

Sicily Defense Demoralized; Catania Falls

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back in the face of American artillery fire.

The German 29th motorized division is called the "Eight Ball Outfit" by Americans because of the numerous "semi-Nordic" races including Poles in its ranks, and they have no love for the axis cause, or Hitler.

The Germans are estimated to have about 100 tanks left—and are far outnumbered by the allied armored force.

The rocky, rugged eastern face of Mt. Etna was militarily a lost cause to the Hermann Goering division and survivors of half a dozen parachute battalions compelled to flee Catania. Their next determined stand, however, might be made at Taormina, already repeatedly plowed up by shells from British warships and bombs from allied air fleets.

Taormina is midway from Catania to Messina.

Practically all of the circular road about Mt. Etna was expected to be in allied hands soon with possibly big batches of prisoners. Such towns as Biancavilla, Adrano, Bronte and Randazzo aside this artery faced allied occupation.

Crushing back the Germans from the former central sector of the bridgehead, British and Canadians were giving strong support to American forces held up three days in the Troina area northwest of Mt. Etna by the maniacal resistance of the German 29th motorized division, whose namesake was annihilated at Stalingrad.

On the shore of the Tyrrhenian sea, Americans supported by crack gunners of US cruisers and destroyers engaged in a battle for San Fratello some 55 miles west of Messina.

Strong American forces were fighting tonight within two miles of the vital road junction of San Fratello. Its capture would cut off one of the last lateral roads still held by the enemy in their rapidly diminishing Sicilian bridgehead.

A poor but vital mountainous road connects San Fratello with Cesaro, some six miles ahead of the fighting in the Troina area.

Duplicating their superb gunnery when they helped smash the Goering division tank attack at Gela bay on the second day of the invasion, American warships gave this coastal column of Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.'s, Seventh army tremendously effective cooperation from the flank.

Catania, although damaged by naval and air bombardments which denied its use to the enemy as a port since the third day of the allied invasion, was expected quickly to become a major supply base for future operations which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in a recent message plainly told the Italian people would be directed against their mainland.

Gerbini's big air base and network of nine satellite fields 12 miles west of Catania now are completely available for allied air forces which are dividing their fiery offensive between direct support of ground troops in Sicily and longer smashes at Naples and rail communications from there to the Messina strait.

The German command already has seen the hopeless character of the rearguard action in Sicily and for nearly a week has been removing supply and service troops to the mainland in a small but steady withdrawal across the narrow Messina strait.

Tiny surface craft beaching on the coast well distant from ordinary harbors have been transporting this growing stream of enemy evacuees, mostly at night, it was learned.

Allied destroyers and torpedo boats constantly dart into the strait on patrols, but even continual air patrols are unable completely to check the withdrawals.

