

SMASHES MONASTERY

Germans Flee From Monastery Like Rats When Bombs Crash Into Obstacle That Has Held Up Cassino Advance; Rail Yards at Rome Blasted Heavily; Land Fighting Lull Continues

Allied Headquarters, Naples, Feb. 15.—More than 200 American bombers and scores of heavy field guns wrecked the fortified Monte Cassino abbey today while other United States planes battered targets in Rome itself in smashing twin blows to end German immunity behind holy walls at a cost of Allied lives.

The bombers sent German troops pouring like ants out of the monastery, only to be shelled by the land barrage, while hundreds of other German troops were believed buried under the collapsing walls of the abbey which the enemy had garrisoned in defiance of every convention.

Debris from the monastery was sent tumbling over the German pillboxes surrounding the abbey and reconnaissance pilots flying over the area after the four-hour aero-artillery barrage saw no signs of enemy movement. The abbey itself, appeared to have been blasted to its deep foundations, although part of the outer walls still stood.

Attack on Rome
American A-36 Invader dive-bombers made the third attack of the war on the Rome rail yards. With clearing weather, the Allies appeared to be having their biggest aerial day since Salerno as planes roared off from every airfield within range to provide support for the stalemated Cassino and Rome beachhead fronts.

Today's new assaults took up without interruption the great Mediterranean aerial offensive launched yesterday and continuing until dawn today, involving more than 1,500 sorties.

(The Rome radio asserted that in today's Rome raid the security police headquarters was hit and the vice commissioner of police injured seriously. Some of the highest Vatican authorities were said to have gone to the bombed areas in automobiles, but were

forced to take shelter from machine-gunning en route. Later a heavy bomb fell near one Vatican car and damaged it, the German broadcast said.)

(German fighter planes engaged the raiders, one of which crashed in the city while two others fell in the outskirts, the Rome broadcast said.)

Monastery Blasted
Four waves of Flying Fortress and two each of Mitchells and Marauders blasted the monastery and while their explosives still were falling, American guns in the Rapido valley opened their long-awaited barrage on the abbey hill.

It was a decisive step to save American lives taken only after every effort had been made to force the Germans to respect the religious neutrality of the monastery, the oldest such sanctuary in the world.

When the Germans defiantly kept observation and machine-gun posts in the buildings, a 24-hour warning by means of a leaflet barrage was given to the 2,000 monks and civilians believed sheltered in the monastery to leave at once. But it was uncertain whether they had departed or only burrowed deeper into the subterranean chambers of the abbey.

James E. Roper of the United Press, who watched the spectacular aero-artillery bombardment from a vantage point in the Rapido valley, said that the monastery appeared to be damaged heavily. The eastern wall lay crushed, gray-blue smoke poured out of the southeastern corner, and only a ragged stub marked where the great blue dome, with its gold cross, had glittered in the sun.

The heaviest damage was caused early in the afternoon by two waves of Marauders which dumped many 500-pound bombs squarely on the southeastern section of the monastery.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—The fifth anniversary of the Brewing Industry's voluntary cooperation program in North Carolina will be celebrated May 18.

Organized in 1939, the Brewing Industry's Foundation North Carolina Committee has cooperated with law enforcement officials and military authorities in maintaining wholesome conditions wherever beer is sold.

Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, former State Senator and a veteran of World War I, has headed the program in this state during these five years.

LOUISBURG HOSPITAL NEWS

Phm. 1-c and Mrs. D. C. Phillips announce the birth of a baby boy on Feb. 15th in the Louisburg Hospital. Mrs. Phillips is the former Miss Bettie Hamlet, and Mr. Phillips is overseas.

Master Geo. Holmes, son of Mr. Alvin Holmes, who has been quite ill in the Louisburg Hospital, has sufficiently recovered to return to his home.

Mrs. Sam Horton of Louisburg, Route 1, is convalescing nicely in the Louisburg Hospital.

Miss Elsie Burnette of Louisburg, Route 2, is getting along nicely in the Louisburg Hospital.

