

ALLIED TROOPS  
NEARING CAPUA

British Beat Off German Counter-Attacks; Hit Venice Area.

(Continued from Page One) was retracted today and officials said the river actually crossed was the Calore, a tributary to the east, in the vicinity of Benevento. The Calore first was crossed at Benevento last week.

The main crossing of the Volturno is at Capua.

Clark Optimistic

Gen. Clark, in an interview with correspondents at Naples, said he was most pleased with his army's progress and appeared optimistic as to the prospects for continuing northward.

The army was following in the footsteps of Hannibal, who achieved one of his greatest triumphs when the town of Capua, then the second largest in Italy, joined his forces in 216 B. C. He continued on to reach the walls of Rome, but subsequently lost Capua's aid and, abandoning his assault, returned south.

Reliable reports reaching Madrid from France said that the allies were believed to have landed 20 divisions—possibly 300,000 men—in Italy while many more remained in Sicily and Africa in reserve. Three German divisions were believed holding heights in the Volturno river sector. And two others were fighting rear guard actions in the center and along the east coast.

## 511-Yanks Die

In Italy

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 (U. P.)—American casualties during the first four weeks of fighting in Italy numbered 5307 and were somewhat heavier than losses suffered there by British components of the 8th army, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson reported today.

Stimson told a press conference the American casualty figures included 511 dead, 5428 wounded and 2368 missing. He said that while American and British forces in the 8th army were about evenly divided in the original landing at Salerno, subsequent reinforcements "have been largely American."

He did not cite any figure for British losses in the 8th army. Nor did he elaborate on what the proportion of British and American losses would be if casualties of the British 8th army, now advancing up the east coast of Italy, were included.

Stimson said Germany is hastily reinforcing its units in Italy, and said the British 8th army is encountering stiffening resistance as it advanced up the east coast. He estimated the number of German divisions at from 20 to 25.

## Two Advanced

\$25 ALLOWANCE  
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House Group Trims Service  
Allotment for First  
Child.

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allowance and tighter occupational deferment bill last night, 69 to 0, as a substitute for the bill by Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D. Mont.) to defer pre-war fathers until Jan. 1. Administration leaders, who charged the Wheeler bill would dangerously disrupt allied strategy, said it was a "dead duck" with virtually no chance of revival in the house.

Other Features

The bill approved by the senate also would:

1. Limit deferment of federal employees to pre-war fathers and men certified by a special committee as indispensable.

2. Ban deferments in private industry for childless men, unless the registrant's employer certifies his indispensability to the local board in writing.

3. Require appeals boards at the place of emplacement to pass upon the deferment as well as the registrant's local board.

4. Require induction of childless men ahead of pre-war fathers "as far as practicable in the opinion of the selective service director."

5. Increase dependency allotments as outlined above. In a roll-call vote, this provision passed the senate 48 to 1.

6. Provide for appointment of a board to examine present physical standards of the armed services and recommend any changes deemed advisable.

7. Permit any registrant to take his final physical examination in advance of his call for induction.

Hoosier Senators  
Back Draft Bill

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Both Indiana senators voted for the administration substitute for the Wheeler bill when it passed the senate 69 to 0 last night.

Today they issued statements explaining their stand.

Senator Frederick VanNus (Democrat) pointed out that he was opposed to drafting pre-Pearl Harbor fathers but by attending the senate committee hearings was convinced by the military authorities that the Wheeler bill restrictions would handicap war operations.

Senator Raymond E. Willis (Republican), voted and spoke for the Wheeler bill. He argued that upping dependency payments, with no notion of the cost, was a far more inefficient and uneconomical procedure than keeping fathers home to protect their families and the "future of America."

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## Wounded in Foot

"They fired machine guns and a bullet grazed me in my foot," she said. She hobbled as result of the wound, but sang merrily.

