



## Italian War Continued:-

A byline by Abdul Khalek Special correspondent of Associated Press of India with Indian Troops in Italy said:-

A battalion commander and two company commanders of Punjabis were nearly caught by ambush during the fight for road to Casamari. Germans, well camouflaged, hid in vines. They were charged with protection of vulnerable part of road till other German troops trying to extricate themselves from pockets had got away. The country was thick and ambush perfect. As Punjabis intending to cut the road came abroad of the small hill the Battalion Commander and two Company commanders went forward to a house to reconnoitre. A burst came from only fifty yards away. Battalion Commander said "I wonder how it missed us." They took cover and enemy started closing in on the house.

Dispatches from the Italian front say Fifth Army forces have smashed through the German defense line at many points in the Alban Hill sector to the south of Rome. They have seized vital hill points overlooking the immediate approaches to the capital city. Correspondents describe the Allied troops as being in tremendously good spirits as a result of their drive forward, and some declare the battle for Rome may reach an early conclusion. Fifth Army units have captured important strongpoints along the southwestern base of the Alban and other forces are pushing up through the center of the hill positions. A small town was taken yesterday in this area, and an important peak with a twelve mile view over the heart of Rome. The important town of Lanuveno was also seized by the Fifth Army forces after the Germans had apparently given up previous plans to defend the base to the last man.

General Mark Clark, Commander of the Fifth Army forces, issued a statement yesterday telling his troops it was their task to pursue and destroy the enemy rather than think of territorial gains. The Commander in Chief of Allied Mediterranean Forces; General Sir Henry Maintland Wilson, declared yesterday the Allied commands were only interested in the destruction of enemy forces and would do every thing in their power to see that civilians, and religious and cultural monuments inside Rome would go unharmed in the Battle with the Germans. General Wilson allowed, however, that if the Nazis insisted on defending Rome, the Allies were forced to eject them. He expressed the sincere hope on the part of the Allied Governments that the enemy would refrain from using the Italian capital as a battle ground.

Farther south of the Italian front, both Fifth and Eighth Army forces have joined up on Highway Number Six between Valmontone and Ferentino. Earlier yesterday American armored units were said to have moved down from captured Valmontone to meet Canadian troops driving north from Ferentino.

Elsewhere on the Italian front, New Zealand forces have advanced two miles beyond the town of Sora.

In the Air War, planes of the Mediterranean Command yesterday were busy in supporting air activity against German transport, communications and supply post in the Battle area and at points running north.

A statement from General Sir Harold Alexanders headquarters yesterday thanked Italian Partisan units behind the front lines for their helpful activities in giving information on enemy to the Allied troops. From Marshal Tito's headquarters in Yugoslavia came reports yesterday of more strong German armored attacks routed by Patriot forces in heavy fighting in Slovenia.

From London:- The battle for Rome has entered a dramatic phase and everybody is waiting with bated breath to see whether the Allies are going to bring open city of Rome within range of their operations.

Fifth Army is driving yard by yard into populated areas of Rome.

## The War in Italy:-

In a dispatch from A. Hawkins Reuters Special correspondent with the Eighth Army said:-

As the Fifth Army closed in on the great prize of Rome General Leeser Eighth Army today Sunday continued to push back Germans to the east of the city. Pressing northward from newly captured centers above Highway Six, Eighth Army tanks are making pace so hot for retreating Germans that they are over running broken down Panzer tanks which engines are still warm. I saw large piles of German antitank Guns and Ammunition scattered along Mountain landscapes obviously indicating that they had planned much more prolonged defense of this sector. Ammunition lorries were only half unloaded and apparently hastily abandoned for some quick means of escape transport. Though Allied advance is meeting with sharp artillery resistance in many places the front is some times fantastically quiet with tanks trundling unopposed through fields of Corn. For long periods eighth Army guns have been silent today until spotter located Germans next holding positions.

