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SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1944

## WAR ANALYSIS—

## Ploesti Oil Is Seen Within Striking Distance of Russ

By LOUIS F. KEEMLE  
United Press War Editor

The Russian winter offensive in the Ukraine has merged into a spring and summer offensive without the expected halt for the seasonal thaw, and as such may become one of the decisive campaigns of the war.

This development evidently has upset completely the plans of Marshal Fritz von Manstein, who presumably had expected the Russians to become bogged down so that he could stand along the Bug and have time to prepare an orderly withdrawal to strong defenses along the Dniester.

The Russians and the weather surprised him and all the non-Russian experts. The winter was unusually mild and the snows not deep enough to turn the plains into the expected morass. Moreover, the drying out period may be shorter.

The Russians beat the mud and there is no reason to suppose that their advance need be halted now for that reason. As it is, they are at the Dniester and the Germans are not ready for them. It would not be surprising if the Germans

## No Easy Way to Win Wars, South Italy Battles Show

By EDWARD P. MORGAN  
Times Foreign Correspondent

ON THE 5TH ARMY FRONT, BEFORE CASSINO, March 18.—The battle for Cassino we have watched develop these last four days is just one action on one sector of one front, but it bears grimly eloquent testimony to the fact that no way has yet been devised to win campaigns of wars with ease and comfort.

There is no way, and people who don't believe that should be here now, watching gallant New Zealand infantrymen wrest Cassino house by house and bronzed Indian soldiers inch their way up jagged Monastery hill on their hands and knees, under constant fire.

Perhaps we expected a little too much of Wednesday's air attack. This breath-taking spectacle of hundreds of allied bombers pouring tons of bombs into the town served the definite purpose of softening the garrison defenses, but its very merit created problems for offense, too.

In blanketing the target area, allied bombs naturally gouged deep craters in the town and filled the streets with wreckage.

Heavy rain Wednesday night—

## Bombing of Cassino Proves Inaccuracy of Air Warfare

By WILLIAM H. STONEMAN  
Times Foreign Correspondent

NAPLES, March 18.—Considering the amount of explosive we put by bombing planes and artillery into Cassino Wednesday it is astonishing that we should subsequently have gotten into the kind of shoving match we are now having.

It is particularly astonishing considering the small size of the German garrison which consisted only of a few companies.

The answer is that the Germans had prepared deep dugouts in anticipation of what happened Wednesday and, having weathered

## BLAMES TYNDALL FOR HER DISMISSAL

With the laconic comment, "for \$1800 a year nobody can tell me what to think of do," Mrs. R. H. Howard, chief clerk in the city traffic bureau, left her job today.

She received safety board notice of her dismissal yesterday.

Mrs. Howard blamed her untimely release on "political foolery," charging that orders for her dismissal came "direct from the mayor's office." She said she had been one of Mayor Tyndall's staunchest electioneers, but of late had differed with him on "certain political candidates."

## GARDNER TO ADDRESS LUNCHEON MEETING

Col. Everett L. Gardner will speak on "Ten Years in Russia" at the luncheon of the Sigma Delta Kappa alumni chapter Monday at the Claypool hotel.

Huber Patton, president, will preside. A memorial will be read in honor of the late Judge Fred C. Gause.

## How Proposed Income Tax Simplification Plan Works

WASHINGTON, March 18 (U. P.)—Here is a table showing what the surtaxes would be under the new income tax simplification plan. (Net income is taxable income, after exemptions and deductions.) The new normal tax would be 3 per cent of a taxpayer's income above the basic—and only—exemption of \$500.