At the waterfront, an English-speaking Neapolitan pushed forward a 17-year-old boy and said he had killed two Germans with a hand grenade and handed over their car to Italian authorities.

Eye witnesses told story after story of the Nazi brutality that led to the virtual civil war that raged in Naples streets for five days and nights.

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clubs head for St. Louis tonight to Brazle to take a pair of games and conclude the series.

Southworth played a psychological situation similar to last year when he used Freshman Johnny

REFUND MONEY FOR  
WILLKIE'S SPEECH

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 7 (U. P.)—The Missouri Republican state committee today bowed to the request of Wendell L. Willkie, 1940, G. O. P. presidential candidate, and began refunding money to party supporters who had bought \$50 reserve seats for Willkie's talk here Oct. 15.

Robert J. Kratky, authorized by the committee to receive the contributions, said "we are sending the money back." Willkie, expected to make his first formal bid for the 1944 nomination in his speech yesterday wired National Committee man Barak T. Mattingly asking that the money be returned and offering to pay expenses of the meeting himself.

Willkie said all the money would be refunded but did not indicate how much of the \$10,000 deficit in the committee's funds had been made up prior to the decision to give it back and make all seats at Kiel auditorium free for the speech.

He said, however, that "at subsequent meetings we expect to use this method of eliminating the deficit."

Chairman Grove W. Dalton of Poplar Bluff commented that Willkie's request was the first time "that a candidate has attempted to dictate arrangements for any political meeting" in the state.

U. S. Warships, Planes  
Blast Enemy-Held  
Island.

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and has been pounded seven times by U. S. army planes.

Wake guards the northern flank of the enemy "hornets' nest" in the Marshall and Gilbert islands where the fleet made its last attack against three island positions Sept. 18 and 19. The latest series of American task force raids began on Sept. 1 with a smashing assault on Marcus island, 875 miles northwest of Wake, that destroyed 80 percent of the installations on that Pacific.

Adm. Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the U. S. navy and chief of naval operations, set speculation on a new offensive in motion earlier this week with the announcement that he had conferred with Nimitz and Adm. William F. Halsey Jr., commander-in-chief of South Pacific forces.

Concentrated in Pacific

The significance of that conference, which admittedly mapped out plans for future action against Japan, was pointed up by the poet's writing. Plays have been built around him as the child's poet, the Hoosier poet, on his seasonal poems, and now as a believer in the four freedoms.

Observers believed that full striking power of the American battle fleet will soon be hurled into action in an effort to force the Japanese imperial fleet into a showdown battle, and that the Wake island attack may have been the opening gun in that offensive.

WAKE RAID HINTS  
NEW OFFENSIVE  
Her Childhood Adoration  
For Riley Inspires Teacher

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Two school 9 teachers, Miss Mary Heaton and Miss Mildred Hoyt, supervised the production, in which Phyllis Ayres, Margie Cermak, Betty Dann, Richard Frader and John Owens starred.

This afternoon the association's board of governors will go to Crown Hill where Mr. Nicholson will lay a wreath on the Riley tomb.

The Riley playlet will be repeated over radio station WISH at 11:15 a. m. tomorrow.

Statue of Riley  
Greenfield Shrine

GREENFIELD, Ind., Oct. 7 (U. P.)—The home town of Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley, who died in 1916, celebrated his 94th birthday today, his statue built from schoolchildren's pennies polished for the event, but with his residence closed for the duration of the war.

Arthur C. Downing, president of the Riley Old Home society, said war travel curtailments have cut down the celebration. In previous years, he explained, people from over the entire country have wandered through the home which was opened as a shrine to the poet by the society in 1937.

Old schoolmates of Riley, such as David L. Walsh and Mrs. Martha Wilson, held their yearly reminiscences, however, for the benefit of the younger generation of Greenfield. They recalled small events in the early life of the poet which later he used for the basis of his works.

Walsh recalled that Riley was a "pretty good snare drummer and played at local concerts."

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