

MONASTERY CAPTURED (first pic)

It was a memorable day in the war in Italy when ~~him~~ Cassino and its now world-famous monastery fell into Allied hands. As these pictures reach us the armies have swept far beyond that scene of severe fighting and the Nazis are in full retreat. The swift march of events has left Cassino behind.

After months of stubborn defence the Nazis hoisted the white flag and were permitted to bring in their wounded. Completely dispirited, the ~~prisoners~~ prisoners seemed under the shadow of final German defeat as British troops entered the town. Trickling back from battlefield hideouts Italian refugees reached the safety of our lines, receiving the first kind treatment they had known for months.

With us in the capture of the monastery itself were some Polish troops. With British, Imperial, American and French ~~troops~~ soldiers the Poles took part in an ~~operation~~ operation which exemplified the full unity established between the forces arrayed against Hitler. Little indeed remains of the once beautiful building which the Nazis turned into a fortress, ~~which~~

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On the scene to congratulate the French were Gen. De Gaulle and Gen. Clarke. The martial glory of France is reborn as the Allies sweep on towards Rome.

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