David Brown Reuters Special Correspondent at Allied Advanced Headquarters in Italy said:-

Defense of Rome was nearing its end at dusk tonight Sunday. Fifth Army men who fought through outskirts against bitter rearguard actions sending tanks and infantry and armoured patrols ahead to smash stubborn German efforts to delay city's fall entered city limits this afternoon. Yard by Yard they drove into populated areas exterminating or driving back Germans. Resistance was officially described tonight as only sporadic.

In complete returns show that at least three hundred German vehicles were destroyed from the air as they were retreating north from Rome up until eight o'clock this evening.

Hawkins in a later dispatch said:-

"The frontline was only a mile or so above highway six when I drove up and yet there was little sound of battle to be heard. Crews of Army vehicles scattered along road were quietly basking in afternoon sun or from tops of their tanks picking fruit from overhanging mulberry trees. In nearby cornfield was Brigade Headquarters where Field Commanders were poring over maps while wireless set in nearby staff caravan droned out commentary on some English cricket match. Peace was suddenly broken by the crackle of machine gun fire from the air. A lone German plane spiraled to earth while patrolling Spitfire hovered like a Hawk over its victim watching German pilot parachute down. This action once common place in forward areas proved so novel today that everyone came out to have a look. And all through the action the cricket match commentary droned on.

Wherever I went today officers and men alike were eager for news of Rome's fate. Many bets had been wagered on the city's fall. When it is over they will concentrate their full attentions on Derby bout which frontline service newspapers have already been answered queries for weeks.

In a dispatch from Garrison Reuters special correspondent with Fifth Army on outskirts of Rome. Battle ravaged Fifth Army tanks today Sunday advanced into Rome suburb through lines of cheering flower throwing Italian people. Allied advanced tank force is now standing in a long column beside highway - garlanded with Roses and scarlet flowers advance into Rome was halted temporarily by barrage laid down by German tanks armed with powerful eightyeight millimetre guns which had remained behind German withdrawal to delay allied advance into city. We began closing in on Rome through vague early light of dawn. When sun rose it revealed dome of Saint Peters shining with distant radiance.

Six out of eight jeeps in vanguard are marked "PRESS" filled with war correspondents, Each one bent on being first correspondent to enter Rome. Snipers keep up continuous machine gun fire from houses. Italians oblivious of shellfire are crowding round us gesticulating and loudly clapping their hands above their heads.

## The War in Italy:-

"Mayor of the village hastily dressed in only good suit left him by retreating Germans rushes out to welcome us. "Rome is Liberated" he cries and embraces weary bearded American Soldiers. They smile a bit wanly - one eye on snipers.

Against background of bursting shells we can hear ancient Churchbells pealing in shrapnel pocked high belfrey - we assume this a welcome. But now a wedding procession emerges from church and marches resolutely down the road, the pretty bride smiling, her flimsy white gown fluttering in the breeze. Bullets and shrapnel are still flying. We hold our breath amazed. Yet procession never faltered. When they drew abreast of our column the bridgroom pauses and raising his arm shouts "VIVA L'AMERICANI".

Members of tank crews raise their heads above hatches and look back down the road. It has been a long road and every inch of it has been taken with blood and toil. From now on with the broad campagna ahead the goal is in sight. Yet these men do not exult. Perhaps they are too tired. Perhaps they have always known it would be thus. Private William Lucia of Storm Lake, Iowa is disgusted. "Why doesn't someone go up and tell these Jerries they're all washed up?" he says, throwing himself down beside the road. "If he keeps messing around we're liable to get really sore."

Another dispatch from David Brown Reuters Special correspondent Allied Headquarters in Italy said:-

Powerful forces of Mediterranean Allied Air Force heavy bombers struck at railway targets on both sides of Franco Italian frontier today Sunday in attempt to sever two main German controlled railway lines across the French Alps.

Paris Radio announced tonight Sunday that Rouen and Nantes were raided by Allied bombers this afternoon. Considerable damage it added was caused in Rouen.

American troops of the United States Fifth Army tonight smashed across the Rome city limits and were reported in front line dispatches to be little more than a mile from the heart of the city.

