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GERMANS FREE MUSSOLINI.

Parachute troops, says Berlin Radio, have set Mussolini free. This was done to "prevent the Badoglio Government from handing Italy over to the British". Since the fall of Mussolini there have been various conflicting reports as to his whereabouts. First he was reported to have been imprisoned in a villa and then later went to Switzerland. Although it has not been stated it appears likely that Mussolini will take command of the new Fascist Government formed outside of Italy. None of the members have been cited as yet.

Germans are making an all out attempt to capture and take over the whole of Northern Italy. Broadcast from Nazi Marshal Kesselring has virtually placed whole of Northern Italy where most of the prominent towns have been occupied under German rule. Main features are:- 1. Strikes forbidden; 2. Any Italian civilian found with weapons will be tried and summarily shot; 3. Curtailment of all telegram and telephone communication; 4. Exhortation to Italian soldiers to continue "their heroic stand" against the British.

Capture of SALERNO near Naples has opened the way to NAPLES where American 5th Army are advancing and are engaged in heavy fighting with German troops. Aerial opposition around NAPLES is growing. Italians handed over the city of ROME on Saturday morning to the Germans after spirited artillery duels in the suburbs. Germans have promised only to take charge of radio, telephone, telegraph and police system. Other than this they will remain outside the city. In the toe of Italy 8th Army have advanced 35 miles. Germans claim they are attacking our forces at TARANTO key naval base which fell into British hands on Friday. Position in Italy is obscure. Biggest headache for Germans will be lack of aircraft as our raids and damage have shown in the last few weeks.

ITALIAN FLEET SURRENDERS.

On Saturday 22 Italian warships consisting of four battleships, seven cruisers, and eleven destroyers proceeded by dirty battle scarred little British destroyers sailed into Valetta Harbour. They came from TARANTO and SPEZIA. The TARANTO group had an easy passage but the SPEZIA fleet was attacked all the way and 34,000 ton battleship the ROMA was sunk. Two of the battleships are of the Roma class, comparatively modern and virtually unused and their trim condition and sleek lines afford a startling contrast with the British ships. Eisenhower on the bridge of Cunningham's flag ship witnessed the surrender. Overhead roared Spitfires piloted by some of the men who formed the air umbrella to get convoys through to Malta in her dark days eleven months ago when she was almost beaten to her knees. VALETTA population is on fete with Union Jacks flying everywhere. Simultaneously MADRID reports that 12 other ships have reached the BALEARIC Islands. U.S. Algiers radio reports that six more have reached GIBRALTAR.

RUSSIANS PUSH ON IN THE UKRAINE.

Russians are sweeping through the Ukraine with such speed that Germans have not even had time to fire wheat-fields or buildings. Red drive to the Dniopr bend has threatened the only remaining unbroken German railway line to the Crimea. If this falls into Red hands, Germans will be forced to carry supplies by sea and road. Red advance west and south-west of STALINO gave them another 50 places. Russians threat to BRYANSK grows daily. If the Russian drive continues at its present rate BRYANSK will soon be within range of Russian artillery. Advance in the northern sector of the UKRAINE is so speedy that Russians are threatening to overtake and overwhelm retreating German forces. One column has advanced to within 15 miles of the KIEV railway line. Capture of KIEV capital of the Ukraine will prove one of the greatest reverses Germans have yet sustained in Russia.

HITLER TELLS THE GERMAN PEOPLE.

Hitler has broken his long silence in a 16 minute broadcast to the German people. It was mostly a panegyric on Mussolini the "greatest Italian since ancient Rome". Badoglio he castigates for informing him that "Italy will never capitulate" on the very day Italy surrendered. He promised the R.A.F. attack would be smashed and that the Luftwaffe would retaliate. Russia was not mentioned!!

TERMS OF ITALIAN MILITARY SURRENDER.

