

Axis Disaster Said Imminent Before Catania

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the enemy will be forced to launch a defensive rearguard action and begin a withdrawal from the island.

Although British gunners had smashed the first-line tanks of the Goering division, the 15th German armored division was believed being held in reserve for further attempts to oppose the crushing British columns.

The 15th division was said to be a collection of units originally destined for Tunisia. Organized after the fall of Tunisia, the units were given the name of the old 15th division which was wiped out in North Africa last May.

Earlier reports said the 15th German armored division had entered the fight against the British along with the Goering division, but confirmation was lacking.

Other British troops ran into stubborn resistance at Vizzini, about 25 miles inland from the east coast at a vital road junction on the second line of communications to which the enemy had fallen back.

The town changed hands several times before the British finally brought it securely under their control, putting them in command of the central highway connecting the eastern and western fronts of the axis. A further British advance from Vizzini would immediately menace the towns of Militello and Scordia at the western entrance to the Catania plain.

Count at Court



Count Alfred de Marigny (right), accused of slaying his multi-millionaire father-in-law, Sir Harry Oakes, in Nassau, Bahamas, strides to court for a brief appearance. Preliminary hearing was set for July 19. A detective (left) accompanies him. Associated Press Telegram.

Sicilian Beachhead Firmly Established by Americans

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WITH THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY IN SICILY, July 16—The American Seventh army, under Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., is firmly established in an unshakable beach-head six days after the initial landing, and has paved the way for a quick clean-up that may see the fall of Sicily within the next three weeks.

The lightning-like landing of the Americans caught the Italians and Germans by complete surprise. One captured Italian officer said his unit received the alarm at 1:30 a. m., July 10.

As the first wave of assault infantry charged across the beaches, big naval guns opened up with a tremendous barrage that caught the enemy rear guard, including tanks, in full force.

Six days after the initial landings, the Americans have captured 16,000 prisoners, 192,000 gallons of enemy gasoline, over 200,000 enemy bombs ranging from 250 to 1000-pounds, innumerable small arms, heavy guns including 175 cannon ranging from 47-millimeter anti-air, and huge ammunition dumps, one of them at least a mile and a half long.

There are thousands of doughboys of Italian descent who are eager and willing to knock Italy out of the war as quickly as possible. As Private Jim Sangemino, Brooklyn, NY, put it: "I hope they put up the white flag but if they are really going to give us a scrap we'll give it right back to them—and about 10 times as hard. When I say that, I am feeling as though I am speaking for just about all the Italian boys in our unit and there are plenty of them."

Sangemino's mother and father were born in Sicily. Sangemino said, "I bet my dad will be surprised to know I am in Sicily. If I ever get into Sicily I am sure I have relatives there. You see, my grandfather had 13 brothers. I bet there are all kinds of my relatives in there."

The RAF's big bombers which have been following a practice of knocking out German war plants in rotation, picked off a brand new target in the moonlight last night, delivering what a communiqué described as a concentrated and effective attack on the great Peugeot motor vehicle works at Monthellard, France.

Monthellard, near the Swiss frontier 10 miles south of BelFORT, was raided for the first time. The Peugeot works are second only to the Renault plant, and since the virtual destruction of the latter factory, Peugeot has become one of the key spots of Hitler's reshuffled war industry. The plant employs 10,000 workers and turned out 8000 to 8000 trucks a year.

Sideshow

Odd Angles
On Day's News

SEATTLE (AP)—A few years ago, Virginia May Hile, now 7, played the child role of "Trouble" in the Japanese opera, Madame Butterfly, here. Now her 14-inch long blond tresses are on the way to make bomb sights—possibly to bomb Japan. Her five-year-old sister, Geraldine, was given the fun of making the first cutting of her hair. They are the daughters of Gerald D. Hile, chief assistant United States attorney, and Mrs. Hile.

VERONA, N.J. (AP)—A complaint about early morning shouts sent police to the Peckman river. There they found eight youths trying to ford the stream in an automobile. The adventurers explained all were about to be inducted into the army and they were getting in a little advance practice in commando tactics. But their car was no amphibious jeep. A wrecker pulled it out of the stream after daybreak.

ROCKY MOUNT, NC (AP)—C. Gordon Smith advertised several months ago in the Rocky Mount Telegram for a truck driver. Last week he received applications from six men who described themselves as over 21 and "definitely exempt from the draft." Each said

Allied Leaders Ask Italians To Give up

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own choice. We take no satisfaction in invading Italian soil and bringing the tragic devastation of war home to the Italian people.

