

# NEWS OF THE DAY---Caught By the Camera

## TROOPS STAGE LANDING ATTACK



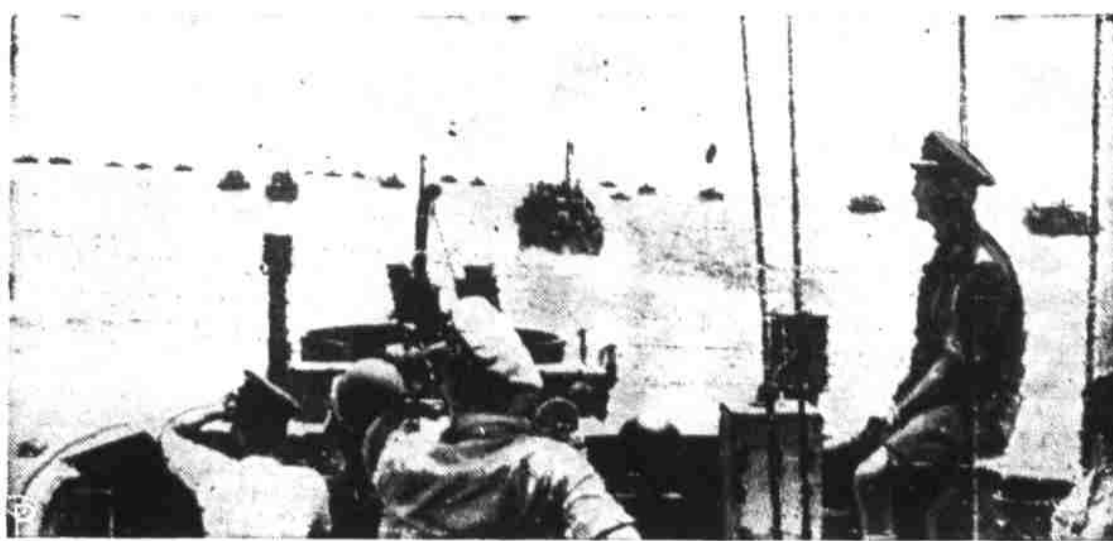
...DURING A COMBAT swimming exhibition staged under the supervision of the American Red Cross at Camp Edwards, Mass., amphibious troops carrying full field packs and rifles have just abandoned their landing gear and are swimming to shore. Upon landing they will "attack" to carry out their mission. (International)

## U. S. Honors Chiang



THE NEW AMERICAN order of the Legion of Merit was conferred on Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek by Lieut. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commander of U. S. forces in India, China and Burma, in a ceremony at Chungking, marking the sixth anniversary of China's resistance to the Japs. (International)

## AS ALLIED INVASION FLEET HEADED FOR SICILY



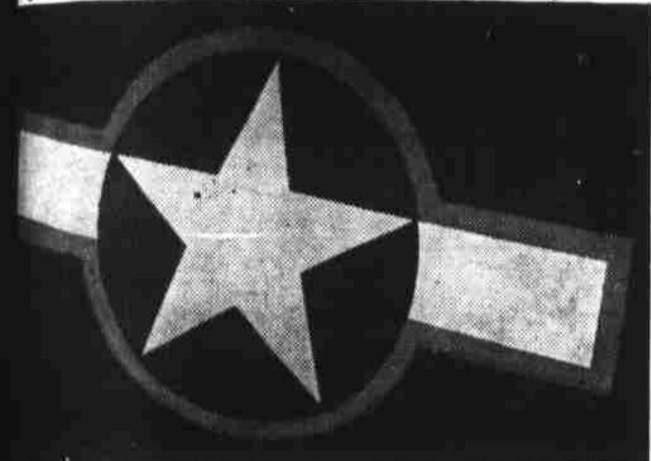
PART OF THE GREATEST INVASION FLEET in history, consisting of more than 2,000 ships, is shown headed for the shores of Sicily. The vessels were loaded with battle-tested U. S., British and Canadian armored and infantry forces, and all kinds of war supplies. Allied forces continue to capture many Sicilian towns and ports, and are driving toward the strategic city of Messina. OWI Radiophoto. (International)

## 'Helena' Survivor



BLOWN INTO THE WATER in the battle of Kula Gulf, Maj. Bernard T. Kelly of the Marines saw his ship, the U. S. cruiser Helena, go down fighting. After 62 hours in shark-infested waters and 10 days on an island, he and 160 other survivors were saved. (International)

## NEW ARMY PLANE INSIGNIA



THIS IS THE OFFICIAL Army Air Force insignia that will now be used on all planes. The present white star on a field of blue is retained. The new design is enclosed in a red border. (International)

## FORTY WINKS FOR TIRED YANKS



AFTER A NIGHT of blasting Jap installations on Kolombangara in the Solomons, these members of the U. S. task force catch a nap. They happened to blow Jap ships out of the water in the Battle of Kula Gulf. Navy photo from News of the Day Newsreel. (International)

