rich and prosperous and now looking a little down at the heel. Plenty of the inhabitants are still here. They wander around the streets all day, moving their belongings. Old women with brown, wrinkled faces,

their white hair wrapped in black shawls, look almost like witches. But the young girls are beautiful in the swarthy Mediterranean fashion, their clothes surprisingly smart and modern. The attitude of Sicilians toward Ameri-

cans is rather strange. Naturally we didn't expect to be enthusiastically welcomed. But there's a general atmosphere of polite-ness and friendliness which is surely unusual in war.

Quite clearly the people don't regard Americans as conquerors, but simply as authorities who have taken over from the Italians-and nothing more. They are not in the least afraid.

These people seem to feel no sense of tragedy or horror at what has happened and I am quite certain they don't believe their homeland has fallen beneath a

Americans Are Well-behaved

The Americans have behaved better than any troops I've ever seen. So far they have given the Sicilians no reason whatever to be afraid, and it is proving

The Italian prisoners are odd, too.
Although the fighting is now in their homeland, they seem no different from thousands of prisoners I have seen in Libya. There has been the same lack of interest in the war and the same apparent

relief that for them it is now all over.

Most of them displayed a pathetic admiration for America—so many of them have friends and relations there.

All the Italian artillerymen were deeply

impressed by the American naval gun-

Italian resistance here has been neither Italian resistance here has been neither better nor worse than might have been expected on the basis of experience in Libya. The coast really was fortified with guns, searchlights, mines, and wire. All around were pillboxes, emplacements, tank traps across the roads and well-placed observation posts. The positions were well manned and there was an adequate communication system.

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So long as the Italian gunners were safely behind their concrete they went on firing well. But when the hard crust of resistance was crushed on the beaches the whole decisive system seemed to collapse.

An American major was driving along

At first three American tanks engaged them. Several German tanks erupted violently in flames. But three against 30 wasn't enough. So the fine American 105mm, field guns swung down their barrels and fired at the enemy over open sights. They did superbly. Something like 19 German tanks were destroyed and the rest retired.

One or two Italian units have been

them out.



Despite the fact that they are prison-camp bound, these Italian prisoners cheerfully surrendered to Allied troops in Rosolini, situated on Sicily's southeastern tip.

ashore.

the road when forced into the ditch by cans went on unloading right through the fight. Continuously little black landing an Italian two-man tank. There was no time to turn and run. If the Italians fired craft, tank-landing vessels and amphi-bious jeeps were shuttling back and forth he was dead anyway. So, rather hope-lessly, he picked up a machine-gun and fired at the tank. Instantly the lid popped open and two Italians of the tank crew jumped out with hands up. between the ships and shore. They had laid down strips of netting on the beach to make a firm foundation and the vehicles were simply driven straight

fighting well up in the hills some five miles inland—not with passion or enthu-siasm but just normally well. They have good positions and the Americans have had to fight very hard themselves to get Our fighter protection has been doing wonderful job during all this tricky landing business. On the first day we never so much as saw an enemy plane—and we had expected continuous bombing.

The second day enemy air forces recovered and adopted a policy of quick On our second day here we had our first taste of the Germans. Some 30 German tanks—Mark Twos, Threes and hit and run raids, apparently all they could afford to do.

some Fours-made a bold, swashbuck-ling bid to invade our beach and wipe The organization of a landing like this is a supremely complicated thing which demands nonstop effort with never slackening drive. It is almost unbelieveable that anyone should have got such out our entire landing. They swooped down from the hills northeast of Gela and got almost into the trees on the eastern slope of Gela's cigar-shaped ridge before they were brought to a halt. perfect war equipment ashore and into action so quickly.

Large areas of the country still are dotted with white, blue and green parachutes belonging to the airborne troops. No one yet has had time to collect them. The Americans down here are up against the Hermann Georing division transcenents and minimum description.

sights. They did superbly. Something like 19 German tanks were destroyed and the rest retired.

That engagement saved our beaches. With magnificent detachment the Ameri-

Two Axis Failures Helped U.S. Forces Italian Coast Defenses Collapsed; Nazi Efficiency Fell Down

By Don Whitehead

Associated Press War Correspondent

WITH AMERICAN INVASION TROOPS, Sicily, July 12 (delayed)-The complete collapse of the Italian coastal defenses gave impetus to the American invasion of Sicily, while a breakdown in

The crisis of the American front came July 11, when a veteran infantry division fought for ten savage hours to stem enemy attacks that swept to within 1,000 yards of the vital beachhead which was the high road for victors. road to victory.

A military spokesman said the only thing which saved the central front from being overrun was the magnificent fighting front line troops and the lack of coordina-tion in the enemy's three-pronged drives which came simultaneously from east,

west and north.

Within 48 hours after the landing, troops had met and defeated three enemy divisions on Sicily, including the Hermann Goering panzer division.

Surrender in Droves By John Moroso

Associated Press War Correspondent
AT THE SICILIAN FRONT, July 10
(delayed)—Many of Mussolini's 8,000,000 bayonets have been blunted for the dura-

Hundreds and hundreds of them came Hundreds and hundreds of them came forward today to surrender to the American soldiers of this battalion. Scores of others have been killed and wounded in battles between the American infantry and Italian pill boxes and snipers.

They come to us meekly and joyously, trying to kiss our hands.

