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Joseph R. Drane Jr. To Enter Service



Joseph R. Drane Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Drane, 2719 First avenue north, will leave Wednesday afternoon, under orders of the United States Navy, to report to the University of the South, at Sewanee, Tenn., for active service.

Joe enlisted for commission through the Jacksonville office of Naval Officer Procurement after having passed academic and physical requirements for the Navy college training program. He hopes to be commissioned a chaplain in the Navy; and, intends, upon completion of his naval service, to enter the ministry of the Episcopal church.

Joe is the tenth of first cousins in this family to sign up with the armed forces of the United States for the World war. Other cousins are in the Army air forces, Marine corps, and other branches. One cousin, now in the Pacific arena, has been shot down four times in air battles with Jap forces, and has won three medals.

Joe is a member of this year's class graduated from the St. Petersburg high school; is a member of the Junior Yacht club, with which he won various trophies in sailing races; and, has been an acolyte at St. Peter's Episcopal church for three years. "Out of school time" he has been in the insurance business with his uncle, Walter J. Johnson.

main military lifeline between that unhappy island and the Italian mainland.

This was the worst pummeling yet given an Italian city by American forces. "When the last raider attacked there was so much smoke and dust that further observation of damage was impossible," an Allied headquarters communique said.

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MUTINY

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South African Premier Jan Smuts said was near the zero hour, played a wide range of advance notes on the Axis propaganda sounding board. But the enemy's desperate fishing for information brought no reply from United Nations sources except the steady blast of bombs aimed at key points in the Axis war machine and leaflets dropped on Italian cities calling on the populace to surrender.

ALLIES COULD LAND

The enemy broadcasts ranged from hysterical warnings that invasion was imminent—a reminder that most of the big blows of this war have been struck on weekends—to sober arguments in which the Axis commentators admitted that the Allies could land in Europe but expressed doubt that they could maintain their foothold.

Allied experts carefully studied the Axis radio and other outbursts during this period of pre-invasion jitters—which Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels called "the hour of decision"—and were particularly impressed by the attention which the enemy is giving to preventing any collapse on the home front.

It was noted that Count Reischach, chief of the largest Nazi party news agency, in an article distributed to all party papers called for elimination of all persons who do not have absolute faith in Nazism from important positions.

"In this hour, there are too many experts and too few credulous hearts in important places," he said. "Activitists must act now as a sworn community of fighters. Small party groups of fanatics must pull the others by their faith."

Goebbels, however, writing on the same problem, said that German morale must prove that it can withstand the enemy and that "national discipline is the command of the hour."

HITLER GATHERS DEFENSE

Berlin repeated reports of gathering Allied naval strength at Gibraltar and said the British eighth army was now in Syria "massed side by side" with the British ninth and tenth armies.

Unconfirmed reports reaching London said Hitler was piecing together every available division in the reich for continental duty in order to avoid having to pull divisions from Russia.

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