



WELCOME!

"To each American soldier who has left home to join the great forces now gathering in this island, I send a message of greeting and welcome. Wherever you may go in our country you will be among friends. Our fighting men look upon you as comrades and brothers in arms. Welcome to you while you are with us; and when the time comes we will all go forward together and carry the good cause to final victory."

Winston Churchill

AND NOW, HERE'S BIG NEWS
SINCE YOU LEFT

Red Army Troops Near Pskov: Skirmishing At Anzio

RED ARMY troops are within ten miles of Pskov, last German stronghold before the Latvian frontier. "Pravda" says the Russians are fanning out on roads leading to the Baltic.

Hitler has ordered his troops to hold on to the last man at Pskov. He also sent a special command to Von Meckler that Pskov must be held.

Russian forces approaching from the north and north-east are halfway down the shores of Lake Peipus. Yagorank, other points through Zambkovo, are within ten miles of the city.

BRITISH troops, after heavy skirmishing in the Anzio beachhead, captured two strongly-protected houses which the Germans were believed to be using for observation purposes among the ravines of the Upper Moleta river.

Heavy skirmishing is going on south of Cassino. American griffins hit the enemy attempt to cut into our lines.

Through weather so curbing operations our air forces have, in 24 hours, downed 400 enemy, including the dis-bombing of two airfields on the outskirts of Rome. Trains and road transport were also attacked beyond the battle zone.

RABAUL, Jap base in New Britain, already much battered, has been battered again by Allied warships and bombers.

For the sixth time running, no Japanese fighters were encountered outside of the way in which the previous attacks have knocked out the fighting strength of the post.

Destroyers also shelled the harbor area at Koroara, New Ireland, for its surrender. In these bombarding runs the world's remaining small craft were sunk.

AIR offensive in Europe continues with daylight raids by U.S. bombers on Northern France.

HELSINKI, the Finnish capital, already heavily bombed, was the target of about 600 Russian bombers in a 10-hour raid while the Finnish Government was considering whether to send a peace delegation to Moscow.

Invasion Warning

A NEW invasion warning to the French has been broadcast to Allied troops. "You may have been surprised at the sudden withdrawal of the Germans in evacuating you from peripheral defense posts. But do not be deceived." It said. "The British Government is firmly convinced that you might under similar conditions be the invader."

U.S. AIRMEN BRING PLANES OVER

THOUSANDS of U.S. airmen, who have arrived in Britain, brought their own planes with them.

A large number of reinforcements for the 8th and 9th Air Forces were in the country, but their aircraft were flown over by Transport Command pilots.

Thousands of Canadian soldiers and airmen, intended "to give a hand with the invasion of Europe," have arrived in Britain in a large Allied transport which left a Canadian unit some time ago.

VITAL DAY FOR FINLAND
The Finnish Parliament, it is reported, is expected to consider today questions relating to an armistice with Russia.

New Allied Commanders

ALLIED Headquarters have announced the names of three new commanders.

THEY ARE: Lieutenant-General Sydney Chevallier Kirkman, formerly commander of the 8th Division and now commanding a British corps.

Major-General Courtney Keegan, commanding an American corps; and

Major-General R. T. M. Brent, commanding the Canadian Division.

General Kirkman was chief winner in General Montgomery's Eighth Army staff in 1943.

BRITISH ISLES



Come Right In—This Is Britain ★

Did I have you with me? You won't have much time for going places, sight-seeing, or getting to know our ways, but, if you do find yourself with a little leisure for these things, the following brochure may help.

Smallness of the British Isles may surprise you—just 121,000 square miles. The U.S. is 3 1/2 times as big. Maximum distance north (John O'Groats) to south (Land's End) is 875 miles. Railroad distances are short, but you may find the roads long enough.

Inhabitants are as diverse as scenery. Northerners and southerners in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland are traditionally different in habits and ways.

All over you'll find English spoken with slight differences. High standard is said to be in Liverpool, Scotland.

