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## Americans Seize Naples Coast

WAR RATION BOOK NO. 4



THIS IS WHAT RATION BOOK FOUR will look like. The stamps are narrower in width than the first books issued by the Office of Price Administration, and bear different designs. (International)

## Reds Near Smolensk And Kiev

### Strongholds On Dnieper Menaced

Soviet Armies Sweep Rapidly Westward as Germans Retire Fast

Moscow, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Red Army troops under General Andrei Yermenko, hero of the Battle of Stalingrad, cracked through the gateway to Smolensk on the central Russian front over the week-end as the Soviet advance shifted into high gear all along the active 700-mile battle line, a Russian communique announced last night.

Victory rans boomed out in Moscow again as Russian troops drove nearer to Smolensk and Kiev, two great German bastions on the Dnieper river. In the north the Red army moved to within 30 miles of Smolensk, capturing Duhovshina, while another Soviet column, striking down the railroad from Nozhin, was only 42 miles from Kiev, capital of the Ukraine.

The Russian war bulletin indicated that the Red army was sweeping westward rapidly, meeting only heavily armed Nazi rear guards as they captured village after village. Huge stocks of food and munitions were falling into Russian hands, but there was little mention of the heavy armored equipment which the Germans expended so prodigiously in the earlier days of the campaign.

The Smolensk area was apparently the focal point of the present drive, with General Yermenko's leading down heavily from the northeast while another column under General Vasily Sokolovsky pushed into Yartovo on the left flank.

### AMERICAN INTERESTS SAIL FROM SHANGHAI

The Tokyo radio said Sunday that American and allied nationals had boarded the liner Tera Maru in the Yangtze river at Shanghai and would leave Monday morning to be exchanged for Japanese nationals.

The allied repatriates will be exchanged at Mormugao, Portuguese India, for an approximately equal number of Japanese nationals from the United States, Canada and South America.

of the RAF Bomber Command.

American Marauders, escorted by Spitfire fighters which shot down two German planes, bombed the Nazi airfield at Lille in one of yesterday's forays. Three Allied fighters were reported lost.

RAF Typhoons, meanwhile, pounded airfields at Merville in northern France and Woensdrecht in Holland, while Mitchell struck industrial targets near Bethune, in France.

The raiding formations were described by observers along the British coast as large, but did not compare to the fleet which earlier in the month maintained a steady schedule of sledge hammer blows at Nazi targets in France and the Low Countries.

### Knox in Britain



U.S. SECRETARY OF THE NAVY Frank Knox, has arrived in England by plane. One of his first acts was to confer with Adm. H. R. Stark, head of American naval forces in European waters. (International)

### U. S.-British Planes Raid Many Points

London, Sept. 20.—(AP)—American and British battle planes escorted by fighters streaked across the channel in large formations yesterday to blast away at Nazi airfields and industrial targets in France and Holland.

The daylight attack followed up sweeps over industrial targets in the Rhine-land Saturday night by the RAF Mosquitoes and a continuation of the mine laying program by craft

### Simpler Federal Tax Is Demanded From Congress

Washington, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Simplification of the federal income tax and tax forms is on the way, although it'll take time.

Returning Congressmen who had to figure out their 1943 tax declarations recently—and who heard plenty from their constituents about the problems involved—are calling for action. Even Representative Doughton, chief tax man on Capitol Hill, sought expert aid on his own declaration.

As things stand now, the returns which taxpayers will be required to fill out next March will be the most complicated they've ever tackled.

They'll have to report on their 1942, 1943 and estimated 1944 income and taxes and pay the uncancelled portion of the lower 1942 or 1944 taxes not covered by withholdings on 1943 payments, start paying on 1944 taxes not covered by withholdings deductions from pay.

It may not be possible to do much about simplifying this business for next March, particularly since one of

the necessary fees will be the final figuring of the complicated 1943 Victory Tax.

But when it comes to the taxes for 1944 and other future years, the simplification issues have been made clear:

1. Doing away with the Victory Tax.
2. Combining the normal and the surtax.
3. Eliminating tax reports for as many taxpayers as possible.
4. A more exact plan of withholding then would be required.

Under the present bracket system, many taxpayers find that too much money is being taken out of their pay.

The matter of deductions also is involved. Under present law, even if returns weren't mandatory for two thirds of the taxpayers, a lot of them—particularly those buying homes—would find it profitable to file returns in order to get credit for their payments of interest and real estate taxes.

### EX-DUCE AMONG HIS NAZI DELIVERERS



This photo first received from Sweden shows Benito Mussolini, deposed Italian leader, surrounded by German paratroopers who "rescued" him from his Italian guards. According to the German caption, the picture was taken in front of a hotel in Gran Sasso mountains north of Rome, where the ousted dictator had been held by the Badoglio government. (International Radiophoto.)