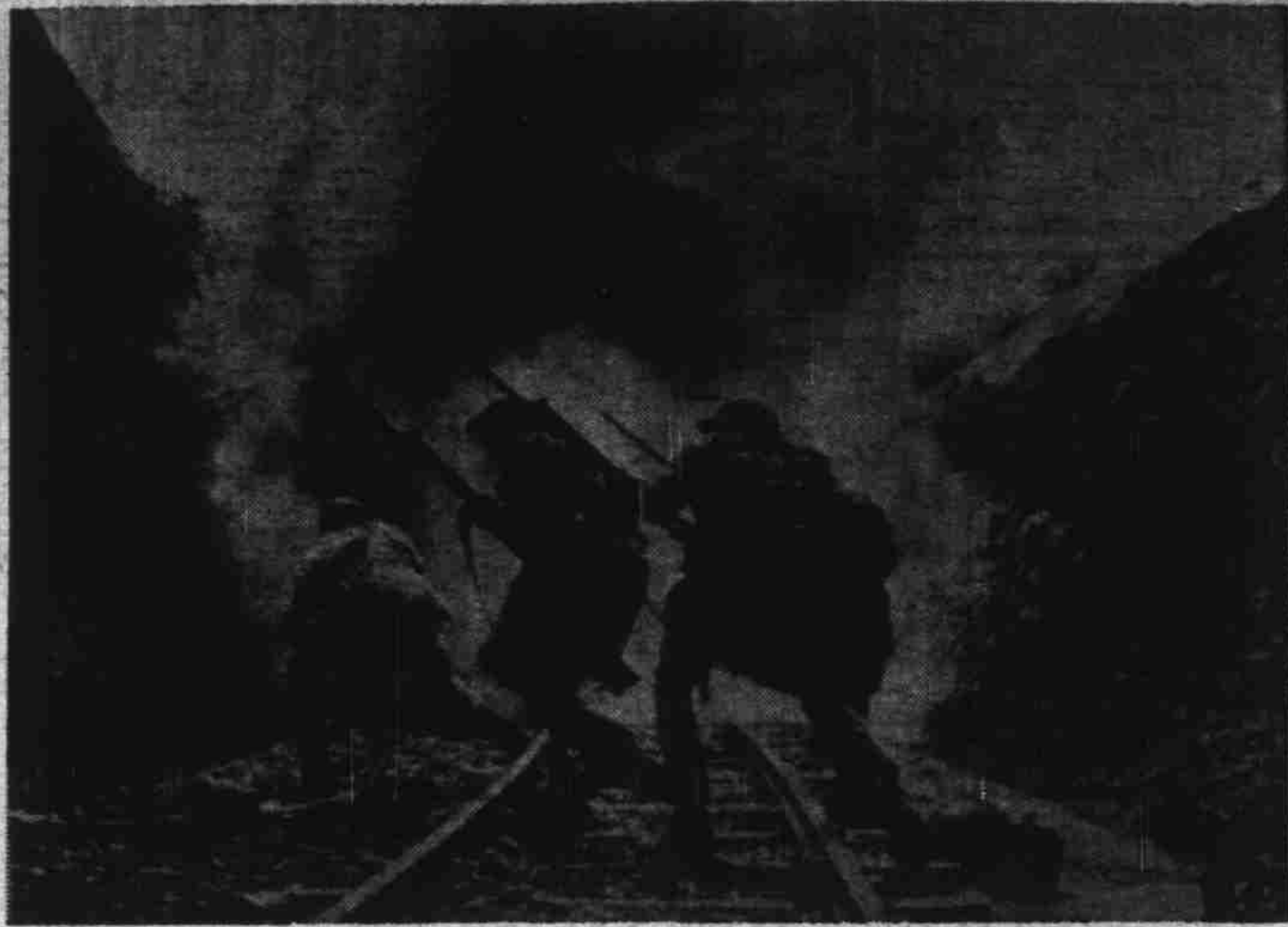
The allied high strategy summed up in the phrase "employment of maximum power with minimum cost" was brilliantly exemplified in the crushing victories which finally gained Catania.

Nowhere have soldiers' lives been wasted tactically in this week's offensive, although allied forces are numerically superior to the foe.

Drowned Boy Identified

PORTLAND, Aug. 5-(P)—The body of a boy found Wednesday in the Columbia was identified Thursday by Mrs. Ethel Wallin as her son, Richard C. Wallin, who was drowned in the river May 16.

British Storm Enemy Strongpoint



Soldiers of the British Eighth army charge through a railway viaduct to storm an enemy strongpoint in a Sicilian railway station, according to the caption accompanying this official British photo. (Associated Press photo by OWI radio.)

Three Injured Vancouver Riot

VANCOUVER, Wash., Aug. 5-(P)—A soldier, a police patrolman and a civilian were in hospitals and eight civilians in jail at midnight Thursday as the aftermath of a riot that started after a fight between a soldier and a civilian in a riverfront cafe.

The soldier, whose name was not released by military authorities, was reported to be in the Vancouver barracks hospital with skull injuries suffered when struck by a policeman with a nightstick.

Patrolman Harold Edmonds suffered tear gas burns on his right hand. A tear gas shell struck Joe Walmer, amusement company employee, and he received a possible leg fracture.

