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Sicilian Port of Augusta Captured

RUSSIAN WAR WANING

Nazi Campaign Against Soviet Appears to be Losing Its Vigor Now

OFFENSIVE DIMINISHES

LONDON, July 13 (CP) — The Russians announced last night that the week old offensive in Central Russia has begun to diminish in power after the Nazis suffered tremendous losses. All along the Orel-Kursk-Belgorod front the Nazis attempted repeatedly on Monday to smash through to new positions but each time were ground down by Soviet defenders.

MOSCOW, July 13—The German offensive in Russia appears to be diminishing although battle is even more acute following several days of desperate attacks which resulted in no further progress being made by the enemy. New monster tanks have been used by the Nazis.

Heaviest fighting yesterday was in the Orel section and centred around Belgorod. A total of 22 Nazi tanks were destroyed yesterday, making more than 1,600 in eight days. Fifty-eight enemy aircraft were brought down yesterday, bringing the eight-day total to 1,126.

VISIT FROM EISENHOWER

Allied Commander-in-Chief in Campaign Against Italy Lands at Sicily

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, July 13—General Dwight Eisenhower is back in North Africa after a visit to Allied invasion operations on Sicily and expresses himself as being well satisfied. The co-ordination of the invading armies could not have been better, said Eisenhower, if they had been of one nation.

Eisenhower landed from a destroyer at one of the beachheads which had been taken by the Canadians. He was met by a Canadian colonel and was driven in a jeep to a point on the line where he encountered Capt. J. E. Moore of Vancouver.

Eisenhower's chief lieutenants in the Sicilian campaign are the British generals Sir Harold Alexander and Sir Bernard Montgomery.

Churchill In Sicily Speech

British Prime Minister is Expected to Make Address Shortly

LONDON, July 13 — Prime Minister Winston Churchill is expected to make a statement to Parliament very shortly dealing with the Sicilian campaign.

