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## 5TH ARMY STABS TOWARD ROME

### News Behind The News by Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 6.—(Spl.)—The Nazis have placed enough troops south of Rome to make us fight for every inch of our northward advance. They have had about eight divisions around and south of the city. The bulk of this force has been digging in just north of Naples around Gaeta to the Mediterranean coast and selecting defensive positions across the peninsula to the Adriatic in such a way as to offer determined resistance along that line in a final fight for the Italian capital.

The main German army in Italy, however, has been kept north of the Apennine line in the region of the Po, suggesting that there Hitler intends to put up his best stand on Italian soil.

These placements betray the Nazis' plans. They are not trying to face us with a superior force, but have schemed what the military men call "strong delaying actions," to impede us and keep us down to a plodding pace.

They could make a better fight of it by withdrawing planes and troops from northern France and the lowlands, but, obviously, they are afraid of momentary invasion and intend primarily to protect homeland.

THE next ten days should tell whether the Russians can break through the Dnieper line. Present condition of the battle suggests three widely separate points at which the Russians will strike.

If they could cut across the Dnieper at the big bend (Dnepropetrovsk), they could threaten the whole southern German

### SERVICE COMMAND WILL BE SEEN IN FORMAL PARADE

Camp White, Oct. 6.—(Spl.)—Gen. Amos Thomas, commanding general, Camp White, has extended an invitation to the people of Medford and vicinity to witness the colorful retreat ceremony and formal review at 5 o'clock Friday evening on the SCU parade grounds located west of Post Headquarters. This ceremony involves the lowering of the flag and the firing of the cannon, and will be an unusual opportunity for those who have never observed such an occasion.

Thirteen units will participate in the largest formal review ever to be held by the service command unit and attached troops. Gen. Thomas will be the reviewing officer. In addition there will be a formal presentation to Gen. Thomas of the new elephant train, recently constructed by the post engineers, which will be used as a shuttle bus for the military personnel of Camp White.

No Passes Needed  
No passes will be necessary for civilians to get onto the post for the ceremony, but visitors are asked to enter the gate at Avenue "G" and Crater Lake Highway—the entrance near Post Headquarters—where M. P.'s will be present to admit them to the parade grounds.

Units participating in the formal review are judged and rated first and second according to the military bearing, execution of movements and marching. Results of last Friday's retreat were First, WAC section, SCU 1913, and second, MP section, SCU 1913.

### WEDGE IS DRIVEN IN GERMAN LINE BY SHOCK TROOPS

Capture of Two Vital Towns  
Enables Yanks to Plunge  
Over Volturno River.

By United Press  
Anglo-American troops of the fifth army stabbed northward today on the road to Rome through a gap slashed in the first German defense line above Naples.

Winning two vital towns on the rail lines and highways pointed toward the Italian capital, fifth army shock troops plunged on to cross the strategic Volturno river and wedge into the first line the Nazis might have tried to hold.

Greatest Success  
The success was the greatest scored since Naples fell and came while the Italian front showed clear signs of developing into an increasingly bitter battleground.

As yet there were no indications where the Germans planned a major attempt to stop the growing allied push toward Rome.

The lunge put the fifth army forces no more than 25 miles from Rome while a few planes ranged along their lines and far ahead to keep the enemy's defenses off balance. Aversa, eight miles north of Naples, and Maddaloni, 14 miles northeast, fell to Gen. Mark W. Clark's American and British forces.

Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's British eighth army veterans hammered at quickly formed German lines along the Biferno river near Termoli in their first major fighting since they began their fast march up the eastern side of the peninsula.

Bologna Bombed  
Flying fortresses carried the aerial offensive northward to Bologna in a heavy raid on rail centers and highways on a night raid hit the Grosseto airfield, 90 miles northwest of Rome. For the first time in days, considerable enemy opposition was mounted against the allied air force. But fifteen German planes were shot down for a loss of six allied aircraft.

In the Mediterranean, contradictory reports obscured the situation in the islands off Turkey where British and German forces are battling for control of the Aegean.

The Germans said they had retaken newly-conquered Cos, while Turkish reports went further to say they also had recaptured Leros Island and landed on Samos. All three were taken by British air forces two weeks ago.

### FEDERAL WORKER DEFERMENT RULE HAS SENATE O.K.

Washington, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—The senate today agreed to substitute the Bailey-Clark bill to restrict deferments for government employees for the pending Wheeler bill which would have deferred all Pre-Pearl Harbor fathers until Jan. 1.

The senate also added to the administration-supported substitute an amendment by Sen. Bennett C. Clark, D., Mo., for creation of a medical commission to re-examine the standards of physical fitness for service in the armed forces.