They come to us meekly and joyously, many-trying to kiss our hands.

The unit I am with got its first three when we stumbled upon a cleverly concealed machine-gun nest. They ran out and surrendered without firing a shot and told us the others had fled into the sand dunes.

The trio said they had been waiting for the Allies to come for a month and they were happy to see us. They were as ragged, dirty and docile as Mussolini is stentorious.

One was asked what he thought of Mussolini, and his answer was to pass his hand across his throat.

"I would like to cut Mussolini's head off," he said. "He sent us here without food, and our clothes are falling to

the vaunted German military efficiency saved the bridgehead in the central sector.

This became clear today as the troops battled their way inland, and hundreds of Italians and German prisoners streamed back to the prisoner of war pens.

The crisis of the American front came.

Many of the Italian soldiers had suit-cases packed with civilian clothes on the assumption that they would be sent to the United States after capture.

Many Drownings-

The pounding surf on the rocky shore where the American troops, accompanied by John Moroso, landed claimed more lives than enemy action in that task force's initial assault.

Italians kissed the men in preference to firing machine-guns which could have wiped out the invading soldiers, Moroso

As the assault transport, which came all the way from the United States, neared Sicily a 45-knot gale sprang up and grew in intensity. Many seasick men had to be helped on with their packs before they entered the invasion boats.

We were five miles off shore when a

entered the invasion boats.

"We were five miles off shore when a light signal told us the assault was on. Visibility was still nil but we managed to follow the boat in front of us till we reached a point 10,000 yards off shore."

As the boats crept slowly towards the designated bridgeheads the invading fleet opened fire and "the night became hideous with the thunder of guns and the whistle of shells," Moroso reported. "Then a huge wave threw us violently against some rocks. The craft began flooding."

A voice yelled "jump for it' and the men loaded with heavy packs scrambled from the boat to a raft. Moroso was swept into the sea and under the boat. Struggling free he was thrown against the rocks. In the darkness he heard men shouting: "Help, I am drowning."

Another wave threw men and rifles on the rocks. As Moroso climbed onto the shore he found others crawling. Most had lost their rifles.

"But they were crawling towards the enemy," he said. "There was no turning back now. Shots rang out and we lay still."

"I would like to cut Mussolini's head f," he said. "He sent us here without od, and our clothes are falling to eces."

They said the Germans fled from the land fled to the sand dunes. Three Italians in a machine-gun nest

Sewell Thinks Bobo Will Hurl **Brownsto Flag**

But Newsom Still Says He Was Robbed-And Won't Play

ST. LOUIS, July 16—Luke Sewell, manager of the St. Louis Browns, says that Buck Newsom will be given the assignment to pitch the Browns to the American League pennant.

The boss of the Browns stated here yesterday, "I believe Newsom will be a big help in winning the pennant. Our initing is getting better and with a fine pitcher like Bobo in there, we should climb fast." Sewell added that he doesn't know Newsom personally, but expects no trouble.

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Meanwhile, the cause of the great uproar in the ranks of the Brooklyn Dodgers, who traded him to the Browns after he was suspended by Manager Lippy Durocher, had his bags 'packed in New York and repeated that he won't report to St. Louis. Said Bobo, "The Browns had a chance to get me earlier this season when I was holding out, but they didn't want me in St. Louis then and why should they want me now. I'm still the same old Bobo." He again insisted he got a dirty deal from the Dodgers and will remain in New York a few days before going home to Hatsville, S.C.

Medwick May Be Next

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NEW YORK, July 16—Dan Parker, New York Mirror sports columnist, stated in his column today that Branch Rickey was quoted on Mar. 28 as saying that Newsom would get a new contract with the Dodgers if he remained with the club until July 15, making him one of the highest paid pitchers in Dodger history.

Parker said, "Thursday was July 15. On Wednesday, July 14, Bobo was traded to the Browns. Maybe Bobo is right when he says he got the dirtiest deal any pitcher ever got after all."

Another straw in the wind that Brooklyn is having a house cleaning was to be found last night as the Dodgers left for Boston. Joe Medwick was left behind in New York. With the acquisition of Archie McKain and Fritz Ostermueller in the Newsom deal, the club is one man over-strength. The indication now is that Medwick may be the man to go. Another guess has it that Freddie Fitzsimmons is retiring from the active list

simmons is retiring from the active list to take a job on the coaching lines.

Me a n w hile,
Branch Rickey put
aside the Newsom
squabble to reveal
that the Dodgers
are so confident of
the future of baseball despite the war that they are embarking on the largest farm system project
yet.

The Brain said, "I believe we have a system far advanced over the one used so successfully in St. Louis for so many years." The plan, briefly, is this: The Dodgers have sent letters to high school coaches around the country asking for recommendations for young players of professional caliber. Sectional tryouts will be held and the best candidates sent to the minor leagues. One hitch, Rickey feels, is the length of the war. If the war lasts long enough, the boys will be snapped up just as their baseball careers begin, but Rickey feels it worth the risk.

Four Softball Contests In London Tomorrow

Four top-notch softball games are scheduled for tomorrow in London. In International League play, Acton takes on CMHQ at 2.15 PM on the number two diamond in Hyde Park. At 6.30 in the evening, RCAF and U.S.1 will battle it out for the league lead on the same diamond.

diamond.

