

ELEVENTH HOUR FOR
GERMAN SATELLITE NEAR
ALLIED ARMIES UNDER MONTGOMERY MASSING

In The Mediterranean, 9 July 43 -- Three Allied
Armies today are foregathered in Mediterranean
waters. American, Canadian and British forces, with

the support of the British Navy and the entire weight of the R.A.F. will tomorrow deliver one of the heaviest blows of the war in a combined offensive against the island of Sicily.

In the words of General Montgomery, who heads the operation, "No force shall be able to stand against us".

-8TH Army AGAIN-

Canadian task forces (The 1st Can. Inf. Div. and the 12th C.T.R.) are attached to the famous Eighth Army which leaves conquered North Africa to carry the war into the enemy homeland.

-SECOND FRONT-

Observers are confident that the Sicilian task is a prelude to the war being carried to the Italian mainland in the near future and the opening of the long awaited Second Front.

-R.A.F. MIGHT-

The R.A.F. is to supply air-cover greater than the total Luftwaffe. Higher Authorities reveal.

-BARRAGE BALLOON
LIFTED-

An epidemic of petty thievery this week aboard HMS CC7 reached a grand climax this week with the theft of the ship's barrage balloon!

Reports that the bag had broken loose in the night were unfounded, it was stated by Tpr. R.C. Watson today in an exclusive interview.

"It was stolen by men of Ship 319", Tpr. Watson revealed.

CONVOY ATTACKED FOUR
HOURS OUT OF ALGIERS

One Ship Lost

Axis submarines this week accounted for one vessel of a convoy destined for the attack on Sicily tomorrow.

The ship went down in 9½ minutes. Majority of the men aboard were picked up by destroyers.

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AUGMENTED ORCHESTRA
FOR MUSIC LOVING
ITALIANS ARRIVES

-As Seen By-
Sgt. Bill Stewart

"An Allied Ball with incidental music by the R.A.F. and the British Navy will take place in the early hours tomorrow on the Peninsula of Pachino", Sgt. Bill Stewart of the 12th CTR today told The Turret.

"I want a Front Page Ad on this", the old maestro ordered. "With Monty as M.C. and the band fresh from intensive rehearsals on the Dark Continent we expect the music to go down in history", he stated. "The TRR's will clean up the ballroom the morning after", it was revealed.

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In The Field.
Editor:.....Victor
Gotro....

-THE BLACK GANG-

"No newspaper since the war began has ever printed a line glorifying the poor old stoker", Leading Stoker "Sky" Turner yesterday told The Turret on the deck of HMS CC7.

"From the time the ship leaves the home port until it returns, the stoker sweats below decks. He is never mentioned in despatches", Sky mused. "He just keeps the old ship rolling, and when she leaps like a startled deer he never knows whether she's just dodging a mine or ramming some old hulk".

"I've got one ambition", Turner revealed. "When a tin fish comes through my engine room I do not want to leap nimbly to one side. I want to yell 'ride-her-cowboy' and straddle the bloody thing and ride on out ~~xxxx~~ through the other side".

The Turret sincerely hopes that Ldg. Sto. Turner never has to leave his ship in such unorthodox fashion.

"VIA A SENSO UNICO"

-By V.A. Gotro-

Of all the phrases in the handy little booklet issued by the Army for the guidance of the soldiery abroad in the land of the organ-grinder, I like this one best: "Via A Senso Unico". You will find it on page 26 and it means "One Way Street". Which is just what Sicily is going to be for the Allies in a very short while: a one way street leading to the heart of Mussolini's den.

Another neat phrase which the High Command saw fit to include crops up on page 22. "Sono passati dei soldati?". ("Have any soldiers passed by?") Have any soldiers passed by! The poor Sicilians will be worn out with gesticulating if they are asked this one very often within the next few weeks! Have any soldiers passed by! So many soldiers will pass by that they will think it is raining soldiers!

We like the one too on page 23. "Ci dispiace, ma e' inevitabile". "Sorry, we cannot help it". Of course we cannot help it! And if there are any Italians around who still don't like what we cannot help they can use the handy phrase on page 22, "Chiamate i carabinieri", which means "Call the gendarmes". We'd like nothing better than an argument with a nice military looking group of ~~moustached~~ moustacheed gendarmes!

Three popular phrases, by now memorized by every man of the 12th CTR are those on pages 28 and 29. They are; "Come si chiama", "Qual'e il Suo indirizzo", and "Arrivederla signorina". After all, a woman is a woman. We aren't fighting the women. We know lots of smart Wop dames. What the hell! We got to talk to them anyhow, ain't we? And on page 23 it says "Noi siamo amici", which means "We are friends". You can't be friends if you don't talk to a dame, no matter what nationality she is.

Before this logic we are powerless. We wonder how do you say "Hya Babe" in Italian?

