

# 7,000 PRISONERS, 400 GUNS IN ITALY

## Alexander Drives Forward on 30-mile-wide Front CASSINO GARRISON CRACK: MASS SURRENDER

WITH Kesselring completely outmanoeuvred, General Alexander's forces are now advancing on the 30-mile-wide Italian front from Cassino to the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Capture yesterday of Cassino, the port of Formia, the Esperia road junction, and the strategic height of Mount Ruazzo brings the total of prisoners taken by the Allies

since the offensive began to 7,000, together with 400 guns. French and American spearheads in the south already threaten to outflank the Adolf Hitler Line.

## The White Flag Waved on 'Monastery Hill'



From Daily Mail Special Correspondent

INSIDE CASSINO, Thursday. Cassino is ours. The last Germans to surrender, blinking in the unaccustomed sunlight, with dirty chalk white faces from their long siege in the underground dug-outs and tunnels, were being marched out as I crossed the Rapido into the town early this morning.

I am writing this dispatch on the verge of Spandau Alley and within a hundred yards of the smouldering ruins of the notorious Continental Hotel.

Twenty-four hours ago it was impossible to move by daylight in Cassino. From dawn to dusk the tangled jungle of rubble, which is all that now remains, was deserted.

But at this moment the troops are washing and shaving in the open air and squatting among the debris enjoying their first smell of fresh air for many days.

## Martial Law Declared in Istanbul Pro-Nazis Held

MARTIAL law has been declared in Istanbul, following the activities of the Turkish pro-Nazi "Pan-Turanian" organisation, Ankara radio said last night.

A number of leaders of the organisation have been arrested, charged with activities against the Turkish Constitution.

A Government statement broadcast by the radio said that the Pan-Turanians had lately been particularly active in building up a nationwide organisation, preparing plans, and signing agreements aiming at the overthrow of the present regime in Turkey.

"The organisation made use of ciphers and codes in communication with its members. While there is as yet no direct proof that they were working under the direct control of a foreign Power the indications are that the organisation was a pro-German one based on racialist and Fascist principles."

Documents seized

The communiqué said that the persons implicated "had also formed secret societies, and had programmes for their activities and organs to spread misleading propaganda."

They have been working in different parts of the country, especially in educational institutions, to exploit the feelings of our youth who are definitely imbued with a strong sentiment of nationalism and patriotism.

The statement also says that the Turkish military authorities have carried out raids in Istanbul and Ankara on premises occupied by Mihai Abdul, a newspaper owner, and his associates.

"Various documents were discovered and seized," the announcer said.

It was a study of these documents which revealed to the authorities the activities of the Pan-Turanian organisation.

The search of the premises of Mihai Abdul, and his associates followed incidents in Ankara when after a lawsuit in which Abdul had been involved, there was a demonstration in his favour.

The Daily Mail Madrid correspondent cabled last night that, according to Berlin political commentators, a rupture in diplomatic relations between Germany and Turkey is becoming increasingly likely.

A MINISTER KILLED Spain Air Crash

MADRID, Thursday.—Mr. Arthur Yencken, British Minister in Madrid, and Mr. Hilary Caldwell, Assistant Air Attache, were killed in a plane crash today while flying from the capital to Barcelona.

Mr. Yencken, whose wife was assisting Allied prisoners at the exchange of prisoners in Barcelona, decided to join her there, and the two set off in the plane.

## ROMMEL IS NOT THE No. 1 Rundstedt Boss

AN official Berlin announcement last night made it clear that Rundstedt and not Rommel is the Germans' supreme anti-invasion commander.

Under him, in equal command of two Wehrmacht groups, are Field-Marshal Rommel and Blaskowitz, who for the first time is reported to be in the West—he was formerly in Italy in a junior rank.

Chief of the enemy air forces is Field-Marshal Sperrle, who has also been brought back from Italy.

The German News Agency has thus ended speculation as to whether Rommel or Rundstedt ruled in the West.

Rommel was built up by Goebbels as the war's ace military leader. After his defeat in Africa it was he who inspected and ordered reinforcements of Europe's coast defences.