The dispatches said the complete capture of Rome is now only a matter of hours.

A special communique from General Sir Harold Alexander's headquarters said that after the American forces pushed across the Rome city limits line and they encountered only a sporadic German resistance.

The crossing of the city limits line came after a day of fierce fighting in the suburbs and outskirts of the Italian capital. Fifth Army tanks battled Nazi Panzer formations all day long, even after smashing into the city's outskirts at six forty AM (Rome time).

The Germans acknowledged they had withdrawn from all their defense positions below the eternal city and had taken up new positions along the Tiber River, which runs through Rome.

German resistance - according to front line dispatches was not completely organized.

Many Nazi troops surrendered without offering a fight, others retreated in haste, while still others offered the bitterest sort of rearguard resistance.

Sporadic gunfire was heard from several sectors of the city proper, but late accounts reaching Naples tonight indicated the Germans probably would not attempt a full scale stand inside the ancient walls of the city.

However, General Alexander has warned his troops are prepared to use every necessary means to throw the Germans out - if they choose to fight inside the city.

Front line dispatches said not much destruction was seen inside Rome. A few houses were razed to the ground and there were piles of burned out German tanks and trucks at many places.

Highway Six-leading into Rome- was littered with wrecked German and Allied equipment and the dead of both sides along the historic via Casilina could be counted by the scores.

### The War in Italy:-

And finally at 0030 June the Fifth the following flash came in:-

#### With Fifth Army in Rome!

Troops of General Mark Clark's Fifth Army have completed the occupation of Rome, the first Axis Capital to fall under the domination of Allied Armies.

Correspondent with the Fifth Army report in dispatches sent out from the eternal city that the mopping up of German resistance rearguard was completed at 3:15 PM Eastern War Time. The Fifth Army now has complete control of the heart of the city and all the southern outskirts. It is understood that a few German covering units are still active in the eastern outskirts.

And that is the complete story of fighting in Italy including the twentyfour hours prior to the fall of Rome.

### London:-June4th:-

American heavy bombers switched their attacks from Germany to invasion coast of France yesterday. Flying fortresses and Liberators made two attacks on military installations in Pas de Calais and Boulogne areas once in morning and the other in the afternoon.

Thunderbolts, Mustangs, and Lightning fighter bombers of the Ninth Air force also attacked targets in northern France in the afternoon and in evening many formations of medium bombers kept up the offensive. R.A.F bombers keeping up non stop offensive were over German occupied territory during the night.

R.A.F fighters and fighter bombers of the Second Tactical Air Force yesterday flew out from bases in Britain to strafe and shoot up rail and road transport, radio stations and supply dumps in northern France and the low countries. The raids on German road transport was reported as particularly successful. Other fighters dealt heavy blows to enemy trains and locomotives. At least twenty six spitfire fighter bomber squadrons participated in these operations.

From bases in the Mediterranean command R.A.F Lancaster and Halifax bombers struck heavy blows at oil installation in Rumania. The other night R.A.F heavy bombers from Britain pounded targets along the northern French coast and blasted rail communications at Trac, to the north of Paris.

American Flying fortresses and Liberator Heavy bombers made a double cross the channel air assault yesterday on German airfields and rail installations in the Pas de Calais area of northern France, and the sector around Boulogne.

One raid was made early during the day and the second attack followed several hours later.

More links in German Radio chain were put out of action when Spitfire bombers and fighters attacked rail installation along the northern coast of France this evening, Sunday. Good bombing results were seen at several points states the air ministry.

For the third successive day Allied aircraft made vain search for German fighter opposition across the channel. The Air ministry stated tonight that Germany's synthetic oil production has been seriously curtailed by recent bombing of eight factories deep in the heart of the Reich which produced approximately fifty percent of all Germanys synthetic oil. All eight factories suffered considerable damage in attacks on May twelfth, twentyeighth and twentyninth. Factories at Zietz south of Leipzig at Politz suburb of Stettin and at Brux in Czech Sudetenland took worse hammering.