WANTED—One pick up field baler. J. I. Case preferred. Please quote price and condition. WILMER L. WILSON, Brookdale Farm, Bordertown, New Jersey. R. 1. 2-18-2t

NOTICE OF RESALE

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in that certain order made on 14 February 1944, by the Clerk of the Superior Court of Franklin County, in Book of Tax Judgments 3 at page 158 C, in that certain tax foreclosure proceeding entitled "1392 County of Franklin v. Sallie Sills, widow, et al.", the undersigned commissioner will offer for sale for cash at public auction at the courthouse door of Franklin County in the Town of Louisburg, at or about the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon, Eastern War Time on

THURSDAY, 2 MARCH 1944 the following described lands situate in Cedar Rock Township, Franklin County, North Carolina: Containing twenty (20) acres more or less, and being part of the 86-acre tract of land formerly owned by Littleton Sills, husband of Sallie Sills, and being more particularly described in Book 157 at page 409, Franklin County Registry. See also map in Book of Orders and Decrees 9 at page 268.

The successful bidder will be required to deposit with the commissioner a sum equal to five per centum (5%) of the amount bid, to secure compliance with the terms of sale and to be forfeited upon noncompliance.

Dated and posted this 14th day of February, 1944.

JOHN F. MATTHEWS, Commissioner.

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF EQUALIZATION AND REVIEW FOR 1944

Under and by virtue of the authority contained in Chapter 310 of the Public Laws of 1939, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Franklin will meet and convene as the County Board of Equalization and Review of Franklin County, for the purpose of equalizing the valuation of all property in the County, to the end that such property shall be listed on the tax records at the valuation required by law; and said Board will correct the tax records

The Cost of Invasion



A wounded Marine who fought and helped to win Cape Gloucester from the Japs is carried to a heavy duty truck which will take him out to an L.S.T. for evacuation to a hospital in New Guinea. Are you backing invasion by buying War Bonds? From U. S. Treasury

for each township so that they will conform to the provisions of law; the said Board will on request hear any and all tax payers with respect to the valuation of property; the Board will examine and review the tax lists of each township for the current year, and will of its own motion, or on sufficient cause shown by any person, list and assess any real or personal property or polls subject to taxation in the County omitted from said list; and will correct all errors in the names of persons, in the description of property and in the assessment and valuation of any taxable property appearing on said list; and will increase or reduce the assessed value of any property which in their opinion shall have been returned below or above the valuation

required by law; and will otherwise comply with the provisions of said Chapter 310 of the Public Laws of 1939.

The first meeting of said Board of Equalization and Review will meet and convene in the Commissioners' Room in the courthouse of said County of Franklin at ten o'clock A. M., Eastern War Time, on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1944, and will adjourn from day to day until the work of the said Board shall have been completed; but said Board will not meet later than Monday, 3 April 1944.

Dated and first published the 18th day of February, 1944.
J. H. BOONE, County Accountant and Tax Supervisor for the County of Franklin.

ORDER AUTHORIZING \$35,000 REFUNDING ROAD BONDS OF LOUISBURG TOWNSHIP

WHEREAS, the Board of Road Trustees of Louisburg Township, in Franklin County, North Carolina, acting under the authority of Chapter 184, Public-Local Laws of North Carolina, 1913, duly issued \$40,000 5 1/2% Road Bonds of Louisburg Township, dated February 20, 1914, and maturing February 20, 1944, for the purpose of constructing and improving public roads in said Township, of which \$38,000 bonds are now outstanding and unpaid and constitute valid subsisting bonded indebtedness of said Louisburg Township; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 146 of the

Public Laws of North Carolina, 1931, the said Board of Road Trustees of Louisburg Township was abolished and the Board of Commissioners for the County of Franklin was constituted fiscal agent for the purpose of providing for the payment of said road bonds, and was vested with authority to levy taxes in Louisburg Township to provide for the payment thereof; and

