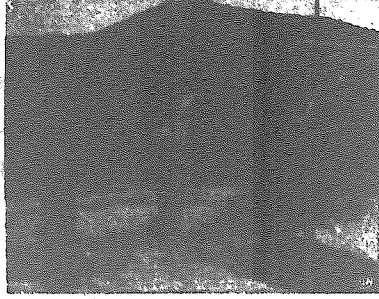


ALLIED CAMPAIGN ON SICILY

Photo-Tour Of Sicily



SOMETHING FOR THE BOTTLE is in the picture which a native of Sicily, in handling out to two dour, weary Americans after they had taken over the town. It's real red wine, and although the trio includes conquerors and conquered, everybody seems happy.



TRAFFIC SIGNALS are hardly needed at this road intersection in Catania, Sicily, but Pvt. Francis H. O'Neil, of Los Angeles, uses regulation traffic cop gestures as he motions along two natives in a donkey cart. Behind him is a wrecked Italian tank.



WRITING ON THE WALL that spells doom to Fascism is read by residents of Licata, Sicily. Written in English and Italian, proclamations posted by Americans inform civilians that the Allies will restore the peace of Fascism and that they will be well-treated.

Back From The Dead: Paratrooper, Shot As "Spy" By Italian Captain, Lives To Escape

By STEPHEN BARBER
CAIRO—A story of how he was captured by the Italians in Sicily, shot seven times and left for dead, and yet escaped and made his way back to the American lines, was told today by Pvt. Michael Scamburli of Albany, N. Y., a paratrooper who is recovering in an Allied base hospital in the Middle East.

Reds Smash Last Link In Northern Orel Lines

Tighten Pincers On German Base

MOSCOW — (AP) — Russian forces crashed through the last strongly-fortified link in Orel's northern defenses yesterday on the tenth day of an offensive that has cost the Germans 50,000 killed and 6,000 captured, and closed their pincers tighter about that city despite desperate Nazi counter-attacks, a Soviet announcement said today.

OTHER DRIVES

Another Russian column pounding to within eleven miles of the key German defense city from the east, and a southern column moving up to complete the three-headed drive, beat back Nazi tanks and infantry to continue a steady advance, according to the Soviet announcement.

Altogether, the Russians said gains of four to five miles were registered in the Orel sector yesterday while the Germans lost 2,200 killed and 13 tanks destroyed, or captured. Prisoners and supplies also were taken, the Russians declared.

The Russian midnight communiqué which disclosed the losses in the Orel sector during the ten-day Soviet offensive, placed German losses in material destroyed or captured during the same period at these figures:

Nine hundred planes, 114 tanks, 102 pieces of various caliber field mortars, and 1,400 machine-guns.

The German raid counted with the assertion that the Red Army had lost more than 30,000 in dead, wounded or captured since July 15.

GREAT BATTLE OF ATTENTION

"From the strategic great battle of attention ever fought," German sources pictured the intensity of the action facing each other along the Russian front by saying they were made up of 600 divisions—more than 2,000,000 men "presently engaged" there.

In the Belgorod sector, 165 miles from Orel, Russian announcement that Soviet troops overcame strong German resistance and continued to advance, the Germans continue driven from several populated areas in that sector. The captives of more than 1,000 enemy dead.

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Guns Of Pacific Fleet Hit Kiska

Seventh Surface Attack of Month On Jap-Held Island Made

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Heavy guns of the United States Pacific Fleet bombarded Japanese positions on Kiska Island Thursday, the Navy announced today, in the seventh surface attack this month against the enemy's Aleutians outpost.

The shelling apparently was intended to hasten the day when Kiska defenses will be softened sufficiently for amphibious assault and a final campaign to throw the Japanese out of the western Aleutians.

The surface attack was made by warships which a Navy communiqué described only as "heavy and light surface units."

Will Lift Coffee Bar

To Be Removed From Ration List Soon

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Removal of coffee from the ration list by the Government's food officials said today.

No final date for lifting of rationing has been set, but these officials said an announcement is expected to be made by the Office of Price Administration (OPA) within the next few days.

Daylight Raids Suggested

LONDON — (AP) — The Berlin radio today reported against the American base on Pininfuti in the Ellice Islands, in the South Pacific.

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Clapper Over Rome

From the window of a Flying Fortress, Raymond Clapper looked down an ancient Rome Monday and saw American bombs blasting the railroad yards.

The most tension, he writes, "was just as we started down the bomb run, but when we were over the target and also in the thick dealing with enemy fighters, as much was happening that suddenly I realized it was all over and everything was all right." His article is on the editorial page.

