

NEW OFFENSIVE TO BEGIN IN ITALY

General Mark Clark has warned Italian patriots in the Appenines and in the north that a new offensive is about to be launched against the Germans and that instructions on the part they are to play will be given later.

In the meantime patrol activity only is reported from the 8th and 5th Army fronts.

American Landings in Pacific.

General MacArthur has confirmed American landings on Sebu.

One division landed 5 miles from Sebu, the second largest city in the Philippines.

Super-Fortresses have made two raids over Southern Japan in a period of 12 hours.

Sea Blockaded.

Beaufighters for the past month have blockaded the sea approaches to Rangoon. During this period 700 Japanese ships have been sunk or damaged.

Since Rangoon is a vital supply point for Japan, the effects of this blockade must already be serious.

EARL LLOYD GEORGE

has died at his home in Wales. He was 82 years of age.

CALLING ALL KIWIS!

ERS library has the following study course books available on:—Petrol engines, carpentry, trade calculations, radio communication, practical English, book-keeping, shorthand, biology, logarithms and trigonometry four-figure math. tables. Also available are AEWS bulletins, Koreros, and technical magazines.

Sufficient books and magazines have been distributed to suit everyone's taste. Readers are requested to exchange material when finished with it, or return their books to the library for re-distribution.

Church Service: Good Friday (tomorrow). 10.30 hours, Men's Lounge.

AGRICULTURAL lectures:—

Friday: "Farming in Scotland," Lt.-Col. Matthew Robb,

Saturday: "Farm Mortgages," Bdr. R. Hickin.

Anyone desiring to discuss rehabilitation problems is invited to call at Cabin 111 any afternoon between the hours of 13.00 and 16.30.

TONGARIRO RACING CLUB.

The Easter Meeting of the Tongariro Racing Club will be held on Monday, April 2.

Nominations submitted to the Armd Group Orderly Room by 18.30 this evening will be included in the ballot for fields. Owners of previously placed horses will not be eligible, but those whose nominations were not accepted for the first meeting will be in the draw again.

Around the World:

QUEEN Wilhelmina has returned to London after a 10 day tour of liberated parts of the Netherlands.

The Viceroy of India (Lord Wavell) has left New Delhi for London for consultation with the British Government.

Paris reports say the food situation in the big towns of France is causing considerable concern. Supplies are smaller than at any time during the war.

With the Clark river rising 50 feet above normal there has been heavy flooding in Northern Queensland. Rail traffic has been held up as the result of washouts.

In view of anticipated heavy Dominion and overseas tourist traffic to the Southern Lakes district of NZ in the near future the Government is erecting a new hotel at Queenstown.

Mr. Churchill told the House of Commons that Britain's food stocks were rather less than 6,000,000 tons and would be reduced to 4½ million tons by the end of June because of aid to liberated countries.

Easter Rail bookings in NZ are the heaviest in years and the railways will be fully extended this week-end handling the holiday traffic. There is an increase of 50 per cent on pre-war bookings.

High tributes have been paid to a work of NZ airmen in Burma and the Pacific. Military officials of both the British and American forces have expressed their appreciation of the valuable services of their squadron.

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