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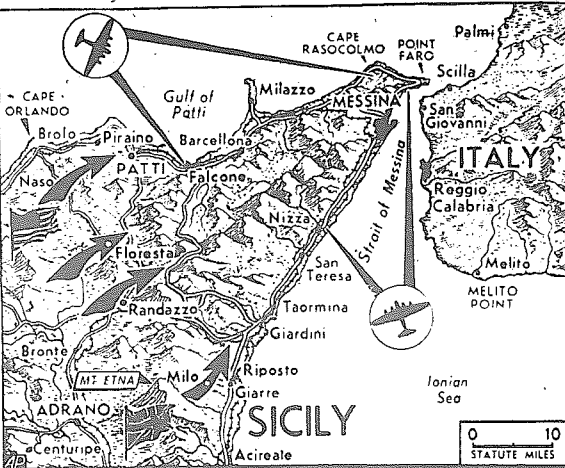
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GERMAN THROTTLES IN FULL FLIGHT AS BATTLE OF SICILY NEARS END

Swift Advance Reported By Allied Forces

Italians Left To Hold The Bag As Germans Flee From Sicily

By RELMAN MORIN
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA (AP)—United States troops were overrunning the Axis rear guard today in the vicinity of Milazzo, fourteen miles west of Messina, and it was officially stated that the end of the Sicilian campaign "is now at hand."



ALLIES HERM IN MESSINA PENINSULA—Evacuating Axis troops have lost Piraino, Riposto, Giarre, Floresta and Milo to American and British troops (arrows), and were fighting a rearguard action along a diminishing front.



RUSSIAN FRONT—NOW AND A YEAR AGO—The Red Army has advanced from Spa Demensk (arrows) toward Smolensk and Bryansk, Moscow reported.

Reds Closing Trap On Germans in Orel Salient

Rush on Bryansk In New Drive
MOSCOW (AP)—Four Red Army divisions pushed ahead from the captured German bastion of Karachev today after severing the last main line of escape for Nazi troops trapped in the Orel salient.

Air Attacks Lash Italy

No Let Up in Steady Pounding of Enemy
By DANIEL DE LUCE
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—The Allied aerial onslaught against the enemy's dwindling Messina bridgehead raged unceasingly yesterday and today.

Yanks & British Unite At Randazzo

Tired Tommies, Yanks Celebrate After Collapse of Enemy Lines
By HAROLD V. BOYLE
RANDAZZO, Sicily—(Delayed)—(AP)—American and British troops held a tired, happy rendezvous today in the ruined, bomb-trapped streets of Randazzo and their occupation of this mountain anchor of the main Nazi defense line after a four-day siege foreshadowed the imminent capture and collapse of enemy resistance in Sicily.

Allies Knock Down 48 Japanese Craft

Flaming Air War Flares in Southwest Pacific Area
ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (AP)—Allied warplanes, displaying in the protection of their ground forces a vigilance equal to the zeal with which they carried the attack to the enemy, shot down 48 Japanese aircraft, 23 of them bombers, over the Southwest Pacific battlefield yesterday.

Paris Raid Reported

Planes Sailed City Places Allied City
LONDON—The Vichy radio announced that Allied planes had attacked Paris this morning for half an hour. The broadcast said two bombers in the Paris area had suffered heavy damage with numerous casualties.

Moscow Dateline

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
Mr. Cassidy, one of the outstanding foreign correspondents of the war, has been in charge of the Associated Press service in Russia since before the war began.

Jap Base Lashed By U. S. Bombers

NEW DELHI—(AP)—Heavy bombers of the U. S. Tenth Air Force attacked Japanese installations yesterday on Chatham Island in the Andaman group southwest of Bombay.

Huge Grave Filled With 5,000 Russian Bodies Is Opened Up

Editor's note: Henry C. Cassidy, chief of the AP's Moscow bureau, reached Moscow freed Orel after a trip to the front in the Bryansk sector under the auspices of the press section of the Soviet Foreign Commissariat.

Big Bombs Rip Milan

Over 100 Two-Ton "Busters Showered
LONDON—(AP)—More than 100 two-ton bombs were dropped on Milan last night, the Air Ministry announced today, as military sources reported the city swept by panic and huge fires.

Milan Makes Peace Plea

CHASSO, ON THE SWISS-ITALIAN FRONTIER—(AP)—Milan workers marched through the burning ruins of their city today to demand the peace of a new demonstration.

Quits Rather Than Drafts

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio—Tom C. Wooden, World War I veteran resigned today as chairman of Wood County's Selective Service Board No. 1, rather than draft pre-Parli Harbor babies.

WEATHER
Today's Temperature: 2:00 P. M. 83
Sunset Today: 6:50
Sunrise Tomorrow: 5:50