Old Glory Flies At Capital Of Sicily

Largest City Falls and Whole Western End of Island Isolated; British Breaking Catania Defenses

By RELMAN MORIN

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — (AP) — An American armored division, overrunning a collapsed Italian resistance, has captured Palermo, capital and largest city of Sicily, thereby isolating the whole western end of the island, Allied headquarters announced today.

The fast-striking units of the American Seventh Army surpassed the expectations of even their veteran taskmaster, Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., by racing from Enna in central Sicily to the north coast port in 58 hours.

The American Sledgehammer blow had apparently ended Axis resistance in four-fifths of Sicily.

"Thousands of Italian forces were trapped by the emergence of the Allied spearhead upon the north Sicilian coast.

By the capture of Palermo, Italy's sixth largest city, the Allies gained dominance of the Tyrrhenian Sea, the water approach to the western coast of Italy.

The Axis was "now being compressed into an area in the north-eastern Sicily little larger than Cap Bon where the Tunisian forces were destroyed last May."

The main American forces despite the sweep over western Sicily, were about 20 miles south of San Stefano Di Castellana, where they could be brought to bear upon this remaining battle line.

San Stefano di Castellana, north of Enna, is connected by a major highway with the Leonforte area northeast of Enna.

Advanced elements of the Army entered Palermo at 10 A. M. yesterday, and the Allied headquarters' Eighth Army declared the capture of the city with its two major harbors was completed by evening.

Meanwhile, however, the battle for Catania and control of the Mount Etna area on the north coast of the island entered its second week of unrelenting fury, with Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's Eighth Army fighting closer to the key city and inflicting heavier losses on the Germans but still unable to score a knockout of Nazi defenses.

Recommendations for removal of rationing have been presented to top OPA and War Food Administration (WFA) officials and action was said to await only their formal approval.

Coffee has been under ration since last November. Due to an improvement in the Atlantic shipping situation in recent months, the coffee trade reported that stocks early this month totalled about 450,000,000 pounds. Normally, the United States has a surplus of about 300,000,000 pounds at this time of the year.

The improved oceanic shipping situation also has made it possible to increase the country's imports of sugar from the Caribbean area. Official said, however, there is little likelihood that sugar rationing will be dispensed with or that larger amounts will be allowed in the near future. Great quantities of raw sugar go into industrial alcohol for war needs.

A Palermo Story: Allies At Climax Of Drive That Shows They Can Beat Axis Foes

By DANIEL DE LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — (AP) — In the north rear of tanks and the crunching tread of American infantry filing through Palermo today, the free world can hear the spinning straws of a dice for Axis power over Europe.

Palermo was more than the sixth largest Italian city. It was one of the queenly ports of the Tyrrhenian Sea. It was the civilized heart of Sicily.

It was shielded from attack as heavily as almost any base on the Italian Peninsula itself. What happened to Palermo 1 be-

Conquest Brings Cries For 'Peace'

Demonstrations Sweep Italy; Rebellion Against Axis in Balkans

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA — (AP) — Repercussions of the lightning seizure of Palermo by U. S. forces were reported today from all over Italy and the Balkans.

Madrid dispatches said Italian demonstrators in the streets of Rome, Venice, Milan, Turin, Florence and Trieste, shouting "Peace!" These reports also said that a wave of strikes and sabotage swept the country.

From the Balkans came reports of rebellion and fighting against Axis occupation forces.

Late Bulletins

GIRAUD IN AFRICA
ALGIERES — (AP) — Gen. Henri Giraud has arrived in North Africa following his trip to the United States, Canada and England. He was expected to reach Algiers late today.

MANY CZECHS DIE
LONDON — (AP) — Dr. Robert Ripka, Minister of State in the Czech Government in London, said today that 50,000 Czech citizens have been executed by the Nazis since the occupation of Czechoslovakia began in March, 1939.

HITS JAPS IN BURMA
NEW DELHI — (AP) — American F-40 Warhawks carrying bombs attacked Japanese air installations in northern Burma yesterday and a U. S. Eighth Air Force communiqué said they created "much damage."

STEEL STRIKE ON
JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — (AP) — A strike of open hearth workers threatened today to shut down the Johnstown plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp., which stretches seven miles long and employs many thousand workers in the southwestern Pennsylvania industrial center.

Norway Defense Works Finished
STOCKHOLM — (AP) — German press reports received here today said that fortification work on Norway's middle coast, begun three years ago in anticipation of a possible Allied invasion, was completed recently when the large battery of guns was put in place.

The reports presumably referred to the Trondheim area vital to any defense of Norway and frequently described as "the Gibraltar of the North."

WEATHER

Clear
Light
Saturday
Today's Temp: H. 85, L. 65
Sunset: Temp. 75
Sunrise: Temp. 65
Advisory: H. 9, W. 20
Wind: S. 10 to 15 mph