Some administration officials were saying privately today that farms have become a haven for draft dodgers. They declined to be quoted for the record, explaining that they feared the congressional farm bloc which forced through the Tydings amendment giving virtual draft exemption to farm workers.

### Cardinal Is High Stepper



Lou Klein, Cardinal of New York, goes high into the air to avoid the spikes of New York Yankee shortstop Frank Crosetti as he stole second in the opener of the 1943 world series. Catcher Cooper's throw was wild, but Walker came in fast to hold Crosetti to the bag. Rue is the umpire. The Yankees won 4 to 2.

### OIL BARGE BLAST INJURES SEVERAL

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—An explosion on an oil barge at the St. Johns Engine company shipyards at 1 p. m. today injured at least 25 persons and may have caused the deaths of several others, early reports indicated.

Police said that "14 or 15 persons were killed," but a check of hospitals and mortuaries failed to produce any known dead.

During the 12 months of 1942 the army air forces within the continental United States flew a distance equal to 81,170 trips around the earth.

### APPLE CEILINGS LISTED BY OPA

Washington, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—The office of price administration today established maximum prices for apples for home consumption which it said will rest in average national retail prices of between 10 and 11 cents a pound for the season.

The retail maximum for October, the low point in the season, will average about 9½ cents a pound, approximately one cent under the present national average, OPA said.

Regional and district OPA offices soon will announce cent-per-pound retail prices for their areas, it was said.

### Details of German Reign of Terror Told In Battered, Hungry Naples

By Reynolds Packard  
and Henry T. Gorrell

Naples, Italy, Oct. 3.—(U.P.)—Battered, hungry Naples buried its hundreds of dead in a drenching rain today and survivors told for the first time in all its brutal detail the full story of the German reign of terror over Italy's third largest city.

They related how the Germans:

Laid siege to a hospital because they knew it had medical and food supplies.

Killed 100 Italian hostages for every German soldier slain.

Forced condemned patriots to dig their own graves.

Human Armor

Tied the hands of Italians and forced them to form a cordon around retreating armored cars.

Kidnaped at gunpoint 70,000 Neapolitan men from 18 to 34 for slave labor.

Blew up reservoirs and hooked the water system onto the sewage system to make water unusable.

We saw the corpses of more than 100 men, women and children heaped in one huge room at the hospital for incurables overlooking the Stada Di Cino. Most of them had been killed while the hospital was holding out for five days against Nazi artillery and mortar fire. The hospital staff fought off the Germans with machine guns and rifles between operations.

taining 600 wounded, most of whom were civilians who helped pursue the Germans from the city.

Most Gruesome Sight  
Col. Tom Campbell of Hardin, Mont., who said he was making a report direct to Gen. George C. Marshall, U. S. army chief of staff, told us that he had seen "some gruesome sights in Russia and Sicily, but never anything like this."

Dr. Antonio De Cesare, for many years a prominent member of the staff of Naples' largest newspaper, the Corriere Di Napoli, told us that the Germans seized the first 100 men to walk along a street in Capua, north of Naples, lined them up against a wall and machine gunned them in retaliation for the shooting of a German soldier.

In nearby Aversa, a carabinieri (police) colonel said, the Germans executed 80 carabinieri and 20 civilians for the death of another German soldier.

Dig Own Graves  
Many Italians were forced by the Germans to dig their own graves near the Campo Reale.

We heard rumors that some were buried alive, but were unable to confirm them.

Dr. De Cesare said the Germans hastily pulled out of Naples on the night of Sept. 8, when Italy's surrender was announced, but returned en masse two days later when the allies landed on the Salerno gulf rather than attempt to force

### Cards Even Series With 4 to 3 Win

#### REPUBLICANS RIP TAX PROPOSAL IN JOINT STATEMENT

Administration's \$10,500,000 Plan Far Beyond  
Ability to Pay, Claim.

Washington, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Republican members of the house ways and means committee, in a joint statement, today denounced the administration's new \$10,500,000,000 tax program as going "far beyond what the average person is able to pay."

The tenor of the statement was similar to the criticism of the program voiced by Ways and Means Committee Chairman Robert L. Doughton, D., N.C., on Monday, a few hours after the program was presented to the committee. Doughton said it was more than average taxpayers "can reasonably bear."

The Republican statement was issued by Rep. Harold Knutson, of Minnesota, GOP spokesman on the committee. It also called for all possible economies in the government's budget before asking the American people to bear an additional tax burden.

"Prior to hearing all the evidence, we feel it would be improper for us to take a definite position on specific items," it said.