"But we are determined to destroy the false leaders and their doctrines which have brought Italy to her present position."

After the frank invitation to revolt, the message concluded with a clear-cut call for a decision—now.

"The time has come for you the Italian people, to consult your own self-respect and your own interest and your own desire for a restoration of national dignity, security and peace. The time has come for you to decide whether Italians shall die for Mussolini and Hitler—or live for Italy and for civilization."

Baby Carriers Beating Subs

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in to attack. But the dive continued; the anti-aircraft guns were silenced; two bombs apparently hit the U-boat's stern; the raider circled crippled for an hour, then sank stern first.

A seafaring Avenger plane found another U-boat ramming on a course to intercept the merchant ships. Its crew was caught napping when the bomber screamed down in a dive and released its depth bombs. The submarine went out of control and submerged. It apparently came back an hour later and this time was hit by an entire load of bombs directly beneath its stern.

Definitely out of control, it settled, climbed back above the surface on a sharp angle, started down again, came back, and crewmen scrambled outside. A destroyer picked up 21 enlisted men, two petty officers and the U-boat's skipper, thus registering a "definite kill."

That wolf-pack was licked, and more important, not a single sub had been able to get within 18 miles of the convoy.

Gerow Heads US Forces In Britain

LONDON, July 16 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Leonard Townsend Gerow, former chief of the United States army staff's war plans divisions and later commander of the 29th division, was named Friday commander of the expanding United States forces in Britain as they were being primed to strike at the continent.

He succeeded Maj. Gen. Russell P. Hartle, who as commanding officer of US field forces in the European theatre, brought the first US troops to Europe.

The appointment came as a birthday present for the Virginia military institute graduate who was 55 years old Thursday.

Roosevelt Raps French Policy Critics

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—President Roosevelt Friday accused critics of his French policy of spreading vicious propaganda. He said the United States has followed a steadfast and consistent policy—one of working with Frenchmen everywhere who are patriotically resisting the axis.

It has kept aloof from French internal affairs, he added at his press-radio conference, and has not taken sides with any personalities.

The chief executive's volunteered statement was the second time this week that he has emphasized the view that where France is concerned questions of personalities must be submerged in the general aim of beating the axis and freeing French soil from the enemy.

Meat Industry Representatives on Advisory Group

CHICAGO, July 16 (AP)—Fifty three men, representing all segments of the meat industry from livestock raisers to retailers, have accepted invitations to serve on the war meat board's advisory committee, the war food administration announced Friday.

The group will meet periodically with the board to assist in the development of plans for handling the nation's meat supplies.

USS El Paso Launched
WILMINGTON, Calif., July 16 (AP)—The frigate USS El Paso, a corvette-type escort vessel, slid into the harbor Friday night, the first navy fighting ship to bear the name of the Texas city.

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Methods in "picking up" girls grow apace!

There's the handsome sailor lad who stepped up to a nice little coupe in which sat a beautiful girl parked beside a Salem curb Friday. Said the sailor lad—hopelessly and respectfully, "C. Card? Said the girl—nothing."

Two years ago the soldiers who attempted to get two women to invite them into their car parked in downtown Salem would have been throwing spitballs at them instead. The women are high school teachers.

Dempsey's Ex Can't Remarry Without Okeh

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., July 16 (AP)—Hannah Williams Dempsey's 31st birthday was marked Friday by the filing of an interlocutory divorce decree expressly permitting her former husband, Lieutenant Commander Jack Dempsey, to remarry and prohibiting her from marrying again without court permission.

The decree, filed in the Westchester county clerk's office, will become final October 18. It contained no provisions for alimony nor for the custody of their two daughters. The former heavyweight boxing champion was awarded complete custody of the girls Thursday.

Army Lumber Purchases Localized

WASHINGTON, July 16 (AP)—The bulk of lumber purchases heretofore made by the army engineers for the army and several government departments will be made locally in the future by the using agency, the war department announced Friday.

Except for Douglas fir, western pine and tidewater red cypress, softwoods will be purchased in the field by the different branches of the army and bureau of the navy, and by the maritime commission, war shipping administration and defense plant corporation, up to a total of 500,000 feet a month. Requisitions for less than 250,000 feet will not be filed with the central procuring agency operated by the engineers.

