

Ol' Blood and Guts Amazed At Palermo Welcome After Italians Surrender Easily

By DON WHITEHEAD
 PALERMO, Sicily, July 23 (Delayed) — (AP) — The Yanks are swarming through this great capital of Sicily today while most of the approximately 400,000 inhabitants are cheering their presence and welcoming them with an amazing show of hospitality.

Even an old campaigner like Lieut. George S. Patton Jr. is slightly bewildered by the enthusiastic reception given him and his men.

"They even threw flowers, lemons and watermelons," he chuckled. "But it should be emphasized that all the fruit was tossed to us in a spirit of friendliness."

Greatest Blitz
 Patton termed the drive on Palermo the "greatest blitz in history."

Eighteen hours after a great armored column began a drive on the city it was officially surrendered by General Molinero, Italian commander of Palermo.

"I am just a visiting fireman," Patton said. "The credit all goes to the men who led the troops and armor in Sicily."

Officers Wait
 When a corps commander entered the outskirts of Palermo at 7:24 p. m. he found a carload of Italian officers waiting his arrival. Among the Italians was General Molinero, who had tried to surrender to advance patrols at dusk. He came to the corps commander's car. But immediately difficulties arose because the corps commander spoke no Italian.

This difficulty was ironed out through an interpreter, and the American general came to the point quickly, demanding unconditional surrender.

No More Fight
 "General Molinero said he was through and would fight no more," the corps commander said. "He added that there would be no resistance from his men."

"However, Molinero said there was another general who was in command of troops in the citadel of Palermo, and that he couldn't speak for him. He was unable to say whether the other general would give up, but said he felt morally certain there would be no resistance. He added that this general was at the royal palace."

Try to Find General
 With this information, the American general organized an expedition to find the second Italian general, Mario Arisio. He borrowed a pillow case from an Italian family and tied it to the radio mast of his car for the drive to the palace.

But the pillow case hung limply at the mast and wouldn't flap in the breeze. It was a pretty inconspicuous flag of truce, so one of the general's men noticed an Italian waving a white sheet from a fishing pole. He borrowed it for the occasion.

The sheet flapped fine in the breeze as they drove through the streets.

Locate Chief
 "But when we arrived we couldn't find anyone to do business with," the corps commander said. "Finally we located the head of police and he brought the general to me."

The Italian was willing to surrender anything he could give the Americans, and said he would sign any terms of surrender. However, there was no written demand, and only the verbal demand for unconditional capitulation, which was accepted immediately.

Fall at 8:00 P. M.
 Officially, the fall of Palermo was at 8:00 p. m. Orders had been issued that troops should be in Palermo by 8:00. At exactly 8:00 orders were signed for troops to march into the city, and as a result General Patton won a bet by 28 hours from Air Marshal Wigglesworth.

On July 18, Patton bet Wigglesworth his troops would be in Palermo by midnight of July 23. At that time this appeared to be an optimistic estimate because troops and armor hadn't begun to move toward Palermo.

Move Along Coast
 However, three days ago armored troops moved along the coast road, while a task force under Lieut. Col. William Darby of Fort Smith, Ark., moved in to protect the left flank of the push.

Moving into the Menfi area, the armor was held up at the Belice river by demolitions, but on July 21 the corps commander gave orders for the armor to move the next morning at 6:00 o'clock for an attack on Palermo.

Prepare to Bomb
 The air force prepared to bomb the cities en route to Palermo if any of them resisted the advance, but when they began surrendering to reconnaissance elements of the great column, the bombing order was

Objective of Allied Thrust



When Allies reach Messina, at the northeast tip of Sicily, they will be in sight of the Italian mainland. This picture shows the city of Messina, its harbor and the hills of Italy in the background.

Sleight-of-Hand Artist Gets Prestige of General Among Trobriand Natives

By VERN HAUGLAND
 KIRIWINA ISLAND, The Trobriands, July 11 (AP) — (Delayed)—Via Boat and Airmail) Kiriwina had its first band concert today and an air raid couldn't have created a greater sensation.

Never before had band instruments been seen. Some of the natives—not many — had heard gramophones or radio music.

The band, of the American

army tank force which, had occupied the island June 30, assembled in a meadow.

Copper-skinned natives, goggle-eyed at the sight of the shiny instruments, gathered around.

Technical Sergeant Vaun A. Wood of Phoenix, Ariz., master of ceremonies, stepped out and announced the first number, a march. Staff Sergeant Gordon G. Walliman of Globe, Ariz., bandleader, raised his baton.

At the first note, the natives jumped. A few backed away in momentary fear. Others stood transfixed, open mouthed. Then they all broke into delighted squeals and shrill chatter but quickly became silent to listen.

Hundreds of other natives came on the run as the brass notes carried to neighboring villages.

A vaudeville magician, Mitchell Dyszel of Somerville, N. J., topped off the band concert with some sleight of hand and, speaking from theatre and night club experience, declared the natives "the ideal audience."

The performance of Dyszel, a first class private and army mail clerk, gave him all the prestige among the natives of a major general. He said he thought he might even become king if he had ambitions that way.