The statement drew attention to the assertion of Rep. John Taber of New York, ranking Republican on the house appropriations committee, that 40 per cent of the treasury's recommendation could be discounted through economies which would not impair the war effort.

If 3 per cent more homes that are heated with oil or gas are completely weatherproofed this year, more than 44,250,000 gallons of fuel oil and more than a million tons of coal can be saved.

#### WOMEN CALLED FOR FIRST TIME AS U. S. JURORS

Medford Women Drawn as  
War Depletes Available  
Men; Camp Land Eyed.

With women serving on the jury for the first time in this federal court district as the wartime manpower shortage made it impossible to obtain enough men for duty, the land condemnation case of the government versus M. L. Carmean was to be tried in U. S. district court at 1:30 this afternoon.

Carmean, represented by Attorney George M. Roberts, is seeking \$17,170 for 21.7 acres in the Camp White area, for which the government has deposited \$1,200 as a "fair and just" price.

Premises Viewed  
The jury of six men and six women viewed the premises this morning. In drawing the jury, the name of Mrs. Hattie House of Medford was first out of the box thus she became the first woman federal juror ever designated to serve in this district.

Other women on the jury are Mrs. Hattie Fish, Mrs. Nellie Schultz, Mrs. Ella Rogers, Mrs. Doris Baize, all of Medford, and Mrs. Myrtle Miller of Ashland. Male members are Seth M. Bullis, Michael Schwartz, Raymond A. Miksche, Fred Spitzmiller and Justin B. Smith, all of Medford, and Charles Click of Grants Pass.

A total of 18 women were drawn on the special venire Tuesday afternoon when it became obvious there were not enough men available. Others drawn, excused this morning to report at 9 a. m. Thursday along with male jurors, were Mrs. Blanche Boyd, Mrs. Alice Downs, Mrs. Laura Erickson, Mrs. Angeline Evanson, Mrs. Alice Helman, Mrs. Katherine McAllister, Mrs. Grace Pellet, Mrs. Josephine Sleight, Mrs. Phoebe Tengwald and Mrs. Julia Spatz.

To Call More  
Judge Claude McCulloch said from the bench that the women jurors would be drawn for duty the same as the men in the remaining cases.

The condemnation case of the government versus Brig. Gen. Ralph P. Cowgill, head of the Oregon State Guard, was heard this morning and was expected to be in the hands of the jury early this afternoon. The government has offered \$1,267 for 173 acres, while the defendant is asking \$3,500.

The court has taken under advisement the \$18,000 personal injury suit of Baxter Edmondson of Klamath Falls against the Crater Lake Box and Lumber company of the same city. Judge McCulloch heard testimony in the case Tuesday afternoon.

#### Doctor Testifies

Dr. James C. Hayes of Medford, who made a physical examination of Edmondson, testified he could find no evidence of serious head, back, jaw or shoulder injury. The plaintiff complained of pains in those places since being injured in a logging operation last May.

Pre-trial was also held yesterday afternoon in the personal injury suit of William R. Hammond, Oakland, Calif., against the Lamm Lumber company of Klamath county. Hammond, who claims to have been injured in a logging operation last March, seeks \$20,000 damages.

#### HOTEL MEN ELECT

Pittsburgh, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—The American Hotel association yesterday elected Glenwood J. Sherrard of Boston president of the association at the closing session. P. Tremaine Loud, San Francisco, was elected second vice-president.

#### War Bulletins

Naples, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Anglo-American fifth army, made a formal entry into Naples this afternoon.

Canberra, Australia, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—Deputy Prime Minister F. M. Forde announced today that an official investigation was being conducted into reports of Japanese atrocities in New Guinea, including the recently disclosed beheading of a captured allied airman.

#### CHICKEN DINNER PLACE CAUSE OF COUNCIL STORM

The city will proceed to enforce the zoning ordinance which will prevent Mrs. Lillian Ehrheart from operating her chicken dinner place at 408 South Oakdale avenue, Mayor Clarence A. Meeker said following a rather stormy council meeting last night at which three private citizens and Attorney Rawles Moore, representing Mrs. Ehrheart, voiced their sentiments in the controversy at considerable length.

Mayor Meeker said that, while it was the general view of the council and city authorities that Mrs. Ehrheart should be allowed to operate until she had time to either succeed or fail in getting the zone changed, the city was left with no other alternative but to take steps to enforce the ordinance.