Rundstedt, who is 69, is the oldest German military commander in a clear job. He has been in the Army since he was 17.

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## Goebbels Tries Leaflets



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## GERMANS SHOOT 9 RAF OFFICERS 'Escape Bid' Story

By Daily Mail Reporter

NINE R.A.F. officers were killed while trying to escape from Stalag Luft 3, near Breslau, East Prussia, on March 25, but no one knows officially how it happened.

The first news in this country was given yesterday, and though it is seven weeks since the men died, no official notification has come to London from the German Government.

The news was not even sent to the protecting Power, Switzerland, by the Germans: it reached the Swiss Government "in another way."

Now the British Foreign Office has made full inquiries and wants to know whether any more R.A.F. officers were killed and whether there was a mass bid to escape.

What They Said

It is considered unlikely that the officers would not have obeyed a challenge while escaping, for all prison camps are guarded by well-armed sentries.

Some of the men had said before leaving home that if captured they would try to escape—but nearly all high-spirited men say the same.

Some of the officers were athletes, and at least one, Flight Lieutenant Stewart, was an expert in tunnelling and excavation work in civil life.

Another Squadron Leader, Bushell, had twice before tried to escape. Once he got within a few yards of the Swiss frontier when he was caught.

The second time he was free for about eight months, and is believed to have reached Czechoslovakia.

The nine men whose deaths are being investigated are: Squadron Leader Ian K. P. Cross, D.F.C., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Penbrooke Cross, of Eastleigh, Hampshire; Flight Lieutenant A. D. M. Gunn, 24-years-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Gunn, Deansland, Auchtermuchty, Perthshire.

Flight Lieutenant A. R. H. Hayter, 20-years-old son of Lt.-Col. and Mrs. H. R. Hayter, of Burghclere, Hampshire; Flight Lieutenant R. C. Stewart, The Ridgeway, Golders Green, London; Flight Lieutenant Harold John Milford, of London; Flight Lieutenant Michael James O'Brien Casey, of London; and Flight Lieutenant Leslie George Bull, of Salisbury.

Only Few Days are Left

A broadcast from London has promised the Belgian people fresh instructions "in a very few days."

The statement from Radio-Brussels said: "We shall give you further clear advice."

NEUTRAL WAR 'LEAKS' MUST END—MARSHALL

Daily Mail Special Correspondent WASHINGTON, Thursday. AMERICAN Army leaders, including General Marshall, are gravely dissatisfied with the failure of Anglo-American diplomatic efforts to cut off supplies of vital war materials to Germany from the neutrals.

Negotiations conducted by envoys with Sweden, Spain, Portugal, and Switzerland have been dragging on for months without achieving much more than a slight reduction of the "leaks."

The War Department is now determined that a full embargo on the export of all war materials to the Germans shall be demanded from the neutrals now dealing with the enemy.

General Marshall is resolved that the policy of neutrality shall not be permitted to enable small nations to contribute to the deaths of American soldiers with impunity.

## Kidnapping of General Kreipe: Full Story SEIZED BY 2 BRITISH OFFICERS



From Daily Mail Special Correspondent

CAIRO, Thursday.

PANZER Divisional General Kreipe had finished his day's work at his headquarters in Heraklion, heart of Nazi-occupied Crete. It was a fine April evening as he stepped into his car and told the driver to take him to his villa.

General Kreipe never reached it. His car journey—plus an unexpected sea voyage—landed him in Egypt, a prisoner of war in British hands.

This is what happened to the general, commander of the 22nd Panzer Division, on that eventful evening of April 26.

The general, who was in uniform with slacks tucked into his boots, had no escort, for this was occupied Crete, miles from the battlefield and the nearest enemy base, and the Cretan guerrillas were under control.

There was no one in the car but Kreipe and his driver. They had gone no more than six miles when a red traffic light waved in the dusk.

The driver pulled up. Two British officers went to the door and Kreipe was a prisoner.

Bundling the driver out of the front seat, one British officer took the wheel and the party drove off through Heraklion, with the general covered inside by automatics.

The two pennants on Kreipe's car gave them safe passage through 22 German military control points.

