



## TWO MORE TOWNS TAKEN IN BRITISH INVASION OF ITALY

**Eighth Army Strikes 60 Miles Into Italian Mainland; Scant Opposition Encountered, But Many Roads and Bridges Destroyed By Axis.**

The British eighth army drove steadily ahead on the Calabrian road Tuesday, extending the invasion around Italy's southernmost invasion tip to about sixty miles, and smashing another ten miles inland in the Santo Stefano sector to Delianuova.

On the west coast British and Canadian columns had pushed ahead at least as far as Palmi, while on the South their gains extended some distance east of Melito. The capture of Palmi, and Delianuova was announced by allied headquarters.

With the coastal arc held by Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's fighters now approximately sixty miles in length, the wedge driven inland from the original beachhead consists of a triangle running about fifteen miles east-northeast from Reggio Calabria and then to the coast at Palmi.

(Although Axis broadcasts yesterday reported that the German and Italian commands had effected an evacuation of Southern Calabria, the Nazi war bulletin, broadcast by Berlin and recorded by the Associated Press, said: "On the Calabrian peninsula our protective formations engaged in minor encounters with the enemy.")

Front dispatches reported that scant opposition was encountered by the British and Canadian troops, but that extensive demolitions of roads, bridges and tunnels and the extreme ruggedness of the terrain made progress slow. The allied communique describes the advance as satisfactory.

The allied command took advantage of the situation to move reinforcements and a huge amount of material across the Strait of Messina to the mainland under the protection of the British navy and British and American air units. There were scarcely any attacks on this supply line.

A Berlin broadcast recorded in London by the ministry of information said that in "view of the slow progress of the British landing operations in Calabria, it is probable that another landing enterprise is being planned."

## Invasion Of Italy Finds German Foe in Dispute As To Defense Positions

The allied invasion of Italy was reported to have caught Adolf Hitler and members of his general staff at odds over the question of whether the German army should attempt to make a stand along the Po river or withdraw to positions behind the Alps.

According to a Swedish observer, who cannot be identified by name but who has just returned after a long stay in Germany, Hitler is insisting—against the advice of his generals—that an attempt should be made to halt the Allies at the Po.

The Germans have already erected huge fortifications along the Po, the traveler said, as the result of a deal made between Hitler and Mussolini before the latter's fall from power. This understanding provided for the withdrawal of Axis troops from most of Italy to the Po river with little more than delaying actions against the Allies farther to the South.

## AT CAMP WHITE



Pfc. Russell L. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Thomas of Mabel, N. C., who is stationed at Camp White Oregon. His address is: USAS 3445474, Btry A. 348 F. A. En.; APO 91, Camp White, Oregon.

## SICILIAN CHILDREN MEETS U. S. VETS



Native children of a North Sicilian town present gifts of grapes to Private Roy Kirkland and Corp. Hulon Whittington of the American army. Whittington was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for his part in the Sicilian campaign.

## War Loan Drive Started; Watauga Quota \$120,000

### Hero's New Eyes



Corp. Murray Sailin, blinded hero of World War II, and "Lady" a guide dog, presented to him by the International Boilermaker's Union, Local No. 6, of San Francisco, Calif. Lady is the first of eight such dogs bought by the union for blinded veterans of this war.

## Lunch Room Program Being Arranged For Watauga Co. Schools

Information has just been received in the office of the county superintendent, setting forth the new child feeding program for the various schools of this county, and application forms have been requested for the twelve lunch rooms in the county, which had previously been operated.

The program is sponsored and supervised by the North Carolina department of public instruction, and funds for the specified foods are provided by the food distribution administration. Federal assistance will be given in order that the children from the low income group will have at least one nutritious meal each day and in order to aid farmers in marketing surplus foods.

The state has been divided into three areas with a full time supervisor for each area. Aid will be given of 2 cents to 9 cents per meal depending on the type of lunch served. This aid should be available by the end of the first school month and all schools are urged to open their lunch rooms as early as possible.

Full information concerning the lunch room program can be secured by calling at the office of the county superintendent.

## Boone Lions Club Holds Annual Picnic

The Boone Lions Club held its annual ladies night picnic at the fish hatchery Tuesday evening.

Paul Coffey was chairman of the refreshments committee and perfect attendance buttons were awarded to the following Lions: Dr. Abrams, Dr. Whitener, Dr. R. R. King and Ray Manship.

Ray Manship who is moving to North Wilkesboro, tendered his resignation as president of the local organization and Frank Payne, first vice-president was presented with the president's button. A committee to compose resolutions of regret at losing Mr. Manship as president was appointed by the incoming president, and was composed of the following members: Dr. Abrams, Dr. Whitener, and Lee Stout.

Cullen Johnson of the Lenoir Club was a welcome visitor.

## Local Organization Plans to Conduct Intensive Campaign In County to Meet Bond Goal: W. D. Farthing Heads Watauga County Campaign.

The local War Bond committee met Tuesday evening and laid plans for disposing of \$120,000 in government securities as Watauga's share in the fifteen billion dollar third War Loan drive.