The revised procedure, said the department, resulted from the shift in requirements from lumber for construction to lumber for packaging. Construction lumber requirements have dropped approximately 90 per cent, but at the same time the multiplying demands for lumber for boxing, crating and dunnage will result in total requirements substantially the same as a year ago, with increases expected.

Man Arrested Here

Oscar Raymond Whitford, alias Ray O. Whiteford, for whom a warrant charging obtaining property by false pretenses had been issued here, was arrested Friday night in Klamath Falls by state police, the Marion county sheriff's office was informed this morning.

Rangers Fierce Fighting Team Led by Fighting Commander

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WITH THE AMERICAN 7TH ARMY IN SOUTHERN SICILY, July 15 (Delayed) (AP)—Invasion highlights:

Ever hear of a soldier turning down a promotion? Lt. Col. William O. Darby, leader of the famous American Rangers, accepted

a distinguished service cross from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., yesterday, but declined his offer of a full colonelcy and the command of an infantry combat team.

It was the third time the young ranger chieftain from Fort Smith, Ark., had turned down similar offers. Twice during the Tunisian campaign he selected offers to command combat teams. "I feel I can do more good with my ranger boys than I could with a combat team," he explained.

His rangers idolize Darby because he fights by their side—or ahead of them—in every action. He waded into several scraps as his men swept through Gela on the invasion day, capturing 500 prisoners. Darby and 18 rangers cornered 52 Italian officers in one hotel and went in after them with hand grenades and automatics. When it was all over the surviving Italians came out with their hands up.

One ranger sergeant received an abdomen wound in a blast of gunfire that killed his captain. Covering the wound with his hand the sergeant led his men up the beaches and helped them take their next objective. A lieutenant finally persuaded him to go back to a first aid station for treatment.

"Hell, I'm not helpless yet," said the sergeant. "Give me some prisoners to guard or something."

Two rangers, Captain Jack Street and Sergeant Shirley Jacob, were all out of ammunition except for a 15-pound charge of TNT when they saw an Italian tank rolling through Gela.

They ran up to the top of a building and when the tank passed directly beneath them they dropped the TNT on it.

"It was a neat and simple job," said Street.

Illness Sends Fonda Accuser To Hospital

LONG BEACH, Calif., July 16 (AP)—Municipal Judge Charles D. Wallace Friday dismissed a bench warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Barbara Jean Thompson, plaintiff in a paternity suit against screen actor Henry Fonda, accusing her with failing to appear for trial on charges of disorderly conduct and vagrancy.

The dismissal followed a statement of Mrs. Thompson's attorney, Julian Van Dyke, that she was in a hysterical condition in a hospital as a result of the paternity suit she filed against Fonda earlier this week.

Program Planned

Recordings by the Boston symphony orchestra of "Peter and the Wolf," story told to music, will be presented at this morning's 10 o'clock story hour at the Salem public library as a feature of the program.

The Law Obliges



Policeman Thomas Doyle (left) and Sgt. Eugene McNally turn their backs as little Diane Charles, 3½, starts to don makeshift clothing which they obtained when they found her without any on a busy north side Chicago street. She spent three hours in the police station before her mother called, trying to find her. She was returned to her home less than a block from the place the police spotted her. Associated Press Telegram.

STATE

IT'S A HORSE-LAUGH TODAY ON THE BOYS WHEN THEY TRY TO OUT-BOOK THE BOOKIES!

Mat. 1:00 Today Tomorrow

ABBOTT COSTELLO

JOHN RYAN'S

It Ain't Hay

Rev. Williams and Bill Henry in "FALSE FACES"

LAST DAY
Richard Dix in "Tombstone Town Too Tough to Die"
—and—
"BLONDIE FOR VICTORY"
Added
"Valley of Vanishing Men"

MIDNITE SHOW TONIGHT
Sun. Mon. Tues. Wed.

AIR FORCE

JOHN GARFIELD · GIG YOUNG

HARRY CAREY · GEORGE TOBIAS

He was weak in the knees from LOVE... weak in the head from DEATH... and you will be weak in the ribs from MIRTH!

THE Daring Young Man

JOE E. BROWN

Maryonette Chapman · William Wright

LIBERTY

Downs German



Lt. Charles B. Hall (above) of Brazil, Ind., is credited as the first American pilot to destroy an enemy plane in combat. Flying a Warhawk in a squadron meeting Mitchell bombers attacking Castelvetrano field in Sicily, Hall shot down a German fighter in a group of 25 that engaged the allied formation.