

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY SECURED IN ITALY

Great Yank Raids Strike North France

Paris Reported Bombed as Swarms Of Planes Sweep Across Channel

LONDON—(AP)—While Allied invasion forces storm on into the Italian mainland, great fleets of United States heavy and medium bombers laid down a strong early morning bomb barrage on Northern France today, it was announced. The preliminary American announcement of this morning's raids did not specify the targets, but a Rome broadcast earlier said Paris had been bombed. In sub-barrage swarms, Flying Fortress and swift Mustangs swept across the Channel under cover of swift-striking Thunderbolts. PEOPLE CHEER Londoners got a view of part of the returning formations, approximately 150 Porters flying northward over the city as persons in the street stopped and cheered. The Paris raid is said in a broadcast heard by the Associated Press to have been a "retentive raid" made on the Paris region, adding that the main target was the left bank of the Seine. The daylight attacks followed night raids by the RAF against Axis airfields and other targets in northern France and the Low Countries. An Air Ministry communique said other aircraft laid mines in enemy waters during the night. The Allied Air Force started their attack at the crack of dawn and observers on the British coast reported that formations of bombers were seen in the night. See YANK AIRMEN on page 11

Germans Watchful On French Coast

Mediterranean Garrisons More Active After Allies Land in Italy

By Associated Press From a country where they watched several hours of the Axis propaganda machine, the Allies' invasion of Italy and German garrisons along the Mediterranean coast sharpened their vigil with a new alertness.

Big Job For Yanks Seen

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Allies Strike Before Foe Can Recover From Shock Of Sicily

By DON WHITFIELD ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—It was only a hop, skip and a jump for the Allies' force across the narrow straits of Messina into Italy on the 10th day after the first doughnut patina marched into the blitzed Messina. The Allies didn't even wait to clear away the terrible wreckage and the litter of enemy equipment on the shores from which they embarked for this great new thrust against the Axis. When the armada moved across the strait under a starry sky with flashes against sparkling the fireflies against the dark hills on either side of

Grand Red Donets Area Offensive Is Reported

Russian Forces Drive Forward

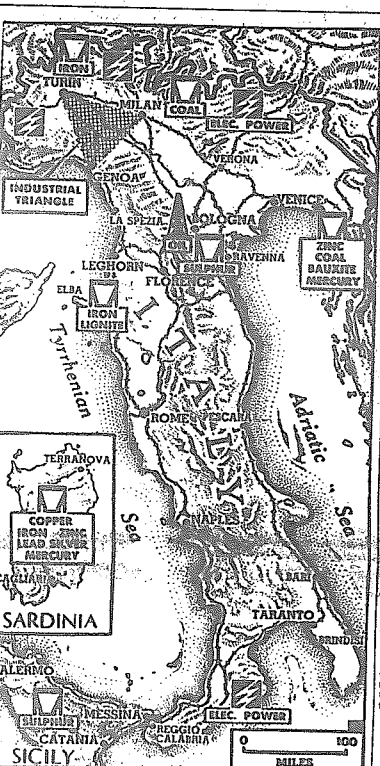
LONDON—(AP)—The German radio announced today that the Soviet Army had launched a grand offensive in the central Donets Basin area of South Russia early this morning. The broadcast, recorded by The Associated Press, failed to locate forward in the area, but more precisely the report said the Russians had been driving forward in this area for several days and yesterday announced important gains, including the capture of the cities of Voroshilovsk, Slaviansk and Lichansk. POWERFUL ATTACK The German announcement said that "since the early hour of today the expected Russian attack in the central Donets has been in full swing. The Russian campaign is being fought by heavy artillery batteries and fighter formations according to the principles of well-known attrition tactics. There are as yet no further details about the course of this new large scale action." The Germans meanwhile felt that before the Allied drive that cut the main Nazi rail link between the central and southern sectors 150 miles from Kiev and crashed into the Southern, German perimeter for a gain of miles. For Red Avians were engaged in the seventh Soviet offensive which threatened the entire German battle line on the Eastern front.

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Germans Expected To Put Up Battle

Hitler Not Likely To Give Up Hold On Italy Without Bitter Fight

By LEWIS HAWKINS LONDON—(AP)—Word that Allied soldiers are surging on to the mainland soil of Europe brought a strong psychological hit today to London, although the news was not surprising.

Gen. Arnold In London

LONDON—(AP)—Arrival in London of Gen. Henry H. Arnold, chief of the U. S. Army Air Forces, landed on the Italian mainland today heightened speculation that he was here to effect a further co-ordination of ground and air forces for an anticipated invasion of the continent from the Southern France to the Balkans.

There is scant feeling here that the Italian peninsula might be taken by default—even if peace were made with Rome. It is believed the Germans are prepared to make determined effort to keep the invaders away from air and land bases the Northern Italy as long as possible. The German strength—probably around 13 divisions—is reported to have been reduced to one-half of the strength of the Italian divisions which fought in Sicily. It is not known here how much See HOT BATTLE on page 11

Reggio Calabria And Scilla Taken

British and Canadian Troops Storm Ashore In First of Several Expected Invasions of Continent

By EDWARD KENNEDY

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—British and Canadian troops, spearheading the first of several expected invasions of Hitler's Europe, won a foothold in Southern Italy today after a pre-dawn crossing from Sicily under cover of a terrific land, air and sea bombardment. (A Berlin broadcast acknowledged that the invasion forces quickly captured Reggio Calabria (population 50,000) across the Strait of Messina from Sicily, and Scilla, small seaport, twelve miles to the northeast.)

(The broadcast, recorded by the Associated Press in London, said one invasion column headed by many tanks already was pushing eastward beyond Reggio Calabria after a stiff fight in which, it was claimed, many landing barges were sunk and "considerable losses" suffered by the attacking forces.)

"Fighting Monty" Leading Attack

By Associated Press

British Eighth Army, about which a great military tradition has gathered in lost days, was the first and spearheaded the Allied invasion of the European mainland today, received its accolade from its usually favored commander, Gen. Sir Bernard Law Montgomery—"Fighting Monty"—last April 17.

Yanks Ruin Rail Line

By NOLAN NORGAARD ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—(AP)—U. S. Flying Fortress knocked out the vital railway line from the Brennero Pass into Italy—the German highway for defense of the peninsula—yesterday in their deep assault on Italy.

Bridge Destroyed

Most of the railway line destroyed when bombs destroyed the bridge at Brennero Pass, and the south was cut by four direct hits. Freight yards at Bologna 170 miles below the Pass were torn apart by great fires and explosions. Bologna is an important rail and highway junction near the center of the northern neck of the Italian peninsula.

Weather

Continued warm tonight... German fighters there... See YANKS WIN on page 11