WHEREAS, the sum of \$3,000 will be available for the payment of said outstanding \$38,000 Road Bonds at their maturity, and it is necessary to issue \$35,000 refunding bonds of Louisburg Township in order to provide funds to pay said \$38,000 Road Bonds at their maturity; now therefore

BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Franklin:

1. That bonds be issued in the name of Louisburg Township, pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina ratified on the 5th day of March, 1943, entitled "An Act to validate certain bonds heretofore issued by Franklin Township and by Louisburg Township in Franklin County and to authorize the issuance of refunding bonds," and pursuant to Chapter 257, Public

Laws of North Carolina, 1933, as amended, and the County Finance Act, as amended, in any amount not exceeding \$35,000 for the purpose of refunding a like amount of the principal of 5 1/2% Road Bonds of Louisburg Township, dated February 20, 1914, and maturing February 20, 1944, which bonds constitute valid subsisting bonded indebtedness of Louisburg Township.

2. That a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of the Refunding Road Bonds herein authorized shall be annually levied and collected upon all taxable property in Louisburg Township.

3. That the holders of said Refunding Road Bonds shall be subrogated to all the rights and powers of the holders of the indebtedness refunded thereby.

4. That this order shall take effect upon its passage and shall not be submitted to the voters.

The foregoing order was finally passed on the 17th day of November, 1943, and was first published on the 18th day of February, 1944. Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of said order must be commenced within thirty days after its first publication.

ALEX T. WOOD, Clerk Board of Commissioners of the 2-18-2t County of Franklin.



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"DEATH VALLEY RANGERS"
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"OH MY DARLING CLEMENTINE"
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SUNDAY - MONDAY, FEB. 20 - 21 —
EDDIE CANTOR - HUMPHREY BOGART
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JOHN GARFIELD - ANN SHERIDAN
DENNIS MORGAN - DINAH SHORE

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TUESDAY, FEB. 22 — Family Day
BASIL RATHBONE as SHERLOCK HOLMES
NIGEL BRUCE as DR. WATSON
in
"SPIDER WOMAN"
"Don Winslow of The Coast Guard"

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23 —
ADOLPHE MENJOU - MARTHA SCOTT
DENNIS O'KEEFE - POLA NEGRI
in
"HI DIDDLE DIDDLE"

THURSDAY - FRIDAY, FEB. 24 - 25 —
Battle Cry of the Marine Raiders
RANDOLPH SCOTT - GRACE McDONALD
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NOTES ON NATS—The Naval Air Transport Service, in a little more than two years, has flung together a world-wide airline covering 65,000 miles, the Office of War Information has recently revealed.

One of these superman jobs made possible by the savvy of commercial air operators, the NATS was born on December 12, 1941. Its original pilot, drawn from an airline, pioneered a route to the South Pacific. NATS planes on regular runs were on their way even before he finished his survey. Other achievements of the Navy's airline have been: delivering \$250,000,000 in new currency to Brazil; hauling a 5,100-pound propeller shaft for a warship; promoting the building of an all-stainless steel transport.

SKY'S THE LIMIT—The two airlines advocating a monopoly on post-war international routes have been made to eat their own words.



Grover Loening, inventor of the amphibian airplane and many other aeronautical developments, served the dish.

United Air Lines, only one of 17 domestic airlines preaching the "single chosen instrument" theme, declared the post-war field won't be large enough for more than one airline because its statisticians "proved" North Atlantic travel would be only about 200,000,000 passenger miles a year. But, Mr. Loening pointed out in a speech at Minneapolis, Minn., Pan American Airways—which would be the beneficiary under United's monopoly plan—last year alone flew 475,000,000 passenger miles!

"It seems to me," Mr. Loening said, "that these two outstanding proponents of a monopoly in this great field should at least read each others' articles before telling us what a limited future we are going to have so they can argue the merits into a monopoly in this romantic developing field."

Saying that United made its prediction on the basis of pre-war steamship travel, Mr. Loening asserted, "We might just as well have figured the automobile industry's capacity in 1910 by the number of people riding around with horse and buggy."

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