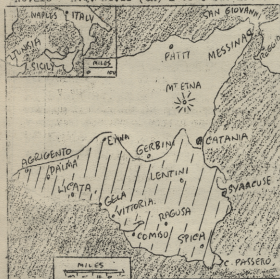


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FALL OF ENNA FORCES AXIS WITHDRAWAL IN SICILY.

With the fall of ENNA yesterday Axis forces to avoid isolation of their western and eastern armies are withdrawing in Sicily. 8th Army is still engaged in a fierce struggle for CATANIA. Germans' strenuous efforts to hold this city is costing them dearly. Americans and Canadians have occupied ENNA thus endangering the whole system of Axis communications. Enemy prisoners now total 40,000. Commenting on the situation Eisenhower said the Axis intends to establish a strong line around Mt. Etna which is being reinforced from Italy and Germany. The 51st Highland Division brigaded with the Australians at EL ALAMBIN has arrived on the Island. In one sector "The Scotties" found that the Italians had killed the German crew of one large gun which had been impeding

SHADED PORTION IS AREA OCCUPIED.

their advance. Berlin claims the sinking by E-boats of two Allied destroyers in SYRACUSE Harbour. Allied bombers raided two of Naples' air fields by day and night and also attacked two dromes further to the South wrecking many aircraft. Italian air owners have been asked to withdraw from Rome a quarter million of what the Italian Radio is pleased to call "surplus population". It is reported that Fascist Leaders were impressed with the devastation wrought in the single raid on the Italian capital and which exposed the inefficiency of the defences and the chronic lack of shelters. Vatican Radio has denied Berlin and Rome reports that the Basilica of San Lorenzo was hit. Leader of the attacking squadrons was Major-Gen. James Doolittle who led the raid on Tokyo.

AXIS GETTING DESPERATE.

Reports from neutral countries indicate that there is an undercurrent of desperation in Axis countries - particularly Germany over the Sicilian situation. It is considered that Hitler is preparing to cut his losses in Sicily and then stiffen resistance in Italy. Germans may also gamble on a diversionary offensive through Turkey.

RED ARMY CONVERGES ON OREL.

Soviet troops continue to gain ground in their twin drive on OREL. Yesterday they advanced from 3 to 11 miles recapturing 100 more places. From both the north-east and the east their converging forces are only nine miles from the German stronghold. In the southern end of the salient around BELGOROD the Red Army is also pushing forward. Improvement in the Russian position in the DONETZ Basin is indicated, both south of ISZUM and south-west of VOROSHILOVGRAD.

ANOTHER JAP NAVAL SET BACK.

Allies have broken up another enemy naval force by air attack in the central Solomons. Three light cruisers, six destroyers and two transports were sunk, one light cruiser and two destroyers probably sunk and two destroyers and a transport damaged. The flotilla was heading towards VILA on Kolombangara Island. Catalinas trailed it and at dawn bombers came down in waves. Two medium and two dive bombers were lost. Japs were endeavouring to reinforce the sorely pressed Munda garrison which is now so closely invested that supply and reinforcement is practically impossible. Situation of the beleaguered force deteriorates hourly.

APOLOGIES TO OUR READERS

Combination of almost transparent duplicating paper, inferior ink and cold weather has resulted in unusually illegible copies of "Mulga" recently. With expected arrival shortly of better quality material, it is hoped that production of a more workmanlike job will follow.

AMENITIES MATERIAL - TROOPS FOR THE USE OF

Newly-established Amenities Store is now completed with a good stock of supplies of some lines of sporting goods. Soft-ball material, hockey sticks, tennis balls, football sweaters, deck tennis sets are all available but we are still awaiting the arrival of tennis racquets and football boots. Much delay in the past has been occasioned by units lodging orders with Adelaide firms direct instead of through Amenities S.A.L. of C. Use of the correct channel will facilitate release of goods in short supply and is strongly recommended.

TPT 1 WORKSHOPS RAISE £30 FOR P.W. FUND

Members of Tpt 1 w/shops are to be commended for their effort in raising £30 for the P. W. Fund with a popular competition. Vases were won by A.R. Hannan of No 2 C.C.C. Camp, and cigarettes by Pte. R. Redhead of Tpt 4.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

Sicilian landings have incited the Greeks and Yugo-Slavs to rise against their oppressors. About 400 Italian garrison troops were killed in the Dalmatian Islands and Nazi reinforcements have been rushed to quell the uprising.

About 20,000 letters from prisoners of war have reached Britain from Japan through Spain and Portugal. Nine-tenths came from Malaya, the rest from Siam and Japan.

Sas 16-month ban on horse-racing and will be lifted at the weekend. Re-opening of betting shops will not necessarily follow the lifting of the ban on race meetings.

50 speeches in 5 States is Mr. Menzies' election-eering programme.

By a special majority Vic. branch of the R.S.L. decided against recommending admittance to R.S.S.I.L.A. of members of the Militia who have served in combat areas.

Since the war began rural workers in Australia have fallen from 500,000 to 350,000. Women engaged in agricultural pursuits has risen from 20,000 to 50,000.

Mr. Hume founder of well known concrete working firm is dead at the age of 7.

£607 million was subscribed for the Air Force in Britain's Wings for Victory Week.

As a result of Allied successes, securities in enemy and occupied countries are bringing higher prices on the London Stock Exchange.

A ship's carpenter James Chapman has won the B.E.M. for gallantry at sea. Chapman and his companions had taken to the boats, and short of food he used his hand as bait to catch a 4ft shark. Chapman reached out and caught the shark by the gills.

Freak gun with range at least four times as great as that previously used by either side is reported to be in use across the English Channel.

TONIGHT

CAMP: "Missing Ten Days" (Rex Harrison) & Shorts.

PICTOR: "Escape" & "Mary Takes a Date".

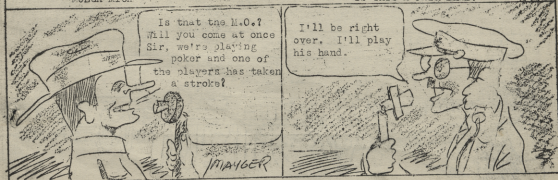
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