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# 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 débris, enjoying their first smell of fresh air for many days.

Up on the Monastery British and Polish flags flutter bravely in this morning's light breeze, and down here in the town the white flags and Red Cross flags under which the Germans surrendered at 9 o'clock to day still fly over their deserted strongholds.

Last night, after a day of bitter fighting, the Poles fought their way to the top of Mount Albano, which was the key to the abbey, while British troops in the Liri Valley had cut the Germans' escape route along Highway Six in three places.

It was obvious then that the paratroops left in Cassino and the Monastery were in a hopeless position, but it was still thought that they might make a last desperate stand.

In fact, last night it seemed probable that this was their intention, for after many days of quiet, they plastered our positions in the town with the heaviest barrage they have put over for many days.

Watchers said a light appear in the Monastery Hole on the other side of Spandau Alley, and a party of Germans, evidently trying to sneak out of town down Highway 6, was silhouetted against it.

The road was immediately raked with small-arms and mortar fire, and the escaping party left many dead on the road.

**FIRST WHITE FLAG**

At nine o'clock the first white flag fluttered among the ruins and a party of Germans was sighted sprinting across Spandau Alley.

A few minutes later a Red Cross flag was shown from a niche leading to a dug-out in the rock between the Hotel Continental and the Hotel des Roses, and a second party of Germans appeared with their hands held above their heads.

The element also said 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-Turkish Constitution.

The source 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

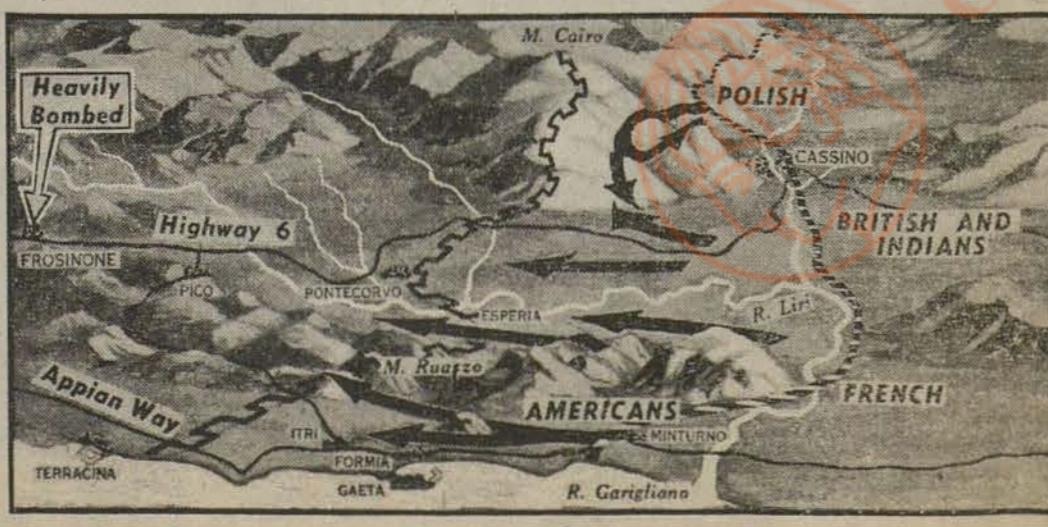
Spain Air Crash

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

Mr. Yencken, whose wife was assisting a Red Cross worker 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 had appointments in Berlin, Copenhagen, Cairo, Rome, and San Sebastian.—B.U.P.

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### 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



### NETTUNO



### PICTURE NO. 1

THIS is addressed to the Americans. The theme is: "Why are you fighting?" Blend over the obvious reply: "Because Germany declared war on us." The printed message on the back reads:

AMERICAN SOLDIERS! Remember those happy days when you stepped out with your best girl "going, places, and doing two women enjoying nice juicy steak at some tony restaurant or watching a thrilling movie or dancing to the tilt of a swing band."

YOU'RE HAPPY. What is left of all this? Nothing! Nothing but days and nights of the heaviest fighting and for many of you

NOTHING BUT A PLAIN WOODEN CROSS IN FOREIGN SOIL!

### PICTURE NO. 2

HERE the appeal is to both American and British Soldiers! It is longer, and reads: Remember the hell of Dunkirk?

How great were the hopes of the British Expeditionary Force and how dreadful was the end! How many ships were sunk and how many brave Tommies kicked the bucket?