## U. S. Navy Strikes In Pacific

### Last Jap Base In Solomons Battered By U. S. Fighters

Allied Headquarters in the Southwest Pacific, Sept. 20.—(AP)—What appeared a sustained and determined effort to reduce the defenses of Bougainville Island by American aerial attacks advanced into its second week today, with the enemy's air bases here further shattered and his air reserves further un-

dermined. Three surprise night attacks by Mitchell medium bombers against Kaituli and Balale airbases at the southern tip of the big Solomons island, followed by a daylight assault in force on Balale by fighters escorted by Douglas dive bombers and Avenger torpedo planes, marked the latest stage in this campaign of destruction.

The enemy, who has mastered the challenge by bringing in squadron after squadron of intercept planes, sent 60 about to meet the latest attack on Balale—and lost 16, today's communique from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced.

Japan's willingness to pay a high price to retain Bougainville was undeniably demonstrated. Situated at the northern end of the chain, it is the enemy's last securely held position in the Solomons. Beyond that, it is the stepping stone from the southeast, both by land and air, to Rabaul, New Britain, and it fall would expose that anchor of Japan's south Pacific defense system to direct and perhaps fatal attack.

### Badoglio's Plea Defies Former Duce

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio told Italians in a broadcast that it was their "absolute duty to fight on the side of the British and Americans against the Germans and against the few senseless Italians—no longer of such name—to obey their command."

The text of Badoglio's plea, which was made from the new "radio Italiana" on September 16, was released for publication after it had been flown here from the Italian mainland.

The speech thus ranged Badoglio's leadership squarely against that of the former dictator, Benito Mussolini—who on Saturday was quoted by the German radio as having made a broadcast urging Italians to take up arms again at the side of Germany and Japan.

Radio Italiana was described as the new official radio of "the Italian government" in the Allied military channels.

### TRAIN COMES INTO TAVERN

Nagars Falls, N. Y., Sept. 20.—Three customers were quietly sipping their drinks in the Silver dollar tavern today when a train came in. "It was quite a shock," one of them, told police who rushed to the Silver Dollar with sirens screaming.

Frank Martin, engineer of the train, told the police he guessed he had misjudged the length of the string of cars he was backing into a barrier wall adjoining the tavern.

### WEATHER FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Rain with little change in temperature this afternoon, tonight and Tuesday forenoon.

## Sardinia Is Evacuated By Germans

Island of Corsica With Many Airfields Also Made Untenable

Allied Headquarters in North Africa, Sept. 20.—(AP)—The American Fifth Army has seized control of the south side of the Bay of Naples by capturing all the commanding heights of Sorrento peninsula. Allied headquarters announced today.

Already padlocked on the seaward side by the occupation of the islands of Capri, Ischia and Procida on either side of the bay, Italy's second largest port thereby came under the gaze of Allied soldiers across twelve miles of water and within range of "Long Tom" artillery.

Easily within artillery range also were the Italian naval base of Castellammare, recently abandoned by the British navy, and the key railway town of Torre Annunziata, both in the lower elbow of the bay. Smoking Vesuvius rose but 150 miles from the Allied mountain positions.

Wide troops occupied the peninsula stretching 22 miles west of Salerno, other parts of the Fifth Army sloshed eastward and northward from their Salerno beachhead in the Montecorvino and Battipaglia sectors where the Germans apparently were needless air lifting reminiscent of meemies, if losing reminiscent of the days when the British were trying to get out of Greece under the blows of the Nazi air force.

The British Fifth Corps, closing in from the Italian heel, captured Gioia, 28 miles from Taranto on the road to Allied-held Bari, and a headquarters spokesman said the Germans had completed the evacuation of Sardinia, the huge island and air base which Mussolini had regarded as the No. 2 defense outpost of Italy.

The German high command admitted that Sardinia had been given up.

With the capture of Sardinia by Italian troops acting under orders of Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio, the position of the Germans in Corsica, only seven miles to the north, apparently became untenable, and the Allies gained the potential use of ten airfields from which to press attacks on northern Italy and southern France.

It was not likely that much use was being made of Sardinia by Allied forces as yet, however, because of the flood tide of operations on the mainland now beating against Naples.

A Morocco radio broadcast said the German commander had ordered a state of siege in the Naples area.

There were indications the Germans were making a full retreat from the Salerno bridgehead. Allied spokesmen said, adding that "considerable columns of heavy vehicles were observed withdrawing."

The air force reported that American A-26 intruders attacked a column of 1,000 German vehicles traveling northward from Contursi, ten miles east of Eboli facing the bridgehead, and destroyed or damaged 246 of them.

