

Sicilian Invaders Suffer Severely Great Losses in Men, **Ships and Aircraft**

Every foot of ground is being con-| tested by the Axis defenders and severe losses inflicted on the invading Anglo-American forces in the latest fighting in the island of Sicily

The latest report from the German Supreme Command is as follows:

From the Fuehrer's Headquarters.

July 14th, 1943.

Italian troops are continuing to be involved in heavy fighting with the landed enemy troops, who, from the line of Augusta-Licata, are attempting to attack the German positions in the mountains and south of Catania.

German and Italian air formations

Official Italian reports give more de-detail concerning the campaign, as Another submarine, under:

Rome, July 14th, 1943.

The Italian communiqué says:

The enemy, who in his offensive is constantly using new units, succeeded in securing the coastal area from Licata up to Augusta. He pushed for-ward into the highland of South Sicily and stands in front of the plain of class and a destroyer of the Fearless and stands in front of the plain of class. These four last-mentioned des-Catania.

On the whole front the Italian and German troops are engaged in heavy fighting.

During night attacks along the west of East Sicily our torpedo-carrying air-craft sank two great steamers and one destroyer, and damaged six cruisers (one heavy one), four destroyers, one great merchant ship and more smaller sea vessels.

In Southern Sicily the German and the Axis fighters brought down 11 aircraft. A further 12 aircraft have been destroyed by the artillery on Sicily and four by the artillery on Sardinia.

Seven torpedo-carrying aircraft were shot down by Italian fighters.

Fourteen of our planes failed to recontinued their incessant attacks against the British and North-American naval forces and transport vessels with success. 34 enemy planes were shot down over the Mediterranean. Official Italian more

Another submarine, under the command of Captain Lieutenant Pasquale Beltrane (from Savona) fired a torpedo salvo against a flotilla of destroyers, two of which were hit.

troyers can be assumed sunk.

2080SOVIETTANKS DESTROYED IN EIGHT DAYS

Berlin newspapers give prominence to the fact that the Bolsheviks lost 2,080 tanks in eight days of the Bielgorod battle. This represented the destruction of 250 tanks µ-day; and, moreover, all Soviet relief at-tacks were repelled.

A Swedish newspaper published an edi-torial dealing with the facts about bombing warfare. This declared that Britain's rewarfare. This declared that Britain's re-sponsibility for the commencement of the air terror against civilian populations had been indisputably proved. It was of interest, said the newspaper, to recall that be-fore the war it had been Hitler who made suggestions in favour of rendering aerial warfare more humane. It was the West-ern Democracies who insisted on rejecting all his proposals,

to direct low-level attacks against the ene-my forces in Sicily. They also affectively bombed shipping in the vicinity of the island.

Reports from the South West Pacific state that strong formations of Japanese naval aircraft shot down 11 enemy planes during last week-end. Heavy losses were inflicted by Japanese forces on enemy troops which had landed on the north-west const of New Generatic coast of New Georgia.

Eastern Battle goes on with Great Intensity

Another Cathedral

Hit in Terror Raid

From the Führer's Headquarters, ous tanks and shooting down 212 enemy aircraft.

The German Supreme Command announces :

July 14th, 1943.

Axis air formations continued yesterday direct low level attacks against the new

In the area east and north of Orei the Soviets again launched fierce attacks with reinforcements. The During the approach and return flight, as well as over the town, 21 enemy bombers were shot down. Soviet bomber formations attacked Ger- fighting, in the course of which the Soviet bomber formations attacked Ger-man coastal batteries in the north of Nor-way. German fighter aircraft shot down eight of the 12 machines, and the following night the coastal batteries destroyed an-other. formation with great inten-sity, German reserves having gone over to the counter-attack. Here, too, over 200 enemy tanks were destroyed during the last two days.

British bomber formations carried strong Soviet attacks in the area of informed broke down vesterday with out a heavy terror attack against the town of Aachen last night. Great devastation was caused in the resi-Bielgorod broke down yesterday, with extremely heavy losses for the enemy. parts of the town. Many public build-

ings and cultural monuments were destroyed. The cathedral of Aachen was hit. The civilian population suf-

and homeward flight.

German bombers last night attacked The German Air Force intervened as targets of military importance on with strong forces in the fighting on the south coast of Britain, with bombs the Eastern Front, destroying numer- of all calibres.

