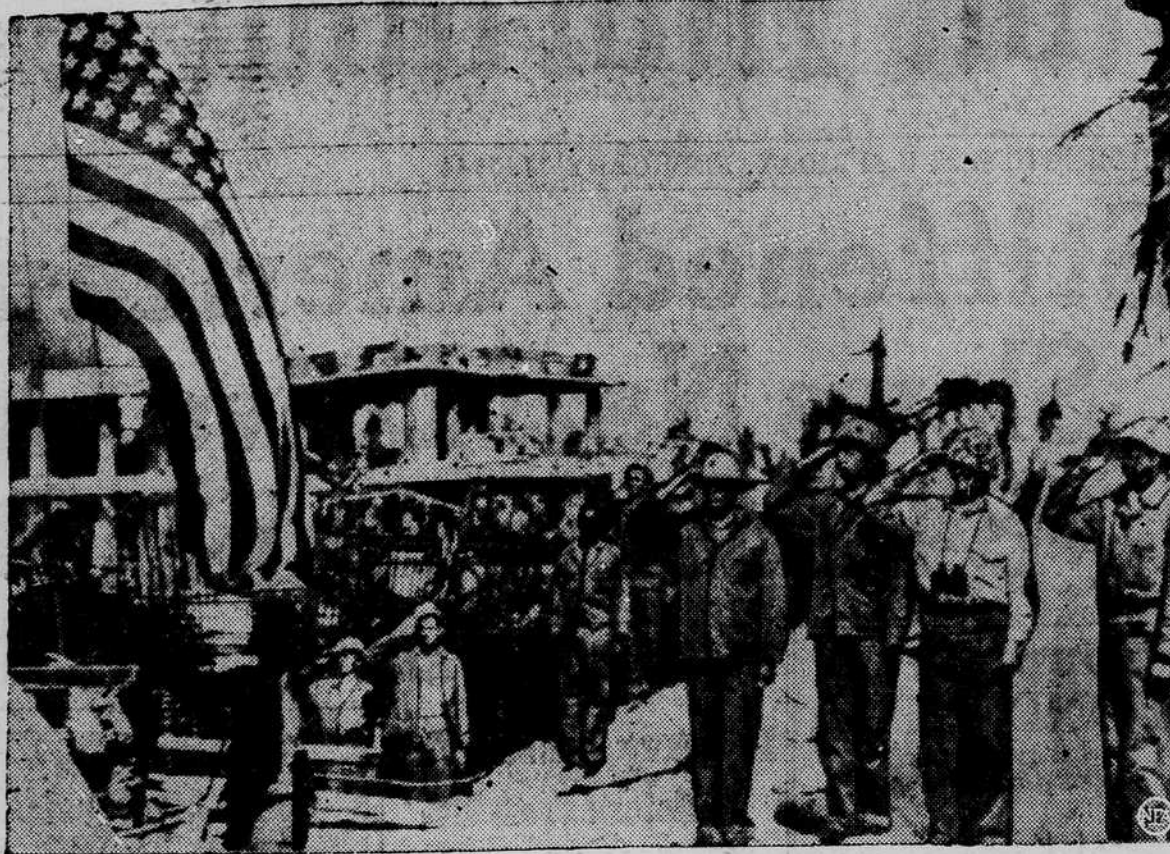


OLD GLORY GOES UP ON ROI



U. S. Marines pause from their mopping-up operations to salute the flag as it goes up on Roi Island—the first pre-war Japanese territory to come under American control. In the background is the wreckage of a three-story concrete blockhouse knocked out by the furious bombardment of the island stronghold and air base.—Marine Corps photo, from NEA Telephoto.

Rome's Capture Without Damage Is Allied Problem

By LYNN HEINZERLING WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT CASSINO, Feb. 7.—(Delayed)—The Fifth army's scrupulous respect for the abbey of Monte Cassino, high on a hallowed peak above the battle-torn town of Cassino, emphasizes a delicate problem facing Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark in planning for expulsion of the Germans from the Holy City of Rome.

Americans Slow Beachhead Drive

(Continued from Page One) in the slowing down of the German's first main attempt to drive the beachhead defenders back into the sea. There is no doubt in my mind the Germans were attempting to smash through one sector in an attempt to split the beachhead and then run in tanks as fast as possible.

