

Allies Capture Vital Hub City And Drive On

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Drawing northeastward apparently for a last stand in the Messina area or below there on the 55-mile road leading to Catania.

The fall of Enna, a war prize through the centuries, isolated large numbers of axis troops in western Sicily whose only effective means of escape is along a northern coastal road 30 miles above the advancing Americans and Canadians.

Catania's defenders also were cut off from inland Sicily except for that circuitous northern road, and presumably some of the Canadians have turned eastward to outflank the Germans on the coast who were fighting one of the most furious battles since their unsuccessful stand at the Mareh line in southern Tunisia.

Ahead of the allied columns splitting Sicily in half raced arm-strafing the enemy's road of retreat. But the targets were becoming so slim in Sicily for the allied airmen they were raising their sights generally to attack Sardinia, island above Sicily, and airports on the southern Italian mainland.

Italian prisoners captured in central Sicily also declared that German forces had sped eastward. They complained that the axis were deserting them, grabbing all transport and leaving them afoot, but it was likely that the Germans were concentrating their forces in the vital Catania sector.

The toll of prisoners was well beyond 35,000, the figure announced two days ago, as the Americans and Canadians quickly reduced Enna which in ancient times held out against the Saracens for 31 years.

Enna was a rich prize because it controls the main highway and railroad lines radiating to all corners of the mountainous island. The Americans first had taken Caltanissetta to the southwest, and the Canadians had topped Piazza to the southeast. Both towns are 10 to 12 miles from Enna.

Dispatches from correspondents with the British fleet told of day-long naval bombardments of Catania and German concentrations west of the city. The plain below the city was strewn with axis dead and wrecked tanks as the British pressed their assaults.

(Rome announced the evacuation of Enna, and Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, Berlin radio commentator, said it was in line with an axis plan of "disengaging movements" — the customary axis term of retreat.

(Berlin broadcasts recorded by the Associated Press also said that Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery was reinforcing his troops assaulting Catania's defenses, and one "front line" German reporter gave this version of the conflict there:

"Day by day the calm of the sea is rent by broadsides from enemy ships. The houses of the dying city of Catania collapse groaning. Again and again the ruins are hit.

"The important bridge to the southwest, however, has not yet been hit. Four times it has changed hands in the last few days. Montgomery throws in wave upon wave of armor to capture this funnel . . . but our guns shoot down tank after tank. Between Lentini and Catania alone the wrecks of 80 English tanks litter the countryside.")

ON the HOMEFRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

"Now, do a column about it," said Mrs. L. V. Benson. "What will you write about this?" asked Mrs. Ira Darby. Mrs. Laban Steeves, to whom I confided my birth date and home telephone number, and Mrs. Elmer Wooton, who was getting equally revealing facts from dark-haired little Mrs. Neiger beside me, were silent on the subject of whether or not I should "sound off" about blood donations.

After all, everyone else did it before I discovered I had enough of that good red commodity to spare. And everyone knows by now that it neither hurts nor damages the human frame to share a pint at a time the life-carrying liquid.

Fact is, everywhere you turn you can see the little bronze pin that proclaims its wearer a Red Cross blood donor.

But not very many people had as much fun during the blood-letting process as did the plump man who was led to the cot beside mine to "recuperate" for a few minutes before breakfast.

When the pretty nurse grasped his wrist to take his pulse, he moaned "Oh, nurse, I feel terrible," but he grinned right along with the rest of us when she explained she hadn't time to hold his hand or rub his forehead.

And when a nurse's aide walked beside him in to the long breakfast table, several of us wondered what would happen if he should faint and fall on her. But he was thinking of other things. "See!" said he proudly, "I can take it—not even a scar," and he rolled his sleeve down over a good right arm. I happened to recall and it shortly dawned on his friends that, while the rest of us had been tapped from the right arm he had donated from the left.

"Personal experiences?" you ask. "Faint?" Sure, I nearly keeled over when I found out that an hour after enjoying fruit juice, coffee and doughnut as the guest of the Red Cross, I could put down \$1.05 worth of breakfast in a downtown restaurant!

Rev. W. D. Hall Gets Pastorate At Memorial

Rev. Willard D. Hall, now serving the Beaverbrook Congregational church, has accepted the unanimous call tendered him by Knight Memorial congregation of Salem and will arrive to take over this pastorate September 1, Roy Harland, chairman of the pulpits supply committee, announced Wednesday.

Hall, whose family consists of wife and 8 and 10-year-old daughters, succeeds Rev. H. C. Stover, who left Salem this summer after many years with the Knight Memorial church, to become minister to the Enterprise congregation. Rev. George H. Quigley, retired Methodist minister, is filling the pulpit until the arrival of Mr. Hall.

Minesweeper Readied

ASTORIA, July 21—(P)—The Astoria Marine Construction company started outfitting Wednesday its 11th minesweeper for the navy. The craft was launched yesterday.

