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BIG OFFENSIVE AGAINST ITALY OPENED

Mighty Drive To Clean Up Sicily First On Program

Enemy Is Pushed Back On All Sectors

Germans Fight With Great Vigor But Unable To Stem Tide.

By BELMAN MORIN
(Associated Press War Correspondent)

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NORTH AFRICA, Aug. 2—(AP)—Allied armies have launched a mighty offensive to crush the Axis remnants in Sicily, it was disclosed today.

United States troops have the German north flank, seizing San Stefano, while the British 8th army rolled upon Catania.

The Canadian 1st division, fighting on the left flank of Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery's three British divisions, was engaged in bitter fighting. The Canadians have swept into unidentified towns and villages, official reports said.

While the exact area in which the Canadians were operating was not known, presumably it was somewhere to the east of Agrig, the last town they are known to have captured, about 35 miles west and slightly north of Catania.

Today's communique confirmed the taking of Asoro and Nissoria by the Allies. Asoro fell to the Canadians on July 22 and Nissoria on July 26.

The all-out offensive raged in full fury by air and sea as well as by heavy bombers and naval guns hammering objectives on the foot of Italy and in Sicily.

Starting down almost maniacal German resistance, American troops captured San Stefano, the prop of the Nazi right wing of the coastal road to Messina some 65 miles east, and occupied Mistretta six miles inland, gathering up 10,000 prisoners, announced the Allies' total bag of prisoners rose to at least 90,000.

BULLETIN

WITH THE BRITISH 8TH ARMY IN SICILY, Aug. 2—(AP)—Canadian and British forces fought their way into a mountain stronghold in the Regalbuto area yesterday where heavy fighting was reported while another British force by night its way into the streets of another town after a difficult day and night assault up steep slopes.

In a third major action yesterday another British force beat off a German counter-attack against Hill 224, northwest of a bridgehead the British had established, with anti-tank guns knocking out three tanks, including one Mark VI Tiger from a force of 20 tanks which paced the counter-attack.

Capture of the towns threatens the inland flank of the German lines extending in a northerly direction from a point south of Catania.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

The first body-blow at a most critical and now vulnerable Axis war nerve—Rumanian oil—has been struck. It fell at long range against the Ploesti oil centre to foreshadow what certainly is in store for the vital German war resource once Italian mainland bases are available to Allied bombers, cutting the distance to the target in half.

And they soon will be available. War bulletins from Sicily told Monday of the collapse of the Axis right flank with the fall of San Stefano and Mistretta to American arms. They told also that the British 8th army at the opposite end of the Etina line is in motion forward again.

American capture of San Stefano definitely burns the Axis Etina front in the north. It puts the San Stefano-Nicosia highway in Allied hands at both ends, cutting off escape of German or Italian forces developed through the mountains between.

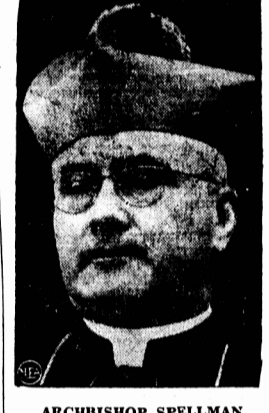
Evidence of that came prominently with announcement that Gen. George S. Patton's troops had taken 10,000 prisoners at Mistretta, virtually midway on the highway between San Stefano and Nicosia.

It is obvious that Patton's men are already surging eastward beyond Stefano, aided by warships in the Tyrrhenian sea. The coastal railroad and highway is in range of their guns and the Axis retreat to Cape De Randazzo bids fair to be costly.

An immediate effect of the fall of San Stefano and Mistretta, however, must be to open the inshore flank of the Axis line based on Troina. That in turn must expose the flank of the Axis forces facing the Canadians advancing in the centre toward an early American-Canadian breakthrough in the centre toward Randazzo and Adreano seems possible. It would unquestionably pre-empt an Axis retreat under converging Allied pressure from the whole Etina bastion position into the Messina Peninsula proper with conditions favoring wholesale surrenders as happened in Tunisia.

That would place Allied troops only a two-mile jump across Messina Strait from the toe of the Italian mainland boot. And with Allied bombers based on the Rumanian oilfield centre of Ploesti, its fate as a power source for the Nazi war effort would be sealed.

Completes Tour



ARCHBISHOP SPELLMAN

NEW YORK, Aug. 2—(AP)—Bishop Francis J. Spellman of New York is back home after a six-month tour covering Africa, the Mediterranean and British Isles and including a visit to the Vatican.

His arrival was announced last night at his residence. The Archbishop, who is Catholic military vicar of the armed forces of the United States, left this country last February on a tour during which he conferred with Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Pope Pius XII.

