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Allies Plunge **Ashore Behind** Great Barrage

WITH THE U.S. NAVY INVASION TASK FORCE.
Sept. 9—(Delayed)—(AP)—American and British troops
fought their way onto the mainland of Italy south of Salerno
before dawn today behind a barrage so heavy that ships
five miles back at sea trembled and shook with the con-

As I wrote this in the first light of day the guns are still thundering and troops hold the bridgehead onto which are pouring more troops, guns and armor from a mighty Allied armada.

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Although the message from Admiral Sir Andrew Browne Cunningham, commander-in-chief of the Allied Mediterranean Fleet, saying the armistice with Italy had been declared was received shortly before midnight, fighting is bitter and destroyers are engaging the coastal batteries. So either the Italians in this sector have not been advised of the armistice or else the guns are manned by the Germans. STORM BREAKS

The storm broke shortly before midnight, after the invasion convoys had steamed across the placid sea with little to remind the troops and sallors that they were participating in a great Allied amphibious invasion to crack Hitler's European fortress.

Endmy plates dived in to drop bombs near our ship and ack-ack brought three of them plunging into the sea. The bombs full harmlessly into the water and our great fleet steamed slowly late the Gulf of Salerno with the dark shadow of the lale of Capri on our left.

From the deck we could see gun flashes on the mainland, and we knew that the enemy had not been caught by surprise and that he was waiting.

Then came the electrifying news of the armistice with Italy. The word spread around the ship swiftly and injected an almost gay note into this solemn business of investion.

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The message said: "An armistice with Italy has been declared. Operations now in progress are to proceed as ordered, but Italian armed forces, including aircraft, should be treated as friendly makes they take hostile action or been according to the control of the contr

FIRE FROM SHORE

We stood on the dark deck discussing the armistice as the hour drew near. But then there were three flashes from the shore and shells whined across the ship. Two more passed over and fell astern.

the Rear Admiral in command of our force.

Our ship came to a halt and then began to lay a smoke acreen, A great fire blazed up ahead and there were explosions in the city of Salerno. Our guns had not fired, as obviously the enemy was carrying out demolitions.

Flashes of kunfire ripped along the const and sounds of explosions and gunfire rolled across the water. Our decrease of the constitution of the stroyers moved into position and began hammering the coastal batteries. A British Monitor moved in and hurled the enemy ared, green and white flares looped across the sky.

At 2:17 the Rear Admiral ordered his assault boats to "go ahead with the landings as planned." And signal hamps flashed word to the troop-carrying vessels.

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The fires in Salerno and south of the city blazed up flercely at times, outlining the dark shadows of boats in the water.

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To Crack Under Allied Pressure

From Crimea Threatened Retreat Turning Into Rout

Nazi Escape

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Into Koll Moscow — (AP) — Battering the fleeing German legions along a 400-mile front from the Sea of Azov to Bryand at the northern end of the Ukraine, Red Army troops have imperiled the entire Nazi declense system cast of the Disper River and are threatening the sole remaining escape corridor of the Crimean garrisons. Stedge-hammer Russian blows reported today turned the German Stedge-hammer Russian blows reported today turned the German Crimean garrisons. The enemy abandoned wast stores of material as they gave up more than 300 towns and village. Upwards of \$200 German officers and section, sale the fally Subject seam-munique.

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In the north, the Germana fell ack from their Deana River demeas near Novagorod Severoky, lere the Red Anny troops aparently were heading for Gonel, to miles to the northwest. This reach of the Nati lines opened the way for an enelteding drive that Ricky, central Dulepper basilons.

Port Is Taken As 5th Army Pushes Drive

Several More German Attacks Thrown Back By Doughboys

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—
(AP)—The American Fifth Army has seised the port of Salerno and thrown back several more German armored attacks to deepen its wedge in the Naples area, Allied Headquarters announced today, while chaos reigned throughout Italy and Berlin reported pitched battles between Germans and Italians in the North.

Smashing aerial ansaults have prevented "the enemy from getting reinforcements over badly-battered highways and railroads" to the Naples sector, and a large portion of Italy's capital naval strength, including battleships and cruisers, reached the safety of Malic, official reports said. Crock Nast annoved units lunged in several fisere counter assaults around Naples, headquarters cerial for extra the said of the said annoved units lunged and the said of the said of the said annoved units lunged and the said of the said of the said annoved units lunged and the said of the sa

Battleships Reported

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Say Royal Pair, Badoglio Escaped Italian King, Prince Umberto And

Premier Reported To Be In Sicily

LONDON—(AP)—The Berlin radio said today that king Vittorio Emanuele, Promier Pietro Badoglio and Crown Prince Uniberto had encaped from captured Rome into Miled-Held Sicily with the King, the head of the Italian the King, the head of the Italian the King, the head of the Italian Covernment and the heir to the Sicily and the Covernment and the heir to the Sicily and the Covernment and the heir to the Sicily and the Covernment and the heir to the Sicily and the Covernment and the heir to the Sicily and the Covernment and the heir to the Sicily and the Covernment and the heir to the Sicily and the Covernment and the heir to the Sicily and the Covernment and the heir to the Sicily and the Covernment and the heir to the Sicily and the Sicily and Sicily a

BTOCKHOLM—(A)—The Germa pattleships Tirpits and Scharnhore



RAF Hits In Akyab Area

Takes Advantage Of Lull In Rains

NEW DELHI — (#)—Royal Air Force bombers and fighting planes, taking advantage of a luli in the heavy rains, blasted river shipping and port installations in the Akyab

Say More Allies On Sardinia

Battleship Sunk In Fight With Bombers

All Ships In Fleet Except Single Victim Get Safely To Allied Ports

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