It will present a problem even more perplexing than that of Paris in 1940. Paris was declared an open city and left undefended as the Germans approached. It escaped damage. In the final analysis the type of warfare employed by the Allies in expelling the Germans from Rome will depend on the manner in which the German high command decides to defend it—if the city is to be defended.

Rising Enemy Power ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Superior German forces slashed with rising power at the entire 30-mile perimeter of the Allied beachhead near Rome in the past 24 hours, probing for a weak point against which they might throw men and armor in an all-out assault on American and British troops who have been fighting almost continuously for 18 days.

The violence of Nazi artillery fire was increasing, and dispatches from an advance Allied force were being supplied only at great risk. Even though the Allied air force struck with overwhelming power at the enemy's immediate communications, with fighters operating from an improvised landing strip on the beachhead itself, the Germans still appeared to be massing reinforcements of men and tanks.

In order to try to give the blitzed and war weary German people their first big victory since Marshal Rommel's last desert drive, Hitler is throwing the book at the beachhead, wrote Kenneth Dixon of The Associated Press. Allied pilots say the German airmen over the beachhead are the toughest yet seen in the Mediterranean theatre. Dixon wrote, and they are in greater numbers than previously met over Italy.

The Germans, taking advantage of the Allied attitude toward religious shrines, have seized it and established positions in the very shadow of the aged buildings. There is nothing to indicate this extreme patience on the part of Allied commanders will be changed when Rome is reached.

The German ground troops, too, are powerful, including the 26th Panzer Division, veterans of Russia. They are willing to spend many lives to gain a little ground, he noted, declaring: "Everything points to one obvious conclusion—the German high command has ordered the beachhead knocked out regardless of cost."

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All attacks were fought off without serious loss of ground, but an Allied spokesman acknowledged that the beachhead as a whole was on the defensive for the present. (In Washington Acting Secretary of War Robert Patterson said that although the heaviest German attacks on the beachhead probably are yet to come, "our men are firmly established." He said the Nazis had accumulated a formidable force and that their threat was not to be minimized.)

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One indication of Allied preferences for taking Rome unscathed is the fact that the city has not been bombed from the air except for railroad yards and airports on the outskirts. However, if the Germans decide the city must be leveled behind them as they depart—a decision they have made—then the question of spending the lives of many Allied soldiers will become a part of a difficult decision the Allied commander must make.

Detention Home Is In Spotlight

(Continued from Page One) diet is served the inmates, according to the committee which noted that buttermilk, rice and beans were served yesterday at lunch. The report specifically stated that there had been no heat in the building for two days, the boiler impossible to get a plumber to make repairs immediately upon their discovery.

Quartermaster Corps Inspectors To Meet In Charlotte Feb. 15

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Army quartermaster corps inspectors from the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida will attend a conference here Feb. 15-16, the Charlotte quartermaster depot announced tonight. Discussions will be led by Maj. Al Corbin of quartermaster inspection service headquarters in New York and Dr. H. P. Bachus, field consultant of the quartermaster general's office in Washington.

President Seeks U. S. Owned Shops

(Continued from Page One) President Roosevelt said the money also would continue needed public works program including essential services among which are educational, health and child-care facilities. Congress already has appropriated \$350,000,000 for this work, first authorized in 1940.

Slogan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Treasury tonight passed along this slogan suggesting that money is better spent for War Bonds than for merrymaking: "War Bonds do not grow on spruce." The department identified the author as Edward Franz, a one time New York newspaperman who was badly wounded in the First World War and since has undergone a long series of operations resulting from his wounds.

Badoglio Given Old Authority

(Continued from Page One) game in Italy had been abrogated and that full civil and political rights were to be restored to Jews. The decree annulling more than a dozen anti-semitic acts of the Fascist rule will immediately affect not more than 1,000 Jews, as the majority of Italy's Jewish population—never as much as 100,000—lives in the German-occupied north.

City Briefs

STATE HIGHWAY PLEA The State Highway Patrol has issued a second plea to motorists to remove old license plates from vehicles and carry 1944 license tags on the rear of all motor vehicles.

MARRIAGE LICENSE Harlan P. Brede of Milwaukee, Wisc., and Alice Price of Pink Hill, N. C., received a marriage license through the registrar of deeds office in the courthouse Thursday.