Invasion Of Mainland Said To Be Imminent

By E. C. DANIEL
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

LONDON, Aug. 2—(AP)—Allied land, sea and air forces have started the final offensive process to force Italy's capitulation and the Algiers radio warned the Italians tonight that invasion of their mainland was imminent.

The week-end resumption of air and naval bombardments of Italy and development of the big push in Sicily ended a period of grace in which the hesitant Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio failed to yield to the Allied demand for unconditional surrender.

A heavy attack by United States bombers upon Naples, fleet actions against three coastal points, the swift pace of the Sicilian ground offensive combined to show the overwhelming power of the United Nations.

"We shall push on inexorably through Italy. You will inevitably suffer all the horrors of war—a war on the peninsula," a broadcast from North Africa warned the Italian people.

All this, the broadcast said, was due to the betrayal of Italy by Mussolini and Badoglio—whom he described as "these evil forces"—and against the hopes of Allied authorities because "we do not want to make war on the Italian people."

Director Elmer Davis, of the United States Office of War Information, broadcasting from Algiers, said the United States would continue the war until the last of our enemies is beaten down and forecast that a great invasion would be launched from England to sweep Europe as Sicily has been swept.

Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, said in a London speech that the fall of Mussolini was a legitimate cause for rejoicing, but only on condition that "we accept this auspicious event as an incentive to a fresh endeavor against Germany and Japan."

A Rome radio commentator declared in an afternoon broadcast that "Marshal Badoglio will bring the war to a conclusion with honor and dignity. Civil war, with its blind and aimless fury, will be avoided."

Nazis Forced To Abandon Orel?

LONDON, Aug. 3—(Tuesday)—(AP)—The Berlin radio was heard announcing that the Russian offensive against the eastern front bastion of Orel had carried the Red army into the city behind the German lines. It was reported that the broadcast might be made in error. It appeared that the Nazis were preparing to give up Orel to the Soviet forces closing in from seven directions.

The German radio as heard by several London morning newspapers and Reuters news agency said: "The centre of fighting was in the Orel area. The enemy attacked with great violence, especially in the southwestern part of the town."

Islanders Among Troops With Master Chef For Cook

AN EAST COAST CANADIAN PORT, Aug. 1—(CP)—If the cookery phrase that an army marches on its stomach is correct, then it should amount to good food, that is, if one good cook has his way.

Despite worn-out jokes about mulligan-stew mixers, it must have been a first class chef, and one with at least will vouch for one cook who now has arrived in British Columbia.

He is Sgt. Edgar Parker, a native of Parrsboro, N.S., and veteran of five years' experience in one of the best restaurants in Halifax, where he concocted tasty dishes for hundreds daily.

Now he is cooking for a Royal Canadian Army medical company overseas, and it samples of his previous delicacies mean anything his "outfit will eat good."

Three Prince Edward Islanders included in the group were privates A.J. MacDonald, of Peakes Station, N.S., White, of Souris, and A.J. Robbery, of Charlottetown.

Report 18 Nazi Divisions In Italy

MADRID, Aug. 2—(AP)—A German army estimated at 18 divisions was reported to be in northern Italy today with apparent confidence that if Marshal Pietro Badoglio surrendered anything, he could surrender only that part of Italy lying south of the Po River line.

Nazi troops have been on the move all during the last week of July—shifting by the Badoglio government, advice to Madrid read.

COMING EVENTS

- Talkies and dance, Bradalbane 8-9-11.
- Talkies, Malpeque, Wednesday, 8-9-11.
- Ice Cream and Dance Corran Bann, Friday, August 6th, 8-9-11.
- Dance, St. Peter's Bay, Friday 8-4-21.
- Cardigan Picnic Wednesday August 4th, 7-26-28-30-31-2-3-4.
- Dance, Lower Montague Hall, August 5th, Webster's Orchestra, 8-9-11.
- To arrive, Bulk Oats, Book now, McCullough & Boyle, 8-9-11.
- Ice Cream Festival and dance Pavilion, Fooks Field Kensington Wednesday evening, Aug. 4.
- Corran Bann Players presenting their comedy drama, Stella Augusta Hall, North Rustico, Monday, August 9th, 8-9-11.
- Box Social and Dance at Pleasant Grove Hall, Wednesday, August 4th, 8-9-11.

Peace March Talk Heard From Italy

MADRID, Aug. 2—(AP)—Talk of an impending "peace march" on Rome was current in Italian quarters of Madrid tonight.

If Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio is much longer on the Allied demands for surrender, said one source who cannot be identified by name, Italian leftists may take a leaf from the Communists and organize a people's march on the capital, Milan and other centres from all points in Italy.

