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ALLIES EXTEND FOOTHOLD IN SICILY

Russians Report German Offensive Blows Dwindle

Reds Launched Counter Blows During Yesterday

Both Sides Claim Heavy Losses Suffered By Opposing Forces.

By Lynn Heinswiler
Associated Press Staff Writer
LONDON, July 12 (AP)—The first week-old German offensive in Sicily, after costing the Nazis "tremendous losses" in men and materiel, has begun to diminish in power, the Russians announced tonight.

All along the 165-mile Orel-Kursk-Belgorod front today the Nazis attempted repeatedly to smash their way to new positions, but each time were ground down by rock-solid Soviet defenders, said the Russian midnight communique, reported by the Soviet Radio Monitor.

Finally, at many points the attackers despaired of their hopes of breaking the Red lines and set about bolstering their initial positions while the Russians lashed out in their own counter-offensives.

The Russians said that in today's fighting, the Nazis lost 122 tanks, 2,822 men, and 40 planes, while the Reds destroyed since the offensive began. The total of German planes destroyed was put at 1,128, 18 shot down today, and 40 additional craft accounted for on Sunday.

Red troops repulsed numerous Nazi attacks on the Orel-Kursk front, the communique said, adding:

Conservative Nominations For 5th King's

Messrs. Albert Griffin, Sturgeon, and Daniel A. MacLean, DeGros Marsh, were unanimously nominated as Progressive Conservative candidates for the Fifth District of Kings at a large convention held yesterday at Georgetown.

Mr. Seymour Knight, Georgetown, president, Mr. Alfred MacDonald, Little Pond, acting as secretary, Mr. Griffin's nomination for Councillor was moved by Edwin MacDonald, Panmure Island, seconded by Roderick MacLellan, St. Georges.

Mr. MacLean's nomination for Assemblyman was moved by Frank MacPherson, Launching, seconded by P. Daly, Sturgeon.

Red nominations were enthusiastically endorsed by the convention.

Addresses were given by the candidates and Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan, provincial leader and Mr. H. F. MacPhee.

Invasion-At-A-Glance

(By The Canadian Press)

GENERAL—Allies advance on 100-mile arc in Sicily; capture 10 major ports and cities; throw back counter-attacks; Allies reported to control air over island; combined naval fleets pour fresh troops into Sicily.

EAST FLANK—Montgomery's British and Canadian forces rushes up east coast; captures Syracuse, threatens Catania, 80 miles from Messina.

CENTRE—Canadian units reported pushing inland from expanded Pachino Peninsula beachhead; capture 700 prisoners Saturday, invasion day, when resistance light; Eisenhower reaches Sicily at Pachino Peninsula.

WEST FLANK—Americans smash back tank-led Italian division, drive north of Gela after taking that port and Licata and its airfield.

AERIAL—Air warfare rises in violence as enemy risks planes in attempt to stop ground forces; enemy loses Sunday 45 planes against nine Allied; Allied air fleets attack enemy bases and transport.

NAVAL—Allied warships and transports in great invasion convoy subjected to first enemy air attacks Sunday; Italian fleet stays in port.

War Situation Last Night

By Kirke L. Simpson, Associated Press War Analyst

As the third and crucial day of the invasion of Sicily by British, Canadian and United States forces drew to a close, it was obvious that the brilliantly-executed Allied attack had done far more than secure its essential beachheads on a 100-mile stretch.

It had overrun the whole coastal communication system, road and rail, from Licata in the southwest to capture Syracuse in the east, severing the southeastern foreland of the Italian island. It also was aiming the four district threats at the plains of Catania to the north where the main mobile reserve of the Nazi-Fascist defence force presumably is concentrated.

Allied official announcements telling of capture of a half score cities or towns in the first rush dealt only with beach-head positions. They left little doubt, however, that the fight is raging now well inshore with good prospects that the whole southeastern bulge of the island can soon be cut and cleared.

An early junction between American forces on the left flank of the widely-based drive and the Canadian and British on the right through capture of Palazzolo Junction, Ragusa and Vittoria would complete the line from Syracuse to Gela and Licata. It would place the Allied force north of the low hill barrier at the base of the southeastern foreland and in a position to meet major enemy counter-attacks on an unflankable front.

