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ADVANCE CONTINUES IN ITALY

FLASHES

BURMA---Troops of the Chinese 36th Division captured Warong, northeast of Kamaing, today, with heavy losses to the enemy. Japanese troops attempting to recapture Nara village north of Kohima were beaten back.

CENTRAL PACIFIC---Medium bombers hit the Ponape and Pakin islands today in the Carolines, while other American units continued to bomb defense installations at Japanese bases in the Marshall islands.

DETROIT---Development of the most powerful aircraft engine in the world, which will increase the power of most single-engine fighters by several hundred h.p., was revealed today by officials of Allison Division of General Motors Corporation.

The new engine has a maximum rating of almost 3,000 h.p., it is claimed.

ITALY---Sir John Cunningham, Allied Mediterranean chief, said today that in one month this year, 11,500,000 gross tons of Allied ships were convoyed through the Mediterranean with .28 of 1 per cent loss.

LONDON---Ordnance section of the Air Service Command in London revealed today that a new type of bomb, which explodes in one second after impact, is being used by Allied airmen.

The bomb is designed to destroy machinery in a plant and can be controlled to explode after it crashes through the roof and before going through into the ground.

WASHINGTON---President Roosevelt sent a message to Congress today, listing as one point in his proposal "social security for the armed forces."

Somewhere at Sea---King Neptune was reported flying in waiting for the polywogs of the GENERAL RANDALL who will be initiated when the ship crosses the equator.

NAZIS BEING DRIVEN NORTH TO MOUNTAIN STRONGHOLDS AS FIFTH ARMY PUSHES ON

WITH ALLIED TROOPS IN ITALY---Fierce battling was reported along the entire Italian front today as Allied troops continued to push the Germans back toward their mountain strongholds.

Steady Allied gains have been reported in several sectors and a communique this morning stated that the Nazi divisions are being driven north toward Highway Six, strategic junction which marks the last escape route from the onslaught of the advancing forces.

The Nazis were putting up renewed resistance in a last desperate effort to stop the Allied gains, but military observers were confident that the successes on the Italian front would go a long way toward carrying out the Allied intention of wiping out the enemy in Italy.

French and American troops were active today in the new gains, while British and Canadian troops of the Eighth Army were reported making slight progress in Lier and the Sacco Valley where New Zealand troops have advanced in the mountains to the north and have occupied Belmont, San Stefano and Norma.

Cruisers and destroyers of the French Navy, meanwhile, were bombarding enemy artillery positions north of the Anzio beachhead with good results reported.

WARNING...WARNING...WARNING...!!!

Sometime in the immediate future this ship is scheduled to cross the equator.

In accordance with one of the oldest sea traditions, "polywogs," or those who have never crossed the equator, will be initiated into the Royal Order of King Neptune's Court.

Women passengers are advised by the Queen to wear slacks, sunsuits or bathing suits when the order to assemble at the court is given, **BUT NO SHOES!** Male crew members and passengers will dress at their own discretion, bearing in mind "OIL IS OIL AND WATER IS WET, AND IF THE TWAIN MEET, BROTHER, IT'S YOUR OWN FAULT!"