

ALLIES POISED FOR KNOCKOUT

Gen. Marshall Hinted as Commander-In-Chief for Invasion.

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strategic effect, attacks such as that on Spezia should be delivered at the last possible moment before the invasion, so that the enemy has no time to recover from the blow.

It was recalled that British bombers severely bombarded Naples, Italy's biggest port, in advance of the allied invasion of North Africa last year.

Plans for the Mediterranean offensive, as completed during conferences among Prime Minister Churchill, Marshal Eisenhowe and other allied leaders at Algiers last week, were believed designed first to shatter the axis by knocking Italy out of the war.

It was believed likely that Italy would be given a practical demonstration of the allies' overwhelming strength by the seizure of one or more of the stepping-stone islands of Sicily, Sardinia, Crete and the Dodecanese.

Raids Are 'Samples'

Next might come an ultimatum to Italy to surrender peacefully with the prospect of more generous post-war terms or face a pulverizing attack, including an aerial bombardment of Rome itself. The weight of the allied air raids on Sicily, Sardinia and Pantelleria already have demonstrated what may be in store for the Italian mainland.

If the allies establish air bases on Sicily and Sardinia, all Italy, including Rome, Naples, Venice and Trieste would be laid open to air assault on a vast scale. Further, the allies could point out that their occupation of Italy hardly would inflict more suffering than the Germans already have.

The Sunday Times quoted a Stockholm report that Dr. Schmidt, Berlin press chief, told a diplomat in the German capital that Italy soon would drop out of the war and added that "even for us, it's only a question of time."

Reports reaching France from Madrid said that a series of invasion alerts were sounded in southern Italy and Sicily during the week-end. Pantelleria, bombarded six times from the sea and daily from the air, already was regarded as a "lost sentry post,"

Madrid said.

The Sunday dispatch editorially called on the allies to drop leaflets on Italy urging the people to lay down their arms and add:

Five Armies Poised

"To give the necessary conviction to this warning, we could by one sharp raid shatter the fantastic immunity which Rome has enjoyed. . . . Rome is one of the greatest military targets in this war. It is the center of the Italian war administration. It is an important railway center. It has great barracks and a vast airfield."

Altogether five major armies are known to be gathered around the southern rim of the Mediterranean, the American 5th and the British 1st, 8th, 9th and 10th. In addition, axis radios have claimed that American troops have taken up positions in Cyprus in preparation for a drive against the Dodecanese.

Bolstering the Anglo-American forces are re-equipped French forces in North Africa plus French troops in Syria and Polish troops in Iraq.

RUSS PLANES FIRE GERMAN AIRFIELDS

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that German planes had raided Gorki again Sunday night, scoring hits on industrial centers in an hour-long attack, and had sunk two Russian speedboats and a submarine closer to the shore of the Caucasus. Berlin said the Russians lost 83 planes Saturday and Sunday.

The noon communiqué reported that Russian bombers attacked enemy air bases west of Lissichansk, while ground forces along the northern Donets in that area were repelling two German attempts to cross the river.

All along the front extending from the Black Sea to the Arctic, Soviet aircraft, artillery and infantry patrols harassed the Nazi forces, although no major action was reported.

SUBS STRIKE ENEMY IN MEDITERRANEAN

LONDON, June 7 (U.P.)—British submarines striking close to axis-held territory, have sunk six enemy ships in the Mediterranean area and shelled an airfield on the island of Corsica, an admiralty communiqué revealed.

The communiqué, issued yesterday, said one submarine drove close to Augusta, Sicily, to torpedo an enemy naval auxiliary of the anti-submarine type lying at the harbor entrance. The ship exploded.

Another submarine sank a large supply vessel near the Gulf of Pollicastro off southwest Italy, while a third sank a medium-sized tanker off the Riviera near Monte Carlo.

VETERANS HEAR MODISSETTE

Col. Welton M. Modisette, commanding officer at Camp Atterbury, made the principal address yesterday afternoon before the 44th annual state encampment of the United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Indiana, being held here.

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Cpl. Engel Dies in Crash; Merchant Seaman Missing

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was a graduate of Syracuse university.

Funeral services and burial will be in Titusville.

T. 5TH GR. RAYMOND WARD, brother of Mrs. Rose Bots, 273 Leeds ave., has been killed in action in the North African area, the war department announced today.

AN INDIANAPOLIS merchant seaman, Roy Eugene Graham, 22-year-old son of Mrs. Ola R. Graham, 1204 S. Emerson ave., is reported missing and presumed lost in the Atlantic ocean.

Mr. Graham was one of the first local men to leave for service. He served a year in the navy and was given a medical discharge shortly after Pearl Harbor. He joined the merchant marine in October, 1942.

After celebrating his 22nd birthday at home in April, he had returned to duty May 3. He told his mother he was to go on the maiden voyage of a new ship. He had already made one trip to Africa.

A graduate of Warren Central high school, he had been employed at the Lukas-Harold corp. Mrs. Graham is working there now.

A brother, Kenneth D. Graham, is in the navy somewhere in the Atlantic. The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hendricks, live at the Emerson ave. address.

SEVEN INDIANA men also have been reported killed in action in North Africa. They are Pfc. John R. Cleveland, Bloomingdale, 5th Gr. Melburn Kassinger, Merion; Pvt. Roscoe F. Mills, Ossian; 1st Lt. William A. Norment, Bedford; 5th Gr. Ralph E. Riley, Remington; Pvt. Robert Sheetz, Elkhart, and 2d Lt. Maurice A. Whitedale, Evansville.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT

today made public the names of 287 U. S. soldiers held as prisoners of war by Germany at Camp Stalag, 5B.

Indianapolis men who are prisoners are Pvt. Adolph A. Komlanc, son of Mrs. Agnes Komlanc, 732 N. Warren; Pvt. Adolph M. Madley, son of Mrs. Frances Madley, 2710 W. 10th st., and Pvt. Donald E. Wechsler, son of Mrs. Eleanor Wechsler, 109 Kansas st.

Pvt. Wechsler had been reported missing in North Africa where he was a first gunner with the anti-tank forces. He is a graduate of Manual high school. He entered the army two and one-half years ago, serving overseas more than a year.

Indiana men who have been interned are Pfc. Joseph P. Addison, Connersville; Pvt. Orville Z. Cameron, Medora; Pvt. Jake L. Crull, Chesterfield; Pvt. Vaughn L. Deardorff, Moreland; Pfc. Edward E. Deppe, Napp; Pvt. Raymond A. Double, Ft. Wayne; Pvt. Paul O. Ethinson, Alexandria; Pvt. Sidney C. Gora, Hammond; Pvt. William C. Lawrence, Anderson; Pvt. John L. Paylo, Whiting; Pvt. George Plossa, Gary; Pvt. Ernest G. Sarles, English; Pvt. Harold N. Shipley, South Bend; Pvt. Casimir J. Slesinski, South Bend; Pvt. James V. Valentine, Gary; Pvt. Mike Tropich, Hammond, and Pvt. Luther C. Willhoite, Anderson.

1ST LT. JOHN H. WINCHELL

of Indianapolis, Flying Fortress pilot in raids on the European continent, has been missing in action since May 15, the war department has informed his mother, Mrs. Florence Winchell, R. R. 1, Box 510, and his wife, Mrs. Mary Ruth Winchell of Southport.

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