About 30 miles beyond the town the car was abandoned and the party embarked in a British ship.

DARING PLAN

The daring plan had succeeded. It had been based on the most detailed personal reconnaissance of the Germans' divisional headquarters area by a British officer.

The names of the raiders, who had been landed with the co-operation of the Navy, must at present be kept secret.

Commander of the kidnapping force was a major, his assistant was a Coldstream Guards captain. Both are operating under the command of General Paget, C-in-C Middle East.

Behind them in the German car the two officers left a sealed letter. It read:

"Gentlemen—Your divisional commander, General Kreipe, was captured a short time ago by a British raiding force under our command. By the time you read this he and we will be on our way to Cairo."

"We would like to point out most emphatically that this operation was carried out without the help of Cretan Partisans, and the only guides used were serving soldiers of His Majesty's Forces in the Middle East, who came with us."

Your general is an honourable prisoner of war and will be treated with all consideration due to his rank.

Lieut.-Col. Foote is engaged to be married to Miss Anita Howard, of Farnham, Surrey.

## 2 Accused of 'Misleading' R.N. Officers

MAJOR George Richard King, of Cardiff, and Arthur Stewart Lloyd, aged 55, a chemist, were remanded on bail for 21 days at Cardiff Police Court yesterday.

The charge against them was—"That they unlawfully, at Cardiff and elsewhere, between November 3, 1942, and December 24, 1943, conspired with or abetted to do certain acts, having

ALLIES STILL ADVANCING, SAYS BERLIN

Allied forces have gained ground in the Formia area after throwing in massed forces of men and tanks, said the official German News Agency late last night.

"The enemy gains do not seriously jeopardise the German defensive system as a whole, but a withdrawal towards rearward positions was carried out."

"Kesselring apparently wishes to force the enemy to play all his cards, and only then to launch an attack, and more difficult for the enemy."

reasonable cause to believe that the said acts were likely to mislead the Commanding Officer and other officers of a certain ship in the discharge of lawful functions in connection with the Defence of the Realm."

Mr. Russell John, solicitor who represented Major King told the Bench that Major King welcomed the opportunity of refuting the charge in open court.

## Fighters Down 3 Over France

Squadron of the Allied Expeditionary Air Force flew offensive patrols over France yesterday evening. Five Typhoons shot down two Me. 109s near Paris, and long-range Mustangs, piloted by Poles, destroyed a Heinkel 111 near Orleans.

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What's It Like in the Strait?

State of the Sea.—Very little breeze. Weather.—Cool after day of sunny intervals, thunder, showers, and hail; temperature at 10.30 p.m., 39 degrees; wind, N.E., fresh; sky mainly clear, a few passing clouds. Barometer.—Slight rise after being steady all day. High Tide Across the Water To-day.—10.43 a.m. and 10.58 p.m. SUN SETS 8.11. MOON RISES 5.27 a.m. SUN RISES 6.41 a.m. HOURS OF DARKNESS 11.30. MOONLIGHT

HG Sergeant Vanishes

Mr. E. C. Kingston, aged 44, sergeant in the Home Guard, of Bathford, Salford, Somerset, disappeared on Tuesday night. He was wearing Home Guard uniform, with pilot's wings.











# Australia Now Past Her Worst Peril

## STRUGGLES AHEAD: PM

MR. CHURCHILL praised "the blessings of limited monarchy" when he supported a toast to Mr. Curtin at a luncheon given in honour of the Australian Premier in London yesterday.

The toast was proposed by the Duke of Gloucester, Governor-General designate of Australia. Most of the members of the Cabinet supported him.

"These are the days," said Mr. Churchill, "when in other countries ignorant people are often disposed to imagine that progress consists in converting oneself from a monarchy into a republic."

"In this country we have known the blessings of limited monarchy. Great traditional and constitutional chains of events have come to make a situation unwritten which enables our affairs to proceed on what I believe are superior levels of smoothness and democratic progress."

He said he thought Australia had now "safely" passed through the vicissitudes, terrors, and mortal perils but there were other struggles ahead—perhaps long struggles—in the Pacific theatre.