Terms of Italian surrender have been released. Here they are:-

1. Complete control of all Italian troops and forces and complete surrender with complete cessation of all hostilities immediately.
2. Italians are to use every endeavour to prevent Germans from fighting Allies.
3. All prisoners of war are to be handed over immediately and not transferred to German camps.
4. Immediate transfer of all Italian warships and planes to the British.
5. Immediate transfer of all mercantile shipping to British.
6. Surrender of the Island of Corsica.
7. Full use of Italian airfields and ports by British. Italians are to protect them and prevent them from falling into German hands until such time as British troops can take over.
8. All Italian troops outside of Italy are to be returned immediately to Italy.
9. Italians must make every endeavour to carry out the terms of the Armistice.
10. British are to have full power to take any measures deemed necessary in the interest of Armistice terms and their establishment in Italy.
11. British are to have full power to disarm and demobilise Italian forces at any time.
12. Further political and economical terms are to be submitted later.
13. Armistice terms will not be broadcast without first gaining the consent of the British.
14. English will be the official language for all communications.

Story of the negotiations reads like a Phillips Oppenheim novel, and at long last British strategy appears to have recovered that pristine astuteness for which it was once renowned. Negotiations were begun during the last week in August with a meeting between Italian and Allied representatives in neutral countries. A week later, an Italian general was sent to Lisbon in company with a British V.C. general who had been a P.W. in Italy, as a guarantee of good faith. Proposition was that, on the day Allies landed on Italian mainland, Italy should change sides and join hands against the common enemy - Germany. High Officers conferred with him. In order to maintain secrecy, general returned by a circumlocutory route, and anxious Italians, worried by the delay, sent a second general who endeavoured to secure more lenient treatment but our intermediaries remained firm on the question of unconditional surrender, and the document recording the above terms was signed in Sicily in the presence of Eisenhower and Alexander on Sept 3 to become operative on Sept. 6.

British comment is scathing in its condemnation of Italy's airy offer to change sides. Sentimentalists who are already speaking of Italy as "our latest Ally" should align this suggestion with the same country's infamous treatment of Abyssinnia and her obviously self-centred entry both into this war and the last.

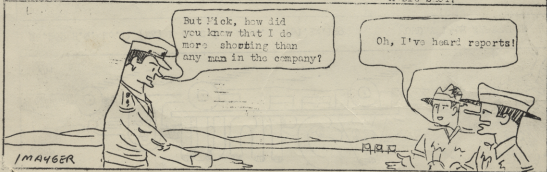
It is obvious that Germany's occupation of portion of the country has rendered many of the articles operative. It is for example unlikely that our P.W.'s will escape and it is also patent that Italians are not able to secure the handing over of many of the airfields and ports but much has been achieved. The fleet is in our hands and, perhaps most important, the Germans have been completely outwitted. Negotiations were carried out right under their unsuspecting noses and they have been made a laughing stock. The Germans don't like to be laughed at.

BRINDISI FALLS TO 8th ARMY.

Capture of BRINDISI, first port of the Adriatic, by British 8th Army brings Allies closer than ever to the Balkans. Cease of fighting between Italians and Germans. British are now within 70 miles of ALBANIA. Capture of airport makes short range bombings on Balkans an easy matter. Fall of BRINDISI followed lightning 40 mile drive by 8th Army. They are now at BARI 30 miles north of BRINDISI. Hard fighting is in progress.

MULGA PICK

A BIG SHOT!



NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

U. BOAT MENACE UNDER CONTROL. U Boat menace in the Atlantic is well under control. U. Boat sinkings last month were more than mercantile marine. Vigilance of Navy and growing strength of Naval Air Arm are prime factors in eradication.

IN A HURRY. Japs, in a camp in the Makhham Valley west of Lae (N/Guinea) were in such a hurry to escape invading paratroops that they left still moist washing on the line. Troops found officer's full kit, including his revolver in tent.

ANOTHER TRAM-TRUCK CRASH AT IPSWICH. Ipswich (Qld.) has been scene of remarkable coincidences. Monday 23 people were injured, two women killed, when military truck crashed into tram and sprayed it with petrol. Tram ignited, trapping passengers. Friday exactly same thing occurred about 200 yards from scene of Monday's accident. This time, fortunately, tram did not catch alight but eight persons injured, one seriously. Latter person, Mrs. Hoskins was carrying bag containing collections for victims of Monday's crash.

