

Doughboys Blow Up German 88 Then Race to Seize Palermo; Italian Officers All Packed

By HAROLD V. BOYLE

PALERMO, July 22 (Delayed)—(P)—Historic Palermo, capital and largest city on Sicily, fell today without firing a shot in its own defense to American infantry and armored columns converging from three directions.

Doughboys—walking soldiers—won the race tramping to the outskirts of the city about noon from the southwest after a 60-mile advance from Castelvetrano during which they had to halt three times to knock out harassing artillery pieces.

Happy that his forces avoided shelling into submission this city known throughout the world for its ancient churches, temples and monuments which make it a living tomb of Phoenician, Greek, Byzantine, Saracen, Norman, Spanish and early French civilizations, the American deputy commander under Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. accepted the surrender.

Bags All Packed

Italian officers, bags packed, had been waiting all day to hand over the town of from 400,000 to 500,000 population. The Germans were out last night.

The harbor area has been heavily damaged by the allied bombings. The city itself bore the scars of bombs but the damage is not as extensive as that visited upon a number of other Sicilian towns.

Troops who rolled into Palermo at dusk received a hearty welcome. The populace cheered, threw gifts of flowers and fruit and poured free wine in the greatest demonstration most of them had ever seen. Italian soldiers still in uniform lined the streets by the hundreds and joined in the cheers. Some of them were so glad to be out of the war they even ran out and kissed the hands of the American soldiers rolling past in half-tracks.

88 Knocked Out

One of the famous German 88-millimeter artillery pieces which attempted to bar the American armored advance on the city was blasted to pieces by four perfect shots from an American 75-millimeter assault gun at less than 500 yards.

When the nazi piece opened fire on a reconnaissance column led by Capt. Hugh R. O'Farrell of Athens, Ga., the husky young officer pulled his men back beyond the brow of a hill and called up one of the crack self-propelled assault guns. It charged around a bend and wheeled into position in full view of the machine gun.

Dead In Sights

Before it could let go Gunner Corp. Bennis Kulig of Independence, Wis., had the German weapon dead in his sights and his first shot sent the enemy gunners scrambling for cover. The loader, Private Andrew J. Shewmake of Monroe, Tenn., slapped in another shell and Kulig smashed a great hole through the 88s shield. Its ammunition burst into flame.

Kulig then swung the 75 over a couple of degrees and pitched two shells into the German gun's main ammunition dump. It blew up with an explosion that shook the hills. Bright flame and black smoke rolled skyward and chunks of twisted metal casing showered hundreds of feet away.

Bring Back Prisoners

Our patrols went forward after that and brought back 11 Germans and four Italians who had operated the gun, but the German lieutenant who commanded them escaped.

"This helps some, but we ain't even with those birds yet," said Gunner Kulig.

Sergeant Eugene Hatfield of Gilbert, W. Va., explained that a German shell had landed under the American assault gun a few days ago and knocked out its radio. Other crewmen of the American gun were Sgt. Harold Carpenter, the gun commander, of Rensselaer Falls, N. Y., and Corp. Robert Eding-

Oregon News Notes

By The Associated Press

Jerry Barnes, 7, Vanport City, tumbled from a raft on Triangle lake near his home and drowned . . . The collector of internal revenue at Portland opened a drive on motorists without a \$5 federal motor vehicle use tax stamp . . .

The Deschutes County fair will be held on a limited scale September 25-28, the fair board announced at Redmond . . . The war production board's release of materials for reclamation opens the way for expenditure of more than \$600,000 appropriated for the Klamath-Modoc project, Reclamation Superintendent B. E. Hayden said at Klamath Falls . . .

Nearly 80,000,000 board feet of timber valued at \$184,908 was cut from Whitman national forest the past year, Administrative Assistant Spencer Goodrich reported at Baker . . . G. Y. Hagglund, Deschutes county agent for 13 years, resigned to join a feed company at Redmond . . . Burton Lee, Portland

Chinese, was acquitted by a federal court jury of a perjury charge stemming from a recent narcotics trial . . . The Tanker Fort Erie, named for the Niagara river fortification of the Revolutionary war and war of 1812, was launched at Henry Kaiser's Swan Island shipyard, Portland . . . State Salvage Committee Chairman C. I. Sercanus at Portland urged Oregon residents to save tin cans for collections which will be resumed when schools reopen . . .

