

7,000 PRISONERS, 400 GUNS IN ITALY

Alexander Drives Forward on 30-mile-wide Front CASSINO GARRISON CRACK: GERMANS SHOOT 9 RAF OFFICERS

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.

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 racialism 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 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.

The dead Minister, who was 50 years of age, was an Australian.

He held appointments in Berlin, Copenhagen, Cairo, Rome, and San Sebastian.—B.U.P.

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.

750 BOMBERS HIT BALKANS

Behind East Front

American heavy bombers from Italy yesterday resumed the great "cascade" raids on rail centres behind the German East Front lines that were a feature of the latest Russian offensive. Up to 750 bombers, escorted by fighters, made the attacks.

Targets were Ploesti, one of the most important rail junctions in Rumania, as well as the centre of the Rumanian oilfields, Belgrade, capital of Yugoslavia, and "crossroads of the Balkans"; and Nish, which links all the Balkan capitals by rail.

At Nish the crews reported good bombing. Results on the other targets, including the railway yards at Belgrade, were not observed owing to bad weather.

A number of enemy aircraft were encountered and German reports told of big air battles.—Reuter.

Terrorists Raid a Radio Station

JERUSALEM, Thursday.—An attempt to seize the radio station at Ramallah to carry out an illegal broadcast occurred last night when three truck-mounted members of the Jewish terrorist organisation, Irgun Ezer Leumi, stormed the station.

The radio station is situated outside Ramallah, eight miles north of Jerusalem and serves the Palestine broadcasting studios. The Irgunites were able to penetrate inside the station but were driven out by a strong police reinforcement and a gun battle ensued.—Reuter.

British on a New Pacific Staff

PEARL HARBOR, Thursday.—The existence of a "Joint War Staff of the Commander-in-Chief, Pacific Ocean Areas" was disclosed here today. This explains the precision in recent Pacific battle operations.

The staff, which includes British naval officers, acting in a liaison capacity, numbers 180 officers from the three Services, selected for their special knowledge, skill, and fine training.—Reuter.

False Alert

An "Alert" in Ipswich yesterday was later stated to have been sounded by accident. No "Raiders Passed" was given.

OXFORD'S NEW CHAIR

Establishment of a chair of Czechoslovak study at Oxford University is likely to be proposed soon.

Goebbels Tries Leaflets

Happy days

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NETTUNO

a second Dunkirk

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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 on operations 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.

His story after these exploits is soon told.

When attempting to escape capture at Tobruk he fell down a wadi and injured himself. He was overtaken by Italians and made prisoner, but when Italy collapsed he escaped from his prison camp.

The German cordon was too tight and he returned north in disguise, reached Sicily, and has since been interned.

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

NEUTRAL WAR 'LEAKS' MUST END—MARSHALL

DAILY MAIL Special Correspondent WASHINGTON, Thursday.

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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.

The first public hint of Army dissatisfaction was General Marshall's intervention in the Swedish ball-bearings case.

It is now known that the War Department has been chafing at the diplomats' failure to secure results for some time and that Army leaders have put the full weight behind recommendations for drastic, immediate, and post-war penalties on offenders.

It is even possible that the severance of diplomatic relations will be demanded in all cases where neutrals do not fall into line.

Whatever is done, the generals want it done quickly, to force the maximum difficulties on the enemy during the early stages of invasion.

Colonel Who Saved the Guards

Then Waited Two Years for VC

By Daily Mail Reporter

LIEUT.-COL. Henry R. B. Foote, D.S.O., Royal Tank Regiment, to whom the award of the V.C. was announced in last night's "London Gazette," has had to wait two years for the honour.

He had to wait because until a number of his brother-officers came home from German prison camps with the last batch of repatriates could the story be fully told that "made his name a byword for bravery and leadership throughout his brigade."

For Lieut.-Col. Foote won his V.C. at Tobruk's second battle in 1942—in the first he won the D.S.O. This is his record according to the official citation:

"He was always at the crucial point at the right moment, and over a period of several days gave an example of outstanding courage and leadership which it would have been difficult to surpass. His name was a byword for bravery and leadership throughout his brigade."

While changing to another tank, after his own had been knocked out, he continued on foot under intense fire, encouraging his men by his splendid example. By dusk he had defeated the enemy's attempt to encircle "two of our divisions."

On June 13, when ordered to delay the enemy tanks so that the Guards Brigade could be withdrawn from the Knightsbridge encirclement, and when the first wave of our tanks had been destroyed, Lieut.-Col. Foote reorganised the remaining tanks on foot from one tank to another to encourage the crews under intense artillery fire.

"As it was of vital importance that his battalion should not give ground, Lieut.-Col. Foote placed his tank in front of the others so that he could be plainly visible on the turret as an encouragement to the other crews, in spite of the tank being badly damaged by shell-fire and all its guns useless."

"By his magnificent example the corridor was kept open and the Brigade of Guards was able to march through."

His Escape

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2 Accused of 'Misleading' R.N. Officers

MAJOR George Richard King, aged 48, a recruiting officer 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 others to do certain acts, having

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.

BACK PAGE—Col. FOUR

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

Then lands were fairly partitioned, and the Hun was 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 today 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.



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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' Long-Range Onslaughts

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. The greatest disadvantage 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 prelude.

"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.

Exact Science

"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 also attempted to bypass the broken railway network by sneaking ships along the coast at night. A special night-shift of the Wellingtons, Halifaxes, and Liberators 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 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 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 sale—Gordon's 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 join the Derby to-morrow. If he shows form he is sure to make a shorter price for the Derby than 25 to 1, the odds at which he was quoted yesterday.

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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.

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From Daily Mail Correspondent

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