TWO BOYS ON MURDER CHARGE. Two Sydney boys, aged 14 and 15 have been charged with murder of John Beincourt (Malvern). Beincourt went to his garage to investigate a noise and was shot in the stomach. Automatic pistol found in one of boy's beds is believed to have been stolen from the Bank at Malvern.

MORE A.A.M.W.S. FOR N.GUINEA. Sisters and V.A.D.s have arrived in N.Guinea to work in Military Hospitals. "This is most important step in development of A.A.M.W.S., which already has high reputation for efficiency and discipline on the mainland" said Army Minister, Forde.

ABANDONED BABY FOUND IN BUSH. Feebly waving his arms and legs and attacked by ants a baby boy was found Friday in the bush at Picnic Point (Sydney) by a 10 year old girl. Baby was covered with woman's bed jacket and was less than a day old. He was taken to Scarba Home, Bondi. Baby will probably not be affected by ordeal. Police are tracing the mother.

MAY BE WOMEN JURORS IN NSW, SOON. Women jurors may be included in future jury panels in NSW. State Cabinet is to consider amendments to Jury Act, including provision for women jurors. Pointed out that this will mean alterations to State Courthouses, **PREMIER COMMUTES DEATH SENTENCE.** Death sentence passed on Lionel Roy Barlow (24) on June 29 for murder of eleven year old boy on March 7, has been commuted to life imprisonment by N.S.W. Premier McKell.

WENT SHOPPING IN NIGHTGOWNS. Candan (NSW) had a surprise when 50 people who had been holidaying at Rio Grande Guesthouse, Burrigorang, and ran women who lost their belongings in a fire which destroyed the hostel, did an impromptu Lady Godiva act and went shopping in bare feet and clad in nightgowns. Their ration books had been lost in fire but they induced storekeepers to sell them clothes. Some guests returned to Sydney clad only in pyjamas and slippers.

SCHOOLBOY'S EXCEPTIONAL DIVE. Challenge to any high diver in Australia has been issued by Albury sportsman for Kevin McDonald (18), who recently dived 70 feet from Murray River. At 12, McDonald dived from 60 foot tower.

PORTER'S MOB MAKES HISTORY

Hardened campaigners rubbed their eyes in astonishment at the flattering reception accorded Porter's Mob at the close of last night's entertainment. All night long the house simmered with excitement. Enthusiastic and well deserved applause followed every item. Audience were no longer "sitting on their hands with chewy in their mouths".

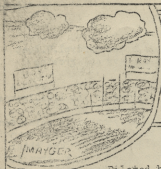
But no one associated with Amicitias was prepared for the scene at the final curtain. The spontaneous expression of appreciation made history in this Area. Someone in the audience called for three cheers and the ringing response echoed in the hills. The reason is not far to seek. The performance was artistic, well balanced and entirely free from any suggestive element. That this should have satisfied all is a compliment both to the audience and the company. To select any artist or item for particular praise would distinguish invidiously.

During a supper on the stage after the show visitors were officially welcomed to the Territory by Maj. Paterson who outlined the party's itinerary and thanked them for an outstanding performance.

Allied work's Council personnel will of course be welcomed at performances tonight and tomorrow.

TPT. 3 AUSSIE RULES PRINERS.

Tpt. 3 proved much too good for Tpt. 1 in the grand final yesterday, but Tpt. 1 were most unfortunate with injuries. Final Scores: Tpt. 3 18-13, Tpt. 1 9-13. Best for Tpt. 3's very even side were:- Lunnay, Wilson, McFarlane, Templeton, McIntosh, White and Noblett. Tpt. 1's stars were:- Knott Bros., Kennedy, Reynolds, Hayes and Collier. Goal kickers for Tpt. 3 who have gone through the season undefeated were:- Bussenschutt 7, Watson 6, Sargent 2, Wade, Biggins, McIntosh and Lethbridge. For Tpt 1 full points were scored by Hayes 4, Martin 2, Reynolds, Hicks and Bridges. Space precludes full report which will appear in Wednesday's Mulga.



The SCOREBOARD.

Who Won AND Where.

SUN VALLEY TAKES MEMSIE STAKES.