Some of the civilians arrested were shipyard workers. Police would not release their names.

The trouble started early in the evening when a "bouncer" ejected the soldier for fighting with the civilian. The soldier returned and slugged the "bouncer." Three policemen attempted to subdue the soldier. They said he pulled a knife and in the scuffle he was hit twice on the head.

Some 1500 civilians and soldiers milled about and approximately 500 persons drinking in taverns joined the mob. Fighting was sporadic as resentment seemed to be directed more against the police than the soldiers.

Military police rushed into the area under orders to send all men in uniform back to their stations and with city police succeeded in restoring a semblance of order for a time. But rioting broke out again within a few minutes and police returned with tear gas and riot guns. Fire trucks laid out hoses as a threat against the crowd.

Nazi General Dies in Russia

By the Associated Press
The death of Nazi Lieut. Gen. Walter Schilling on the Russian front south of Izyum was announced Thursday night in a Berlin broadcast recorded by the Associated Press.

The broadcast said Schilling, 48, was returning to his section after leading tanks to the aid of another Nazi division in "sealing" a breach in the German line made by the Soviets, when he encountered a Russian group and was killed in the ensuing action.

Linfield College Executive Resigns

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Aug. 5-(P)—J. Kenneth Riley, associate business manager of Linfield college, resigned Thursday to accept an executive position with Montgomery Ward at Portland.

Riley came to the college in 1924 as registrar. He served 11 years as librarian and was appointed associate business manager in 1935.

Too Late to Classify
FOR SALE: 1939 Ford Sedan, Ph. 2-1257, eve.
FOR SALE: 1937 Ford Roadster, 267 Mission St.

Sideshow Odd Angles On Day's News

KANSAS CITY-(P)—It took a yardstick to settle a question of jurisdiction in a municipal court traffic case.

Police testified measurement showed the accident occurred one foot inside Missouri at the Missouri-Kansas line.

PHILADELPHIA-(P)—US Commissioner Norman J. Griffin today dismissed a charge of failing to answer a selective service questionnaire against Sanford H. Hunt, 18, after Hunt told his story at a hearing.

Hunt said he knew the army, navy and marines wouldn't take him because he was too young, but he read that draft boards were having trouble meeting their quotas, so he registered with five boards under different names.

He said he didn't see the questionnaire one board sent him.

PHILADELPHIA-(P)—A Christmas card came in the mail to Paul Kleima yesterday—postmarked Dec. 10, 1910.

The envelope bore a freshly stamped postal notice saying: "In order to avoid delay in delivery, notify sender of your post office delivery district number."

WELDON SPRING, Mo.-(P)—The Weldon Spring Ordnance plant, producing TNT for war, has asked bids on its apple crop.

The apples are in two large orchards planted by farmers from whom the government purchased the land. They will be sold at auction next Tuesday to the highest bidder.

Last year the crop was given away to plant employees and to charity.

Silverton C of C Slates Rep. Mott

SILVERTON—The Silverton chamber of commerce is sponsoring the appearance of Rep. James Mott at Silverton late in August, the exact date to be announced later by the program chairman, Glenn Briedwell.

Rep. Mott's appearance here will be turned into a community affair with everyone invited to come.

Salute Puts Salem WAC on Casualty List

LONDON, Aug. 5-(P)—Saluting may now be added to the perils of war.

WAC Pvt. Betty Hurley, 23, of Salem, Ore., met an officer on the steps at a WAC replacement depot somewhere in England and gave him a snappy salute.

Then she lost her balance, fell, and broke an arm.

Summer Fellowship Set

PORTLAND, Aug. 5-(P)—Young adults of Oregon Methodism will hold their third annual summer fellowship August 15-22 at Smith Creek.

Orel, Belgorod Fall to Reds

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were counter attacking but one Soviet formation wiped out over 1000 Germans, and destroyed 16 German tanks and 22 guns. South and southwest of the city over 800 Germans were killed, over 30 populated places retaken, and 12 tanks, 19 guns and fuel dump captured.