Lack of a qualified doctor to replace Dr. G. B. Haugen, lost to the navy, was blamed by the state health department for suspension of its mental hygiene division . . . Circuit Judge Walter L. Tooze, chairman of the Oregon State Bar association's war work committee, at Portland announced completion of a program in coastal counties to furnish free legal advice to members of the armed services.

School Employees In Portland to Get Salary Adjustments

PORTLAND, July 29 (P)—The Portland school board voted last night to spend money it hasn't yet received to give employees \$200 "cost of living" salary adjustments.

The money is expected to come from federal Lanham act funds, board members said. If it is not forthcoming, they foresaw a possibility some Portland schools may have to close.

IT WAS FIRST

First cavalry unit in the United States army was the Regiment of Dragoons, organized at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., in August, 1833.

BOND TOTALS CREEP TOWARD QUOTA MARK

Figures are creeping toward the quota mark of the July war bond drive that ends Saturday night, aided materially by special programs and bond auctions held during the past week.

Total returns from sales at banks and postoffices up to July 23, amounted to \$146,784, according to a report from the bond sale committee of the Business and Professional Women and Soroptimist clubs. This amount does not include the nearly \$75,000 in radio pledges, and it will be appreciated if these pledges are turned into bonds as soon as possible.

A total of \$27,200 was taken in pledges during the Commandos' radio sale and entertainment broadcast last Monday evening from KFJL, according to the final tabulation of the committee in charge.

However, all other organizations who had charge of these half-hour programs did a splen-

did job, and expressions of appreciation were extended from the two women's service clubs through the bond sale chairman, Olive Cornett and Coral Sabo.

Amounts pledged at the four radio sales follow:

July 9, sponsored by League of Women Voters, \$6175 pledged; July 12, American Legion auxiliary, \$16,375; July 19, Sojourners club and Catholic Daughters, \$24,975; July 28, Commandos, \$27,200, making a total of \$74,725.

Two Killed at Railway Crossings Two Miles Apart

MARYSVILLE, Wash., July 29 (P)—Railway crossing accidents occurring 30 minutes apart at crossing about two miles apart yesterday took the lives of two men near here.

Harry L. Gray, about 60, was the first victim. His car collided with a freight train on the Great Northern line at Slater's crossing. The automobile was dragged close to 1000 feet.

George Hackett was burned to death when the truck and trailer he was driving for the Valley Milk company of Auburn caught fire after colliding with a passenger train at Simpson's crossing.

Hackett's home is in Bellingham but he has been residing recently in Seattle.

Army, Navy Use Good Weather at Kiska to Advantage

By WILLIAM L. WORDEN
ADVANCED ALEUTIANS BASE, July 27 (Delayed) (P)—American army and navy forces have capitalized to the greatest possible extent on unusually clear weather of recent days to blast at the Japanese on Kiska from the air and sea.

(A recapitulation of navy department communiques showed Kiska was attacked 40 times in the four days ended Tuesday).

The weather made possible last week the heaviest naval bombardment yet seen in the Aleutian war theatre. Various heavy fleet units steamed past Kiska just out of range of the island's comparatively small coastal guns, but within easy range of the ships' artillery.

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A half-filled war stamp book is like a half-equipped soldier!
Stamp books cashed in by Saturday will bear interest from July 1

The Soroptimist-B.P.W. War Savings Bond sale ends this week. The women need YOUR purchase to put the drive over—Our airmen need the bombs YOUR bonds will buy. Buy now!

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KNOWING HOW

Ralph Waldo Emerson, the great essayist and philosopher, tells about walking through the country one day, and coming on a boy trying to get a calf through a gate. The calf was stubborn. He stood there with his legs stiffened while the boy tugged and pushed and threatened. About this time a young girl came along and watched the boy's futile efforts with a good deal of amusement. Finally she said: "Here, let me show you how." And she stuck a finger in the calf's mouth and led him gently through the gate. Well—when you know HOW to do a job, the job is half done before you start. There was another good example of this after Pearl Harbor, when America's business-managed electric power companies were suddenly called upon to supply power for expanding industry in quantities unheard of before. But they did it, just like that. They knew how. They had the experience, the skill, and the resources. The production of electric power in America has always been mainly in the hands of business men, and under a system of free business opportunity and reward for individual initiative, these men have built up a national service, dedicated to the convenience and necessity of millions of people. Today, over 80% of all electric power in America is produced by business-managed, self-supporting, tax-paying companies whose first interest, like yours and mine, is winning the war.

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