In two games sponsored by the Red Cross at Regent's Park, the — Ordnance squad will play the — MPs, a London ontit, at 11 AM, while, at 2 PM, Muller's Bulldogs, — QM, are scheduled to meet the — Engineers. Both games will be played on the Regent's Park cricket field.

Robinson Scores Over Ellis

FALL RIVER, Mass., July 16—Henry Robinson, of Philadelphia, 152, scored a technical knockout over Eddie Ellis, of Quincy, Mass., 152, in the final stanza of a ten-rounder here. The referee stopped the fight when he saw Ellis' eyes were puffed and shut.

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Connie Ryan Hits the Dirt at Third



New York Times Photo

One reason the Brooklyn Dodgers aren't at the top of the National League heap—Connie Ryan, of the Boston Braves, hits the dirt safely at third after Tommy Holmes ffied to Augie Galan at Ebbets Field. The Braves won, 3—1.

Eck, Garrett On Fight Card

SPORTS

Two ETO fistic champions—Cpl. Bill Eck, of Allentown, Pa., middleweight titlist, and Pvt. Bill Garrett, of Braddock, Pa., welterweight king—are scheduled to fight in London over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Garrett, who also won a decision at the Albert Hall against Cyril Gallie, British Army representative, will take on Pvt. Johnnie Robinson, of Kansas City, Kan., on Saturday afternoon, July 31. A familiar figure at The Stars and Stripes Rainbow Corner bouts this last season, Pobliscon went to the semi-finals of the Robinson went to the semi-finals of the ETO tourney, where he dropped a close decision to T/5 Bat Rossi, of Oglesby,

Eck tangles with Sgt. Johnnie Mattar,

of Port Arthur, Texas, on Monday afternoon, Aug. 2. Mattar lost in the semifinals of the light heavyweight class of
the ETO tourney.

Both scraps will be part of the City of
London's Holidays at Home program.
They will be held in a ring crected in the
bombed-out section of the City near St.
Paul's Cathedral.

School Center Angels Outlast Signal Nine, 7-6

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, July 16—The American School Center Angels came from behind to take their sixth straight and 11th victory in 12 games, outlasting a bruising — Signal nine, 7—6, before the largest crowd to see a game on the angel field.

Jughandle Joe McSherry, red-headed sergeant from Brooklyn, started for the

sergeant from Brooklyn, started for the Center and was relieved in the eighth inning after giving up nine hits while striking out ten. Fran Hecker, of New Orleans, who came in with two aboard and one run ahead, squeiched the Signal uprising and then snuffed out the losers in the ninth, whiffing three batters on ten pitches. The victory was McSherry's third of the season against no losses.

Ed Ray Enters Finals Of Junior Tennis Play

FOREST HILLS, N.Y., July 16—On the brink of defeat two straight days, Howe Atwater, of Chicago, finally has been toppled by Ed Ray, of Taft, Tex., 6—3, 6—8 and 6—1, in the semi-final round of the Eastern Junior Tennis

Championships here.

Gene Garret, fifth-ranking entrant, reached the final round by climinating Bernard Barizen, of San Angelo, Tex.,

6-3 and 6-3.

Ray and John Riihiluoma, of Bermuda, gained the doubles finals along with Garret and Bartzen by defeating William Tully, of Bronxville, N.Y., and James Lichtman, of New Rochelle, N.Y.

Sharkey Sees Louis Still Champ

NEW YORK, July 16 — Former Heavyweight Champion Jack Sharkey says that Joe Louis will hold his title after the war if he wants to. Sharkey points out that the long layoff won't hurt Louis so much as it will Billy Conn, because Louis, although losing some of his speed and sharpness, will still have plenty of power when the war is over.

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Minor League Ipswich Swim Results

International League

Thursday's Games

Jersey City 2, Syracuse 1
Baltimore 4, Newark 1
Montreal 9, Rochester 0
Toronto 3, Buffalo 1

W L Pet.

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Eastern League

Eastern League
Thursday's Games
Springfield 1, Scranton 0 (first game)
Scranton 7, Springfield 6 (second game)
Albany 7, Binghamton 3 (second game)
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Wilkes-Barre 9, Hartford 7
W L Pet
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Elmira 40 31 563 Springfield 26 42
Binghamton 39 34 547 Utica 15 56

American Association

Thursday's Games
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Minneapolis 5, Colambus 1 (second game)
Indianapolis 7, Kansas City 0
Toledo 2, St. Paul 1 (first game)
St. Paul 5, Toledo 4 (second game)
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Milwaukee 3, Louisville 3 (cafied, 15 innings)

W L Pet.

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Columbus . 40 35 .533 Louisville .. 33 40 .452
Toledo . 39 38 .506 Kansas City 26 45 .366

Ramblers, MPs Tangle At Liverpool Tomorrow

HQ., WESTERN BASE SECTION, July 16—The long-awaited District League rematch between the — Port Ramblers' nine and the — MP Nitesticks will be played Sunday at Everton Stadium, Liverpool.

The game is expected to be a pitching duel between T/4 Jack Lawrence of the Ramblers and Pfc Mike Even of the Nitesticks. Lawrence has yet to bow on the mound. Even's only League defeat has been at the hands of the Ramblers. In the other loop engagement scheduled, the — Station Hospital will tangle with the — Ordnance Tigers.