Piloted by J. Purtell, Sun Valley was successful in annexing Memsie Stakes on Saturday, Sth. Australian sprinter Queen Baccha was successful in Whittier Hdcp. Results of races are given below. Riders given in brackets.

DOONA HDGP: Anthony (Purtell) 4/1, Cokonus (McCloud) 20/1, Valour (O'Brien) 4/1
WHITTIER HDGP: Queen Baccha (Dewhurst) 4/1, Mosfino (Finger) 20/1, Nagation (McComiskey) 10/1, Loading Man (McCloud) 3/1, Precept (Preston) 8/1.
WARRISTON HDGP: Brazen Jester (Sanderson) 10/1, Star Valley (Hopps) 5/1, The Bohemian (Henry) 12/1, Martial Law (Unkovich) 12/1, Star Valley (Hopps) 5/1, The Bohemian (Henry) 12/1.
MEMSIE STAKES: Sun Valley (Purtell) 5/1, Tranquil Star (O'Brien) 4/1, Sirius (Finger) 25/1.
TEATHEBATE HDGP: Mating Call (Pearce) 15/1, Samrocks (McCloud) 6/1, Tarcoona (Morris) 25/1.
HEATHERLE (2nd Div): Illyrian (6/1), Wallace James (10/1), Fannade (25/1).

TRIBAL SUCCESSFUL AT RANDWICK.

Tribal followed up his brilliant track trial on Tuesday by easily winning the Chelmsford Stakes. Chatham's Choice was on the winning and again in the Spring Handicap. A large crowd saw the races at Randwick. RESULTS:
Spear Patrol (20/1), Dominaser (5/2), Puchong (7/2).
Betko (16/1), Wee Laddie (33/1), Greyphon (10/1).
TRAMWAY HDGP: Dewar (3/1), Hallstand (6/1), Prince (6/1).
ELEGANTLY STAKES: Warlock (6/1), Enthuse (6/4), Denton (12/1).
CHELMSFORD STAKES: Tribal (2/1), Katanga (9/4), Rimveil (1/1).
SPRING HDGP: Chatham's Choice (6/1), Gauw Eilat (7/2), Eureka (7/2).
Kiarre (5/2), Vanguard (10/1), Epigram (33/1).

ESSENDON ACCOUNT FOR RICHMOND IN SECOND SEMI-FINAL.

On Carlton Oval on Saturday, Essendon reversed previous week's result and now confidently await meeting of Richmond and Fitzroy next Saturday. Scores:
Essendon (13-16) def. Richmond (9-17). Fitzroy (8-11) def. Sth. Melbourne (8-6).

SYDNEY RUGBY LEAGUE STATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

Sydney premiers Newtown, proved too good for Newcastle on the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday, but other Metropolitan team was soundly trounced by Waratah/Mayfield at Newcastle. Scores:
Newtown (29) def. Sth. Newcastle (12). Waratah/Mayfield (16) def. Nth. Sydney (3).
RUGBY UNION: East (11) def. Wests (8). Easts meet Manly next week in Grand Final.

NORWOOD WIN FIRST ADELAIDE SEMI-FINAL.

Norwood Nth. gave Sturt Sth. a solid trouncing in the first semi-final of Adelaide Football on Saturday. SCORES: Norwood Nth. (21-20) def. Sturt Sth. (10-16).

BROT BOMBER IS COMING TO AUSTRALIA.

Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, will be in Australia within the next few months. With other world-famous performers, Louis is coming with the Special Service Department of the U. S. Army. He is bringing his special sparring partner with him. Joe Louis has defended his crown more times than any other heavyweight champion ever did. He is the first to wear his crown in the service of his country as a soldier. He is also the first world's champion to fight for nothing. Since entering the Army, he has given the whole of his earnings from two fights to War Funds.

Every other world's champion who went into the U. S. Army got some kind of rating to start with. But Joe, king of them all, wouldn't have it that way; he started from a scratch and is still a sergeant after more than 12 months in uniform.

Cup local heavyweights will be the most interested of all Australians. They will have some sleepless nights thinking what will happen if Joe's sparring partner cracks up. We haven't a man big enough or good enough to carry the Bomber's bag.

The visit of the colored champion is sure to arouse tremendous interest in this country.