

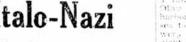
Nazis Guard Liger area and on the return jour-ncy as heavy. The Ploesti area, 35 miles north of Bucharest, Rumanian capital, sup-plies about one-third of the axis oil requirements and according to Gen-eral Brercton has a d fly production capacity of about 18,000 tabs.

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Front line dispatches reported the Russian air force was ha-rassing the navis in an attempt to prevent them from consoli-dating new lines. The Societ advance to the south of Orel was senewhat hampered by numerous enemy mine fields, the communique reported, but Soviet was collected by the State Departcommunique reported, but Soviet engineering units in one day cle red 4,000 land names from 23 separate fields. Countent acks in the sectors cast of Orel were repulsed with heavy German bases the war bulletin said, and Swiet theors advanced, captur-ing quantities of German wir mate-rials. The Reil army, principally occu-ing quantities of German w.r materials.
The Rel army, principally occupated on the central front where the fall of Orel seems to be a matter of days, met with other successes in sharp fighting southwest of Vorosh-loographic data in the Donets basin, the communique added.
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North Italy

Army Estimated At 18 Divisions Is Garrisoned **Below Brenner Pass**

Madrid, Aug. 2.— (AP) -AGerman army estimated at 18 divisions garrisoned points in northern Italy today with apparent confidence that if Marshal Pietro Badoglio surrender-cd anything, he could surrender-only that part of Italy lying south of the *Vo* river line. Nazi troops have been on the move all during the last week of shilly-shallying by the Badoglio government, according to ad-

government, according to ad-vices to Madrid.

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BURMA JOINS WAR cents. AGAINST ALLIES

(By The Associated Press) The Tokyo radio said yesterday that Japanese occupied Borma had 'formally declared war' against the United States and Britaia. The broadcast, which was recorded by the Associated Press, said also that Burma's independence had been formally recognized by the Japanese government and that Burma's de-fense would row pass from the Jap-mese into the hands of the new State. Navy Bombers **Pound** Japs At Munda

The broadcast said that Prime Min-ister Ba Maw had notified friendly governments of Burma's indepen-

Ba Maw, long a leader of anti-British factions in Burma, was once sentenced to prison by the British.

SWISS FASCISTS BROKEN UP Strong German units were reported to have excupied the upper Adige river valley both above and below Trento, itself 70 miles south of the Brenner Pass. Italian divisions along the Dalmatian const were reported to have begin to concentrate at Zara and moved and placed inder police guard. An Italian source said this movements of Italian troops who are being withdrawn from Balkan occupation assignments.) An Italian source said this movements of Italian troops in northern Greece and Montenents of Italian troops in northern Greece and Montenents of Italian douby which to funnel back were reported.

Allied Headquarters in the South-west Pacific, A.g. 2—(AP)—Navy bombers backed away Sundry at appares barracs commanding the providences to Munda. Escated by Navy and Army fight escylosives on gen positio is and sup-ply dump aceas around the strangly fortified central Solomons airbase. Many of the bombs tell squarely on their targets.





German Soldiers Seek to Disarm Italian sStationed **Outside Italy**

Lendon, Aug. 2-(AP)-Bitter clashes between German soldiers on the island of Crete and Italian troops whom they sought to disarm, and growing friction be-tween axis garrisons on the matu-hand of Greece, were reported in dispatches reaching here yes-terday from Cairo and Istanbul, basis weight of the second stanbul, British Middle East headquarters sind yesterday it had "receasable evidence" of a German plan to dis-arm fidian troops in Crete and to arrest the commanding officer and statt

Some Italian troops, the British

POPULATION DROPS

Washington. And. 2-(AP)—Due to the war. North Carolina's civilian population decreased from 3.562.592on April 1, 1940, to 3.104.194 on March 1, 1943, the census bureau estimated today. The drop was 158,-396, or 4.4 per cent. The decrease for the country as a whole was 3.000.000, or 2.4 per cent. The increase in the size of the anned lorces so outstripped the nat-ural increase in pepulation that there were on March 1, 1943, only about 128,200,000 person in civil life as compared with about 131,300,000 on April 1, 1940.



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