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**You Live
Close To
Enemy
At Anzio**

By GEORGE TUCKER

(Substituting for Hal Boyle)

NAPLES, March 19—(Delayed)—

(AP)—To appreciate Anzio in its

entirety, you must remember

that the beachhead is

not a fan, the handle

of which is a

vacuum. The Germans

spread out all

around the fan

and their idea

of fun is to see

how many shells

they can pour

through the fun-

nel.

TUCKER

Naturally, there are a lot

of buildings at the end of the

funnel and when your artillery

fire into a bunch of buildings

some of them are going to be hit.

Right now the argument

on the beach is whether those

shells have a "booster" charge

that explodes under the fan

and whether it is a

vacuum that gives off

scratching noise as the fan

turns. The subject is very

controversial, and old friends

have been bitter over the point.

I wouldn't pretend to know

which it is, but I do know they

always wait until they're right

over your head before they do

what they do.

During dinner the other night

some captain from Boston and

Bravo Pyle of Anzio it was

"Well," said Pyle, "It's the first

time I ever saw a vacuum

through a funnel."

We eat well on the beachhead

Some of the more vigorous come

up with the most unimpeachable

minutes. The other day I was

out with a tank destroyer unit

commanded by Major Edward L. As-

tin, son of Senator Warren As-

tin of Burlington, Vt.

Asst. looked at me and said,

"You like meat? I mean meat

that's real fresh?" When I

mentioned he went on

ACCUSES TO COWS

It's funny thing. There are

cows on this beachhead. Some-

times they get killed. They don't

eat anything you can do some

just won't keep out of the way

of the tanks.

With light hearts we strolled

over to a mess tent hidden in

a grain field and there the

fresh meat we could hold.

The first time on the beach

we were pretty close together, so

each other. But they don't

date in their heads above ground

level. One of our boys wasn't

feeling good.

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Consider Patton

Incident Closed

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Secretary

of War Stimson said yesterday

that the Patton incident had

been closed.

Asked at a press conference if

Gen. George Patton, Jr., had

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