#### Advice Blamed

Rawles Moore, as Mrs. Ehrheart's attorney, asked the council to be a little tolerant for awhile until she had time to circulate the petitions for rezoning, probably about Nov. 1. He said that before she purchased the late Judge H. D. Norton's spacious residence she had been improperly advised that she would be allowed to operate. He said she proposed to run a high-class tea room and chicken dinner club and that fears it would become an all-day and all-night restaurant, or "road house," were utterly groundless.

Also speaking in favor of Mrs. Ehrheart was George Buchanan, representing the Lions club and the Toastmasters' club, both of which organizations hold their dinner meetings there.

He said there is a sore need in the city for such service as that rendered by Mrs. Ehrheart and that she is doing a real civic service in providing accommodations for clubs and individual citizens. He praised highly the conduct of her establishment.

#### Change Pled Filed

According to Ralph Woodford, secretary of the Medford Planning Commission, Mrs. Ehrheart has filed an application to have the area changed from 1-A, or family residence, zone, to 3, or conditional business zone.

Before the rezoning can be accomplished, she must obtain on a petition the signatures of persons owning 51 per cent of the total area of the land within 300 feet of the outside boundary of her property and the signatures of persons owning 75 per cent of the lineal frontage of the abutting property.

When this is done, the petition is presented to the planning commission which, in turn, refers it to the city council for final action.

W. J. Warner, who resides near Mrs. Ehrheart, asked the council why the zoning ordinance was allowed to be violated. Declaring there should be no necessity for property owners to appear before or petition the council to see that the law was enforced, he stated "there is something wrong when you have to pit neighbor against neighbor" in any case involving an ordinance and a law.

### COOPER BROTHERS REGISTER VICTORY FOR DEAD FATHER

Battery Brothers Hear of  
Dad's Death Few Hours  
Before 2nd Game Starts.

Yankee Stadium, New York, Oct. 6.—(U.P.)—A few sad hours after their father's death, the Cooper boys paid tribute to his memory today by leading the St. Louis Cardinals to a 4 to 3 victory over the New York Yankees and squaring the 1943 world series at one game each.

With a heavy heart, big Mort Cooper beat the favored Yankees with sharp shooting pitchers to his grief-stricken battery-mate and brother, Walker, as they kept their pre-game vow to "win this one for pop."

#### Given Sad News

They received the news of their father's death just before leaving their hotel for Yankee Stadium, where the New Yorkers have beaten the Cards 4 to 2 in the opening contest. Manager Billy Southworth had not yet decided whether to pitch Big Mort, for the ace of the Red Bird hurling corps had been suffering from a shoulder cold.

The trio-Southworth and the two saddened brothers—met in the dressing room and the decision was made to send Mort to the hill.

"We'll play and we'll win," Mort said. "Because that's what he would want us to do. We'll win this one for pop."

#### The Boxscore:

|               | C  | A | R | H  | P | A | E |
|---------------|----|---|---|----|---|---|---|
| Yankees       | 4  | 0 | 1 | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Crosetti, ss  | 4  | 1 | 2 | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Metheny, rf   | 3  | 0 | 0 | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnson, 3b   | 4  | 1 | 2 | 0  | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Keller, lf    | 4  | 1 | 1 | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dickey, c     | 3  | 0 | 0 | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Etten, 1b     | 4  | 0 | 0 | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Gordon, 2b    | 4  | 0 | 1 | 4  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stainback, cf | 3  | 0 | 0 | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bonham, p     | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| A-Weatherly   | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Murphy, p     | 0  | 0 | 0 | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals        | 32 | 3 | 6 | 27 | 6 | 0 | 0 |

X—Metheny went to first base in the sixth when W. Cooper tipped his bat.

A—Batter for Bonham in 8th.

Cardinals .....001 300 000—4  
Yankees .....000 100 002—3

Runs batted in—Marion, Kurowski, Sanders 2, Keller 2, Etten.

Two-base hit—Johnson.

Three-base hit—Keller.

Home runs—Marion, Sanders.

Stolen base—Marion.

Sacrifices—W. Cooper, M. Cooper.

Left on bases—Cardinals 7, Yankees 4.

Bases on balls, off—Bonham 3, M. Cooper 1, Murphy 1.

Struck out, by—Bonham 9, M. Cooper 4.

Hits off—Bonham 6 in 6 innings; Murphy 1 in 1.

Double play—Marion to Klein to Sanders.

Winning pitcher—M. Cooper.

Losing pitcher—Bonham.

Umpires—Reardon (N) plate.

Rue (A) first base, Stewart (N) second base, Rommel (A) third base.

Time 2:08.

Attendance 68,578.

#### Play By Play

Cardinals, First: Klein filed out to Metheny in short right field. Walker fanned. Musial

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