Byrnes Hopes To Release Civilian Goods

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partment's new office of foreign economic operation under Dean Acheson already has appointed three "area directors" to unify American economic activities primarily in liberated regions, including North Africa.

3—Announced the appointment of John M. Hancock, New York industrial banker, to take charge of "progress report" on the sweeping revision of departmental procurement schedules.

4—Said he had asked Rubber Director William M. Jeffers for complete information on what has been done and what is expected in the synthetic rubber production program. This was in response to a question on whether this program is coming up to original expectations.

He said the aim of the war material procurement study is to see whether need for some things no longer exists or whether more of something else is required.

Key German Base Menaced

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now was being hauled into position to shell Orel.

A second army driving in from the east "occupied over 50 populated places," said the communists, recorded by the Soviet monitor. These included the district center and railway station of Mokhovaya and the railway station of Zolotarevo, 11 miles east of Orel. Five of the captured localities were described as large.

The third Russian army driving up from the south was meeting the toughest German opposition. "In the face of heavy fire, enemy resistance and counter attacks, our troops forged ahead," the Russians said.

The threat was imminent to Orel but an equally important German base and rail hub at Bryansk was also imperiled. A Russian column had captured Buky and was within five miles of the crucial railway linking Bryansk to Orel. Buky is about 40 miles to the west of Orel.

For the second day the Russians said their troops had advanced in the Belgorod region 165 miles south of Orel. It was there that the Germans scored their lone advances in the abortive offensive they launched July 5, only to have their shock absorbed and reversed by the red army.

US Envoy Dies

LISBON, July 21—(P)—Bert Fish, US minister to Portugal, who had been ailing for several months, died Wednesday. Few even in the legation knew he was so seriously ill, as he had given instructions not to let anyone know he was confined to bed.

Army Starts Maneuvers In Oregon

HEADQUARTERS, CENTRAL OREGON MANEUVER AREA, CAMP ABBOT, July 21—(P)—Seasoned soldiers of a field signal corps construction battalion were learning Wednesday how to do their job in the rough, rocky central Oregon army maneuver area.

The battalion has found establishment of communications in this country much different from that in the desert where it has long been stationed.

Volcanic central Oregon rock dells tools quickly, slow progress. Blasting the battalion discovered, is necessary to provide holes for setting up about 80 percent of the poles. Demolition squads have been assigned for this work.

Yanks Blast Bairoko Base

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placed the Americans well within the Japanese perimeter of defense covering the Munda airbase and the counter-attack was believed to have taken place there.

At the other end of the 700-mile battlefield, sharp fighting was reported in the heavily-wooded hills along the Komiatum track south of Salamaua, one of the Japanese bases on the coast of New Guinea.

Allied bombers were busy all along the New Guinea coast from Salamaua to Madang, about 300 miles up the coast. Military installations, buildings and bivouac areas were bombed and strafed, with a particularly intensive attack against Madang.

Washington City Restricts Foreigners

DAYTON, Wash., July 21—(P)—An order by city authorities restricting the movement of imported Mexican and Japanese-American laborers brought the closing Wednesday of the Blue Mountain Canneries, Inc., plant here after a work stoppage by the protesting workers.

The original order Tuesday which provided the racial controversy, prohibited any movement by the Mexicans or Japanese-Americans in residential districts and restricted them to the farming town's main street. It was issued by the mayor, police chief and county sheriff. Tonight, however, the officers reported a modification of the order, to forbid the wandering of any person in the residential districts at night without legitimate excuse.

Coal Redirected

WASHINGTON, July 21—(P)—In the second action of the kind within a week, Secretary Ickes Wednesday ordered 58,500 tons of coal diverted from other uses to two steel companies.

'Wolf Pack' Losing Howl

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to cut the mileage of either gasoline or tires.

Evidence indicating that owners of cars have gasoline to waste would necessarily influence the board in granting or refusing to grant any additional ration, he said.

Two arrests growing out of the Friday night escape left Reginald Alford, known here previously as "Polecat" Turner, in the county jail to serve a 90-day sentence for disorderly conduct, while Chester Teeter paid a fine for parking on a highway.

Members of the self-styled "Wolves on the Home Front," allegedly in the group which waited on the night deputy in the sheriff's office and suggested that they might come 300 strong to demand a visit with their imprisoned comrade a few hours after his arrest, the next day spoke of him as a "new" member who had got out of line.

Wednesday, members of the Wolf pack drove cars minus white stripes, bearing instead less spectacular gilt lettering.

Liquor Theft Charged to Railway Men

PORTLAND, July 21—(P)

Three Union Pacific railroad employees Wednesday were charged with stealing \$2000 worth of whiskey in transit to the Oregon liquor control commission.

Russell P. Kramer, chief of the FBI office here, said the three men are Everett Mettaker, Marvill Willis and Virgil Wilcox, all held in the county jail at Baker.