Plans Upset for Big Attacks East and West

How Germany Forestalled Her Foes

"For the moment, the Churchill viet Union or with Mr. Churchill's propagandists are taking full advan-tage of the fact that, at long last, a move of some sort has been made by forces from the Eastern Front at a cri-

the British Government. They are not tical moment in the war. concerned with the cost or with the

intrinsic value of the operations. At "With regard to this question, it is manifest that German striking power is "With regard to this question, it is lieve the tedium which was eating into not being diverted from the East to the the very heart of British morale. By South of Europe. On the contrary,

reached the initial stages. German and Italian aircraft are incessantly participating in the ground fighting and bombing the landing fleets off the Sicilian coast. Heavy losses have been inflicted upon these fleets, and there can be no reasonable doubt that the enemy has already had to pay an extremely high price for his bridgeheads. On Tuesday 25 enemy planes were shot down.

"It was announced vesterday that enemy losses in shipping space had been increased by another 30,000 tons, apart from the 42,000 tons reported the previous day to have been sunk by Uboats. Thus, sinkings during the first few days of July exceeded the total achieved in June by a considerable perthe time the full story can be told, that heart will be broken, for it will be a tale of vain sacrifice rendered bearable forces are gaining ground and inflict-conclusions on the assumption that the conclusions on the assumption that the war at sea could be left out of their calculations, at least for a period; but the figures I have given concerning new tonnage losses are likely to cause them to revise that hastily-formed opinion. Moreover, there is as yet no available data as to the Anglo-American shipping losses in this Sicilian venture. It is certain they have been of no mean order.'

French General Snubbed

Guernsey, Thursday. been suffered exceedingly badly, and the newspapers denounced this most

Surprise has been expressed at the recent infringement of Swiss neutrality singular reception accorded to the French General Giraud on his arrival in Washington. He had hardly reached there before the United States Secretary of State Sumner Welles de-parted on leave without giving the General an opportunity to pay the General an opportunity to pay the customary courtesy call. Another unpleasant surprise was to find that Secretary for War Stimson had gone

on a trip to London, although he had previously declared he had important matters to discuss with General With leading officials of the British Ministry of Information. Mr. Elmer Davis, the head of the

Numerous enemy warships and merchant vessels have arrived at Gibraltar in a badlydamaged condition. They had been engaged in the operations against Sicily.

Commenting on the U-boat menace, the United States Navy Secretary Knox fore-cast that the German submarines would soon extend their activities to new areas. In this form of warfare, he said, Germany was far superior to any other nation in the world.

During a raid by the R.A.F. on Turin, great destruction was caused in residential quarters. Churches were wrecked by incendiary and high explosive bombs, as well as a home for old people and cripples. Havoc was also wrought in a cemetery, where tombstones were torn up and graves violated.

Speaking at Columbia University Mr. Joseph Drew, formerly United States Am-bessador to Tokio, warned his countrymen against under-estimating the military strength of Japan. He said that, even were America free to concentrate the entire forces at her command against the Japanto 300,000,000 people by her acquisitions of territory in this war. Morover, the Japan-ese were exceedingly industrious and thorough and possessed considerable techni-cal and scientific skill with which they would exploit the raw material reserves now at their command.

A Hungarian newspaper, discussing the German White Paper on responsibility of Britain for air warfare on civilians, remarks that in the earliest stages of the conflict the British Government hypocritically invoked the

name of humanity and asserted that their aircraft operated with the utmost precision against industrial areas. had furthermore been declared that Bomber Command was in possession of the most accurate and detailed information with regard to the location of objectives. It now transpired, said the newspaper, that Anglo-American

airmen had been dropping bombs with no intention to discriminate. Their record in the destruction of churches could well be compared with that of

their Bolshevik allies. This comment may be viewed in conjunction with the extremely impertinent assurance given the flanks of the German wedges which to the Vatican by President Roosevelt that, so far as possible, he would spare the churches of Italy during the land-ing operations which he expected to take place. That the President of the and resulted in extremely heavy Bolese, she would be confronted by a long and take place. That the President of the most costly enterprise. Japan, he pointed United States should have sent such a most costly enterprise. Japan, he pointed United States should have sent such a shevik losses. Some idea of the inten-out, had gained labour reserves amounting message to the Pope was a glaring sity which characterises the present example of Jewish perfidy.