German retreat roads were piled with burning and smashed trucks, guns and other war material as the red air force blasted the fleeing Nazi columns. Seventy-two German planes were brought down in combat.

In the fighting for Belgorod, the communists said, over 3000 Germans were wiped out and an ammunition dump and other war material captured.

In another sector, apparently in the Belgorod area, a Russian tank formation cut an important German communication line. Incomplete data said that 40 German tanks and five self-propelled guns were destroyed, and 17 tanks and four guns were captured there.

In addition the entire equipment of two German artillery regiments was captured, and 98 German planes were brought down.

Belgorod is situated on a chalk hill on the right bank of the Donets river. It is a railway junction with a normal population of about 23,000. Situated near timber-bearing land, the town, whose name means "white town," in Russian, traded in honey, wax, leather, grain and cattle and has lime and brick works.

It has two cathedrals and its theological college dates from the 16th century. In the 17th century it was frequently attacked by Tatars and an earthen wall with 12 forts, called the Belgorod line, was built for 200 miles between the Voroskla river and the Don river to protect it.

Orel was mopped up Thursday.

No Pendleton Round-up in 1945

PENDLETON, Aug. 5-(P)—Decision to cancel the 1945 Pendleton round-up, noted wild-west show, was announced Thursday by S. R. Thompson. The 1942 show also was cancelled.

"This year, just as last, we feel our efforts can better be directed toward a bigger round-up—that of the axis," Thompson said.

"And it looks as if the allied lasso is about to drop over the horns of those enemy critters," he added.

Snell Dedicates Timber Farm

KLAMATH FALLS, Aug. 5-(P)—Governor Earl Snell dedicated the 506,000 acres of Weyerhaeuser timber holdings Thursday as a "certified tree farm."

He was expected to visit the Tule lake war relocation project and speak at an evening banquet before leaving Thursday for Salem.

Half of Munda Airdrome In Yank Hands

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important holdings at New and Old Vickers. Some of their machine gun positions were liquidated. Allied ground troops are reported mopping up in that region.

A heavy strike was made by the 13th air force four-engine Liberator bombers on Rabaul Bay which is on Santa Isabel island northeast of New Georgia. No details on the results were given.

(In the delayed dispatch on page 10 by J. Norman Lodge, dated Tuesday, August 3, and datelined "Munda Airdrome," he reported that our infantrymen first set foot on the eastern extremity of the airdrome, which runs roughly east and west, on that day.)

At the other end of the 750-mile battle front, on northeastern New Guinea, where Americans and Australians are moving against Salamaua, Japanese counter attacks were repulsed in heavy fighting.

Advanced units of the allies are within five miles of that objective.

The communiqué said the right flank, which had to fight across Bibilo and Kokengolo hills, had stormed to the western shore 600 yards north of Gussall. This would cut off any possibility of escape for Japanese holding out in the airstrip's vicinity.

"At the airdrome, our forward elements made further advances along the southern part of the field while elements on the right, with tank support, seized the eastern slopes of Kokengolo hill," it said.

"The enemy sustained heavy casualties throughout the day. The Munda garrison is now completely encircled and is being slowly destroyed."

Lutherans Slate Outdoor Services

SILVERTON—Immanuel Lutheran church will hold its annual outdoor services Sunday at the Isiah Walton league park, with services set for 11 o'clock. A noon dinner will be served following the morning services and in the afternoon a program will be held, followed by games.

The Lutheran Daughters of Refinement will meet in the church park at Trinity on Monday night at 8:30 o'clock. Trinity Dorcas society will meet Tuesday at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Clifford Nybakke.

Pajolas Return To Farm Home

FAIRVIEW — Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Pajola of Dayton spent Sunday at their farm and visited friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Loop of Amity, who recently purchased the Nash farm in the Spring Valley district, were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Niakinen here.

Mr. and Mrs. Toivo Bantari and son, Richard, were Saturday night dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Timm at Dayton.

ON the HOMEFRONT By ISABEL CHILDS

There is some question as to which type of merchandise could draw the biggest crowd faster—nylon stockings or pint fruit jars.