AND NOW THE HELL OF NETTUNO!

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# Australia Now Past Her Worst Peril STRUGGLES AHEAD: PM

This is the Meaning Behind 'Operation Strangle'

# MAJOR AIR STRATEGY CHANGE

## The 8th Advance Again



THIS is the advance. Dust clouds swirl up, Bren carriers clatter, Indian troops of the Eighth Army rush forward down the road to Pignataro. Within an hour or two of the taking of this photo-

graph—radioed to London from the battlefield yesterday—Pignataro was ours, the northern bank of the River Liri was cleared, and the last strongholds of the Gustav Line were falling one by one.

"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 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 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, 1d., restored to last year's level of 1s.



## Air Ace in Academy

The bust of Squadron Leader Robert Henry Gibbs, D.S.O., D.F.C. and Bar, ace Australian fighter-pilot, worked in bronze by Miss Barbara Tribe, also an Australian, is exhibited at the Royal Academy.



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

They've saved darned well in this factory—£25 per head this year. Now it's up to you as Collector for our Savings Group, and to me as Hon. Sec. to tell them quite simply why they must go on saving. Tell them first that every shilling they can save is needed to help win the war. Tell them too, that they must go on saving till brighter days come and things are more plentiful again. If everyone starts spending while supplies are short they will only have to pay high prices to get the things they want. That's our argument in a nutshell, Tom. They'll see the sound sense in it all right!"

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## Close-Support Bombing Abandoned for 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-tons bombing of Cassino last March.

"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 blockaded 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.

Obviously it recognises that individual fox-holes and other sites can all be winkled 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 "Tedder 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 the sky, and to bomb accurately. And it removes one of the greatest disadvantages of close air support, which was to reveal the Army's intentions to the enemy.

### Surprise

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

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"Operation Strangle" was

launched by the R.A.F. Tactical Air Force in Italy about two months ago. First it was directed against the vulnerable bridge system in Italy, and I doubt whether the war even in Italy has ever scarred the land with such a terrible scene of ruin and desolation.

It was very peaceful when I first entered the town, and outside the famous crypt, which had received more than a hundred direct hits during the siege, I found English troops enjoying the sunset.

The town could not be seen from a narrow hole tunneled into the rock.



"—And it has been decided that a slight inclination of the head, when passing an officer, will NOT DO." —by Neb.

## 'WE FIGHT JAPS TO THE END'

THIS assurance to the people of the United States about the war against Japan was given in London by Lord Seelby, Minister of Economic Warfare:

"Let no one on the other side of the Atlantic think that the people of Great Britain or the Empire are going to let up for a single instant until Japan has unconditionally surrendered."

"We have a great American Army and Air Force here to-day in the fight against Germany; every man, ship and plane that we can send against Japan when the time comes will come from Great Britain and from the Dominions and Colonies as well."

Lord Seelby's remarks were made to the American Chamber of Commerce in London, to whom he also said:

"Business men who have to create post-war prosperity will find a scorched Europe."

"There has been no replacement of capital goods in Europe for four years, and in the conquered countries their capital goods have been systematically pillaged and brought into Germany to replace those lost by Allied bombing."

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

### 2,000,000 Benefit

Daily Mail Parliamentary Correspondent

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, until communities are going to be set up for a single instant until Japan has unconditionally surrendered.

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**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 charge.

Mr. Walkden, 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

MANIN, Thursday.

Déat, Herriot, and Darnand, Vichy Chiefs of Labour, Propaganda, and Police, have met in Paris to discuss their future.

Almost all the employees at the Vichy 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 Killimash, Co. Mayo, Eire, caught fire yesterday. A two-year-old baby was thrown from a third-story window in is hospital seriously injured.

## WHICH WAY POST-WAR INDUSTRY?



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Simply soak the washed clothes overnight in the Parozone bath. One ounce of Parozone to eight gallons of COLD water—rinse and wring out in the morning, and your "white things" are ready to wear, white and fresh as the day they were bought.

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

"The baskets," said Patterson of Miniver-street, Blackfriars. "Nothing all morning, and then 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 at Dartmouth-road, Arthur Davies, the Dartmouth-road, informed him that a house had been moved up piece by piece under cover of darkness, and assembled 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

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 because of the prevention of moral or political subversive influences.

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