The campaign starts today and present plans call for practically a house-to-house canvass of the county, in order that the county may meet its quota.

Mr. W. D. Farthing, local bank cashier, is chairman of the local war bond campaign, while Mrs. J. A. W. Davis continues as the chairman of the woman's division. Mr. S. F. Horton and Mrs. Horton will have charge of the educational group.

The Boone organization will be almost the same as previously. Mr. Clyde R. Greene is taking Dr. A. P. Kephart's place as chairman of publicity, while Mr. S. C. Eggers and Mrs. J. A. W. Davis will have charge of radio programs over local station WDRS. They plan to have as many local soldiers at home on furlough as possible to talk on their programs. All these are asked to contact either Mr. Farthing or Mr. Greene.

The third war loan campaign is designed to raise money by individuals, or from non-banking sources. Reports from Washington are that the money must be raised this month by the sale of bonds or that tax schedules will be adjusted so as to take care of the amount.

The campaign will be conducted intensively and there will be a daily radio program. Any changes in organization or plans will be announced through the local paper.

**RED CROSS OFFICE HOURS**  
The Red Cross office is now open from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. When the office is closed calls may be made to 113-R.

**LEG IS BROKEN**  
Mr. Letcher Teague, popular local service station operator, suffered a broken leg in a fall at his home here last Saturday evening.

## IN MARINE CORPS



Pvt. Dallas Davis, son of Mrs. Ruby Jester, of Banner Elk, N. C., who has been in the Marines since April 1st. He completed his training at Paris Island, S. C. and New River, N. C., and now has entered training at the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Calif. He would be glad to hear from his friends. His address is: Pvt. Dallas Davis, Sea Coast Arty. H. & S Btry, 1st Airborne Marine Base San Diego, Calif.

## ENROLLMENT OF 400 AT FALL TERM OF APPALACHIAN

Officials at Local College Well Pleased With Enrollment, In Light of Present War Conditions; About 50 Men Expected In Student Body.

The completed registration for the fall term at Appalachian State Teachers college is expected to be about 400, it was stated Wednesday morning by Prof. H. R. Eggers, the registrar.

Two hundred and twelve upper classmen registered Tuesday it was said and one hundred and twenty-five freshmen are on the campus, which with other students known to be coming, makes the 400 estimate conservative.

Today the Freshmen are having their orientation, physical and mental examinations, and will meet regular classes on Thursday afternoon.

In view of the huge demands on college-age groups for war industry and for service in the armed forces, college officials feel that the 400 registration will be excellent for the opening term.

Of the total registration about 50 will be men, it was stated.

## TEN ARE SELECTED FOR NAVAL DUTY

The following Watauga County men have recently been selected for service in the Navy and have departed for a training center:

- A. Frank Hamrick
- Morris Barnett
- Roy B. Greene
- Dale C. Norris
- Edgar R. Hartley
- Charles Olin Wright
- Maston M. Hodges
- Gonnie David Watson
- Howard D. Taylor
- Harvey Blane Hayes

## New York University Professor Visits Boone

Professor Ambrose L. Suhrie, who organized the department of Teachers College Education in New York University and served as its head for eighteen years and who has frequently been a guest speaker at Appalachian College, spent the past week in Boone, as a guest of President Dougherty, whose educational leadership and practical achievement he has long admired.

While here Professor Suhrie spent his time in the local cannery, which is under the management of Dr. Orby Southern, and the one at Vilas which is under the management of Mr. Ernest Hillard. During a five day period the Professor canned, labeled and crated 479 quart cans of choice fruit, vegetables and chickens. He expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the quality of the fruits and vegetables he was able to get in the local stores and out on the nearby country farms, and he gave high praise to the management of the local canneries and their efficient and accommodating helpers. He plans to return next year.

Prof. Suhrie says that scientific tests made at the Land Grant College of Iowa establishes the fact, too little known and appreciated in this community, that Boone is located in the center of a mountain area which produces fruits and vegetables not excelled in any part of our entire country in their vitamin and mineral content.

On Friday evening at 8 o'clock Dr. Suhrie joined the forces of the county under the leadership of Mrs. J. A. W. Davis in an appeal to our citizens to buy War Bonds. His appeal was made from the local broadcasting station.

## Vilas Cannery To Be Open On Each Friday

The Vilas community cannery will be open each Friday until further notice, states Mr. Ernest Hillard, the superintendent.

Mr. Hillard states that the cannery will be open next week for the making of molasses, which will be done on the same basis as last year, except that the participating farmers will now be expected to supply a part of the labor.

## First Teachers Meeting To Be Held on Sept. 18

Mr. John T. Howell, president of the local unit of the N. C. E. A., announces that the first county-wide teachers' meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Appalachian High School building on Saturday afternoon September 18, at 3:00 o'clock.