Population:

ENGLAND	30,900,000
SCOTLAND	4,400,000
WALES	2,200,000
Northern Ireland	1,000,000
Isle of Man	41,000

Ten Largest Towns:

London	7,500,000
Glasgow	1,700,000
Birmingham	910,000
Liverpool	800,000
Manchester	740,000
Sheffield	490,000
Leeds	430,000
Belfast	420,000
Nottingham	377,000
Cardiff	287,000



Ministers met here to keep St. Paul's Cathedral looking after the heart of the city. Many Londoners never had such a good view of this famous building, and seldom.

It Was A Civilians' Battle

THE Battle of Britain began on August 10, 1940, when the Luftwaffe, free after the fall of France, concentrated on these islands. London's share began on September 7, when the Germans lost a series of knock-out blows. They failed. Fifty thousand H.E. bombs fell on London between the beginning of September, 1940, and the end of July, 1941. Millions of incendiaries fell on the Capital in the same period.

In three months 28,000 Londoners were killed and about 30,000 seriously injured.

FOR 21 NIGHTS

The Capital endured continuous bombing for 21 nights. Damaged areas include the House of Commons, the Guildhall, the Law Courts, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, the War Office, and the Mint. During the first 21 days and nights of the London blitz, the fire squads fought 10,666 fires. One night's total was 1,500 fires.

HOW MUCH IN OURS AND YOURS

To find the value of one shilling in American currency, divide the rate of exchange by 26. Thus:

At 4:00 dollars to the £ one shilling is 26 cents. At 4:20 dollars to the £ one shilling is 24 cents. One pound note (£1) equal to 100 shillings (20/- or 20s).

COIN

Pounds (1/-) = halfpenny (1/2d), pence (1d), halfpenny (1/2d), farthing (1/4d), pronounced "farthing," two pence, one silver, the other brass (2/- = 20 pence, 10/- = 100 pence, or one-shilling piece (1/- or 12/- = 120 pence, 10/- or 10s). Half crown (10/- or 12s 6d). Crown (2/- or 24s). Five pence are usually called "pennies." "Three and six" means three or three and sixpence. It is usual to omit the words shilling and penny. "Quid" and pound; "half-a-dollar" — half-crown. "Bob" shilling; "treace" — shillings.

There's Still A Lot Of It Standing

LONDON, capital of the British Empire, largest city in the world, requires more than a farthing for sight-seeing.

The Luftwaffe did what they could to destroy it early in the war, but you'll find that there's a lot of London left.

The four great mounds of the city on natural hills are Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, The Tower, and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Compared with New York or Paris, much of London may seem old-fashioned and crowded, but it has unlike a number of contemporary structures all its own, and many of them are unmarred.

Liverpool, third city in England and most important port after London. Thought claim to be uninvulnerable. Cathedral was designed to be viewed from the river.

Glasgow, second largest city in Britain, great port and industrial centre and famous for shipbuilding—two out of three British ships are either built on the Clyde or engaged here normally. City claims tramway system is best in countries.

Inverness, the capital of the Highlands, noted as centre for sports, for healthy atmosphere, and for the most beautiful of the castles.

Dublin, largest town in Ireland, third of a city hall, Chamberlain of the Government of Northern Ireland, and its two great shipyards.

Cardiff, famous for its steep walls and gates, its ruins and parkland.

Cardiff, largest city in Wales, and one of the greatest ports.

Places That Like To Be Visited ★

YOU will find many interesting sites and efforts to improve the people in these various forms—

Croydon, which gave us the word "Croydonated," when the Luftwaffe tried to destroy it, is the home of the automobile industry. First British car was produced here in 1890. This was when the Lady Godiva made her legendary journey naked on horseback. Croydon's left is there where the Luftwaffe turned loose London to the ravages. Centre of the city was destroyed in one night.

Edinburgh, one which the English fleet attacked the Spanish Armada, and then which Drake, Hawkins, Raleigh and Cook set out the shipowner put in here before finally setting off for America. First Scottish airplane, NCA, to cross the Atlantic, arrived here June, 1919.