## A Good Reminder



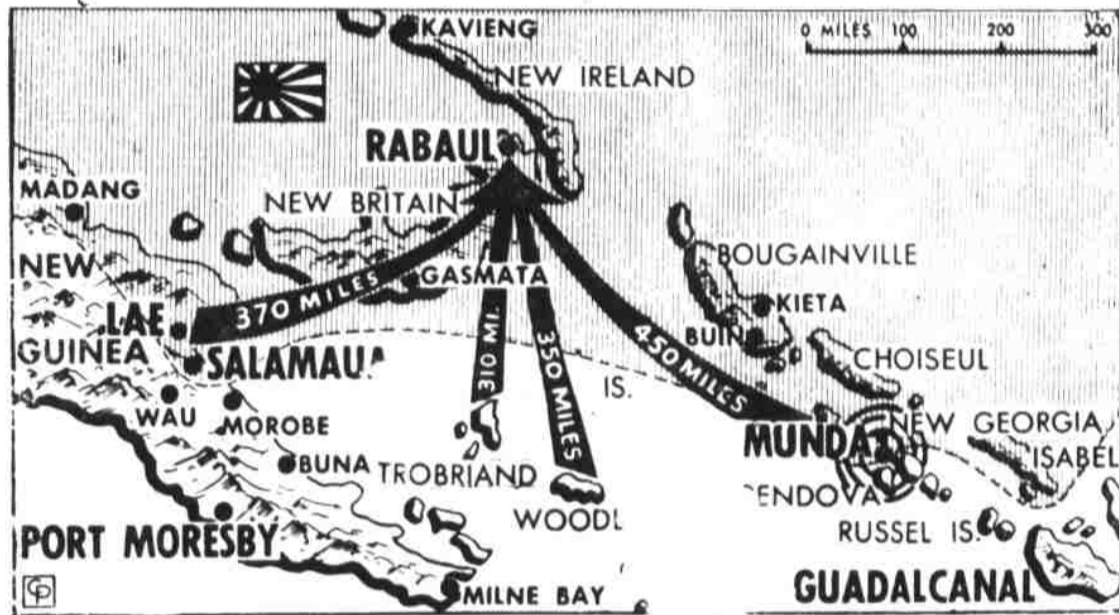
LOVELY Gloria De Haven, film starlet, points to the calendar to remind observers that today and every day is a good time to buy war stamps to the tune of \$130,000. The money will be used to buy U. S. Navy's new aircraft carrier "Shangri-La." (International)

## Poses for Soldiers



SCREEN STAR Anne Gwynne, the serviceman's favorite "pin-up" girl, poses for a pin-up photo at the Hollywood USO clubhouse. Anne, in addition to mailing pictures of herself to the boys in the service, also poses for them. (International)

## WHERE JAPS FALL BACK IN SOUTH PACIFIC



ALL ROADS LEAD TO RABAUL today as American forces point toward that vital Jap base in the South Pacific. The shaded Jap-held territory on the map shrinks slowly but steadily. Now U. S. troops have cut off Munda (lower right) and threaten Salamaua (center left). Within the last 18 days, the Japs have lost 435 aircraft in air combats alone in this area. As a result of our advances, Rabaul has been brought under strong air attack and the enemy has been forced to depend more heavily on New Guinea bases with Kavieng (top center) on New Ireland taking over as the principal rear base. (International)

## TERRAIN WHERE ALLIED TROOPS BATTLE AXIS



THIS SICILIAN VILLAGE, Santa Ella, located east of Palermo, is typical of many of the areas in which Allied troops are now fighting Axis defenders on the Italian island. Mountains run right down to the sea and landings had to be made through reef-infested, heavily-mined waters and beaches. (International)

## CHINESE STILL FIND TIME FOR FUN



DESPITE THEIR long and desperate resistance to the Jap invaders, Chinese soldiers maintain some happy peacetime traditions. This is the annual dragon boat festival, equivalent to our own Poughkeepsie regatta, and it was held recently somewhere in the interior. The winner (above) is about 50 feet long and the paddlers are led by the standing captain while the drummer marks the beat. (International)

## Navy's in Her Line



GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER of Commodore Oliver H. Perry and granddaughter of the Commodore Mathew G. Perry who opened Japan to the modern world, WAVE Phyllis Jean Perry of Forest Hills, N. Y., attends the Bronx, N. Y., naval training school. (International)

## Downs Six Zeros



SON of a Marine Corps officer, Capt. Francis E. Pierce, Jr., 25, of Coronado, Cal., has downed six Jap planes in nine flights in the Solomons. In one dogfight he was wounded in both legs, but continued to fight. Official U. S. Marine Corps photo. (International)

## NAZI FATE MAY REST ON BULGE



SUCCESS OF GERMANY'S third summer offensive in Russia, depends on her ability to straighten the 2,000-mile long bulge in the 2,000-mile long battlefront. Unless her armies do this, the Russians may drive on Smolensk one of her vital supply points, or at Poltava and Kremenchug, key approaches to Nazi-occupied Crimea. Strong Soviet forces recently advanced along the Zhizhivsk line and from Kursk threatening to envelop the Nazi salient at Orel. These successful attacks may have caused the German High Command to start the third offensive sooner than they expected to move. (International)