NET INCOME BRACKET		SURTAX RATE	
From	To		
\$0	\$200—20 per cent.		
2,000	4,000—\$400 plus 22 per cent of excess above 2,000		\$2,000
4,000	6,000—840 plus 26 per cent of excess above 4,000		4,000
6,000	8,000—1,360 plus 30 per cent of excess above 6,000		6,000
8,000	10,000—1,960 plus 34 per cent of excess above 8,000		8,000
10,000	12,000—2,640 plus 38 per cent of excess above 10,000		10,000
12,000	14,000—3,400 plus 43 per cent of excess above 12,000		12,000
14,000	16,000—4,280 plus 47 per cent of excess above 14,000		14,000
16,000	18,000—5,200 plus 50 per cent of excess above 16,000		16,000
18,000	20,000—6,200 plus 53 per cent of excess above 18,000		18,000
20,000	22,000—7,280 plus 56 per cent of excess above 20,000		20,000
22,000	24,000—8,390 plus 59 per cent of excess above 22,000		22,000
24,000	26,000—9,540 plus 62 per cent of excess above 24,000		24,000
26,000	28,000—10,740 plus 65 per cent of excess above 26,000		26,000
28,000	30,000—11,990 plus 68 per cent of excess above 28,000		28,000
30,000	32,000—13,290 plus 71 per cent of excess above 30,000		30,000
32,000	34,000—14,640 plus 74 per cent of excess above 32,000		32,000
34,000	36,000—16,040 plus 77 per cent of excess above 34,000		34,000
36,000	38,000—17,490 plus 80 per cent of excess above 36,000		36,000
38,000	40,000—18,990 plus 83 per cent of excess above 38,000		38,000
40,000	42,000—20,540 plus 86 per cent of excess above 40,000		40,000
42,000	44,000—22,140 plus 89 per cent of excess above 42,000		42,000
44,000	46,000—23,790 plus 92 per cent of excess above 44,000		44,000
46,000	48,000—25,490 plus 95 per cent of excess above 46,000		46,000
48,000	50,000—27,240 plus 98 per cent of excess above 48,000		48,000
50,000	52,000—29,040 plus 101 per cent of excess above 50,000		50,000
52,000	54,000—30,890 plus 104 per cent of excess above 52,000		52,000
54,000	56,000—32,790 plus 107 per cent of excess above 54,000		54,000
56,000	58,000—34,740 plus 110 per cent of excess above 56,000		56,000
58,000	60,000—36,740 plus 113 per cent of excess above 58,000		58,000
60,000	62,000—38,790 plus 116 per cent of excess above 60,000		60,000
62,000	64,000—40,890 plus 119 per cent of excess above 62,000		62,000
64,000	66,000—43,040 plus 122 per cent of excess above 64,000		64,000
66,000	68,000—45,240 plus 125 per cent of excess above 66,000		66,000
68,000	70,000—47,490 plus 128 per cent of excess above 68,000		68,000
70,000	72,000—49,790 plus 131 per cent of excess above 70,000		70,000
72,000	74,000—52,140 plus 134 per cent of excess above 72,000		72,000
74,000	76,000—54,540 plus 137 per cent of excess above 74,000		74,000
76,000	78,000—56,990 plus 140 per cent of excess above 76,000		76,000
78,000	80,000—59,490 plus 143 per cent of excess above 78,000		78,000
80,000	82,000—62,040 plus 146 per cent of excess above 80,000		80,000
82,000	84,000—64,640 plus 149 per cent of excess above 82,000		82,000
84,000	86,000—67,290 plus 152 per cent of excess above 84,000		84,000
86,000	88,000—69,990 plus 155 per cent of excess above 86,000		86,000
88,000	90,000—72,740 plus 158 per cent of excess above 88,000		88,000
90,000	92,000—75,540 plus 161 per cent of excess above 90,000		90,000
92,000	94,000—78,390 plus 164 per cent of excess above 92,000		92,000
94,000	96,000—81,290 plus 167 per cent of excess above 94,000		94,000
96,000	98,000—84,240 plus 170 per cent of excess above 96,000		96,000
98,000	100,000—87,240 plus 173 per cent of excess above 98,000		98,000
100,000	102,000—90,290 plus 176 per cent of excess above 100,000		100,000
102,000	104,000—93,390 plus 179 per cent of excess above 102,000		102,000
104,000	106,000—96,540 plus 182 per cent of excess above 104,000		104,000
106,000	108,000—99,740 plus 185 per cent of excess above 106,000		106,000
108,000	110,000—102,990 plus 188 per cent of excess above 108,000		108,000
110,000	112,000—106,290 plus 191 per cent of excess above 110,000		110,000
112,000	114,000—109,640 plus 194 per cent of excess above 112,000		112,000
114,000	116,000—113,040 plus 197 per cent of excess above 114,000		114,000
116,000	118,000—116,490 plus 200 per cent of excess above 116,000		116,000
118,000	120,000—120,890 plus 203 per cent of excess above 118,000		118,000
120,000	124,000—125,290 plus 206 per cent of excess above 120,000		120,000
124,000	128,000—130,690 plus 209 per cent of excess above 124,000		124,000
128,000	132,000—136,090 plus 212 per cent of excess above 128,000		128,000
132,000	136,000—141,490 plus 215 per cent of excess above 132,000		132,000
136,000	140,000—146,890 plus 218 per cent of excess above 136,000		136,000
140,000	144,000—152,290 plus 221 per cent of excess above 140,000		140,000
144,000	148,000—157,690 plus 224 per cent of excess above 144,000		144,000
148,000	152,000—163,090 plus 227 per cent of excess above 148,000		148,000
152,000	156,000—168,490 plus 230 per cent of excess above 152,000		152,000
156,000	160,000—173,890 plus 233 per cent of excess above 156,000		156,000
160,000	164,000—179,290 plus 236 per cent of excess above 160,000		160,000
164,000	168,000—184,690 plus 239 per cent of excess above 164,000		164,000
168,000	172,000—190,090 plus 242 per cent of excess above 168,000		168,000
172,000	176,000—195,490 plus 245 per cent of excess above 172,000		172,000
176,000	180,000—200,890 plus 248 per cent of excess above 176,000		176,000
180,000	184,000—206,290 plus 251 per cent of excess above 180,000		180,000
184,000	188,000—211,690 plus 254 per cent of excess above 184,000		184,000
188,000	192,000—217,090 plus 257 per cent of excess above 188,000		188,000
192,000	196,000—222,490 plus 260 per cent of excess above 192,000		192,000
196,000	200,000—227,890 plus 263 per cent of excess above 196,000		196,000
200,000	204,000—233,290 plus 266 per cent of excess above 200,000		200,000

