

OCCUPATION OF SICILY CONTINUES.

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Action in Sicily; the latest film record of the invasion that forced such a great and momentous march of events in Italy

The Allied Armies are advancing here from the south-east towards the town of Francofonte ~~and the~~

~~The~~ scenes in the villages on the route tell their ~~story.~~ *graphic*
The round-up of prisoners in small groups and large; the unceasing onward surge of our own mechanized might --- the evidence of enemy ~~retreat~~ retreat.

At Palazzalo, Italian citizens ~~wanted~~ *queened up* for their ration of flour --- left behind by their own retreating troops and given to them by our forces of occupation.

Nearing Francofonte there was a small action against a group of German paratroops. *The advance continues.*

And this is Francofonte ~~through~~ *road* through a street significantly suggesting the ultimate ~~to~~ *to* Rome. In this town, as in the ~~others~~ others, the Sicilian inhabitants seemed to welcome the invaders with genuine joy.

Long columns of Italian prisoners were passing on the road to Avola; ~~heading back for~~ *the dusty road back*

General Montgomery passes through by car ~~in~~ *out in* the Bay of Augusta ~~is the bay~~ *he walks the busy keel.* his route is taking him to Syracuse.

On the road from Syracuse to Cassibile a company of infantry ~~was~~ *was* billeted on a farm; and once again, this Sicilian family seems so friendly. What a lot of trouble they would have saved if they had done something about ~~it~~ *it* three years ago.

Everywhere ~~in~~ *in* they went, the cameras turned upon those endless columns of prisoners --- as always, idiotically delighted to have lost. *all except one who thought he'd be only lost away!* Like most of the ~~facts~~ *facts* of Fascism, it just seems ~~topsy-turvy~~.

The huge combined-operations fleet that took our invading force to Sicily, returned to Africa with the empties.

They were disembarked on the shores of Africa --- so recently a part of their own real or dreamt-of Empire. Grim proof of the end to which unbridled power-politics had brought them.

And so to Britain; Italians and Germans too, ~~landed~~ at a port in the United Kingdom; some from the famous Hermann Goering Regt. Germans and Italians together, but kept discreetly apart. Positive evidence of the grand job our armies are doing in Europe.