

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS AS BIG PUSH OPENS

Dent Gustav Line As Big Push Opens

Mightiest Drive Ever Launched in Mediterranean Zone Pressed By 5th And 8th Armies

At one unspecified point at least, the Allies had thrust ahead 2,000 yards in gaining their first goals.

At a fifth army outpost, Italy, May 11—(Delayed)—American artillery literally changed the face of nature tonight in one of the most fearful displays of man-made thunder in military history and then the doughboys dashed in to attack German positions smashed

Red and green flares lit the sky for miles around for hours, and illuminated us, dug in on a hill-top over the mountains and high ground.

The American infantrymen had been so steamed up for this major campaign that all units reached their objectives on schedule despite the task of overcoming German minefields and barbed wire entanglements.

Fighting in some sectors was aided somewhat by a heavy rain which began over the battlefield and curtailed sappers in their important work.

Along the actual combat lines of the Fifth and Eighth Army battle fronts, the weather again played the German game as it has repeatedly in many engagements of the past few months by shelling enemy strong points from bombing and strafing during the pinches.

But it was really overcast all the way, Simmons said. "We went almost to Rome and there were only a few breaks in the clouds all the way. They were down below the mountain peaks in many places, so we were forced to go partly on foot and partly on horseback."

Weather playing Nazi game again. With the American Air Force in Italy—Hundreds of Allied war planes started sweeping the Italian sky at dawn today, giving a record-breaking support to the huge ground offensive against the southern walls of the Gustav Line.

Great U.S. Sky Fleet Hits Reich

Almost 2,000 Planes Strike

LONDON (AP)—American heavy bombers attacked four major synthetic oil plants in the Leipzig area of Germany and one at Brux inside old Czechoslovakia today in the mounting campaign to paralyze the German war machine ahead of the western invasion.

Other German targets, not immediately identified, were blasted by the great force of American heavy bombers.

The bombers hit the synthetic oil plants which produced an estimated 2,000 tons of synthetic fuel each month.

The Romanians were ordered to leave their positions and to retreat to the east. The Germans were resisting bitterly on all sectors and counterattacked one unit five times early today.

Nazis say Yanks made gain but lost fight.

LONDON (AP)—British radio today reported that the German army had suffered heavy losses in the area of Cassino and that the Allies had made a gain of 2,000 yards in the area of Cassino.

Dies Withdraws As Candidate For Congress In Texas

Plans To Return To Private Business

DEAMONT, Texas.—Rep. Representative Martin Dies, Democrat, Texas, today announced his withdrawal as a candidate for reelection to Congress.

He said he would not ask re-election because of ill health and a desire to return to private business.

He is a member of Congress for the last fourteen years, is chairman of the House Committee on Public Lands.

His statement follows: "After careful consideration I have decided to decline to run for reelection to the United States House of Representatives."

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Indefinite Stays Given 30-37 Men

Draft Picture Re-Drawn

By STERLING F. GREEN WASHINGTON (AP)—The punch-growing citizen of age 30 through 37 who is an essential work force in the military today as the biggest overhaul yet of draft deferment policy went into effect.

In a major effort to ease the burden on the civilian economy, the War Relocation Authority today announced that it would suspend the military draft for men in the 30-37 age group.

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The Rocky Road To Minturno Is Taken

By SID FEDER (Substituting For Hal Baytel)

ON THE FIFTH ARMY'S GARGILANO FRONT, Italy, May 7—(Delayed)—Today's conquest of four peaks is over six miles of what is humorously called a road, the rocky and rocky road up to Minturno and the front lines.

From the time Maj. George Walker's unit fell into the hands of the Germans, Walker's unit has been in the hands of the Germans.

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