The Ramblers' softball squad will take on the — Air Force Fliers at 2.30 PM at Victoria Park.

Hans Crescent Golfers Challenged by Bombers

The American Red Cross Hans Crescent Club golf team plays the — Bomb Squadron in a challenge match at

the Sudbury Course tomorrow at noon.

The Bombers boast such former champions as Lt. Irving Sanow, of Rochester, N.Y., who was the New York State intercollegiate winner in 1937 and "38; Lt. Richard Leonars, of Noshua, N.H., 1936-1938 New Hampshire state champ and 1938 New Hampshire state champ, and Lt. Tommie Potts, of Electric, Ala., former Auburn College varsity golfer.

Griffiss Engineers Triumph CAMP GRIFFISS, July 16—The — Engineer nine handed the Post Signal out-fit a 15—I drubbing to stretch their winnng streak to six out of six in the camp league. Winning battery was S/Sgt. Dill Gyorfie, of Crompton, Vt., and Pfc Chester Rogers, of Chicago. Sgt. Neal Mullimix, of Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., and Sgt. Leavy Davis, of Diro Beach, Fla.,

(By courtesy of King Features Syndicate and the London Daily Sketch)

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were the losers.

ANYTHING!

tomorrow in the first sectional swimming meet planned in conjunction with the forthcoming ETO Swimming and Diving Championships. The meet here, scheduled to start at 3.30 PM, will be held at the Broom Hill swimming pool. The outstanding competitors in this and other sectional meets scheduled for Bristol, Manchester, Warrington and Belfast, will take part in the ETO championships in London, Aug. 8. Following are the four interscholastic compulsory dives which will be used in the meet in the one-meter and three-meter the meet in the one-meter and three-meter events: plain front, plain back, front jack and back jack.

Meet Tomorrow

IPSWICH, July 16 — Seventy-five entrants are expected to compete here tomorrow in the first sectional swimming

Army, Navy Tilt Still in Doubt

WASHINGTON, July 16—Whether or not the Army-Navy football game will be played this year still remains a mystery. Assistant Secretary of War Robert Patterson told newsmen here that the grid classic might be cancelled because of transportation difficulties. On the other hand, a decision would be made "in plenty of time to buy tickets or listen to the game on the radio."

The last statement led some of the newsmen to believe that the game will be played in Annapolis and tickets sold only to residents in the Annapolis area. This year's Army-Navy contest is scheduled for West Point, according to last reports.

Perfect Game for Panyan As Warhawks Rap Pirates

— FIGHTER STATION, July 16— Allowing just one man to reach first base, and that on an error, Sgt. Victor Panyan, of Kenosha, Wis., pitching for the War-hawks, turned in a no-hit, no-run game in yesterday's league baseball game here as his team mates hit hard to down the

Home runs were hit by S/Sgt. Elvin Carpeneter, of Wichita, Kan.; Pfc Al Stienbaker, of Cambersburg, Ill., and Pfc Charlie Kocis, of Newark, N.J., S/Sgt. Jack Joseph, of Wilkes Barre, Pa., right fielder for the winners, hit

three homers.

Battery for the losers was S/Sgt. John Schlomer, of Madison, Wis., and Cpl. Ted Berniski, of Jersey City, N.J.

Phillie Owner Apologizes For Blast at Ford Frick

NEW YORK, July 16—Ford Frick, National League president, has received an apology from Phillies' owner, William Cox. Upon losing two protests, Cox last week blasted Frick with:

"The rule book is merely a vehicle to be interpreted at the whim of the League president, and we have no confidence in any decisions from the league offices." Cox said Sunday, "I regret exceedingly Cox said Sunday, "I regret exceedingly my attack on Frick, and apologize to him

COLOURS RED AND GREEN

by Chic Young

Brooklyn at Boston postponed.

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St. Louis 48 25 .658 Philadelphia 35 42
Brooklyn 47 34 .580 Boston 32 40
Pittsburgh 39 35 .527 Chicago 34 43
Cincinnati 39 38 .506 New York 30 46

Brooklyn at Boston St. Louis at Pittsburgh Other teams not scheduled

Skeeters Sting Bears, 14-6 - GENERAL HOSPITAL, July 16— The Jersey City Skeeters' softball squad handed the Newark Bears a 14—6 defeat in the second game of their grudge series

Tigers to Third With 7-4 Victory Nats Subdue Bosox, 4-3; Pirates Bounce Cards, 4-3

WhiteSox Drop

NEW YORK, July 16—While the idle New York Yankees were recovering from the shock of the All-Star game—not one of the Bombers got further than the dug-out—the Chicago White Sox came along last night to help the Yankee pennant cause by clipping the Detroit Tigers, 7—4, thereby dumping the Bengals back into third place as the Washington Senators edged past the Boston Red Sox, 4—3, at Washington.

Playing under the Comiskey Park are lights, Orval Grove limited the Tigers to five hits as the Sox wrapped up the game in the second inning, scoring five runs. Dizzy Trout took the loss, although he was succeeded by Johnny Gorsica and Stubby Overmire, who held the Sox hitless for the last six stanzas. Grove's last start was a one-hit victory over the Yankees. This was his eighth straight against no defeats.

The Nats' 4—3 triumph over the Red

defeats.