Kramer said the 68 cases of whiskey were taken from a railroad car at Huntington.

Meanwhile, Administrator Ray Conway of the commission announced that 51 cases of miscellaneous liquors had been seized here Saturday at the home of Hubert Witzel, who was arrested on an unlawful possession charge. Conway said most of the liquor had been brought illegally from California.

OPA Reveals \$4 Newsprint Price Boost

WASHINGTON, July 21—(P)

The office of price administration and the Canadian price board announced jointly that the ceiling price of standard newsprint paper will go up \$4 a ton on September 1.

The joint announcement said other grades of newsprint will increase by similar amount and prices in Canada will be affected the same as in this country. The agencies said they were announcing the price "well ahead of the effective date for the convenience of both the newspaper publishers and the newsprint producers concerned."

For standard newsprint, the boost will bring the manufacturer's ceiling "port price" to \$58 a ton. Side-run newsprint also will advance to \$58 and "super-standard" newsprints will go up to \$61.50 a ton, also on a "port price" basis.

Governor on Timber Group

ANNAPOLIS, Md., July 21—(P)

Gov. Earl Snell of Oregon has been named chairman of a forestry committee of the council of state governments, Gov. Herbert R. O'Connor of Maryland announced Wednesday.

The committee will study timber land problems and make recommendations at the next conference of the council of state governments as to the most effective course to be pursued.

Davis Bound For England

NEW YORK, July 21—(P)—Elmer Davis, director of the office of war information, is en route to London to coordinate the news service from the fighting fronts.

An NBC correspondent said Wednesday night in a broadcast from London.

"He was here yesterday," the NBC correspondent in Reykjavik reported, "and visited with the director of the local OWI office and Maj. Gen. Keene," commanding officer of the American garrison.

UMW Signs Wage Boost Contract

WASHINGTON, July 21—(P)

John L. Lewis' mine workers signed Wednesday a contract granting 35,000 Illinois coal miners an increase of about \$3 a day in pay—\$1 more than Lewis originally demanded unsuccessfully for the nation's 500,000 miners.

The two-year pact with the Illinois coal operators' association, however, still hinges on approval by the war labor board and other government stabilization agencies and on an increase in the ceiling price of coal to compensate for the wage increases.

Government sanction of the agreement, effective from April 1, 1943 to March 31, 1945, presumably would give Lewis an opening wedge to line up other operators, on a regional, piecemeal basis.

The contract provides \$1.25 a day for portal-to-portal (underground travel) pay, chief issue in a bitter wage dispute that thrice resulted in closing the nation's coal pits.

In addition, it lengthens the UMW's usual seven-hour day and 35-hour week to provide an eight-hour day and a 48-hour week. Time and a half will be paid for the eighth hour on five days and for the full eight hours on the sixth day.

Ott Triples to Bring in Run

ST. LOUIS, July 21—(P)—Mel Ott, the slugging manager of the New York Giants, is renowned for his home run hitting but he got a lesser blow today that must have given him some satisfaction.

In the first inning of the second game against the St. Louis Cardinals he drove in a run with a triple, his first three-bagger in three years.

Portlander Visits

MT. ANGEL—Mrs. Agnes Walsh of Portland spent the weekend here with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rose Appleby, and attended the reception in honor of Father Alcun Sunday afternoon.

Salem WAC Recruiter Tells of Work

WACs are called upon to make sacrifices but "they begged for the chance" and in return they receive opportunity for valuable training, for travel, for physical and mental development and for worthwhile service in the nation's gravest crisis, Lt. Lillian Gerrick, WAC recruiting officer, declared in addressing the Salem Rotary club members at their Wednesday luncheon.

Creation of a women's corps which is an integral part of the army was necessary, Lt. Gerrick explained, for the reason that many of the tasks the WACs are called upon to perform can be assigned only to persons subject to military discipline. The uniforms and drilling also are utilitarian and not for show, she added.

Tasks are waiting, the speaker emphasized, for thousands of WACs as soon as they can be made available, and eligible women of this community should be encouraged to enlist.

US Invasion Money Printed

WASHINGTON, July 21—(P)—New invasion money is rolling off the presses at the government's bureau of engraving and printing, it was learned Wednesday.

Details were lacking, but presumably the currency carries some distinguishing characteristics such as the gold seal imprinted on the money used in the invasion of North Africa.

There have been no reports of the use of invasion money in Sicily.

Algiers Tells Of Evacuation

LONDON, Thursday, July 22 (P)—The Algiers radio said today that reports from Sicily indicated the axis forces had evacuated Palermo, Trapani and Marsala.

There was no immediate confirmation here of the reports. The broadcast also said that the Eighth army still was engaged in fierce fighting on the approaches to Catania, but that the fall of the port could not be delayed much longer.

Aircraft Engineer from Georgia is now a "BROWN DERBY MAN"



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