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ASHORE IN SICILY --- ALLIED TROOPS MOVE INLAND AND CAPTURE TOWNS.

The cameras from Sicily take up from where they left off in the last issue; continuing the story of more and more reinforcements in men and supplies building up our strength in Europe. Coming in on the enemy's doorstep --- with very little opposition

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▲ sharp attack here --- one of the few occasions on which the enemy shows^{ed} his teeth. And what is remarkable here is not what burns --- but the vast assembly of shipping that is safe

So they pressed on inland, after the first job of landing through the surf. They were taking Avola, where signs of abandoned enemy equipment were to be seen, ~~Abandoned by the enemy~~ Avola-lies in the South-east corner, and when ^{they} entered all was quiet and peaceful. ^{The first down in Sicily was under new direction} American troops were also in Avola, although the main body of Americans had landed more to the west.

Scores of prisoners were taken even at this early stage --- and sent across to North Africa for safe custody. ^{white still more of our troops of tanks} Meanwhile, the main body ^{has passed} presses on along the road to Rosolini where again the reception by the residents was ~~frank~~ friendly in the extreme.

Obviously the Home Guard had missed the parade in Rosolini. ^{still pushing}
in ~~at Sand - east Colner~~
This part of the story is almost like a travelogue in uniform, except for the incidents of searching prisoners --- and helping a wounded Italian prisoner on his way. Here there was much evidence of fighting in the wrecked Axis tanks --- notably some from the Renault works near Paris --- proof that we had good reason to bomb them

And ~~at~~ here again there is no sign of fear among the inhabitants who don't seem to resent the invasion in the least

Watching the execution of his careful plans is General Montgomery.

The next objective for our cameras is the vital seaport of Syracuse, a little to the North-east. Here the roads were busy day and night with Eighth Army men going up and more prisoners coming south: *refugees coming back again.* A non-stop stream of traffic which pays tribute to

magnificent organization for this invasion. *Auto. Syracuse; yesterday!*

news was - but how we thrilled when we heard it; this was how they went there
Italian prisoners here included some Germans; advance guard

of the garrison that made the stand at Catania later. But in Syracuse itself things had settled down almost to normal in a wonderfully short space of time.

Most amazing of all --- ^{those} non-stop reinforcements. The plan for this invasion was brilliantly conceived; it had that most important ingredient ~~of surprise~~ --- surprise. And surprise was backed up by overwhelming weight as the Navy and the Allied Air Forces kept open the Sicilian Channel; the Navy and the Merchant Navy poured in hour by hour and day by day the mightiest invasion force: the army that had been thrown off the Continent in the days when we were paying the price of disarmament --- that army had come back ^{fully-equipped} to settle the reckoning.

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