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CLAIMS ITALIAN WAR PROLONGED

Gen. Carboni Accuses Gen. Bedell Smith.

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ROME, July 4.—Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith of Indianapolis, chief of staff to Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, and Col. Gen. Giuseppe Castellano, former deputy chief of staff of the Italian army, have been jointly accused of unnecessarily prolonging the war in Italy.Maj. Gen. Giacomo Carboni, former chief of intelligence of the Italian army, made the accusation in an open letter in his own defense appearing yesterday in the newspaper *Voce della Repubblica*. He said that Smith and Castellano bungled plans for the capture of Rome on Sept. 8, 1943.

Carboni declared that the failure of American parachutists to land in the Italian capital at the time of the insurrection made it impossible for Italian forces to prevent the Germans from occupying the city.

Looked Well on Paper

He quoted Maj. Gen. Matthew Taylor, commander of the 101st airborne division, as saying at the time that though plans for the seizure of Rome "looked well on paper, they were quite impossible to carry out."

Gen. Carboni, whom Gen. Smith has blamed for his lack of "courage, energy and decision," added the opinion that the "premature" commencement of the Italian armistice resulted in damaging the cause of the allied armies as well as the future of the Italian people.

Asserting that Gen. Taylor agreed with him that "if parachutists had been dropped they would not have reached the earth alive," Gen. Carboni asked if Gen. Smith is still unwilling to agree that it would have been better to delay the announcement of the armistice "which signified irreparable ruin for Italy."

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Home on Visit

Seaman 1-c James Russell Showalter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James R. Showalter Sr., Acton, survived the Bunker Hill bombing recently off Okinawa.

On the second deck when the two Jap suicide planes crashed into the carrier, Seaman Showalter ran to his battle station on the hangar deck where smoke was so thick that he nearly missed the hatch to the ammunition room. The Acton sailor and another crewman carried a wounded sailor away from a gun mount and gave him first aid. With flames behind them the boys then jumped to safety on another ship. Seaman Showalter now is home on a 30-day leave and will report to Bremerton, Wash., July 22.

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