New Record For Air Speed

LONDON, Aug. 2—(CP)—An American test pilot in England travelling faster than sound, or more than 780 miles an hour, has made a vertical dive of almost five miles, believed to be the longest in aviation history, it was announced tonight.

The flight, Lt.-Col. Cass S. Hough, of Plymouth, Mich., technical director of the 8th Fighter Command, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for special attainment in "independent flight research."

He made two record dives, one in September, 1942 when he took a PA-38 Lightning up to 43,000 feet and nosed it into a power-dive for 25,000 feet—almost five miles—before leveling off at about 18,000 feet. In February, 1943, he went up to 39,000 feet in a P-47 Thunderbolt and dived to 18,000 feet.

The United States Army Headquarters for the European theatre of operations in its announcement of Hough's feat said that "although not identical to the surface, some minutes later a patch of oil appeared."

Islander In Air Attack On U-Boat

AN R. C. A. F. EAST COAST BASE, Aug. 2—(CP)—(Advance)—First blood in the war against U-boats since R.C.A.F. were equipped with giant, four-engine Liberator bombers, was scored today when a Liberator in convoy protection was drawn recently by a crew led by a 22-year-old Edmonton "skipper," P. C. R. (Stevie) Stevenson.

The Liberator, commanded by the air officer commander-in-chief, Eastern Air Command, who directs aerial protection of convoys in the northwest Atlantic, authorized tonight the release of details of the first attack on a U-boat registered by an R.C.A.F. Liberator squadron.

The Liberator, authorized to attack sea-lanes, attacks on U-boats have become less frequent the Air Force said, "probably because the undersize wolf packs have retired to healthier waters."

Sub Surprised

In this first attack, the big Liberator roared down to catch the U-boat fully surfaced and almost motionless. It was taken completely by surprise and the Liberator's captain let go the first stick of

Strange Story Of Escape In Sicily

By Don WHITEHEAD
(Associated Press War Correspondent)

NICOSIA, SICILY, July 31—(Delayed)—(AP)—Charles Kloos, a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, told a strange story of his escape from a German prison camp in Sicily.

After a hearty meal, Rohr told his story.

"We left North Africa to bomb a Sicilian town. There wasn't any fuel when we approached the target but our right motor caught on fire and he had to order us to bail out."

The rear escape hatch was stuck but I jumped up and down on it to get it open. That's the last I remember until I woke up with the sun shining in my eyes. I still don't know how I got my chute open.

"I was near Mount Etina and about a mile away I could see the plane burning. I started over to it but when I got near I saw soldiers around it.

"I walked all day and it was dusk when I reached the camp of Mount Etina. I don't have map or emergency rations."

Italians Friendly

"That night I slept on the mountainside. The next morning I was pretty hungry and thirsty. I

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Portable Pipeline Aids In Invasion

NEW YORK, Aug. 2—(AP)—A portable steel pipeline, through which gasoline and water were pumped, was a major contribution to the success of the Allied forces in the Tunisian campaign and now is being used in Sicily with the same effectiveness, it was disclosed today by Alexander Fraser, press officer of the Shell Oil Company.

Details of the light weight pipeline were disclosed in a press conference by Alexander Fraser, press officer of the Shell Oil Company.

It was put into use by the United States Army after two years of experimental work by the oil company's engineers. Several thousand miles of the new flexible line were used in North Africa to carry gasoline and water in separate pipes, said Fraser. More than 50 per cent of the total volume of Allied supplies, excluding ammunition, were pumped by this means, he continued.

The line varied from 75 to 300 metres in length, keeping pace with the advancing troops.

With the automatic cut-off on the pipelines, which have 20-mile intervals, liquids can start flowing immediately after a section is laid, Fraser said. He said damage from enemy bombing becomes relatively ineffective since pumping stations can be replaced within a few hours.

The four-inch diameter pipeline has a 25,000-gallon capacity a day.

Yanks Advance At Munda

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Aug. 2—(Tuesday)—(AP)—American forces have made a general advance around the Japanese base at Munda, New Georgia.

A communiqué from Allied headquarters said the soldiers and marines moved forward from 500 to 1,200 yards. This would bring them to within 700 to 1,400 yards of the strategic Central Solomons air base.

On the western side of the 700-mile southwest Pacific battlefield, allied bombers set fire to a Japanese destroyer off the coast of New Britain.

Fighters shot down 11 Zeros over New Guinea, and Allied artillery shelled the Salamaua air base, destroying grounded planes.

An enemy transport was set afire by bombers and a hit was scored on a tanker in the Buna-Pala area of the Mortage Solomons.