Arrival of some of the latter in Salem on Friday caused a near riot on North Liberty street.

Too bad, isn't it, that some of the 54 pounds of coffee one Salem housewife had left when Java rationing ceased couldn't have been packed in pint jars instead of tins and quarts? Then, she might have been able to persuade her neighbors to take it off her hands!

A recent article on tortures devised by the Japanese and applied in their prison camps, written by James R. Young, INS foreign correspondent who comes to the Salem Victory center Saturday night, includes this bit:

"Again, when the internment at Santo Tomas organized an entertainment, Ken Tsurumi, camp commandant, permitted plans to proceed up to the final evening when the audience assembled for the show. At the last moment he canceled the show as well as a number of camp privileges like receipt of mail and telephone calls, ordering instead a radio broadcast to America. Prisoners were forced to describe their 'pleasant' existence in the camp."

—or do you recall as well as I when Ken Tsurumi was the charming young man who traveled about as if on a flying trapeze from one social engagement to the other here in Oregon? Wasn't he consul in Portland?

Ramage Rites Saturday at 3

Funeral services for L. M. Ramage, who died Monday in a Seattle hospital as the result of injuries received Sunday riding with the Oregon Mounted posse in the Washington city, are to be held Saturday at 3 p. m., postponed from the previously announced day so that Dr. John M. Ramage, USN doctor, might attend.

Salem lodge No. 4, AF & AM will conduct the graveside services at Belcrest Memorial park.

Rev. W. Irvin Williams is to officiate at the 3 p. m. services at Clough-Barrick chapel.

Mr. Ramage, for 20 years operator of a business in Salem, was active in civic affairs and a member of the house of representatives at the last state legislature.

Survivors include the widow, a daughter, Louise Ramage, US marine reserve, two sons, Robert B. Ramage of Salem and Dr. John M. Ramage, and four grandsons.

School Board Hires 2 Teachers, Silverton; Coaching Job Open

SILVERTON—The Silverton school board is announcing two new members added to the faculty with one vacancy still existing. Miss Mabel Fred of Eveith, Minn., has been hired as a music teacher and Miss Lura Hart of Silverton as the sixth grade teacher. No coach has yet been added.

Sicily Director



Prof. Wesley A. Sturges (above) of Yale university has been appointed by the state department as area director for American civilian affairs in liberated Sicily.

Dr. Dafoe Estate Value \$182,000

TORONTO, Aug. 5-(P)—The late Dr. Alan Roy Dafoe of Calander, Ont., physician to the Dillmore quintuplets during their early years, left an estate amounting to \$182,466.35, it was announced Thursday.

Probate of the will is being applied for by the National Trust company and Dr. William Allan Dafoe of Toronto, a brother.

The principal beneficiary is Dr. Dafoe's son, Sub-Lt. William Allan Van Dusen Dafoe, RCNVR, now on active service with the Royal Canadian navy.

CCC to Buy Seed Crop

CORVALLIS, Aug. 5-(P)—Commodity Credit corporation will buy Oregon growers' seed crops for the fourth consecutive year, the state AAA reported here Thursday.

Nearly 100 million pounds of Oregon seed were purchased last year for the government's program of promoting winter cover crops in southern and east central states.

Basic prices to growers for top grades were announced as follows: Austrian winter peas, 5c lb.; hairy vetch, 10c; common vetch, 8c; crimson clover, 10c; common ryegrass, 5c; monantha vetch, 6-7/8c; rough and perennial peavine, 10c; Willamette vetch, blue tag 6 1/2c; white tag, 5 1/2c. Hungarian vetch will not be purchased.

Sales will be made through county AAA committees.

Train Wreck Deaths Now 9

SEATTLE, Aug. 5-(P)—The 13th naval district public relations office said Thursday the 11 sailors injured early yesterday in a train wreck at Warden, central Washington, were recovering and that the death toll was raised to nine by discovery, late yesterday, of two more bodies in the debris of two smashed Pullman cars. All casualties were seamen, second class.

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