EDISON DAY The USO at Second and Orange streets plan to hold a Thomas Alva Edison Anniversary celebration on February 18th, and extends an invitation to any interested person who owns a cylinder disc phonograph of the old-fashioned Edison type to attend the celebration, and demonstrate the phonograph. The club is also in need of a pressing iron for use by servicemen and their wives, and would much appreciate the donation of an iron.

ENGINEERS' BARBECUE The Wilmington District Engineers and employees will hold an old fashioned barbecue and dance Friday night at 6 p. m. at the garage building of the U. S. Engineers yard.

RADIO THEFT Leroy Robinson, employe of Shoemaker Book Store, reported the theft of a radio from the delivery truck while parked in rear of 113 Market street in Purcell alley about 1:15 p. m. Thursday.

State Has Passed Two-Thirds Mark In Sales Of Bonds

WINSTON-SALEM, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Sales to individuals in North Carolina's Fourth War Loan Drive have passed the two-thirds mark on the way to the quota of \$70,000,000, State War Finance Chairman Clarence T. Leinbach disclosed tonight. Individual purchases reported thus far total \$47,000,000 or 67 per cent of the goal, Leinbach said.

Movie Comedian Indicted By U. S.

(Continued from Page One) fixed at \$1,000 each, except for Griffin and White, who were released on their own recognizance. An official of the United States attorneys office said the maximum sentence on all charges against Chaplin if he were convicted would be 23 years imprisonment and \$26,000 fine.

Climax Is Near In Dnieper Bend

(Continued from Page One) firing lines in a last agonizing struggle—repeating the same fatal pattern which a year ago preceded the Stalingrad surrender of what remained of Field Marshal Gen. Friedrich Von Paulus' sixth army of 330,000 men. The midnight communique, recorded by the Soviet monitor from a broadcast, said the Germans had lost 10 more Junkers tri-engine transport planes and four fighters in trying to supply the doomed men. They were downed by Soviet airmen guarding against parachuting supplies. Much of these supplies intended for the Germans were reported falling behind Soviet lines.

Some 150 miles to the southeast the Russians said one Soviet formation of Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's third Ukraine army had killed 1,300 more Germans yesterday and captured a considerable number in a steady push west of Anostolovo to outflank the iron city of Krivoli Rog. The Russians in this area were reported more than 45 miles west of fallen Nikolop on the low Dnieper river, where thousands of other Germans had been decisively defeated in operations still not completed.

Hundreds of guns, supply-laden trucks and wagons, and other Axis military equipment were declared swept up by the Russians under Malinovsky and those under General Nikolai F. Vatutin and Ivan S. Konev which are conducting the liquidation of the Korsun trap. Korsun, on the Korsun river, 25 miles south of the middle Dnieper river, was being hit by seven Russian columns. One Soviet column yesterday gained six miles from Gorodishche, a railway village seven miles southeast of Korsun, and other hamlets in the area. Another smashing down from the northwest took Nekhovorsch, the same distance from Korsun, and other villages in that area.

It was the Zavadov sector where the Russian communique said "our troops cut off several German groups from the main enemy grouping and are wiping them out." Behind them, at the approaches to and in the streets of Gorodishche.

Bishop Purcell Appoints Dryman

CHARLOTTE, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Rev. F. O. Dryman, pastor of the Weaverville Methodist Church, today was appointed pastor of the Methodist Church at Franklin by Bishop Clare Purcell. He fills the vacancy caused by the previous appointment of the Franklin pastor, Dr. J. L. Stokes, II, to the pastorate of the First Methodist church at Elkin. Dr. Stokes succeeds the Rev. Herman F. Dunca, who yesterday was appointed pastor of the First Methodist Church at Asheboro, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. M. T. Smathers, killed in a traffic accident Feb. 1. The vacancy at Weaverville will be filled shortly, Bishop Purcell said.

ARRESTED STOCKHOLM, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Four former members of the Norwegian parliament have been arrested by Quisling police, the Swedish-Norwegian press service said today in a dispatch from Oslo to the Stockholm paper Dagens Nyheter.

region, the bulletin said 1,000 dead Germans had been counted. Twenty-four guns, 65 machineguns and more than 1,000 trucks were captured at that point, Moscow said. For the first time since the trap was sprung on the Germans the Soviet communique did not mention German counter-attacks in the Zvenigorodka area, southwest of the Korsun pocket, in a Nazi attempt to break through. Presumably the Germans outside now have given up hope of reaching the survivors.

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