RIGHT OF INVENTION

"It may well be said that, according their command. The German Labour Front invited Who was it who invented total aerial warfare? Lord Winster, the well-known speaker of the Labour Party, of the greatest battles of material this war has yet seen. The combat develworkers to send in suggestions for the has just written to the "Times" as war has yet seen. The combat devel-improvement and simplification of war-follows: "A Jewish emigrant would oped suddenly at the beginning of last important production. There was a have us believe it was he who pointed week. Certain local German successes huge response, and more than one and out worthwhile targets to the Royal in the region of Bielgorod led to Bola half million ideas were put forward. Air Force. But it cannot be seriously shevik onslaughts on a very much of these, two-thirds were entirely assumed that a foreign refugee was greater frontage extending far north of ers express their confidence in their to such things. As a matter of fact, state quite frankly that the Soviets had employers and political leaders and years before the war England had a been preparing an immense drive on demonstrate that they are striving for victory with all their strength. for the Royal Air Force." the central sector which was to coincide with an Anglo-American offensive from

until the last hour by diligently-ing high Soviet losses such as might scarcely be expected to occur in an en-bour comes Churchill will have accu-mulated a debt which no punishment If it was the purpose of the attack on Sicily to arrest Germany in the East, could requite.' it can only be said that no such object

This comment on the campaign in has been attained. Sicily was made by Lord Haw-Haw

German troops smashed two enemy

tank formations and succeeded in gain-

"Even now military circles in Berduring his news broadcast yesterday on the Bremen radio. He prefaced his lin are reticent concerning the scope remarks with an analysis of the latest and intention of the German operations developments on the Eastern Front, on the Eastern Front, but this much is

clear: if the Soviets hoped they would be able to seize the initiative, they have failed. Furthermore, if it was the "The report from the German Su-preme Command," he said, "an-nounces that north of Bielgorod the desire of Germany's enemies to syn-chronise their attacks, that aim also

has been frustrated.

ing further ground. The Soviets launched counter-attacks with strong "From the Sicilian theatre there is infantry and tank formations against had been formed in the course of the attack. Moreover east and north of and resulted in extremely heavy Bolmarised in the words: Believe, Obey going to win!"

and Fight. Italians are now inspired with the determination which springs from this challenge to their ancient civilisation, and they are giving proof of a valour which ranks with the greatest in their long and immortal history.

"Whilst Anglo-American propoganda growing anti-semitic propaganda, is adopting in general a somewhat which has been primarily caused by optimistic tone, warnings are still various war profiteering scandals in being issued concerning the strength which mainly Jewish businessmen were practicable. In this way did the work-ers express their confidence in their to such things. As a matter of fact, state quite frankly that the Soviets had to resistance in Sicily. All sorts of speculations are being entertained as to migrants, particularly children, in what ground will be chosen by the Axis England, because of this anti-Jewish with an Anglo-American offensive from the west; but as yet no such offensive but the enemy must still continue to quietude is, is shown by a declaration Newspapers in Switzerland yesterday published a large number of photo-graphs showing damage caused when British aircraft dropped bombs on Swiss localities. A village south of War."

OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

Roumania will fight shoulder to shoulder with the German people "to the last drop of blood," said the Rou-manian Minister of National Defence, General Pantazi, in a radio broadcast. "Since the beginning of the 18th censtill little news as to the course of the tury Roumania has been constantly exoperations. The German war commu- posed to the menace of an invasion nique indicates that fierce fighting is from the East and today on the side of in progress, and it is obvious that the the Axis Powers is again defending defence is firm, resolute and powerful. All reports show that the Italian people keep us from fulfilling this solemn have been made more united than ever duty to our nation and our honour. We by the assault upon their soil, and that must all realise, with a view to this it is their inflexible resolution to realise menace, that nothing is more vital for in practice the great maxims of the the final victory than the defeat of Fascist revolution, which can be sum- Bolshevism and this victory we are

ANTI-SEMITISM GROWING

Jewish circles in England have become increasingly uneasy over the

fighting in the central sector can be gathered from the fact that in one day alone some 440 Soviet tanks and 103 aircraft were destroyed.



AMUSEMENTS SHUT DOWN

BATHING "POOL"

Further cheery news comes from Mr.

COMES INTO USE

J. Brouard, G. McInerney 3 4 F. Bullock, T. Rose C. E. Cluett, H. Brouard r

W. Nant, J. Minier
E. A. Digard, W. Machon 4
G. Penney, C. Bertram
W. F. Machon, F. Druce 3

Centrals (9) lost to Independents (11).