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The Nats' 4—3 triumph over the Red Sox was their first night game since President Clark Griffith gained permission to play an unlimited number of night games. Mickey Vernon, Washington first baseman, drove in the winning run with two out in the eighth. Alex Carrasquel, who relieved Early Wynn in the second, was the winner, while Yank Terry went the distance for the losers. Bob Johnson homered in the eighth for the Griffs.

Brownies Scala Tribe

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Out at St. Louis, Vern Stephens,
Brownie shortstop, atoned for his error
in the All-Star game by beiting his 13th
homer of the year in the third inning
with one man aboard to give the Browns
a 2—1 decision over the Cleveland Indians
in the only afternoon game in the majors.
Ken Keltner provided the Cleveland run
with his second four-master of the season
in the fourth. Steve Sundra pitched the
full game for St. Louis, picking up his
seventh victory of the season while Jim
Bagby, who was the victim of Stephens'
blow in the ninth, was nicked for his
ninth loss. Al Milner relieved Bagby in
the eighth.

Over in the National League, the Pittsburgh Pirates helped the Dodgers by
stifling a ninth-inning rally by the St.
Louis Cardinals to come out on top,
4—3, at Pittsburgh. Bob Klinger, on
the mound for the winners, yielded eight
hits, four of them singles by Catcher
Walker Cooper, who returned to the lineup sooner than expected after his injury
in the All-Star game. Klinger's victory
snapped a six-game Cardinal winning
streak. Maurice Van Robays, recalled
Wednesday from Toronto, paced the
Pittsburgh attack with three hits. Lefty
Max Lanier started for the Redbirds, but
gave way to Murry Dickson in the eighth.

Bithorn Blanks Reds

The revamped Phillies opened a five-

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The revamped Phillies opened a fivegame series with the New York Giants at
Shibe Park last night and ended a fourgame losing streak with rousing 9—1
triumph over the New Yorkers. Rube
Fischer was chased from the box by the
Phillies' four-run rally in the first inning.
The rest of the Quaker City boys' runs
came off Van Lingle Mungo and Harry
Feldman. Dick Barret, going the distance
for the Phillies, turned in his second win.
He's lost one, giving up only one run in

for the Phillies, turned in his second win. He's lost one, giving up only one run in the last 18 innings, Buster Maynard's homer in the third yesterday.

Two big innings by the Cubs at Crosley Field gave Puerto Rican Hi Bithorn his tenth triumph as he shut out the Reds, 8—0. Five consecutive hits and a long fly gave the Cubs five runs in the third inning. They got the remainder in the eighth on Bill Nicholson's 12th homer of the season with two on. Elmer Riddle started for the Reds, was relieved in the started for the Reds, was relieved in the third by Clyde Shoun, who stayed around long enough to give Nicholson his home run ball. Joe Beggs mopped up for the



American League

Thursday's Games

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Washington 4, Boston 3 (night game)
Chicago 7, Detroit 4 (night game)
Other teams did not play.

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Cleveland at St. Louis
Philadelphia at New York
Boston at Washington
Other teams not scheduled. National League

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia 9, New York 1 (night game)
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 3 (night game)
Chicago 8, Cincinnati 0 (night game)
Brooklyn at Boston postponed.

Yesterday's Schedule

Keep Punching, Gen.PattonTold Invading Yanks

U.S. Troops Studied Italian Phrase Books on Way To Hit Sicily

By Alexander Clifford

AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY Headquarters, July 16—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, commander of the U.S. Seventh Army, in an order of the U.S. Seventh Army, in an order of the day to his men just before they hit the beaches of Sicily, told them to attack "rapidly, ruthlessly, viciously and without rest" and concluded, "Keep punching, God is with us. We shall win."

us. We shall win."

When the troops went aboard their craft, they knew almost nothing. Not until they were well at sea—center piece in a convoy screened by American warships all around—did the secret begin to emerge.

There was an issue of Italian phrase books. That narrowed down the choice. For a day, all over the ship, you could hear people running through Italian verbs, pronouncing them with broad, honest American vowel sounds, which I swear no Sicilian will ever understand.

'Attack and Destroy'

Then Patton wrote his secret order of the day and a colonel climbed to a gun turret to read what was written: "We are indeed honored in having been selected by Gen. Eisenhower as the American component in this new, greater

attack against the Axis.
"We are teamed with the justly famous British Eighth Army, which attacks on our right, and we have for an army group

our right, and we have for an army group commander that veteran distinguished soldier, Alexander. When we land we will meet German and Italian soldiers whom it is our honor and privilege to attack and destroy.

"Many of you have in your veins German and Italian blood, but remember that these ancestors of yours loved freedom so that they gave up home and country to cross the ocean in search of liberty. Ancestors of the people we shall kill lacked the courage to make such a sacrifice and continued as slaves."

"We Have Initiative"

'We Have Initiative'

The order concluded, "Remember that we, as attackers, have the initiative. We must retain this tremendous advantage by always attacking rapidly, ruthlessly, viciously and without rest. However tired you may be, the enemy will be more tired and more hungry. Keep nurching. God

and more hungry. Keep punching. God is with us. We shall win."

Then they were told definitely what most suspected already—it was Sicily. The same afternoon, maps and aerial photographs were issued and we began studying things in earnest.

studying things in earnest.