Stratford-on-Avon was its birthplace to the fact that it is the birthplace of William Shakespeare, who was born in 1564 in this town and moved to New Place. He was buried in Stratford Church. Richard II was only issue of Katherine Swifour, mother of John Howard, founder of the American University.

Manchester, fourth largest city in England, capital of cotton manufacturing and famous worldwide for the "Manchester School" of Art. Local Locky band, founded the American Society of Strikers.

York, famous for its Minster, one of the noblest. Ancient city walls remain. Many streets and squares in character. Archbishop's palace of Beaufort. The great lives in this city.

Southampton, great seaport, has two sides and one of the world's best natural harbours. The Crusades and the pilgrim Pathway ended here.

Canterbury, ancient ecclesiastical headquarters of England, fine cathedral, old houses, the famous streets, visited by more

than 100,000 people in some various forms—

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The Madonnas of the Virgin in a series of an Elizabethan 16th house.

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Warships And Bombers Batter Jap Base At Rabaul: Navy Success At Truk

RABAU, Jap base in New Britain, has been battered again from sea and air. Allied warships pounded shell after shell into the base, and a few hours later bombers dropped 112 tons of bombs on Rabaul's Espaco airfield.

Your Radio Here

THE American Forces network, operating as an auxiliary service of the British Broadcasting Corporation, provides radio entertainment for the American soldiers in the United Kingdom. For further details consult the "Hearst and Scripps."

Hitler Orders A Stand

HITLER has ordered his troops, telling them that Falck, gateway to the Baltic States, must be held at all costs.

The Russians north of the city stand only 10 miles away, but with each part the enemy without their resources increased.

Red Army tanks and mobile guns are pounding German strong points.

Ahead of these fast detachments the Red Air Force are rebuilding their assaults on roads and railways linking Falck with the German-Russian zone.

South, however, in the center west of Kharkov and Novotok line, are tracking Soviet, railways and attacking German reinforcement columns.

NAVY BATTLE

Bitter fighting has been going on in the Gulf. The Germans are slowly advancing to their defenses until the words they exchange.

The Russians, using the terrain in the narrow corridor between the Gulf of Finland and the Gulf of Finland, are winning time.

Wishy radio reports that a Polish battle is in progress near Narva, in Estonia.

In the Balkan sector, the Russians have regained their drive on Kherson by clearing another 15 miles of the right bank of the Lower Dnieper.

West of there the Russians stand 500 miles in the old MOSSA frontier, now only 26 miles away.

Six Days That Shook Germany

THE Germans lost over 500 planes in air battles alone during last week's dramatic Allied onslaught. The Americans accounted for 641, chiefly during the two-day attacks from Britain and Italy.

American losses totaled 322 heavy bombers and 27 fighters, and the R. A. F. lost 22 planes.

Damage caused by German fighter factories by Allied shells has stopped her last hope of maintaining a successful air defense, according to an official

Japanese return fire at the warships from the shore at Rabaul was quickly silenced. Nearby Yungoro supply area and the huge Gosse installation were also smothered.

There was no air opposition to the bombers. They rained over the targets almost at will and did great damage to supply and communication areas and to gun positions at Moutep. 112 tons of bombs being dropped.

The view that Japanese air power is more or less neutralized in this zone is strengthened by the fact that there was also no challenge to the medium bombers which rained Lorraine and Mustang airplanes, on the Admiralty Islands, and targets at Wewak in New Guinea.

13 JAP SHIPS DOWN

Thirty Jap ships were sunk, possibly sunk or damaged in the two-day American assault on the Jap naval base at Truk on February 16-17, instead of the 24 originally announced. Admiral Mitsui has revealed from Manila Press H.Q.

Of the new total, 23 were sunk, six probably sunk and 11 damaged.