AND THE CORRECT SOLUTION

WINNER OF THE

PUZZLE

There were 55 entries for the Swinging Through" crossword, "Swinging Through" crossword, which was cleverly constructed and contained several tricky clues.

The closing date was yesterday and, in accordance with the conditions of the competition, the entries were this morning scrutinised by the Editor of "The Star."

The first correct solution opened by him was sent by Mrs. P. H. Le Poidevin, of 97, Mount Durand, St. Peter Port, and she accordingly receives the bar of Lifebuoy soap which was make the carrying out of inocutation as offered. Will Mrs. Le Poidevin please easy as possible for them. collect her prize at "The Star" shop? Following is the correct solution of **GUERNSEY IMMUNE.**

the crossword :---

Across. ---1. learner, 7. Meiklereid, 17. Unselfish, 19. Nude, 20. Dna, 21. Sto, 22. Sofa, 23. Ic, 24. Acidity, 26. Campbell, 27. Arc, 28. KT, 29. Tea, 30. Oil, 32. En, 34-Narok, 35. hserf, 37. mlac, 38. Oi, 39. Subdue, 41. Sheet, 42. Bastinado, 44. Ut, 45. Hearse, 47. Errs, 49. Sal, 50. Inct, 52. Regit, 53. Cha, 55. Titivate, 56. Indeed, 58. Boe, 59. Even, 60. Tires, 62. Enda, 64. Unharmed, 67. Ordinary, 70. Leek, 71. Alf, 73. Nonentity, 77. Lyric, 78. EA, 79. Inst, 80. Martel.

Down.-1. Luscombe, 2. Entail, Asom, 4. Respect, 5. Effeminate, 6. Rial, 7. msilaudividni, 8. ehearb, 9. Introduction, 10. Knack, 11. Luckie, 12. Edith, 13. Re, 14. Edit, 15. Interested, 16. dayafterday. Lob, 25. Dash, 31. lasracher, 33. noisiv, 36. eerie, 43. AR, 46. AG, 48.
Steak, 51. Nation, 57. Den, 58. Bull, 61.
Sit, 63. NA, 65. rac, 66. mle, 68. ret, 69.
rye, 72. FA, 44. IR, 75. TT, 76. IL.

"The Star" thanks all competitors who so materially assisted to

> HELP US TO HELP THE CHILDREN.

PRECAUTION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

IN JERSEY

As from yesterday, all places of public entertain n.nt-dances, cinemas, plays and concerts- have been closed in Jersey until August roth. This is being done in order to prevent the spread of disease particularly diphtheria.

In an announcement to the public, the Medical Officer of Health states that, al-though the diphtheria epidemic is now less severe there is a serious danger of a great increase in severity next autumn and winter.

A large number of children under 14 have been inoculated but there are many who have not and it is particularly important that this should be done in the age group from one to six years, for it is at this age that children are most susceptible. The co-operation of the public is earnestly asked for and arrangements have been made to

"Inoculation", says the M.O.H., "is ne surest way to prevent diphtheria. Less the surest way to prevent diphtheria. Less than one in a thousand of those inoculated contract diphtheria, and when they do the disease is extremely mild".

Commenting on the situation, the Jersey "Evening Post" writes : "In Guernsey 100 per cent. inoculation has been carried out and the result is that no restrictions what-ever have to be imposed on entertainments in that island. The more fully the Jersey public co-operate in this measure to pre-vent the spread of disease the sooner will the authorities be able to lift the ban on local entertainments."

The Widows' Mite

To the Editor of "The Star."

Sir .- My Pension is 26s. 8d. a week

When I had to go the College I was asked

if I could not manage on 155. a week. I said I could not live on 155. a week, and

live

St. Peter Port.

Also, he might be interested to know that incentrated mental work is every bit as fatiguing as manual labour, more so in ome respects.

important cog in the economic wheel of everyday life.

Recreation has as one definition in the dictionary: "refreshment after toil". As such, it is essential to the well-being of any community. How that recreation is sought rests entirely with the individual. Some prefer the cinema or theatre, while others "put their hands to work", taking up gardening or any other activity to which they are suited.