## ALLIED BOMBS RAIN AT ANZIO

Heavy Beachhead Attack  
Opens as Cassino  
Victory Nears.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Naples, March 18 (U. P.)—Waves of allied bombers smashed at the German lines around the Anzio beachhead below Rome today while New Zealand troops methodically reduced stubbornly resisting enemy pockets in the rubble heap of Cassino.

A dispatch from the beachhead said the air attack appeared to be one of the heaviest of the campaign in that sector, indicating that the allied command may be hitting the Germans with a pulverizing blow similar to Wednesday's raid which destroyed Cassino.

Germans Admit Loss

The 5th army's grueling two-month battle for Cassino appeared all but won. The heaviest fighting was progressing in the jagged hills to the west between the town and the Monastery hill as New Zealanders and British Indians moved forward slowly. It appeared the Germans still were determined to make a stand to the death there in order to protect the main route to Rome.

Tanks, which had been held up by huge bomb craters from Wednesday's bombardment, moved into Cassino Thursday night while air support continued active.

A. M. Mas high command communiqué admitted today that German forces had been driven out of the Cassino rail station.

Bombers of the Mediterranean allied air forces hit the Cecina railroad bridge between Leghorn and Ploebino on the Italian west coast line to Rome yesterday while Italian-based heavy bombers were attacking the Vienna area.

## YANKS TIGHTEN ADMIRALTIES' GRIP

By UNITED PRESS

American troops tightened their hold on the strategic Admiralty Islands today after capturing the important Lorengau airport and reaching the outskirts of the town of the same name.

On Bougainville, the enemy offensive against the American beachhead "has completely broken down," Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported.

"His (the enemy's) formations have been dispersed and decimated," the communiqué said. "Over 1100 of his dead lie within our lines alone. His total casualties are many times this. Our losses are proportionately light."

Allied bombers flew a 2400-mile round trip Wednesday night to make their first attack since mid-November on the big Japanese naval base at Seerabaja, Java, and to hit the Den Pass airbase, and to

Colonel and Pingelap atolls in the Carolines were bombed and allied fliers attacked three enemy bases in the eastern Marshalls.

## AWAITS ARRIVAL OF INTERRED BROTHER

Indianapolis relatives of John Boukes, who had not been heard from since he visited relatives in Holland before the war, today were awaiting his return here after landing aboard the Gripsholm this week in New York.

His sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bobbe, and his niece, Sonja, live at 1014 N. Bosart ave.

The Bobbes said they had not heard from their relatives, including Mrs. Bobbe's mother, since the war began.

Mr. Boukes was a painter and interior decorator, coming to this country in 1929 from Holland.

## MISS JEAN BURGESS HEADS UPTON CLUB

Miss Jean Burgess was elected president of the Upton Girls club at a recent meeting. The group was organized under the sponsorship of the Fidelity review 140 of the Women's Benefit association.