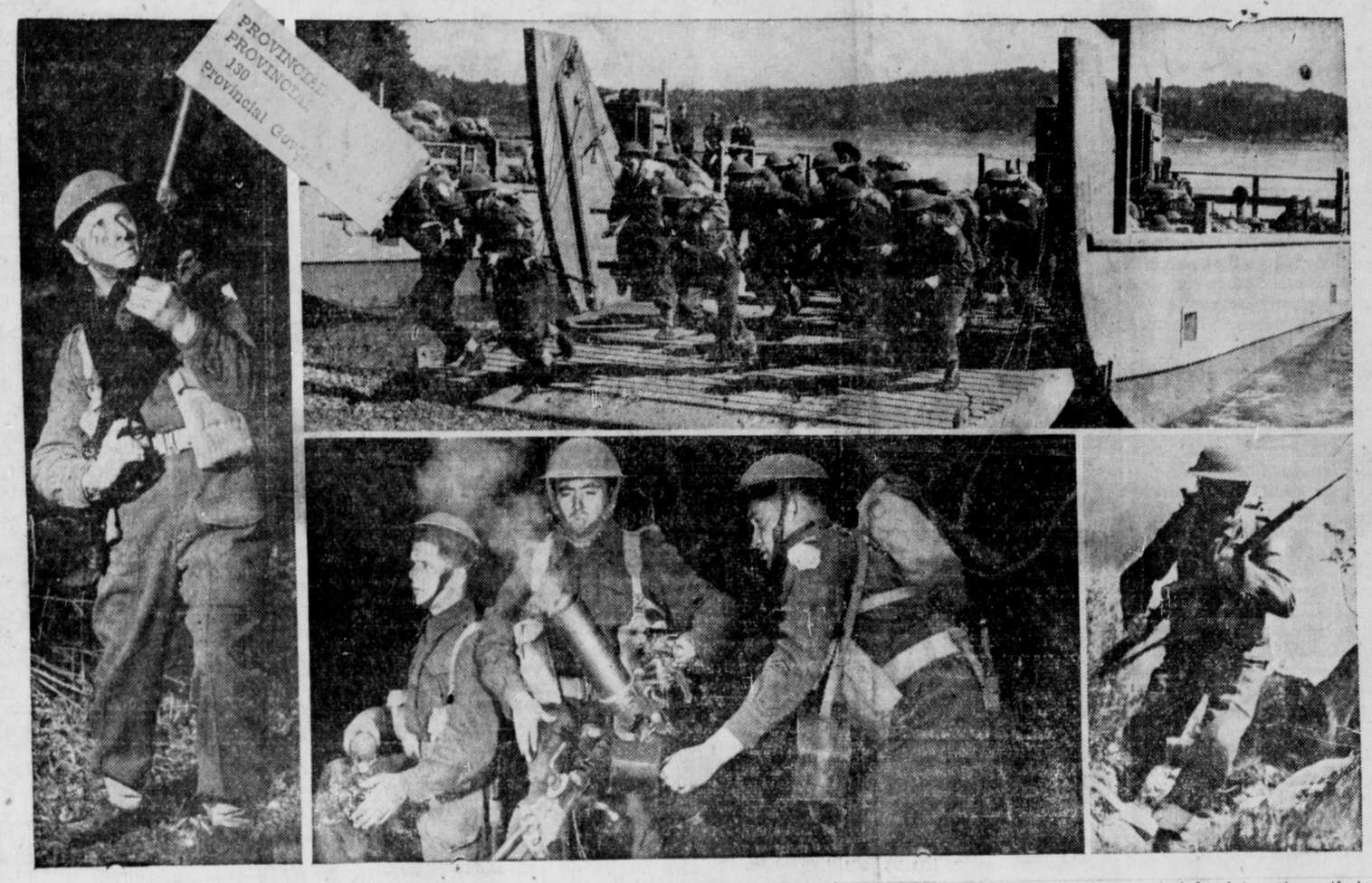
Holds Nine Jobs, And Minds Baby

BLETCHINGLY, Eng., July 13 (CP)—In this Surrey village women with two or even three jobs just don't rate. The prize of them all is Mrs. Joyce Hart who holds down nine ranging from membership in the rural district council to the clerical work in her father's business. She also finds time to look after the baby son of her brother, missing in Tunisia.

HELPFUL STORK CLUB

LONDON, July 13 (CP)—Countess de la Bedoyere has organized in her Kent village home a club to help servicemen's wives sing out their new babies. Called the Stork Club, it provides a complete layette for all wives of servicemen who have difficulty in getting clothing and equipment for their coming babies.

Landing Operations Practised by Canadians



Practising short landings and establishment of bridgeheads on an "enemy" shore — for the day when they may be called upon to spearhead a drive into Hitler's Fortress Europa or Il Duce's bomb-smashed Italiaan territory — men of the Regiment de Hull are pictured in training action "somewhere in Canada. It was for a landing such as that at Sicily for which they were practising. Fully-equipped soldiers of the unit are shown (top) pouring from landing barges almost before the platforms have touched the beach, ready to take up positions and wipe out any opposing force. Bren gunners (left) sweep the skies to give anti-aircraft protection to the landing forces, while mortar detachments (lower centre) push inland to set up their posts. When the opposition has been softened up by mortar and machine-gun fire the men go in with the bayonet (lower right) cleaning out nests of still resisting hostile troops. While these pictures were made in Canada they give a graphic outline of how landing forces operate when the "big push" comes. — (Canadian Army Photos).

WAR STAMP DRIVE HERE

Depth Charge Campaign Under Way in Prince Rupert

The "Stamp Out the U-boat" drive is now under way in Prince Rupert. This drive to promote the sale of war savings stamps concentrates upon the providing of depth charges. Each depth charge costs $90 and Prince Rupert has been asked to finance thirteen of them. A special chart has been provided whereby every purchaser of $1 in war savings stamps may sign his name to a message to the Royal Canadian Navy and the chart with the names of the purchasers will accompany the depth charge to the Canadian ship so that the men of the navy will know who paid for the depth charges they are using.

Local retail stores are co-operating in this drive and charts are already in operation at the Jones Family Market, Watts and Nickerson, Bulgers Ltd., and Vance's Home Arts. Other stores are expected to take part.

The Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, is providing a staff for the Victory Hut on the Post Office grounds and this hut will be open for the sale of these stamps from 1 to 8 p.m., starting Tuesday, July 13. It is expected that other local organizations will also be assisting in the drive.

It is hoped that throughout Canada 15,000 depth charges will be paid for during the month of July through this dramatic appeal and there should be no question about Prince Rupert raising the quota asked.

Southeast Coast English Town Is Raided By Nazis

LONDON, July 13—There were some casualties and damage was done when German bombers raided a southeast coast English town last night.