As regards the cycling and sunbathing As regards the cycing and sunbathing aspects—when a person is employed in a shop or office, (and some have to be, even in these days) they long to be out in the open-air and sunlight. This longings find expression in those "deadly vices"—sun-bathing, swimming and cycling, etc.,—so despised by your correspondent. When "Islander" started out in life as a prover it was no doubt on his own voli-

when Islander started out in the as a grower, it was no doubt on his own voli-tion. He was aware of the long hours and hard labour (and no doubt the profits) so involved. Now is not the time to turn back or air his complaints—at any rate, to the detriment of others.

the detriment of others. Young people will never be encouraged "back to the land" by people such as "Islander". Working long hours for small return is a thing of the past. Planned re-creation is to play a large part in future generations. Even now we are all familiar with the 'Strength through Joy movement' and many other organisations devoted to

with the Strength through for movement and many other organisations devoted to make a better and happier worker by "giving him a good time". Finally, if "Islander" has any leisure moments might I advise him to practise tolerance. If this was more prevalent in the world today, there would be less strife.

DUM VIVIMUS, VIVIMUS. St. Peter Port.

Sugar for Jam?

To the Editor of "The Star."

Sir-Are we to have extra sugar, said I could not live on 15s. a week, and so I was given 20s. a week on which to live. If so, when? Loganberries and fallen There is now more than £50 owing to me, and still I have only £1 a week. ANOTHER WIDOW.

SPEAK NOW. Allez Street.

though we must admit we are concerned for your well-being and safety, it is our united hope that Guernseymen will soon see the "silver lining" that peace alone can bring.

Camp life still continues up and down. The last fortnight has been miserable owing to a sequence of wind and thunderstorms, together with excessive rain, from midsummer to midwinter within one hour, but we always have the warning wind gusts first.

Very successful sports meeting on Whit-Monday marred by weather, but day passed well under circumbut day passed well under circum-stances. After 1-1 draw, the Muratti replay ended in 6-1 Guern-sey victory. Ted Whitford (capt.), S. A. White, W. Whare, D. Bisson, W. Arrowsmith (scored 3), A. Win-terflood, F. Stroobant (goalkeeper), splendid game, score flattering to winners. Charles Daniel splendid ref. ref.

Must mention excellent work of Joe Eveson and Aubrey Heaume (works officers) responsible for allocation all fatigues.

Hope Mr. Henry now with you. Best wishes to all late L_____ites Yesterday was extremely hot and, with settled weather promised, our bathing "puddle", 12ft. x 12ft. x 5ft. deep approx., pressed to maximum use. Standing bathes will be the order of the day. If anyone risks

Regular mail between Garland and myself enables our camps to keep The minimum price is 6d, each, but closely' associated. They all seem those who can pay more are urged to well and happy there, and as we are do so, as all the proceeds will go to optimistic, so are they. "The Star" Fund. optimistic, so are they.

Further cheery news comes from Mr.
Frank E. Stroobant, Camp Captain at
L_____ in Southern Germany.
Writing to Mr. Alan Mackay, he
says :--2E. Williams, F. Le Platon
C. Robins, H. J. Hurford 3Writing to Mr. Alan Mackay, he
says :--2R. Bynam, E. Field
J. M. Allain, P. Corbet 3Best wishes from all at L_____
to all friends in Guernsey. You are
constantly in our thoughts and, al-3

LEAGUE TABLE.

The Distance	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A. Pts.
Cossarites	17	10	3	4	181	159-23
Riffs	17	9	3	5	183	157-21
Independents.	17	8	4	5	185	155-20
Skyhawks	17	9	12	Ğ	179	161-20
O.K.'s	17	7	4	6	178	162-18
Magpies	17	1 7	4	6	178	162-18
Poppies	17	7	3	7	166	174-17
Press	17	6	4	7	173	167-16
Casuals	17	7	2	8	162	178-16
Unknowns	17	6	14	7	160	180-16
Star	17	.5	3	9	158	182-13
Centrals	17	2	2	13	138	202-6

NEXT WEEK'S MATCHES.

Centrals v. Poppies; Press v. Casuals; O.K.'s v. Riffs; Skyhawks v. Indepen-dents; Magpies v. Unknowns; Star v. Cossarites.

Would You Like Photograph of Children?

Considerable interest was created by the publication in "The Star" on Tuesday of the photograph of the Channel Isles Children's Christmas party 'somewhere in England".

In response to requests from parents, horizontal position, it is their res-ponsibility. a number of these photographs have been printed on art paper and copies may be obtained at "The Star" shop.