BOMBS IN PALESTINE

Many arrests have been made throughout Palestine following more bomb outrages in Tel Aviv, Haifa, and Jerusalem. There were no casualties. The police have cordoned the neighboring zones.

Yugoslavs Regain Islands

MOST of the important islands along the Dalmatian coast and almost all the islands off the Great provinces farther north are now back in Yugoslav hands.

This was revealed by the Free Yugoslav radio less than a week after General Tito's announcement that his troops were steadily regaining control over the Dalmatian coast.

These islands, which the Germans captured in an offensive last November and December, are strategically important for keeping open the supply lines from the Allies in Italy to Tito's troops.

of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces in Europe, summing up the results of recent raids.

Germany has only 23 per cent. of her single-engine fighters and 40 per cent. of her single-engine fighter production in operation compared with January 1, he said.

In the six days beginning last Monday, February 28, concentrated attacks were made which, if properly and vigorously followed up, might be disastrous to the Luftwaffe.

It was reported that 23 per

VICTORY IN BURMA

BRITISH and Indian troops have given the Japs their usual serious defeat at Aungmye.

Official estimates of Jap losses in three weeks fighting in 1945 killed and 8000 wounded. The whole force was practically annihilated and the few hundreds left are encircled.

Allied casualties were described as immeasurably lighter.

The victory was won at the Nyaung-Uk Pass, which lies near Mawlaikya on the coast north of Aungmye.

ADDED AT INDIA

The Japanese intended to seize Nyaung-Uk Pass to isolate the British 14th Division.

Another Japanese force aimed at isolating the British 17th Division.

At the same time, the Japanese had planned a general assault east of the Masu range to complete the destruction of both divisions, to be followed up by a sweeping advance into India. The Japanese succeeded in infiltrating into the jungles and outlying areas, but were stopped by Allied positions.

The British main force, however, and the Eastern Air Command, look up the job of snuffing those out off.

On the situation in Arakan, Lord Louis Mountbatten's 19th commander says "there has been a marked decrease of activity."

SKIRMISHING AT ANZIO

Navy Support For Artillery

THERE is heavy skirmishing in the Anzio beachhead, especially near the mouth of the Upper Moleto river.

South of Cassinara a German attempt to infiltrate was beaten off by Americans.

Both sides are keeping up heavy shelling in spite of cloudy and stormy weather.

British troops of the Fifth Army on the Anzio front attacked and captured two enemy strongpoints, says the latest communiqué. "Enemy efforts to infiltrate into our lines were halted by American artillery."

On the main front with Axis troops and on the Fifth Army front our tanks were active probing enemy positions and inflicting casualties. Bad weather continues to limit operations.

WARSAW'S JOIN IN

An American cruiser provided fire support against enemy artillery in the Anzio area. The same day, in the Adriatic, British destroyers bombarded Vela Luka (Croatia).

Weather is continuing unpropitious. Fighter-bombers attack enemy positions.

Fire shipping reports in the Anzio area, and destroyed or damaged transports in Central Italy.

Luftwaffe Hints

Scout military groups, quoted in German reports, are limited in large Luftwaffe reserves in western Europe.

"Until a large-scale landing attempt is made in the West it is not to be expected that only some of the Luftwaffe reserves are being sent into action. The bulk of the Luftwaffe's fighter units remains in readiness to be used."

600 BOMBERS HIT HELSINKI

HELSINKI, the Finnish capital, has been attacked by 600 Russian bombers in a 12-hour raid while the Finnish Government were still undecided whether or not a peace delegation should be sent to Moscow.

Russian planes have also attacked Oulu in the Gulf of Bothnia, says a Finnish communiqué.

Berlin has given a veiled warning to the Finns not to emulate the example of the "Baltic republics."

A German Foreign Office spokesman, commenting on the reported Russian peace terms, which are said to include the internment of the seven German divisions in Finland, said:

"No one can expect the German leaders to allow themselves to be deceived and deceived."

GLIDER BOMBS

Glider bombs were used by the Germans in a truck attack on shipping at Anzio.

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