Representation In Latin America

Mackenzie King Hopes to See Ministers Soon in Cuba, Peru and Mexico

OTTAWA July 13 — Canada cannot long defer the establishment of diplomatic representation in Latin America, Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King told the House of Commons yesterday. He hoped that ministers would soon be named to Cuba, Peru and Mexico.

Mayor Watts Going East

To visit Montreal and Toronto On Private Business—No Decision Yet as ta Ottawa

Mayor W. M. Watts is leaving early next week on a trip to Montreal and Toronto on private business. Asked this morning by the Daily News if he would be visiting Ottawa on civic business, the major said that this was something that had not yet been decided upon by the council.

Service Girls Do Army Bread

LONDON, July 13 (CP)—Auxiliary Territorial Service girls have started to bake bread for the Army, and they are doing well, if complaints (or lack of them) are any criterion. Eighty-seven A.T.S. now are producing 50,000 pounds of bread daily in Easter Command, in a bakery erected during the Battle of Britain for use in the event of a hostile landing.

The Royal Air Force Blackout concert party left this afternoon for Port Hardy.

JUST TOO MANY

The most abundant of living reptiles are lizards.

Attack On Kurile Id?

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 13 (CP) — Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox declined today to affirm or deny that United States planes had attacked the Japanese base of Paramushiro at the end of the Kurile Island chain.

BOMBING OF TURIN

Big Royal Air Force Attack Coincides With Invasion of Sicily

LONDON, July 13 (CP) — Home-based Royal Air Force bombers struck a heavy blow at Turin in northern Italy last night in operations co-ordinated with the Allied invasion of Sicily, it was announced today.

The raiders encountered bad weather on the outward and return trips but the sky was clear over the target area. Many fires were started and heavy damage done in the cencentrated bombing.

Thirteen bombers were lost.

A Rome announcement said that 101 persons were killed and 203 injured in the Turin raid.

ATTACK ON KISKA ID.

Two Japanese Ships Are Sunk And Two Others Damaged—Nip Installations Shelled

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 13—One cargo ship was sunk, another was left sinking and two others were damaged as a result of attack by United States bombers at Kiska Island in the Aleutians.

The Japanese positions on the island were shelled for the third time within a week.

Sir Harry Oakes Funeral Will Be At Bar Harbor

MIAMI, July 13—The body of Sir Harry Oakes, Canadian mining multimillionaire, arrived here yesterday from Nassau, Bahamas, where he died last week, and was taken to Bar Harbor, Maine, where the funeral will take place.

She Just Asked About Too Much

ALDERSHOT, Eng., July 13 (CP)—Mrs Alice Webber, an Aldershot barmaid, was fined $90 for communicating information about the equipment, disposition and movement of troops. It was alleged she had questioned soldiers and volunteered information but it was not suggested she had any subversive intention.

Subs Under Water One Third of Time

LONDON, July 13 (CP)—British submarines on operations lurk beneath the water about four months out of 12, according to Commander Ben Bryant, one of the Navy's aces.

About three fifths of the year were spent on patrol, he said, "but generally submarine crews are happy as the day is long. They spend their spare time in childish games, Ludo and cribbage mainly."

"There is plenty of laughter," he told a B.B.C. audience. "Few of us would swap our job for any other. And from a commanding officer's point of view in tracking down and beating up the enemy at his doorstep we enjoy what is to us the finest sport in the world.

Mrs. W. W. C. O'Neill and son, John O'Neill, left this afternoon for Vancouver.

VICTORY BY NAVY

United States Scores Again Against Japanese in Kula Gulf—Fall of Munda Immienent

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 13 (CP)—A Japanese cruiser and three destroyers were sunk Monday night and early Tuesday by American naval units in a second battle in Kula Gulf off New Georgia in the Solomons. The battle may be still in progress. Two other Japanese destroyers were reported as being probably sunk. No mention was made of American losses. The latest losses raise to at least 13 and possibly to 17 the number of warships Japan has expended in attempts to reinforce the beleaguered garrison at Munda air base with troops and supplies.

Meanwhile thousands of United States marines are now closing in by land upon Munda and it is predicted that it may fall to the Americans within a week.

Elsewhere in the South Pacific Allied bombers smashed heavily again at the Japanese bases on Kahili on Bougainville Island and at Rabaul on New Britain.

Famous Actress Has Passed Away

Death of Cissy Loftus in New York Yesterday is Recorded

NEW YORK, July 13— Cissy Loftus, famous acrtess, died in her New York hotel yesterday at the age of sixty-seven years.