The foreland, tipped by Cape Passero, is some 50 miles wide and 30 deep. It appears to be the first objective of the invasion and once cleared to the Syracuse-Gela line would afford elbow room for establishing Allied advance air fields. The next vital step to that objective seems to be the capture of Palazzolo, 20 miles inland from the beach, and the same distance northwest of Avola, just south of Syracuse, also in British hands.

There are road and rail connections between Palazzolo and Syracuse and a highway between Palazzolo and Avola. The first pitched battle beyond the beach heads seems shaping up about Palazzolo and Ragusa, to the southwest, in a British-Canadian pincer movement.

American forces landed at Gela and Licata, however, probably are forging northward on the direct road and rail routes toward Caltanissetta, probably main enemy troop concentration point in the plain of Catania, less than 50 miles distant from American beach heads. That is the most direct Allied threat and American progress could cut the Caltanissetta-Palazzolo highway in rear of Palazzolo's defenders, forcing its evacuation. It is less than 20 miles from the intersection with the Caltanissetta-Palazzolo highway northwest of Caltagirone.

12 Enemy Divisions?

AN ALLIED COMMAND POST IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA July 10 (Delayed)—Allies sources said today that enemy forces defending Sicily may consist of 12 divisions.

The total thus would range up to perhaps 144,000 men. London sources on Saturday placed the total Axis forces on Sicily as ranging upwards to 400,000 men.

Two of these probably are German, the remaining 10 being five Italian coastal divisions and five Italian infantry divisions.

Axis Radios Admit Allies Win Coastal Strip

LONDON, July 12 (AP)—Axis broadcasts admitted today that allied forces had won a coastal strip three to six miles deep stretching almost without gain 50 miles from the Pachino Peninsula to Cape Passero, but insisted that allied forces "have been able only to gain a foothold on a few bridgeheads" on the southern coast.

London military observers were pleased by the swift, low-cost completion of the first phase of the conquest of the bastion 125 miles long, but cautioned that much hard fighting probably lay ahead.

One officer said the Axis "with not more than 300,000 ground troops available to watch 500 miles of coast" obviously couldn't man all the beaches heavily enough to prevent landings—and there is some reason to believe that he was fooled into putting more strength into the Messana (west Sicily) and Messina (northeast Sicily) corners than into the southeast.

"Thus with his forces grouped mainly in the interior he had to wait until he saw where the main allied attacks were developing before he could start real counter-thrusts. If he threw his forces at us too soon, he might have found himself committed to attack on a diversionary party while the main blow fell elsewhere."

Italian Fleet Sails?

From Stockholm through Switzerland came a report that part of the Italian fleet had sailed from La Spezia in Italy.

The swift capture of 10 towns, and especially of the ports of Syracuse and Licata, was seen by some observers as the jumping of the first hurdle, with the allies now able to bring in reinforcements of men and supplies much more quickly. Licata and Syracuse especially give the allies good ports and good bases.

The disruption of Italian railroads in a fearful pre-invasion aerial pounding also was another factor in the allies' success. The Axis was unable to move reinforcements quickly over the bombed lines.

Nazis Say Battle For Sicily Begins

LONDON, July 12 (CP)—The Berlin Radio said tonight in comment on the battle of Sicily in a broadcast heard by the Associated Press:

"Now heavy armored units are on their way to the front line. The battle for Sicily has begun and will continue."

BULLETIN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 12 (Tuesday)—(A P)—A Japanese cruiser and three destroyers have been sunk in a new battle in the Kula Gulf of the Central Solomons, it was announced today.

Many Heavy Bombers Out

LONDON, July 13 (Tuesday)—(CP)—Three more Sicilian towns have been captured by Allied invading forces in addition to the 10 announced officially, the Daily Mail said today in a report from Algiers.

City Laborers Seek Increase In Rate Of Pay

Considerable Business Transacted at Regular Monthly Meeting of City Council.