### Welcome Assured

Mr. Curtin had made a great impression on all who had been brought in contact with him, especially in matters of serious business, went on Mr. Churchill.

"My feeling is that we have made on him an impression about the state of our affairs in our island which will perhaps be confirmed by history, and which is at present expressed in the well-known and never-to-be-forgotten words of Macaulay:

"Then none was for a party; then all were for the State."

Then the great man loved the poor, and the poor man loved the great.

Then lands were fairly portioned, and the Huns were fairly sold, and Britons were like brothers in the brave days of old."

"The lines are an adaptation from 'Lays of Ancient Rome'."

Mr. Curtin assured the Duke of Gloucester of a most cordial welcome in Australia.

"We have a feeling out there," he said, "that the King is the King of Australia, the King of Canada, the King of India, and the King of the United Kingdom."

In view of all that has happened and in view of all that can happen, Mr. Churchill's statement that this appointment is of significance for the future, is fully realised in Australia."

### Cherry Growers to Ask 2d. lb. More

A deputation of fruit growers will ask the Ministry of Food to-day to revise growers' prices for cherries and soft fruit, fixed before the frost damage early this month. They want this year's cherry price 10d., restored to last year's level of 1s.



## "THEY'RE A SENSIBLE BUNCH, TOM!"

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## This is the Meaning Behind 'Operation Strangle'

# MAJOR AIR STRATEGY CHANGE

## Close-Support Bombing Abandoned for 'WE FIGHT JAPS TO THE END'

By COLIN BEDNALL, Air Correspondent

DETAILS made available this morning of a new air technique applied in the present Italian fighting— it is known by the expressive name of "Strangle"— reveal it to be a striking acknowledgment of lessons learned from the abortive 1,400-ton bombing of Cassino.

"The name 'Strangle' implies exactly what it says," I was told yesterday. "The enemy is being taken by the throat in an attempt to throttle him beyond fight."

His throat is represented by the supply lines on which the German ground forces, no matter how fanatical, must depend if they are to meet our assaults.

In every shape or form, these supply lines are being either blocked or actually destroyed from forward positions back to the Brenner Pass.

This has been made the central aim of the Allied Air Forces instead of it being as before, an attempt to blast, by bombing, a pathway through the enemy's front lines.

### New Technique

Much is always being claimed as new in air warfare, but the new technique is of undeniable importance.

Obviously approved by the Army, it acknowledges that the old form of close-support bombing is not fully effective against prepared enemy positions.

It acknowledges that individual fox-holes and gun sites cannot all be winked out by bombs any more than they can be by ground artillery—that it still takes a soldier finally to beat another soldier, and armour to beat armour.

The "Teddier Carpet" principles worked wonders until inevitably the Germans learned how to prepare against them.

The new technique allows the planes to make unimpeded use of their most valuable quality—long reach.

It is the greatest of close air support, which was to reveal the Army's intentions to the enemy.

### Surprise

The first enemy accounts of the offensive against the Gustav Line revealed that there had been a change in the Allied air technique, and that it had taken him by surprise.

The enemy reports stated that the German forces expected the Allied planes would swarm across to lay a pathway of bombs as usual, found their positions being stormed by ground forces without any such preparation.

"Operation Strangle" was launched by the R.A.F. Tactical Air Force in Italy about two months ago. It was directed against the vulnerable railway system behind the German lines.

An essential feature here was the destruction of a successful method of bombing bridges. Railway lines can usually be repaired fairly quickly, but a broken bridge calls for elaborate equipment and skilled repair gangs.

"Bridge blitzing became an exact science, and fighter-bombers began to hole railway tracks almost with the precision of an electric drill." It was stated yesterday.

By May 3 there were 83 different cuts in the railway network between Florence and Rome. The disruption of the railways caused the Germans to fall back on motor transport, of which they are now very short. It has been hampered too, by the long campaign against their fuel supplies, including the bombing of the Rumanian oilfields.

The enemy attempted to bypass the broken railway network by sneaking ships along the coast at night. A special night-ship, of the type known as the "Liberal", was created to raid the ports, and ship-striking aircraft preyed upon the vessels at sea.