Other officers are Miss Shirley MacDonald, vice president; Miss Mary Jane Unger, secretary; Miss Vera Stray, treasurer, and Miss Joanne Packham, press correspondent.

## FALLS INTO CESSPOOL LOS ANGELES, March 18 (U. P.)—

Jos. Jeniel Reese, 22-year-old, 325-pound housewife, was chatting with a neighbor over the back fence when she suddenly dropped out of sight. Peering over, the neighbor found Mrs. Reese twelve feet down in an abandoned cesspool.

## EVENTS TODAY

Red Cross annual fund campaign. Easter seal fund campaign. Indiana state high school basketball tournament, final, Coliseum, 1:30 p. m. Women's 3-2 bowling tournament, Pritchett-Runt-O'Grady alleys. Marian College, dance at the college. Phi Omega Pi society, Claypool hotel. National League of American Pen Women. Indiana branch, Columbia club, noon. St. Benet fest. All Saints, 7:30 p. m. Park school, play, at the school, night.

## EVENTS TOMORROW

Red Cross annual fund campaign. Easter seal fund campaign. Women's 3-2 bowling tournament, Pritchett-Runt-O'Grady alleys. Federated Hardware Materials, Hotel Washington, 7:30 p. m. Catholic forum, World War memorial, 3 p. m. Gallery talk, John Heron museum, 4 p. m.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

These lists are from official records in the county clerk's office. The Times, therefore, is not responsible for errors in names and addresses.

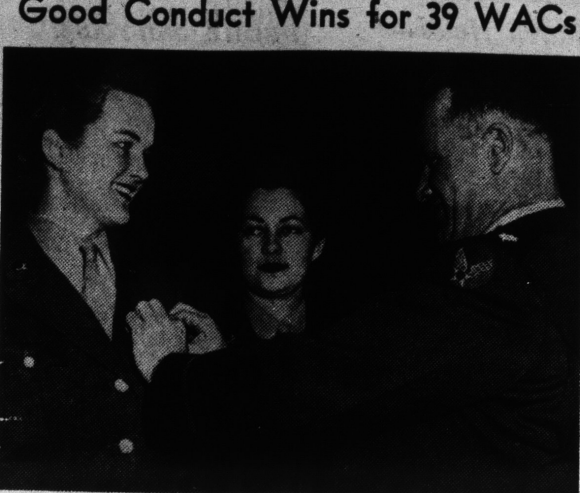
Ray Darrell Smith, 35, of 825 N. Parker; Sylvia Marie Kaskak, 28, of 841 East St. Woodruff Place, 20, of 1032 Corbett. Mildred Irene Mitchell, 18, of 1938 Tallman.

Allen Van Rensselaer Beck, 33, of 7500 Marat St., New Augusta, Ind.; Dorothy Ann Beck, 23, of 4293 Colfax.

Thomas E. Turner, 27, of 2203 S. E. 12th; Minnie Marie Davis, 21, of 13 N. Colorado.

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## Good Conduct Wins for 39 WACs



S. Sgt. Stephany Kowal (left) is awarded the good conduct medal by Lt. Col. Robert J. Rentz, Stout field commander. Waiting her turn is S. Sgt. Alice Terrace (center).

THIRTY-NINE Stout field WACs who have served at least a year with an outstanding record yesterday were presented good conduct medals at ceremonies in the recreation hall of the army air base.

Lt. Col. Robert J. Rentz, commander, in presenting the awards paid tribute to the part played by the service women in the operation of the base. "One thing is certain," he said, "if we do not get the women we need to perform the jobs necessary to successful prosecution of the war effort, many more civilian homes are going to be broken up as more and more men are inducted into service."

First Sgt. Janie Eckel accepted the medals for the detachment. Lt. Elnora Garlow, commander of the detachment, also commended the women for their work.

## WILLIAM CLAPP RITES MONDAY

Irrington Grocery Owner  
Dies on 48th Wedding  
Anniversary.

Services for William C. Clapp, 6024 E. Washington st., grocery store proprietor who died yesterday on his 48th wedding anniversary, will be at 1:30 p. m. Monday in Shirley Bros. Irving Hill chapel, with burial in Washington Park cemetery. He was 75.

Mr. Clapp was proprietor of Clapp's grocery store in Irrington and was a charter member of the Beech Grove Masonic