At the regular monthly meeting of the city council last night a petition from the Laborers Protective Union for a wage increase of 35 cents to 45 cents an hour for the laborers in Charlottetown, was presented by the president, Mr. Arthur Gormley. The request referred to the street committee for consideration.

The financial collection statement at the end of the half year which showed a deficit of \$8,000.00; was read by Councillor Chandler. A by-law to amend the by-law regulating traffic in the city with regard to slowing of vehicles at intersections, etc. which was given first and second reading at the previous meeting, received a third reading at this meeting. The payment of certain bills were reviewed by Councillor Chandler.

When Mr. Frank Wheel is a property holder and a tax payer of this city, and whereas Mr. Henry Gurney is neither a property holder nor a tax payer, and whereas Mr. Gurney is in receipt of a pension from the Provincial Government he resolved that Mr. Frank Wheel be appointed caretaker of the east end bathing houses as from this date. Moved by Councillor Blanchard, seconded by Councillor Butler.

Resolved that tenders be called for the purchase of 38,750.04% 20 years refunding bonds dated

Supervisor Of Hospital Dies

TORONTO, July 12 (CP)—Jane Ruth McAfee, surgical supervisor of Wellesley Hospital for many years, died here yesterday after a long illness.

Born and educated in Woodstock, N. B., Miss McAfee took her nurses' training in Rutland, Vt. During the First Great War, she served overseas with the United States Army Medical Corps and on her return was appointed head surgical nurse at the Hospital of the Good Samaritan in Los Angeles. She joined the Toronto Wellesley hospital staff 18 years ago.

She is survived by three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Aiken of Toronto, Miss N. B. Inverm and Miss Woodstock, N. B. Interment will be at Woodstock.

3 Arrested In Gas. Coupons Fraud

QUEBEC, July 12 (CP)—Three men, one from Three Rivers, one from Quebec and one from Montreal, were arrested during the weekend in connection with what Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers here called a "gasoline coupons fraud," it was announced today.

Police said the men were held for questioning and that a large number of false gasoline coupons, detached from their booklets, had been found in a stolen automobile and that the coupons were believed to be part of a series of 800,000 false coupons.

Differences between real and false coupons had been detected by the color, numbering and size, they said.

Police announced the names of those held as Bernard Heroux of Three Rivers, H. Faguel and Antoine Plouffe of Montreal. They said Heroux had been arrested last week on an automobile theft charge and arrested when he left court Saturday after release on \$2,000 bail.

The other two were said to have been arrested in Montreal Saturday.

Two Airmen Are Killed

HALIFAX, July 12 (CP)—Two Canadian airmen were killed Saturday when their twin-engine SR-10B biplane crashed as they were about to land at the R. C. A. F. station at Penfield Ridge, N. B. Eastern Air Command Headquarters here announced today.

The victims were the Pilot, P. O. M. Hanson, whose father, N. W. Hanson, lives at Lethbridge, Alta., and P. O. Herbert E. Jasmin, whose wife is at (Silver Street) Humberstone, Ont.

The accident occurred on station grounds as the plane was returning after a routine flight, stated the announcement. The two airmen were the only occupants.

Probably 13 Cities, Towns Are Captured

8th Army In Fast Drive To Outflank Enemy; Big Battle Still To Come.

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 12 (AP)—Historic Syracuse and nine other major Sicilian cities and towns have been captured by the combined British and Canadian army and the newly formed American 7th army and tonight the British and Canadian forces were smashing northward along the coast toward Messina, key to the island's defences.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery was directing his forces in a lightning move designed to seal up the cream of the Axis armies on the island and bring a quick end to the three-day old campaign.

Messina is only 90 miles from Syracuse and the British and Canadians already had driven many miles beyond the latter point.

The Americans of Lt.-Gen. George S. Patton on the Allied left smashed the heaviest enemy counter-attack yet thrown in and drove on north of Gela.

Along an arc of about 100 miles, the Allied Sicilian offensive was rushing on. Ten major ports and cities had already been captured, and Montgomery in particular was moving with dashing speed in his drive up the east coast upon Catania, a big Axis military base, and ultimately toward the Messina Strait separating Sicily from the Italian mainland.