The cumulative effect of these activities is to reduce enemy supplies from a stream to a trickle and make the Germans live from hand to mouth. A percentage of their supplies has inevitably gone through, but the coming days should show what lasting results have been achieved by the aerial blockade.

'Exchange' Ship Sails

BARCELONA, Thursday. — The Italian steamer Gradisca sailed for Marseilles to-day carrying German prisoners exchanged here yesterday. The Swedish steamer Gripsholm is not sailing till the week-end, as she is still unloading Red Cross parcels for the British and American internees in German camps.—Reuter.

'Beware Rumours'

WASHINGTON, Thursday. — Mr. Henry Stimson, U.S. Secretary for War, to-day warned America that the enemy will attempt to confuse the people of the United Nations by distorting news of a new supply and military aid to China.—Reuter.

DERBY BACKERS BEAT THE BOOK

By ROBIN GOODFELLOW (Roger Cardew)

FOR once in a way backers of Derby horses at long prices have the better of matters with the bookmakers. The new favourites at yesterday's London evening, Growing Confidence (5 to 1), Tehran (7 to 1), and Garden Path (10 to 1), have all been well-backed horses, each at 25 to 1, within the past month.

Garden Path will probably be first favourite as soon as it is announced that she will run for the Derby. The Derby is every likelihood that she will run for the Derby. The Derby is every likelihood that she will run for the Derby.

The Beckhampton colt Mustang is to have his first race of the year in the Derby. Other mounts of Gordon Richards to-morrow are The Eagle (12 to 1), Blue Moon (10 to 1), Milling (12 to 1), and Isle of Capri (10 to 1).

The two-year-old Maidenhead Stakes at Ascot on June 10 secured 126 entries, and will be run in three divisions, making a programme of 10 races.

### Charlton Can Beat Villa

By ARBITER (Frank Carruthers)

ASTON VILLA, modern invincibles of the big match, visit London to-morrow, for the first time during the war, to play Charlton a Stamford Bridge in the game on behalf of King George's Fund for Sailors.

It will be a clash between North and South Cup winners and a game of over 40,000 is expected and receipts of £100,000.

Of course, Aston Villa, with their remarkable flair for the big match, will be expected to win. But from previous experiences they know that Charlton are a tough proposition, with a light and combative defence and a scoring threat in their swift and cleverly planned raids.

You pay your money and make your choice. Mine is Charlton and once more I may be wrong. My reason for the selection is that I expect the Charlton defence to hold the Villa, and Charlton's fast-raiding moves down the middle to produce the winning goals.

The Charlton team is still uncertain. Yesterday they did not know whether Welsh and Oakes would be able to come to London. I think they will be able to play the team who won the Southern Cup at Wembley.

Jimmy Seed, the Charlton manager, told me, "but I shall be able to borrow other first-class players if it is necessary."

The Villa will also be represented by their Cup-winning side.

Polytechnic Marathon race will be run in conjunction with the Southern Junior Championships at Polytechnic Stadium, Chiswick, on June 17, the championships starting at 2.30.

G. J. V. (C. G. V.), former Cambridge University and Kent cricketer, has died in Dublin, aged 73.

AMATEUR WRESTLING

Nearly 50 competitors will take part in the National Amateur Wrestling Association's Catch-at-Catch-Can Championships at Queensberry Club, London, next Wednesday, at five weights.

Preliminary bouts will be held in the afternoon and finals begin at 6.30.

W.A.A.F. MURDER APPEAL

An appeal by Gunner Ernest James Harmon Kemp, 24-years-old, sentenced to death for murdering Leading Aircraftwoman Iris Miriam Dealey, aged 21, on an allotment at Eitham, S.E. 1, in February, is to be heard on Monday.

## White Flags Waved on Monastery Hill

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been knocked out of Hitler's tough and arrogant parachute division, and at 10.55 a white flag appeared on the saddle of Mount Cassino between the Monastery and Hangman's Hill.

Fifteen hundred prisoners have been taken so far, but it seems, according to what the troops who have been in town this last week tell me, that the Germans have been sneaking out in small parties for several days.

