

THE WAR FRONTS

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ITALY: The thousand choros of hundreds of Allied guns from Cassino to the Tyrrhenian Sea and from Allied landing operations opened a new offensive in Italy at 2300 hours, 11 May. The heavy bombardment was followed immediately by a huge attack by Allied tanks and infantry.

In preparation the bulk of the Eighth Army had been shifted to western Italy where it took over the Cassino area, while troops of the Fifth Army that had been fighting there moved to the left and west into action in the Garigliano River area. The entire engagement with the German and Italian-American forces on the central flank, French troops were on their right south of Cassino, and still further north French troops bridged the Rapido River and also made a frontal attack on Cassino. A British soldier via Cassino which took German tanks into it. Cassino, the capture of Cassino opened the gateway to the Liri Valley and French troops of the Fifth Army were ordered to make the bridge of Santa Anna bridge, Valle Marone and Anagni. Thus the road between Cassino and Formia which connects the main highway of the Via Cassina with the Via Appia was cut. To the south, the French-Italian troops advanced to Lake Spigno and cut the same road between Anagni and Formia.

Critical reports stated that the Allied guns were neither in position nor in action as had been anticipated. The new disposition determined enemy resistance from the strongly prepared positions of the German line.

Effective naval cooperation was being given by the Fifth Army, British, and Allied coast-bombardment troops positions and batteries in the area around Formia and Anagni. There was considerable air activity, much of it in direct tactical support of the ground advance. Allied planes hit industrial targets in the Po Valley, ports and rail yards supporting the German positions in central Italy. The number of sorties recorded was 2000.

PACIFIC: The score of new days in the Pacific and Asiatic theaters from the beginning of the war to 7 March 1944, 4877 Jap aircraft destroyed. The figure was released by Secretary of War Stimson. USAAF losses in the same area for the same period were 1274 planes. Top honors go to the 5th USAF operating from Southwest Pacific bases which accounted for 3113 of the Jap planes also down or destroyed on the ground.

Wholesale air operations continued, with American bombers being the heaviest in the North Pacific and

WESTERN EUROPE: A spell of bad weather closed the air offensive and limited operations over the front. The night of 10-11 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The light of 11 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 11-12 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 12-13 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 13-14 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 14-15 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 15-16 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 16-17 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 17-18 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 18-19 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 19-20 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 20-21 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 21-22 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 22-23 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 23-24 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 24-25 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 25-26 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 26-27 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 27-28 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 28-29 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 29-30 May saw heavy rain and strong winds. The night of 30-31 May saw heavy rain and strong winds.

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German captures with this photo and the one to the right describe the same scene during the night fighting near the rabbits in Cassino. Note high elevation of the mortar. The type of mortar indicates the men were paratroopers.

Remains in the shattered archway of a Cassino structure this photograph was snapped on a March 10, 1944, as advancing Allied positions, the Nazis say. Photos were taken prior to the current Allied drive northwest.

Posted on a road near the Allied headquarters below Rome is this unique and meaningful sign. It speaks for itself.

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Description

An American map titled "Newsmap for the Armed Forces: Monday, May 22, 1944." The map of the Burma-India front shows railroads, roads, rivers, international boundaries, and points of Allied attack. The map of the Italian front shows roads, rivers, relief, current battle lines, the battle line at the beginning of the current offensive, distances to Rome from Cassino, Anzio, and Pescara, and the distance from Cassino to Anzio. Printed text and photographs reveal news on multiple fronts. Printed text and drawings on the back describe the effort it takes to build and operate a battleship and sustain the crew.

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