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M'ARTHUR SAYS JAPAN NOW ON DEFENSIVE

Allies Slash Huge Chunks From German Defenses

Americans Take Towns In Sicily

Amphibious Attack Outsmarts Germans; Eighth Army Poised for Final Drive

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Aug. 9—(AP)—General Dwight D. Eisenhower's armies slashed huge chunks from German defenses lines across the Sicilian bridgehead in week-end assaults and the allied right wing was poised today within 42 airline miles of Messina.

Detachments of the U. S. seventh army, starting the attack from the sea behind the Germans' strong positions on the north coast of Sicily, captured San Fratello and San Agata, the latter but 50 miles from the axis escape port.

Another American force seized Casaro in an eight-mile advance from the captured inland citadel of Troina.

The British eighth army swept through Agrigento, a port only 42 miles by air and less than 50 miles by road from Messina, in a nine-mile drive up the east coast from Catania and also captured San Maria de Licodia, high on the southern slopes of Mt. Etna, where British armored charges knocked out Nazi tanks.

The daring amphibious and ground operations were coupled with aerial blows at railways, roads and bridges in southern Italy, fresh and heavy raids on the Nazi communications center of Randazzo and attacks on enemy shipping, a communique said.

Without stating whether the enemy still was attempting to reinforce divisions in Sicily or was pursuing a salvage operation, the communique said "enemy troops and shipping in the Messina Straits were attacked throughout last night by our light bombers."

Allied ground lines from San Agata to Agrigento through San Fratello, Casaro, Bonte, Adriano and San Maria de Licodia were cut to a length of little more than 60 miles. It is but 22 miles from San Agata to the northwest slope to Mt. Etna, where allied troops are closing upon Randazzo.

Americans outsmarted the fiercer German defenses of San Agata and San Fratello by a sea-borne flank attack. The amphibious maneuver by way of the Tyrrhenian sea completely surprised the strongly fortified garrisons.

The Americans fended off a counter-attack in the enemy rear (east of San Agata), captured 300 Germans and drove off others who were moving west as reinforcements.

Plane Crash Survivors In Jungle

New Delhi, Aug. 9—(AP)—A party of 19 survivors of a crash of a transport plane, a parachute jumping doctor and two American soldiers were reported awaiting today in the wild head-hunting territory of northern Burma the arrival of a rescue expedition, hacking its tortuous way through the jungle to them.

The survivors of the plane crash were en route to China from India when the four-engine transport developed engine trouble August 2. There were 21 persons aboard the plane, it was announced.

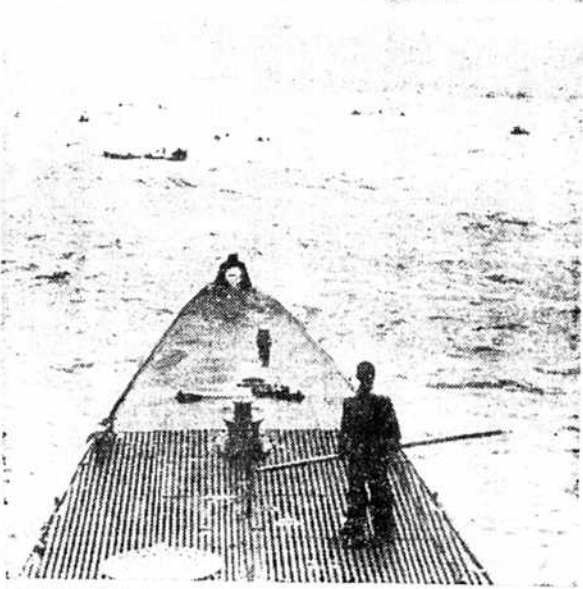
Those who successfully bailed out, landed in the jungle 100 miles from the nearest allied base, after contacting Army headquarters to report their trouble and ask for help.

Rescue planes were immediately dispatched and an expedition was sent out overland.

Colonel Don Flickinger, 37-year-old flight surgeon and recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross, of

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THESE JAPS KNOW THEY'RE SUNK



BOBBING AROUND in lifeboats and clinging to bits of wreckage, Japs from a blasted Japanese ship wait while the American submarine which torpedooed them comes up to take survivors aboard. Apparently they forgot suicide. Official U. S. Navy photo. (International)

Milan, Turin And Genoa Blasted In Air Assaults

FDR Is Home From Vacation

Washington, Aug. 9—(AP)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt had returned to the capital "from a short vacation in Canada on the north shore of Lake Huron."

Badoglio's Course Dim

Italian Press Says Premier Studying How to Conduct War to Honorable End

Bern, Aug. 9—(AP)—The ambiguous assertion that Premier Pietro Badoglio now is studying the problem of "how to conduct the war to an honorable conclusion" was offered by the Italian press today as an explanation of the policies of the two-week-old Rome government.

Britain-Based Planes Make Concentrated Attacks on Cities of Northern Italy

London, Aug. 9—(AP)—Large areas of Milan, Turin and Genoa—large cities that contain two-thirds of Italy's war industry—were reported in ruins today under the hammer blows of British-based Lancasters of the RAF, which blasted all three Saturday night.

Marcus George Is Missing

Atlanta, Aug. 9—(AP)—Lieutenant Marcus George, 31, younger son of United States Senator Walter F. George and Mrs. George, is aboard an overdue Navy plane, the Atlanta Journal said today.

Senate Group To Consider Lowering Voting Age To 18

Washington, Aug. 9—(AP)—A new political issue was earmarked for Congress' fall agenda today with announcement by Chairman Hatch, Democrat of New Mexico, that a Senate Judiciary committee would begin early consideration of a proposed constitutional amendment to lower the voting age to 18.

Nazis Give Great Power To Goering

Army Is Believed Taking Over Conduct of German Affairs Following Shakeup

Madrid, Aug. 9—(AP)—Press dispatches reaching Spain from Berlin yesterday said that "powers of great magnitude" have been given to Reichsmarschal Hermann Wilhelm Goering following a meeting of Nazi party chiefs and army leaders.

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HE'S OUR ACE IN NORTH AFRICA



FIRST LIEUT. William J. ("Dixie") Sloan of Richmond, Va., stands beside his P-38 Lightning fighter somewhere in North Africa. Those painted trophies tell how he won the title of "ace" with 12 victories over enemy aircraft. Signal Corps photo. (International)

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Full Might Of Japanese 'Has Failed'

Allied Commander States Confidence in Final Victory in Pacific Theatre

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Aug. 9—(AP)—General Douglas MacArthur said today Japan had lost her last reserves of concentrated attack on the Pacific front, "has failed, and is now on a defensive."

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