Zeitz factory is believed to be out of commission indefinitely and it is problematical how soon factories at Politz and Brux can resume production.

Moscow:-June4th:-

Russian troops successfully repelled attacks by strong forces of German infantry and tanks northwest and north of Jassy reported last night's Soviet communique. Forty-eight German tanks were destroyed and thirty-seven German aircraft were shot down.

Tonight's Sunday's Soviet communique says "during June fourth in area northwest and north of Jassy our troops successfully repelled all attacks by strong forces of enemy infantry and tanks and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy."

London:-June4th:-

Allied forces in Northern Burma are slowly tightening their stranglehold on Japanese in vital Kanaing-Myitkyina-Mogaung triangle. As General Stilwell's Chinese American troops pressed on from north and south General Lemaire's Chindits are keeping up "wasting war" against Japanese communications.

American and Japanese troops are locked in battle round railway station southern section of Myitkyina.

Another Allied column advancing from north has reached edge of town according to press note from General Stilwell headquarters in India. American fighter bombers are supporting ground troops.

Chinese vanguards on Salween river front in Eastern Burma have captured a height twenty miles northeast of Tengchung important highway city north of Burma Road and are threatening another Japanese stronghold twenty-five miles to north east from three sides.

Fierce fighting is taking place around Myitkyina in northern Burma where Chinese American forces have made further small advances from southeast and west.

Chungking:-June4th:-

In face of continuous Japanese assaults Chinese defenders of Changsha capital of Hunan Province are holding their line along the south bank of the Milo river roughly forty miles north of the city.

In the last twenty-four hours the main Japanese attack appears to have been in Lingkiang sector about fifty miles northeast of Changsha.

NewYork:-June4th:-

Flash that General Eisenhower had officially announced Allied landings in France was circulated in error by an American news service last night.

Radio stations throughout America interrupted their programs to give the news but retracted it a few minutes later when the news service cancelled the flash which had originated in London.

It was stated that the message was due to a transmission error and that cause was being investigated. News service later stated that a girl employee in London was practicing on a teleprinter and typed the error flash.

Pittsburgh:-June4th:-

A special radium inspector using a radium detector in the past week uncovered twelve thousand dollars worth of radium which disappeared two weeks ago from a steel plant in Pittsburgh. The missing radium was found in a mill worker's home. A radium technician placed the radium detector in his car and drove past the homes of mill workers suspected of the theft. Radio active vibrations were set up near the home of a worker at Coropolis, a further search in the home disclosed the radium in a kitchen drawer. The worker was arrested.

Allied Headquarters SW Pacific:-June4th:-

American Forces have landed on two more islands in Schouten group Macarthur's communique announced today Sunday. They are Owi and Woendi. Landings made on Friday were unopposed. Warships shelled targets on Biak where American troops continued to dislodge Japanese from defended positions and have occupied open ground north of Bosnek when Japanese counterattacked eightyone of them were killed or captured.

An additional hundred were found dead in cave. They had committed suicide. A thousand ton Japanese merchant ship was destroyed during an air attack on Tinor.

Another report read:- American landings on Owi and Woendi Islands are consolidation beachheads at Bosnek on southeast coast of Biak. These Islands flank main sea supply route to Bosnek. There is believed to be few if any Japanese on Karkar Island off British NewGuinea coast where Americans have landed. Japanese in this area fled to Hansa Bay in face of Australians coastal drive from Madang. Liberator from Admiraltys surprised two thousand Japanese working on runway at Woleai in Carolines June first. In lowlevel attack Liberator killed about two hundred of them and injured another three hundred.

PearlHarbor:-June4th:-

Pacific Fleet Commander Admiral Nimitz reported today that Aleutian based Army and Navy bombers attacked three enemy positions in the Japanese Kuriles before dawn Friday.

Ventura search planes of the Fleet Air Wing Four bombed Shimushu and Paramushiru Islands, in the northern Kuriles. An eleventh Army air force liberator raided Matsuwa Island. No enemy opposition was encountered. All of our planes returned.

