

NEWS

FOR THE ARMY

247th Week of the War — 129th

THE WAR FRONTS

ITALY: During Memorial Day services at Nettuno, in the Anzio beachhead sector, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark said the Allies stood at the threshold of Rome and declared "before many days have passed, we shall have freed this first of the European capitals from Nazi tyranny."

The American general's assertions were borne out by Allied troops in the near vicinity which had reached points within 16 miles of the Eternal City. These were men of the Fifth Army who had expanded their beachhead position and seized the Appian Way, one of the two great highways leading to Rome. To the east, Eighth Army troops pushed up along the other great road, the Via Casilina, driving through the Liri River Valley.

At the end of the week, German troops facing Fifth Army forces were fighting back fiercely along a line which ran through Valmontone and Lanuvio to the Tyrrhenian Sea. At Velletri, a strongpoint on this line, correspondents reported the Nazis had erected a continuous line of gun positions along a railroad embankment. Immediately behind the guns, Monte al Gedo rises almost 3000 feet to afford excellent observation of Allied troop movements. American armor by-passed Velletri, striking across the base of the hills toward the Via Casilina behind Valmontone. An Allied communique announced "it is now clear that the enemy intends to hold this line at all costs." On the Tyrrhenian coast, British Fifth Army units took Ardea, 19 miles south of Rome, and L'Americano, on the shore near the Moletta River estuary.

Farther east, Allied troops reached and entered the out-

shifted to second and third class works near Amiens, Creil, Liege, heavily hit, while the Le Havre-L bridge demolitions as were routed capital from Calais, Brussels, and

The week saw tactical missions also, directed against communications in Florence, while others were flowing vancing ground troops.

Heavy bombers went out from Great Britain in a series of powerful aircraft numbered in the thousands, theatre, Romania's Ploesti oil fields, Vienna, aircraft factories in the Balkan communications.

Britain-based bombers struck Hamburg, and Brunswick, and hit other such traffic centers as Hamm, Cologne,

USSR: Moscow reported no change on the land front. Losses in southeastern Poland and Romania struck enemy shipping in the Gulf of Riga, and the Baltic Sea, sinking transports.

PACIFIC: On 27 May, at 08:00, American warships blasted 15 minutes later deep-bellied Liberators against the same targets—this time a Schouten group off New Guinea about 250 miles from the large

As the smoke lifted, American troops the beaches in another leap-forward 200 miles above the recently

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An American map titled "Newsmap for the Armed Forces: Monday, June 5, 1944." The map of New Guinea and the Schouten Islands shows rivers and points of Allied activity near Biak Island, Sarmi, Wakde Island, and Hollandia. The oblique map of Italy shows rivers, roads, raised relief, drainage canals, and battle lines. Printed text and photographs reveal news on multiple fronts. Printed text and photographs on the back detail an Allied airborne landing in Burma on March 5, 1944.

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