Here and there a boot or an arm protrudes at a grotesque angle from the rubble, and there is a dead German sprawled in a crater a few yards away.

Most of the dead are buried in the ruins or in dug-outs. Cassino bears no resemblance to a town. It is just an empty shell pocked with craters and shell-holes and I doubt whether the war even in Russia has ever scarred the land with such a terrible scene of ruin and desolation.

It was so stifling down there— even the flies can't stand it," said a colonel—that I was glad to escape into fresh air after a few minutes. But our troops have lived in this stronghold for some time.

From the crypt I made my way towards Spandau Alley and the smouldering ruins of the Convent, which the Germans blew up before they surrendered.

Just as I reached the verge of the gully which the Germans used to come down the mountain, at regular intervals, mortar bursts sprouted over the face of Mount Cassino just below the Monastery.

It was a stifling downpour, and I watched the unmistakable, high-pitched whine told us that some were coming our way and we dashed for the battered remains of a Cassino schoolhouse as the shells burst all round us.

It was the Germans' parting shot, and troops sheltering with me took a very dim view of it.

"It was a basket," said Patterner, of Miniver-street, Blackfriars. "Nothing all morning, and then they start at dinner time when they're supposed to have quit."

HIDDEN GUN

One of our anti-tank guns was hidden in this schoolhouse, and while we waited for the mortar fire to die down Corporal Arthur Davies, of Dartmouth-road, Sydenham, told me how it had been moved up to the place by piece under cover of darkness, and assembled there as a surprise for the Germans.

"We were waiting for a tank to come out of the Continental Hotel," he said, "but we never got a shot at it."

Within an hour of the Germans' surrender an army of sappers and road-building engineers, led by bulldozers, was moving into Cassino to cut a road through the rubble and clear Highway 6 for our advance.

They are already at work, and the huge unwieldy bulldozers are lurching over debris with their giant cutters biting through rubble like a knife through butter.

There was a queer incident just now. An officer stopped to show me three magnificent pink roses.

"Look," he said, "what do you think of those. I found them growing among the ruins at the other end of the town."

Somehow the flowers, their freshness and their beauty, made all the horror and devastation surrounding us seem more vivid.

There were wrecked tanks tilted at crazy, drunken angles among the craters, and round the craters half hidden in the rubble all round—and there stood this capless, unshaven and weary-looking officer holding three roses and asking me to smell them.

He said that there was some sniping at the other end of the town after the garrison had surrendered, and two men were killed by mines a few minutes ago.

But it is all quiet now, and it seems that the last chapter in the epic story of Cassino has been written.

It took me nearly three hours to drive up to the front this morning—a journey that usually takes less than an hour.

LAST STRAFE

Skulls from ancient corpses littered the place when our troops first established themselves in the crypt, and several still lay about grinning horribly in the dim light.

"Even the flies can't stand it," said a colonel—that I was glad to escape into fresh air after a few minutes. But our troops have lived in this stronghold for some time.

From the crypt I made my way towards Spandau Alley and the smouldering ruins of the Convent, which the Germans blew up before they surrendered.

Just as I reached the verge of the gully which the Germans used to come down the mountain, at regular intervals, mortar bursts sprouted over the face of Mount Cassino just below the Monastery.

It was a stifling downpour, and I watched the unmistakable, high-pitched whine told us that some were coming our way and we dashed for the battered remains of a Cassino schoolhouse as the shells burst all round us.

It was the Germans' parting shot, and troops sheltering with me took a very dim view of it.

"It was a basket," said Patterner, of Miniver-street, Blackfriars. "Nothing all morning, and then they start at dinner time when they're supposed to have quit."

HIDDEN GUN

One of our anti-tank guns was hidden in this schoolhouse, and while we waited for the mortar fire to die down Corporal Arthur Davies, of Dartmouth-road, Sydenham, told me how it had been moved up to the place by piece under cover of darkness, and assembled there as a surprise for the Germans.

"We were waiting for a tank to come out of the Continental Hotel," he said, "but we never got a shot at it."