In the Carolines, Seventh Army Air force Liberators Saturday dropped forty one tons of bombs on the enemy's powerful Naval base at Truk. Two enemy fighters attempted to intercept the American heavyweights but did no damage.

Nauru Island, site of important Japanese Phosphate plants, was attacked by speedy Mitchell bombers of the Seventh Army Air force on Friday. Hits were obtained on several anti aircraft batteries and large fires were started.

Thursday, Mitchell medium bombers attacked Ponape Island, also in the Carolines enemy airfields, Hangars, and adjacent buildings were damaged.

Army, Navy and Marine bombers and fighters bombed and strafed the four enemy held garrisons in the Marshalls on May thirtyfirst, June first and second. Anti Aircraft batteries, coastal defense guns, runways and barracks were bombed and strafed.

London:-June4th:-

New Yugoslav Prime Minister Doctor Ivan Subasic will shortly hold personal conference with Marshal Tito. Although the location of the meeting is uncertain Subasic is shortly visiting Bari Italian port just across Adriatic from Tito controlled Yugoslav territory.

Hollywood:-June4th:-

Screen Star Mary Pickford and her Husband Lt Charles Rogers, former band leader and movie star, announced yesterday they have adopted a two year old girl named Toy Anne. They have had the child since she was six months old. A son, Ronnie, eight years old, is also adopted.

Washington:-June4th:-

The War department announced yesterday the promotion to the temporary rank of Major of the air corps for Capt. Clark Gable, motion picture actor. Gable, now on duty with an Army motion picture unit in California, recently returned from the European theater.

StLouis:-June4th:-

Draft boards Friday were reclassifying those with occupational deferments among the thirty five hundred striking transportation workers in StLouis whose walkout Thursday affected between six hundred thousand and a millipn persons. The draft boards action was begun three hours after the bus and street car operations and maintenance men had ended a mass meeting without settling the tieup. John J Griffen, chairman of the Associated draft boards of StLouis, said the men on an unauthorized strike who hold occupational deferments should, be immediately considered as having quit the ~~work essential to~~ the war effort and should be reclassified 1-A and inducted into the Armed forces regardless of age.

London:-June4th:-

Attempt to capture Marshal Titos headquarters failed first and foremost because Germans cannot move in Yugoslavia or concent rate troops without partisans headquarters being "in picture" said a free Yugoslav radio today Sunday. "Gernans, it seemed thought that their elite airborne troops would succeed in capturing our general headquarters surprise on Marshal Titos birthday but the entire plan failed," announcer said. Airborne troops in Drvar were surrounded and during fierce encounter one half of them were annihilated without carrying out task assigned on them" a fact that German motorised units supported by aircraft succeeded in penetrations in direction of river was no sort of military success the announcer added. They had done so there and in other liberated towns several times before but had always had to flee again leaving behind them killedwounded and war equipment.

Cairo:-June4th:-

Prime Minister of New Zealand Peter Fraser arrived in Cairo by air this afternoon Sunday from Italy. He was met by Minister Resident in Middle East Lord Moyne and commander in chief Middle East General Sir Bernard Paget. Fraser will have discussions with British and Allied authorities in middle east and complete inspection of New Zealand units and bases in the Mediterranean theater.

London:-June4th:-

The German overseas newsagency reported that Doctor Alexander Hoffman Van Nagysocetetag has been appointed Hungarian Ambassador in Berlin.

Algiers:-June4th:-

Authoritative quarters in Algiers are maintaining absolute silence on the question of General de Gaulles visit to London. Satisfaction is however being expressed by these quarters at tone of recent British press comment which it is stated is showing growing appreciation of the French position.

FLASH PALERMO SICILY:June5th:-

Girls, Gags, Guffaws are in store for all hands invited to attend Ensa Production titled "NIGHT HOWLS" tonight at Naval Barracks Hotel outdoor theater located on the terrace.

As a special added treat "The Bombarders" will seranade you guys before the show. Music commencing at 1930.