## Hosiery Mill to Locate In Boone; To Employ About 90; A Burlington Industry

### ITALY QUILTS!

Press-time radio information tells of the unconditional surrender of Italy to General Eisenhower, allied commander in the Mediterranean theatre. News is that the armistice terms laid down by Eisenhower were accepted without reservation, and that hostilities between the allies and the Italian forces ceased immediately upon the signing of the necessary papers.

Speculation is that the Italian forces may unite with the British army in driving the German forces from Italian soil, and there is also belief that General Patton's American army will soon land in Italy to hasten the defeat of the German forces on the northern sector of the peninsula.

The surrender of Italy came as a surprise as it was not expected in high military circles at this time.

President Roosevelt refused comment on the day's big news, other than to say: "This is Gen. Eisenhower's story—let him tell it!"

## Short School Day Schedule Continued In Some Districts

The County Board of Education recommends the continuance for two weeks of the short school day schedule in effect last week, due to the critical farm labor shortage. A resolution in this regard was passed by the board in its regular session Monday, as follows:

"Resolved: That in view of the emergency confronting us in the food situation and because of the shortage of farm help in the harvesting of crops, the Board recommends that the short day schedule in effect last week be continued for two weeks longer in schools where there is a demand for this plan and where the labor shortage is acute. Provided, that at least one day per week be made up at a later date for the time lost. Each district principal will work out his own schedule to conform to the above ruling."

It was also resolved by the board that no elementary pupils be transported from one consolidated school district to another school district. Should children select a school other than that to which they are assigned, they will furnish their own transportation.

## Owners of Stray Dogs Warned By Mayor

Mayor Gordon H. Winkler states that numerous complaints are reaching him about the depredations of dogs, which are allowed by their owners to roam over the community at will. The Mayor respectfully asks the owners of these canines to keep them on their premises, before more drastic action is necessitated.

## IN ENGLAND



Ronda G. Hampton, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hampton, of Blowing Rock, R. F. D., who has been in England with the U. S. Army for the past two months. Mr. Hampton volunteered for army duty June 26, 1941, and was trained at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

Representatives of Baker-Commack Hosiery Mills of Burlington, N. C., have completed preliminary arrangements for the opening of a hosiery plant here, designed to employ about 90 women, and which it is their intention to open just as soon as help may be found and the machinery moved to this city, says Wade E. Brown, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, who has been working on the project for the community for several weeks.

Plans call for the utilization of the Earl Cook stone building on Depot Street for the new manufacturing industry. The Watauga Farm Cooperative, Inc., which is doing a thriving business at the Cook building is prepared to change locations in the interest of the plant, it is revealed.

Representatives of the company will be in Boone Saturday to interview applicants for work, and just as soon as equipment can be installed, present plans call for the opening of the mill, which will feature the manufacture of the better grades of men's cotton and rayon socks.

According to Mr. J. E. Baker, president of the Baker-Commack Co., Boone was selected for the new enterprise, on account of the interest of local leaders, the chances of securing labor more readily than in the industrialized sections, and the fact that adequate trucking facilities are available.

It is planned to use local women in the plant exclusively and it is said that the minimum starting wage will be \$14.40 per week. Experienced workers will be paid more, according to their ability, it is said.

The product of the Burlington mills competes with the nationally advertised lines, and the company has grown into a concern with assets of over a million dollars. Mr. Baker says that with the location of a large aircraft plant in Burlington the town has become over-industrialized, and that the secondary plant will be established here in order to secure labor.

Mr. Baker emphasizes in his talks with local citizens, that he expects no sort of financial concessions from individuals, city or county governments, that the venture is purely a business one, and that all he asks is the good will of the people and such cooperation as may be extended in the matter of securing labor.

As a follow-up of a lead Mr. Brown had secured some time ago, Mr. Baker recently came to Boone and conferred with local citizens, and last Wednesday Mr. Brown, Mayor Gordon Winkler, Earl Cook and Clyde R. Greene went to Burlington and discussed details of the project with him.

All women of the county between the ages of 18 and 30 who are interested in securing employment are asked to see representatives of the company at the Earl Cook building next Saturday between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.

## Local Farmer Sell 621 Lambs Through Pool

Sixty nine farmers sold 621 lambs through the third shipment of the 1943 lamb pool on Saturday September 4, states county agent Harry Hamilton.

These lambs were assembled at West Jefferson, along with the pooled lambs from Ashe and Alleghany counties, the three counties skipping a total of seventeen hundred lambs.

The lambs were sold at auction to the highest bidder. Armour & Co., bought the blues at \$14.25, and Wilson and Co., purchased the reds at \$13.25. G. M. Leonard, Abingdon, Virginia, bought the medium lambs at \$10.50.

The last shipment of pooled lambs will be weighed up around October 1, Mr. Hamilton said.

## AUTO BURNED

A Chevrolet automobile, the property of Mr. E. Ford King was burned Tuesday morning from unknown causes. The fire department quickly responded to the alarm but when the fire was extinguished the car was seriously damaged. The car had been parked since Monday, it is understood, at the King home, and the cause of the fire hasn't been determined.