Within an hour of the Germans' surrender an army of sappers and road-building engineers, led by bulldozers, was moving into Cassino to cut a road through the rubble and clear Highway 6 for our advance.

They are already at work, and the huge unwieldy bulldozers are lurching over debris with their giant cutters biting through rubble like a knife through butter.

There was a queer incident just now. An officer stopped to show me three magnificent pink roses.

"Look," he said, "what do you think of those. I found them growing among the ruins at the other end of the town."

Somehow the flowers, their freshness and their beauty, made all the horror and devastation surrounding us seem more vivid.

There were wrecked tanks tilted at crazy, drunken angles among the craters, and round the craters half hidden in the rubble all round—and there stood this capless, unshaven and weary-looking officer holding three roses and asking me to smell them.

He said that there was some sniping at the other end of the town after the garrison had surrendered, and two men were killed by mines a few minutes ago.

But it is all quiet now, and it seems that the last chapter in the epic story of Cassino has been written.

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NEW CENSORSHIP Deal Pledge

SYDNEY, Thursday. — Censorship on newspapers and broadcasting in Australia will in future only be imposed for reasons of defence and security, and not merely for the maintenance of morale or for the prevention of dependency or alarm, said Mr. F. M. Forde, Minister for the Army, to-day, following the Sydney censorship dispute.

He announced that a new regulation for the national security of the Press and broadcasting had been drawn up following the settlements of the Government, the newspapers, and all matter associated in the dispute under which certain newspapers were suppressed.—B.U.P.

Genoa Evacuation Ordered

ZURICH, Thursday. — Immediate evacuation of several parts of Genoa and a number of towns on the Italian Riviera has been ordered by the Prefect of the Province of Genoa, says the correspondent of the Neue Zuercher Zeitung at Chasso, on the Swiss-Italian border.

The evacuation is to be completed by Saturday.—B.U.P.

W.A.A.F. MURDER APPEAL

An appeal by Gunner Ernest James Harmon Kemp, 24-years-old, sentenced to death for murdering Leading Aircraftwoman Iris Miriam Dealey, aged 21, on an allotment at Eitham, S.E. 1, in February, is to be heard on Monday.

## Tap Water Coming at a 1d. a Day

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FOR a penny a day about 2,000,000 British country folk who, strange as it may seem in this modern age, have had to manage without tap water up to now, will have a supply laid on when the Government's rural water scheme is completed.

The official hope is that the plan will bring piped water to practically every village and hamlet.

So that small communities shall not be debarred by lack of money from obtaining water, the Government is providing £15,000,000 for country supplies in England and Wales and £6,375,000 for Scotland.

Before the second reading was passed, Mr. Clement Davies, K.C., M.P. for Montgomery, pointed out that the proposed grant to Scotland was equal to more than £6 10s. per head of her rural population, and that for England and Wales was less than £2 a head.

The grant to England and Wales, he argued, ought to be eight times the amount allotted to Scotland.

Small Charges

"The Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Bill is to encourage preparation of plans so that work can be carried out as soon as conditions allow."

But Mr. Willink gave warning that it must take some years to complete the task.

Consumers would be expected to pay a reasonable amount in water charges, about a penny a day for a small house.

Mr. Willink, the Labour spokesman, admitted that the Bill was an advance, but was critical and said that in view of the magnitude of the work to be done the finance was on a meagre basis.

There were 3,400 parishes in the country without a piped water supply.

## VICHY STAFFS DISAPPEAR

### Ministries Empty

From Daily Mail Correspondent

MADRID, Thursday. — Déat, Herriot, and Darnand, Vichy Chiefs of Labour, Propaganda, and Police, have met in Paris to discuss a new problem.

Almost all the employees at the three Ministries have disappeared. The workers are not on strike; they have just gone away.

Déat has threatened that unless they return to work they will be sent to concentration camps. But his difficulty is to find them!

## 8 Burned to Death

Eight people, including three children, were burned to death when a spirit and grocery shop at Killmash, Co. Wick, caught fire early yesterday. A two-years-old baby thrown from a third-story window is in hospital seriously injured.

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