We became familiar with the geography of Gela, a large village which was the center point of the American bridge-

head area.

We saw how the Americans' plan was integrated with the plans of the British Eighth Army and the airborne troops. We came to realize the fantastic size of this expedition. this expedition.

Again and again, we kept bumping into other British and American convoys. One evening, we had three in sight, all bigger than ourselves. They seemed to form a frieze around the entire horizon with barrage balloons floating like black or silver specks in the sky above.

Montgomery on Tour of Sicily



The admiral of this "Sea-Duck" (a 21-ton amphibious truck) is Eighth Army com-mander Gen. Bernard Montgomery, on tour of captured Sicilian cities.

Allies Advance on Both Fronts Against Stiffest Resistance Yet

(Continued from page 1)

coast, it is important as a railway junction where the Catania-Ragusa line branches off toward the big inland town

Palma di Montechiari is an important railway town 11 miles northwest of Licata and only three miles from the coast. Lines run from here to Naro, already captured, and to Ragusa. Sortino is 12 miles northwest of Syracuse. Riesi, 15 miles northwest of Licata, is 12 miles from the coast and on the main road running north to Castrogiovanni. Campobello is six miles west of Riesi.

Vittoria, 17 miles southeast of Gela

Vittoria, 17 miles southeast of Gela, on the Ragusa-Gela railway, is a town of 30,000 and one of the centers of the Sicilian wine business. Niscemi, 13 miles north of Vittoria, is on the road between Gela and the important inland town of Caltagirone.

Several of the villages that fell to the Eighth Army on the east coast were occupied after naval shelling. With this help from the sea, the British beat back the Goering division north of Lentini and several the Goering division north of Lentini and forced the Germans to throw in their 15th Panzer division which they had been holding in reserve. This, like the Goering division, is another unit which was reformed after a defeat in Tunisia.

The Americans also were using naval support to beat back the German armor on the left flank. Algiers radio said that 17 of 30 Axis tanks were destroyed west of Gela.

The Liberators from the Middle East left Foggia "a flaming shambles" after their raid Thursday. They attacked in three waves and dumped nearly 200 tons

1,30—GI Jazz—Guy Lombardo and his Orchestra 2.00—Footlight Parade—Musical comedy selec

tions.

2.30 Northern Orchestra (BBC) Symphonic classics.

3.45—Yarns for Yanks.
4.00—Round the World newsflashes—presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporter.
4.05—Radio Chapel.
4.30—Andre Kostelanetz and his Orchestra.
5.30—Central Base Section Presents"—.
6.00—News (BBC).
6.15—Harry James and his Orchestra.
6.30—Trans-Atlantic Call (BBC)—People to People.
7.00—Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes Sportscaster.
7.05—Crosby Music Hall—Bing sings Touch of Texas and Moonlight Becomes You.
7.30—Yank Swing Session—Glenn Miller, Andrew Sisters.
8.00—News From Home—Presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
8.15—Great Music—Classical Gems, with Walter Huston as narrator.
8.30—Charlie McCarthy—with Edgar Bergen and Don Ameche.
9.00—News (BBC).

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9.00 News (BBC).

9.10 Musical Miniature—Jack Payne and his

9.10—Musical Minature—Jack Payne and its Orchestra.

9.30—Hour of Charm—Phil Spitalny and his alligid Orchestra.

10.00—Final Edition—the latest world, sports and ETO American troop news as presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporters.

10.15—Carroll Gibbons and his Orchestra.

10.30—Sign Off until Monday, July 19, at 5.45 PM.

THIS IS THE CHEAP BURLESQUE SHOW

WHERE OUR COM-PATRIOT, SWAMI RIVA IS EMPLOYED, PERHAPS HE CAN USE US IN

HIS ACT.

on the east coast and Gela on the south | of high explosives and incendiaries on the main airdrome and two satellite fields. The main airdrome was covered with bombs and hits were scored on hangars, barracks and other buildings. Incendiaries fell among 15 enemy planes on the ground and most of these were set afire.

At the two minor fields approximately 15 other enemy ships were left burning and four large oil fires were started. No fighter opposition was encountered and all 70 Liberators returned safely.

Naples was smashed first on Wednesday night by Canadian Wellingtons, many of them carrying one-ton "block-busters." Docks and railway communications in the city and the nearby airfields at Pamigliano and Capo di Chine were the targets. The Naples arsenal was hit, and smoke rose 21,000ft. from the fires the bombers started.

Flying Fortresses striking a few hours later in daybreak dumped hundreds of tons of high explosives. They increased the fires already burning and started

the fires already burning and started many new ones.

Two large formations of Mitchells attacked Palermo, the large port on the north Sicilian coast, over a period of four hours Thursday. They dropped about 100 tons of explosives, started many fires, and caused several heavy explosions, one of which was particularly large. Toward the end of the raid the enemy laid an artificial screen over the harbor to protect shipping and port installations.

Canadians Under Doolittle

OTTAWA, July 16 (UP)—Brig. Gen. James H. Doolittle is in command of the Canadian airmen in Sicily, it was announced tonignt at RCAF headquarters

OxfordLectures

Resume July 20

College.
The subjects will include "The future of agriculture," July 20; "The statute of Westminster," July 21; "The imperial Parliament" and "Local Government in England," July 22; "English political thought" and "Scientific invention and modern life," July 23, and "Latin America," July 24.