SAVED CATHEDRAL

CHELMSFORD, Eng., July 13 (CP)—Three boys, firewatchers, saved the cathedral from destruction when they climbed to the roof to tackle an incendiary bomb which lodged there during a raid. They were 18, 17 and 15 years old respectively.

Allied Advance On Sicily Continuing; More Places Taken

Progress is Being Made in Drive to Cut Off Island Mainland of Italy

LONDON, July 13 (CP)—British and Canadian forces, striking swiftly up the eastern coast of Sicily, have captured the port of Augusta while other British troops have landed near Catania, half way up the coast, and Allied forces to the south have swept into three towns to seal off virtually the entire south-eastern corner of the island, Allied announcemenst said today.

Augusta is a port nineteen miles north of Syracuse which was captured Saturday and Catania is thirty miles north of Syracuse. Catania is the Italian bastion midway along the coast in the Allied drive to seize all that area north to Messina and close off Sicily from the mainland.

In rapid-fire succession Allied headquarters announced the capture of Florida, Palazzola and Regusa in an arc across the southeastern tip of Sicily in the tightening Allied noose. Florida is eight miles inland from Syracuse and Palazzolo is twenty-two miles inland. Regusa,, strategic rail and highway centre, is twelve miles southeast of Palazzolo and about twelve miles from the southern coast.

An Allied communique said that bridegheads had been extended as deep as twenty miles inland at some sectors.

More than 650,000 pounds of high explosives were dropped on the twin targets of Reggio Calabria and San Giovanni, Sicilian ferry terminals on the Italian mainland, in daylight raids yesterday by one hundred United States bombers. A daylight smash was preceded by a Sunday night Royal Air Force raid on Reggio Calabria airport.

Allied bombing planes also made heavy attacks on enemy troop columns and communications in Sicily.

Two enemy ships are reported to have been sunk and two set afire.

SHIP MEN QUIT JOB

Three-hour stoppage Aboard Coastal Vessel at British Imminent

AT A WEST COAST CANADIAN PORT, July 13 (CP)—Grievances of unlicensed personnel of a ship led to a three-hour work stoppage Monday but the vessel cleared on schedule after a Union official suggested that the men return to work pending submission of the grievances to the owners.

Stewards, engineroom crew and deckhands demanded a mess boy which they claimed had been promised them, crockery and tin dishes and shorter hours for the galley staff.

Bless These Irish They Can Take It!

BELFAST, July 13 (CP)—During an air raid here, the Dublin Fire Brigade was called in to help the Belfast brigade, and an old woman who had been knocked unconscious came to her senses to find a fireman leaning over her. "Who are you?" she asked, and the fireman replied, "The Dublin Fire Brgiade." "Glory be to God," the woman exclaimed, "and I didn't think I'd been blown as far as that."

No boats being in with catches, there was no sale of halibut on the local Fish Exchange this morning.

CANADA IS IN BATTLE

Two British Columbia Battalions take Part in Sicilian Invasion

OTTAWA, July 13—Canadians are involved in a substantial way in the Allied invasion of Sicily, Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King told the House of Commons last night. Every province is represented including two regiments from British Columbia, one from Vancouver.

Canada's War Bill Is Huge

No Less Than Nine Billion Spent In Last Four Years

OTTAWA, July 13 — Canada has spent nine billion dollars in war supplies during the last four years.

FASCISTS' SURRENDER

This Must be Promise of Peace With Italy, People of That Country Are Told

ALGIERS, July 13—An Allied spokesman from Algiers, speaking yesterday to the Italian people, said that Allied terms for peace with Italy would demand unconditional surrender of the Fascist government and army with the setting up of a free, democratic government in Italy under other than Fascist control.

QUESTION OF JAPS

Mackenzie King Questions if Promise Now of Japanese Deportation Would be Wise

OTTAWA, July 13 (CP)—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King Monday night asked members of the House of Commons pressing him for a promise to deport all Japanese from Canada after the war if they thought such an onnouncement would be in the interests of Canadian soldiers and civilians now in Japanese hands.

The Prime Minister preceded the question with a statement, in the absence of consultation with the United States where a similar problem now exists, that because the war was still far from over, he could make no definite commitment to those who wanted him to give a pledge that the Japanese would be sent home when the war is over.

Baseball Scores

International League
Jersey City 5, Baltimore 2.
Toronto 5, Rochester 1.
American Association
Columbus 2, Kansas City 1.
Minneapolis 7, Indianapolis 5.