NAZIS CLAIM MORE SINKINGS BY SUBMARINES

LONDON, July 28 (AP)—The German high command asserted in its communique today that 11 allied ships and boats had been sunk and 11 others, including a light cruiser, had been damaged in various air and sea actions. The claims, broadcast from Berlin and recorded by The Associated Press, were without allied confirmation.

The actions were listed as follows:
 U-boats sank eight ships totaling 44,241 tons and damaged six freighters and a light cruiser in the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

Long distance bombers sank two merchantmen and damaged three in an attack on a convoy in the Atlantic. Other German broadcasts said this action was off Portugal.

German patrol boats engaged British motor torpedo boats off the Dutch coast and sank one and damaged one.

A Berlin broadcast said U-boat sinkings in July now totaled 336,000 tons, or more than three times the total the Germans reported for June.

cancelled and everything moved along on schedule.

The drive to Palermo trapped the western end of the island, with probably 40,000 troops in the net. Great quantities of materiel probably will be found when the clean-up is finally made.

Big Supply Taken
 General Patton said that one of the outstanding achievements in the capture of Palermo was in supply. For example, the day before the push began, 100,000 gallons of gasoline were landed—ample fuel for the cross-island trek.

Wherever an army vehicle stopped, crowds of people gathered quickly, and at least one among them usually spoke English.

The troops were enjoying it hugely. One doughboy battled his way through an admiring throng and exclaimed: "Who's nuts in this crowd? I'm beginning to be afraid it's me."

STOCKMAN GIVES DUBIOUS PRAISE

PORTLAND, July 28 (AP)—Rep. Lowell Stockman, Pendleton, the biggest man in congress, gave unaccustomed republican praise to President Roosevelt yesterday for his direction of the war effort.

The six-foot six-inch congressman added quickly:
 "But he is doing a damn good job of losing the home front."

"Say anything you want about the OPA. It's the most mis-managed thing in America," Stockman said in an Oregonian interview.

The second district representative also lauded the work of Representatives Holmes and Horan of Washington, Senators Holman and McNary of Oregon, and had a special word for Representative Harris Ellsworth of Roseburg.

"That boy's a comer. He's one of the hardest working and best-liked of all the freshmen in Washington," Stockman said.

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TOKYO CLAIMS RAID ON HONG KONG REPULSED

LONDON, July 28 (AP)—The Tokyo radio in a broadcast recorded by the Associated Press said today that an attempt by six allied planes to raid Hong Kong yesterday was blocked by the city's anti-aircraft defenses. Heavy flak, the radio reported, caused the planes to jettison their bombs in the water.

A later broadcast from Berlin, relaying Tokyo dispatches, said about 20 American bombers also raided Hankow Sunday, the attack resulting in air battles over Hengyang in Hunan province in which four American machines were shot down.

The imperial high command in a Tokyo broadcast asserted that a United States cruiser of the San Francisco class was sunk by Japanese submarines

off San Cristobal island in the Southwest Pacific on July 20. The broadcast said the submarines broke through a protective screen of destroyers to score a direct hit on the cruiser. The report was not confirmed by allied sources.

(Jane's Fighting Ships lists the San Francisco as a heavy cruiser displacing 9950 tons, carrying a complement of 594 officers and men. Other cruisers in the same class are the Astoria, Minneapolis, New Orleans, Tuscaloosa, Quincy and Vincennes. The San Francisco was placed in commission on March 9, 1933.

The Quincy, Vincennes and Astoria were sunk in the battle for the Solomon on the night of August 8-9, 1942.

Camp Adair Land Payments Viewed

PORTLAND, July 28 (AP)—Amounts paid by the government for land in the Camp Adair military reservation are under scrutiny of the federal district court.

Judge Claude McColloch ordered the investigation yesterday after refusing to approve a \$6893 evaluation by federal appraisers on 160 acres known as the Hanish tract.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

Held in Slayings



Austin Cox (above), 38, was held at Ogden, Utah, for the shotgun slaying of five persons, including a district judge, during a fit of jealousy after his wife divorced him. A military policeman overpowered the man.

AUXILIARY OF LEGION AIDS FUTURE NURSES

Every girl now taking nurse training courses or who would like to do so but is in need of financial assistance to complete her course, is asked to contact the American Legion auxiliary, it was announced this week by Mrs. Annabelle Newton, national defense chairman.

The sum of \$50,000 has been set aside by the national executive committee of the auxiliary to be used in aiding women between the ages of 18 and 35 years to enter nurses training or to complete a nurses training course. This is not a loan fund. Amounts up to \$250 will be given to student nurses already enrolled in a hospital school for nurses and who find themselves so lacking in funds that they would have to withdraw from the school. This amount will also be given to young women having completed high school

Civilian Defense

Date—August 6, 1943.
 Time — Mobilization call will be issued at 7:30 p. m.
 The following units will be mobilized:
 Police at regular stations.
 Medical at Red Cross headquarters and other regular stations.
 Fire at fire station.
 Wardens at regular stations.
 Utilities as directed by utility chief.

and whose character requirements have been approved and accepted by an accredited school of nursing, but need financial aid to begin their course.

The young women applying need not have any connection with the American Legion auxiliary although the members of the unit would be glad to advise regarding the fund in any way that they can. For information or application blank girls should call Mrs. LaForge at 5927 or Mrs. Schubert at 6693.

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