(The Morocco radio reported without confirmation that the Catania airdrome had in fact already fallen.)

Between Montgomery on the east—whose seizure of Syracuse and thrust beyond had put him within 80 miles of Messina itself—and Patton on the west, the Canadians were beating forward at the centre.

(Since Sunday night's announcement that Canadian and British forces, both under Montgomery's command, had over-run Pachino Peninsula, including Cape Passero, there had been no official indication of the Canadians' objectives.)

It was possible the Canadians were taking part in the rush up the east coast from Pachino through Syracuse and toward Catania while some units remained back to hold the bridgehead now expanded to cover the entire peninsula area several miles deep.)

Delaying Action

What the Italians and a sprinkling of Germans had done so far was to fight a delaying action, and additional enemy field divisions were expected to be thrown into the struggle soon.

It was alleged that the Italian coastal garrisons had made a miserable showing in the first action. They were composed of second rate

SOMEHOW
A FELLER DOES
N'T HAVE TO
CULTIVATE A TASTE
FOR CHICKEN



High tide this morning at 6:51 and tonight at 8:11. Sun sets this evening at 8:45 and rises tomorrow morning at 5:26. Full moon July 17, 7:21 a.m. Summerside tide 18 minutes later than Charlottetown.

CAR FERRY SERVICE
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY
From Borden — Leave 8:40 a.m.
1:45 p.m. and 4:55 p.m.
Leave Cape Tormentine 11 a.m.
3:25 p.m. and 8:20 p.m.

DAILY AIR SERVICE
(EXCEPT SUNDAY)
Charlottetown — Summerside —
Moncton
Leave Charlottetown 7:50 a.m.
12:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
Arrive Charlottetown 1:10 p.m.
5:45 p.m. 7:05 p.m.

P. E. I.—N. S. FERRY SERVICE
DAILY INCLUDING SUNDAYS
Leave Wood Islands — 7:00 a.m.
and 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Leave Charlottetown — 9:00 a.m. and
1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Detailed Eyewitness Story Of Canadian Landing On Sicily

COMING EVENTS

- "Dance, French River Hall, July 14th. 7-13-11.
- "Talkies — Murray River Thurs. 7-13-21.
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- "Horse Races at Riverside Track, Vernon, on July 21st. 7-2-61.
- "Women's Institute District convention at Brookfield, July 14. 7-13-21.
- "Ice Cream festival and dance Sunset Road School, Thursday, July 15. 7-12-21.
- "Bingo and Dance, Tyrone Lot 65 Hall, July 13th. Good music. Refreshments. 7-13-11.
- "Dance, North River School Women's Institute. Lunches sold, July 14th. 7-9-13.
- "R.C.A.F. Concert in New London Hall Wednesday, July 14. 7-6-13.
- "See Rustico Players in Hunter River Hall. Thursday. Play starts 8:30. Dance after. 7-13-31.
- "Dance Iona Hall Wednesday, July 14th. Note change of date. 7-13-21.
- "Play "Here Comes Charlie" by St. Teresa's Dramatic Club, Emerald Hall, Wednesday, July 14th. 7-12-31.
- "North Rustico Stella Maria Hall, July 13th. Call out the Marines with news and cartoon. 7-10-31.
- "Dance, McLean's Potato Warehouse, Wednesday, July 14th. Two Orchestras, in aid of Souris Hospital. 7-10-21.
- "Entertainment by Charlottetown talent, Kinkora Hall, Friday, July 16th. Dance after. 7-10-13-15.
- "Ice Cream Social at the Tryon Baptist Church Hall on Wednesday evening, July 14th. Proceeds for church purposes. 7-9-13-14-21.
- "On hand Blue Stone Arsenate of Lime. Booking orders for Hydrate of Lime to arrive. Dillon & Spillet. 7-13-41.
- "All taxes including dog tax in arrears on August 1st to Springvale School, will be collected by law. By order of Trustees. 7-13-15.
- "The Presbyterian Church Tea at Marshfield Wednesday, July 14, will commence at 5. Adults 50 cents. Men and children will be on the menu. 7-13-11.

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