American soldiers who are eligible for pass or furlough may apply for admis-sion to the lectures through channels to

Birmingham Center for Forces

community of this city has opened a center

BIRMINGHAM, July 16-The Jewish

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BITS A PERFORMANCE.

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THAT IN HONEST PUPEES?

the Chief of Special Services, ETO.

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AND THEREBY WE CAN EARN A FEW RUPEES TO BUY A MEAL OF

THE SORT OF PLAIN, WHOLESOME FOOD TO WHICH WE ARE ACCUSTOMED --

SNAKE EGGS, LIVER OF ANT-EATER, YAK MILK, AND (SHACK!)

SPICED VULTURE!

70-Ton German Tanks In Action, Reds Report

MOSCOW, July 16 (AP)-The Germans were sending not only 60-ton Tiger tanks into battle, but the even heavier 70-ton "Ferdinand," the Russians disclosed today.

The new 70-tonners mount the same 88mm, gun as the Tigers, but have even thicker armor plate. The Russians say they have found the Ferdinand to be vulnerable in the same places-flanks and rear-as the Tigers and already have destroyed

The extra petrol tank in the Ferdinand often explodes and sets the tank on fire after a shell hit, the Reds

First ARC Club Blasted in Raid

But GIs Ignore Near Miss To Help Care for Injured

By Philip Bucknell

BRITISH EAST COAST PORT A BRITISH EAST COAST PORT, July 15—A bomb exploding not many yards away damaged the Red Cross club here—the first in the ETO to suffer from enemy action—but failed to disrupt the club's normal routine. Within 15 minutes after windows on two floors and internal partitions were shattered, tea and toast was being served to bombed out British civilians and Civil Defence work-

ers.

By the end of the evening 300 persons had been served hot drinks and a number of people suffering minor injuries were given first aid.

As the bomb whistled down, more than

As the bomb whistled down, more than 70 soldiers were in the ground floor lounge. Some tried to make for the cellars, but it was too late. Most of them were knocked over, but there were only three minor injuries from flying glass.

Other incidents: Manageress Muriel Mills was flung into the arms of furnaceman Watson; the kitchen equipment was heaped neatly on the floor; Pop Page, the night watchman, was rattled like a pea in a can between reception counter and the wall, escaping severe injury; and the wall, escaping severe injury; three soldiers who were standing outside the club watching proceedings were blown back through the spaces where the windows had been.

No Panic

"The boys were grand," says Mrs. Helen Johnson, club director. "There was absolutely no panic, and as soon as they picked themselves up they started to clear up the mess. Cpl. Al Schwartz, of Flushing, L.I., ran around giving first aid and then joined Lt. Frank Caufield, of Woodside, L.I., behind the buffet bar serving out everything we could beat up to the civilians. The two of them stood there for five hours without a break."

The club is now temporarily closed, but

The club is now temporarily closed, but there is still a group of soldiers there who have come in from a nearby camp to do have come in from a nearby camp to do
the repair work under the formanship of
M/Sgt. Robert H. Bernier, of Webster,
Mass. "This club means a hell of a lot
to us," Bernier said, "and we are pleased
to have the opportunity of doing something in return."

The soldiers are being helped by six
carpenters from the local railroad company. A few weeks ago the club and the
army was able to aid the railroad, and as
soon as the company heard the club had

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The third series of lectures at Oxford
University for American and British
Dominion troops will start July 20 in
the science lecture theater of Jesus
College. blitz. He says that what has pleased him was the fact that despite the damage in the residential part of the town, the whole of the day staff of the club turned up for work not only on time, but early, as "there was bound to be a lot of work to do," was the fact that despite the damage in

London War Bond School Ends First 10-Day Session

The first ten-day session of the London War Bond Office's "War Bond School," attended by nine officers and nine enlisted men of London units, ended yesterday.

The graduates will deliver bond lectures to the men of their outfits who have regisfor United Nations soldiers of all religions. Located at 61 Station St., at the rear of New St. Station, it is open every day but Saturday from 2 PM to tered for the preliminaries of the "Why I Bdy War Bonds" contest, 'The finals will be held at the ARC Rainbow Corner in London, Aug. 17.

NEWS FROM HOME

Wallace-Jones **Economic Row Haltedby FDR**

PresidentRebukesCabinet Heads for Publicly Airing Dispute

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt in a sweeping home-front reorganization yesterday, ordered Vice President Henry Wallace and Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones to be relieved of all responsibility for foreign economic warfare and created a new office under Leo Crowley to take over the work

At the same time he severely repri-manded Wallace, head of the Board of Economic Warfare, and Jones, supervisor of the Reconstruction Finance Corpora-tion, for publicly airing their dispute over the purchases of foreign strategic

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The White House also published a Presidential letter to the heads of all Government departments and agencies, flatly telling them if they disobey his previous instructions to bring departmental disputes to him before airing them in the press, he will expect them to send in their resignations immediately.

Dempsey Awarded Children

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., July 16—Lt. Comdr. Jack Dempsey, USCG, has been granted the custody of his two children by the New York Supreme Court. The former world heavyweight boxing champion was awarded last week a divorce from his wife, Hannah Williams.