O THE TRACK.....
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.....BY..ERIC WRIGHT:

Big Offensive !
T.R.R.'S get issue of
fly-swatters!.....
no prisoners to be taken!
.....mosquitos to
die before massed might
of Canadian tank troops!
....."Do not swat until
you see the whites of
their eyes".....password:
"We kill mosquitos".

Big Scar Revealed!
Tpr.G.Herron gets baldy
haircut.....large scar
on back of dome comes to
light....."I fell out
of bed when I was a baby"
he explains.

Big fight falls
through!.....boxing
matches this week, Can-
eye-dians vs British,
to have been held on
fore hatch fail to take
place.....fights called
off on account of heat.

Big Robbery!.....
Clasp knife stolen.....
Editor of The Turret
victimised.....also loses
knife, fork and spoon....
also loses cup.

LARGE LAUNDRY LOSSES
FOLLOW NEW WASH PLAN

Large quantities of
web equipment, shirts,
and coveralls were lost

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TROPICAL HAIRCUTS
NEW FASHION

Men of the 12th CTR
this week went the
"Military Haircut" one
better.They introduced
the "Tropical Trim".

The new fashion is
simplicity itself.Just
cut the hair to the
roots and shine the head.

Finding the sudden
introduction to hot
weather oppressive with
a full head of hair,
members of 17 Troop, HQ
Squadron, had their heads
shaved.Men of other
Troops aboard are having
th ir heads close
cropped.

Lt.F.W.Simard, HQ
Sqdn, yesterday carried
the "Tropical Trim" to
the Officers' Mess when
he had his hair clipped
to a scant quarter inch.

Other Ranks.The pamph-
lets dealt with the
Italians, their language,
history, culture, politics
and directed that
invading forces look
upon themselves as
ambassadors of good-
will, with the view that
Italian opposition may
be lessened thereby.

Troops occupied
themselves with study-
ing the section carry-
ing a working dictionary
of Italian phrases
with phonetic pronun-
ciations.

TANKMEN GIVEN PLAN
OF CAMPAIGN

Acting on the
express desire of
General Montgomery,
every man of the
12th CTR and attach-
ed personnel was
this week given a
close outline of the
plan of attack which
is to be launched
against Sicily to-
morrow.

Following an
address by Lt.Col.
Booth, who read ~~max~~
messages from Gen.
Montgomery and Lt.
Gen.McNaughton to
the troops, soldiers
were briefed by
their Troop officers
Officers.

-Morale Lifts-

A marked boost
to troop's morale
was an immediate
result of the battle
plan's being reveal-
ed.Men previously
bored by the voyage
and inactivity wore
delighted grins of
approval as the plan
of action was unfold-
ed.

ITALIAN PAMPHLETS
ISSUED

Pamphlets entitled
"Itaky" were this
week issued to

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-LAUNDRY LOSSES-**-contd. from page 3-**

within the past two days following the introduction of a new type of laundry service. Men aboard ship hung the soiled articles ~~over~~ over the ship's side tied to a length of line. Dragging through the water cleansed them, but inefficient tying cost many the loss of their laundry.

**TOUGHEST HAIR RUINS
SCISSORS**

Tpr. "Pappy" Reid had his haircut yesterday.

Cpl. J. Barbeau started the job. He found Reid's red hair tough going.

Sgt. C. Lines took over. He finished the job.

And then the two barbers found that the scissors were finished.

CONVOYS PASS

A convoy headed in opposite direction to this, today caused Military personnel concern.

NEWS CUP MYSTERY**Rumour Unfounded**

The B.B.C. news-broadcast yesterday afternoon, opening with a communique to the effect that the RAF had opened a terrific bombardment on the island of Sicily was suddenly cut.

Rumour had it that the wireless was silenced purposely in order that troops would be kept in the dark. Col. Booth last night assured enquirers that the rumour was unfounded, it is stated, and promised that newscasts will be available today ~~xxx~~ as usual.

Cause of the wireless failure ~~xx~~ was not known.

**BATTLE-DRESS SHED AS
SUN INCREASES**

Troops yesterday returned battle-dress to Q Stores.

Popular dress is shorts, and a shirt worn over the head instead of on the back.

The shirt protects the head from the sun, while the bare back acquires a tan.

Cases of sunburn, while not serious are startling. Medical treat-

**YANKS CELEBRATE
JULY FOURTH****Sailors See Sights
In Algiers**

American sailors took part in Fourth of July celebrations in the Port of Algiers last Sunday. Local papers reported that Gen. De Gaulle and Gen. Giraud joined in forwarding messages to President Roosevelt and a civic proclamation ordered that the day be considered a holiday in Free French Africa.

British ships in harbour flew the ~~xx~~ Stars and Stripes.

Large numbers of American sailors given shore leave returned to their ships in high spirits and banded fraternal greetings with Canadians aboard HMS CC7 which was moored alongside Quay Daigue Morte.

ment involves the use of vivid purple ointment.

-STOP PRESS-

MOSQUITO OINTMENT
WAS ISSUED TROOPS
YESTERDAY.