### Growing Sea Strength Eating Into Japan's Outer Conquest Area

Pearl Harbor, Sept. 20.—(AP)—America's growing naval strength has flashed again and in force against the other fringe of Japan's zone of conquest in the Pacific, striking the enemy-held Tarawa and Nauru islands in prolonged attack.

The simultaneous assaults, made along the line of the equator from 2,000 statute miles southwest of Hawaii, began Saturday night and carried well into the following day. Their exact nature was not disclosed immediately, but the assumption was they were spearheaded by carrier-borne torpedoes and dive bombers such as raided Marcus island to the northwest on September 1.

"Strong Pacific ocean area forces today conducted a heavy raid on the Japanese bases on Tarawa island in the northern Gilbert group and on Nauru island to the west of the Gilbert group," said a communique issued by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet.

"These operations were carried out according to plan during the night preceding and for a good portion of the day of September 1, East Longitude Time."

Then the two task forces sailed from the scene of their devastation, maintaining their vigilance to handicap possible pursuit.

"Details of the operations are not immediately available," the communique added, and there seemed little likelihood they would be until the fleet units return to their bases.

### Cotton Weak Toward Close

New York, Sept. 20.—(AP)—Cotton futures (old contract) opened unchanged to 10 cents a bale lower.

News prices were unchanged to 15 cents a bale lower. October 29.30, December 29.11, March 19.95, Previous Close Open October 29.28, 29.14, December 29.12, 29.12, March 19.96, 19.95, July 19.77, 19.77, 19.69, 19.59

### BOND CARDS PRESENTED

Camp Butler, Sept. 20.—More than 150 civilian automotive technicians employed at Camp Butler were presented with "Bond of the Month" membership cards by Colonel H. W. Huntly, post commander. The membership cards were signed by Major General William Byrd, commanding general of the Fourth Service Command, and were presented to those employees who are buying at least one bond of the \$25 par value series every month through the pay roll deduction plan.

### Congress To Keep Powers To Set Peace

Washington, Sept. 20.—(AP)—The House Foreign Affairs Committee wrote into the Fulbright post-war collaboration resolution today an amendment saying in effect that Congress has the power to approve or reject any international arrangement to preserve the peace.

The qualification demanded by the Republican minority—was accepted unanimously by the committee a short time before the House was called into session to act upon the resolution itself, with leaders of both parties predicting its approval.

The committee rejected another amendment offered by Representative Mundt (R., S. Dak.) to set up a bipartisan "post war planning commission" to study methods of international collaboration to preserve the peace.

## Marshall Warns Of Hazards Risked In Deferring Fathers

### Senators Considering Compromise Providing For Re-Classification

Washington, Sept. 20.—(AP)—General George C. Marshall warned Congress today against "dimming the power" of great Allied offensives by forbidding the drafting of fathers.

"We are on the offensive now," the chief of staff said. "It would be unfortunate to do anything that would dim the power of that offensive."

"We have, undoubtedly, very heavy fighting in front of us." Testifying before the Senate and House Military Committees on the Wheeler bill to postpone induction of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers until January 1, Marshall apologized "for expressing myself rather vigorously."

The general said that whether army quotas could be met without drafting fathers heretofore deferred was a question "for the manpower people," but he told Senator Austin (R., VI.) that failure to obtain the quota "probably would force us to emasculate some of our units."

Even a postponement of such a draft by three months, the chief of staff said, would seriously interfere with the Army's program.

The chief of staff said that 75,000 additional inductees were needed monthly to keep the armed forces at par and to bring the army to the goal of 7,700,000 by the end of the year.

Citing losses in personnel through sickness and other causes, Marshall said there is no way of estimating battle casualties accurately.

"We don't yet know the casualties of Salerno," he said. "We have been busy fighting—tabulating can come a little later."

"If it comes to emotions, we in the War Department don't have the right to emotion," Marshall testified. "We have some 700,000 fathers in the Army now. What happens to them?"

The general reiterated previous assertions that "men over 38 are a burden."

Meanwhile, a possible compromise by which the drafting of fathers might be delayed 30 days while selective service reexamines physical and occupational deferments was reported under consideration today by members of the Senate Military Committee.

## Stocks Higher For Fifth Day

New York, Sept. 20.—(AP)—The stock market scored another tally in the recovery side today, the fifth in a row.

Issues getting into new high ground for 1943 included Sears Roebuck, U. S. Rubber and Goodrich. Favorite also were U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, DuPont, Westinghouse, Allied Chemical, American Can, Santa Fe, Eastman Kodak, Philip Morris, United Aircraft, Douglas Aircraft, Western Union, J. I. Case and International Harvester.