Clothing Honor System

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—
America's outfitters have been placed on their honor to comply with the war-time clothing sales code, which the War Production Board said was designed to discourage "over zealous" salesmen and "excess buying." Adherence to the code, the board said, should help to stave off any possibility of clothes rationing.

Veronica Lake's Baby Dies HOLLYWOOD, July 16 (AP)— Veronica Lake's prematurely born baby has died. The seven-day-old child had been in a precarious condition since its birth, which occurred a few days after the actress was injured in a fall.

Club Schedules **Birthday Party**

PETERBOROUGH, July 16—Soldiers with birthdays in July will be entertained at a party Thursday at 7.45 PM at the Red Cross club here. Program for the

week:
Saturday—Dance, RAF band, 8.30 PM.
Sunday—Dance, "Green Goons," and "Third"
Little Show," 8.PM.
Monday—Movies, 9.45 PM.
Tuesday—Boat ride to Alwalton.
Wednesday—California night, 7.45 PM.

Cheltenham

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CHELTENHAM, July 16—Program for the week at the Red Cross club here:
Monday—Camera club, 7,30 PM; Dancing class, 7,45 PM; Beginners' class in photography, 8 PM. Tuesday—American-British club, 7 PM; Beginners' French class, 7,30 PM; Tango class, 7,45 PM; Movie, 8 PM.
Wednesday—French class, 7 PM; German class, 7,30 PM; Thursday—Dance, 8 PM.
Thursday—Dence, 8 PM.
Thursday—Meeting of tennis club, 7,30 PM; American-British musical circle, 7,45 PM.
Sunday—Plenic, 11 AM; Transcribed concert, Saturday—Movie, 8 PM.

Bristol

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BRISTOL, July 16—Program for the week at he Red Cross club. 19 Berkeley Square; Monday—Movies, 8 PM.

Tuesday—"Long Haired" music, Col. Billy Achtell at the piano and Sgt. Paul Kane singing, 45-7,30 PM; Date night dance, 7,30-10,30 PM. Wednesday—Open house, 8-10 PM.

Thursday—Movies, 8 PM.
Saturday—Tour of historic spots, 3 PM; Dance, 7,30-10,30 PM.

Saturday—Coffee hour, 4 PM; Dance, 7,30-10,30 PM.

Northampton

NORTHAMPTON, July 16—Program for the ceck at the Red Cross clubs here:
Monday—Informal entertainment.
Tuesday—Dance, Dick Brewster's orchestra, 30-11 PM.

Wednesday-Dance, Dick Brewster's orchestra, 8,30-11 PM.

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Thursday—Baseball game, under auspices of The Stars and Stripes Athletic Committee.

Friday—Swimming party. Upper Mounts Baths, 7.30-9 PM; cycle pienic, leaving Market Square, 7 PM.

Saturday—Trip to Northampton cattle market; trip to Round Church; trip to Ward's model locomotive, 11 AM; dance.

Sunday—Cycle pienic, leave Plough Hotel, 10.30 AM; trip to Sulgrave Manor, bus leaves Plough Hotel, 10 AM; tea dance, Munn's orchestra, 3-5.30 PM; dance, Rhythm Pilots, 8.30-11 PM.

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Weekend Radio Programs

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Saturday, July 17

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5:45—Sign On—Program Resumé.
5:30—Rumbia Music.
6:00—News (BBC).
6:15—Personal Album—Kenny Baker and your favorite songs.
6:30—National Barndance—Eddie Peabody.
Hoosier Hot Shots, Denning Sisters.
7:00—Sports—Presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
7:05—Maxwell House Program—Fanny Brice, Frank Morgan.
7:30—Yank Swing Session—Harry James, Tommy Dorsey, Xavier Cugat and their Orchestras.
8:00—News From Home—Round-up of the news in the U.S. presented by your Stars and Stripes radio reporters.
8:15—Dinah Share—Dinah sings I Can't Get Started with You, Honeysuckle Rose and other favorites.
8:10—Yankee-Doodle-Doo (BBC)—Vic Oliver and his Angio-American program.

8.10—Yankee-Doodle-Doo (BBC)—Vic Oliver and his Anglo-American program.
9.00—News (BBC).
9.10—Musical Miniature—Tino Rossi, tenor, 9.20—Enest K. Lindley (BBC)—News commentary from the USA.
9.15—Hit Parade—Mark Warnow and his Orchestra, Barry Wood and the Hit Paraders.
10.00—Final Edition—Latest world, sports and ETO troop sews.
10.15—Saturday Night Variety Show—Hit tunes by the top bands.
11.00—Sign Off until 8 AM Sunday, July 18.

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8.09 Sign On Resume,
8.05 Organ Music featuring Reginald Dixon.
8.15 Melody Round-up-Walter Brennan and
western music.
8.30 Morning Matinee—Name bands play your

PM 12.30—Program resume. 12.15—Fred Allen Show.

8.30—Morning Matince—Name name pay your favorite tunes.
9.00—News—(BBC).
9.15—Music for Sunday—Marian Anderson and the All Nations Choir.
9.30—Sunday Serenade (BBC).
0.15—Maior Bowes and his Amateur Program,
0.45—Sound Off—Your GI Hir Parade.
1.15—Are You a Genius, with Eddie Mayhoff.
1.30—Grandtand and Bandstand—Cpl. Charlie Capps with a full hour of popular music, news, and what-dot.

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