Local Airman Is Missing

Sgt. Timothy Leo MacAskill of Charlottetown is missing on active service after air operations overseas, it was announced at Ottawa in a casualty list issued by the Royal Canadian Air Force. His next-of-kin is his mother, Mrs. Anthony MacAskill of Charlottetown. His father is a well-known barber in the city.

St. Peter's Soldier Is Seriously Ill

L. Cpl. Joseph Darryl Wilson of St. Peter's, P.E.I., is listed as seriously ill with the Canadian Army Overseas. His name appeared yesterday on the army's 35th casualty list. He is a member of the Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Regiment.

His next-of-kin is his mother, Mrs. Nellie Wilson of St. Peter's. It was learned that he is suffering from suffocation from a smoke bomb.

He has been in the army since July, 1941.

His father, James Wilson, is a veteran of the first great war when he served throughout the conflict. He is a member of the Veterans Guard of Canada and is understood to be stationed in Toronto.

The soldier has four brothers and two sisters, one being Mrs. Jerome Louis, St. Peter's.

Nazi Airman Escapes From Prison Camp

GRAVENHURST, Ont., Aug. 2—(CP)—Lieu. Peter Krug, German airman who has escaped several times from Canadian prison camps, was reported missing tonight from an officers' camp in the Gravenhurst district.

Krug, who testified against his benefactor, Max Stephan, in the latter's treason trial at Detroit last year, was swimming with other prisoners and did not report at the roll-call afterward. If he escaped from the camp it is believed he did so in swimming shorts.

30,542 Casualties In Bombed Hamburg

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 2—(AP)—The afternoon in a dispatch from Zurich today quoted Hamburg press as saying 30,542 persons were killed, wounded or missing in the bomb-battered north German port.

Not a single building was spared some damage, the report added.

Casualties were listed as totalling 8,247 killed, 18,681 wounded and 3,514 missing. They said 250 industrial plants and 2,968 residences were demolished and 5,174 other residences were severely damaged.

Nazis Forget Italian Crisis In Bombings

BERNE, Switzerland, Aug. 2—(AP)—Allied bombing blows at German cities, particularly Hamburg, pushed the Italian crisis out of the public mind in Germany as Dr. Robert Ley, leader of the German labor front, gloomily asserted there is nothing to do but "fight to the finish."

"The nation is bound irrevocably to national socialism... wherever the party exists, particularly in Hamburg, it sinks all must drown—there is no escape," he added.

German newspapers admitted the reality and horror of the bombing at Hamburg surpassed "every report, every letter and every imagining possible." Berlin newspapers no longer spoke of courage but said merely "the danger cannot be escaped and therefore must be faced."

The Germans apparently have become convinced that air attacks developed to such an extent that the Allies are opening a new phase of the war.

The Berlin correspondent of the Journal De Geneve said never before has the danger of an air war been discussed with such gravity in the capital and the Nazi press said the whole world must prepare to sustain a baptism of fire such as suffered by the ruined cities in the Ruhr and Hamburg.

Prime Minister King Reviews War Situation

By C.R. BLACKBURN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Aug. 2—(CP)—Possibility of "complete political and social collapse" in Italy was envisioned tonight by Prime Minister Mackenzie King in a broadcast review of the war.

Speaking over the National network of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Mr. King said "it is perfectly clear that the complete military conquest and occupation of Sicily is only a matter of a comparatively short time."

Appalling Alternatives

He said the Italians are faced with "appalling alternatives. If they surrender unconditionally, the Nazis will turn and rend them, destroy their armies wherever they are, steal their industrial equipment and all supplies they can carry away, and occupy whatever part of the country they are able to hold."

"If, on the other hand, Italy does not surrender unconditionally, the war will be carried by the Allied powers relentlessly from Sicily into Italy, from end to end, will become a battleground of Axis and Allied forces.

"No matter what Italy does it is certain that German armies will seize what they can of Northern Italy and fight there in defence of Germany."

Events following each other in quick succession had aroused expectation of Italy's surrender, the Prime Minister said.

A Major Episode

"It may well be, however, that the final act will not come as soon as we might have expected. I doubt if we begin to realize how involved the whole situation in Italy has become...."

"The events there have been of such a character as to constitute a major episode in the whole war. For Canada the period has been one of true historical import.

"The participation of our armed forces, and their achievements have given a memorable and inseparable place in the Sicilian campaign to the name of Canada."



High tide this afternoon at 12:56 and tonight at 2:05. Sun sets this evening at 8:25 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:47. First quarter moon, Aug. 8, 11:36 p.m. Summer tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

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