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Leghorn Falls, Poles Capture Ancona; German Lines Smashed In Normandy; New Russian Offensive Rolls In Poland

Armored Forces Crash Through Germans In Normandy

SHAEF, July 19—The first phase of the massive offensive launched in Normandy by British and Canadian troops has met with success and the 2nd Army has broken through the German line east of the Orne and southeast of Caen.

Allied armor smashed the stubborn German defenses at two points and drove toward the open country after a period of being cooped up in an area of hills, canals and rivers. Advanced British patrols penetrated several miles south and southeast of Caen.

The Germans—hit in a sector where the cream of the Wehrmacht has been concentrated—tossed in their armor in an attempt to halt the advance. Late reports told of a fierce tank battle raging in the Caen area with the enemy throwing in everything he has to heal the breach.

Optimism on the course of the battle was reflected in official reports and correspondents' dispatches from the front lines.

"Yesterday was an extremely good day," confidently remarked General Sir Bernard L. Montgomery.

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Tojo's Fall Follows Sweeping Changes

WASHINGTON, July 19—The removal of Premier Hideki Tojo as chief of the Japanese general staff and his replacement by General Yoshijiro Umezu, Commander in Chief of the Kwantung army, came on the heels of news of sweeping changes in the Japanese government acknowledgment of the fall of Saipan, and Tojo's own gloomy statement that Japan is faced with a critical war situation.

Domei, Japanese news agency, reported that Tojo told his people when he announced the fall of Saipan: "Our enemies, the United States and Great Britain, especially the United States, have gradually increased the intensity of their counter-offensives and have advanced into the Marianas. I am roared by great trepidation by the thought that deep anxiety has been caused His Imperial Majesty."

Even quiet, cautious Secretary of State Cordell Hull admitted that if the reported removal of General Tojo is true the move can be taken as an indication of Japan's desperate military plight. It marks the second time this year that the Japs have changed chiefs of staff.

Domei also quoted a Japanese High Command communique as admitting that all Japanese troops on Saipan, including a lieutenant general and two admirals, were killed when the Americans made their final assault on July 7.

Guam Gets 14th Visit From Heavy Warships

PEARL HARBOR, July 19—Guam, which lies south of recently taken Saipan, has been shelled again by heavy warships of the Pacific fleet, a communique from Pearl Harbor stated today. Guam had been subjected to a steady bombardment and shelling for 14 consecutive days which leads observers to believe that it is next on the invasion list.

Soviets Push 30 Miles On 125 Mile Front In Poland

MOSCOW, July 19—The great new Soviet offensive in Poland today rolled toward the city of Lwow, 200 miles southeast of Warsaw, as the Russian threat to the important German bastions of Brest-Litovsk and Bialystok increased hourly.

The new drive, announced last night in a special order by Marshal Stalin, confirmed the German report of three days ago that such an offensive had begun between Tarnopol and Lutsk. The Stalin

Bulletin

MOSCOW, July 19—Russian troops have broken through German lines south of Ostrov, only six miles from the Latvian border and 37 miles south of Pskov, Marshal Stalin announced tonight in a special order. The Soviet Premier ordered the breakthrough, scored by General Yermenko's armies in the north, saluted with 20 salvos from 224 guns.

order said that in the three days the Red Army had smashed ahead 30 miles along a 125-mile front, liberating 600 localities, including one 27 miles northeast of Lwow.

Meanwhile, troops under Marshal Rokossovsky were reported to have smashed to within nine miles of Brest-Litovsk which, with Bialystok, guards the approaches to Warsaw.

This new advance of Rokossovsky.

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Nazis Shoot 30 More Allied War Prisoners

LONDON, July 19—Thirty more Allied prisoners of war have been shot by the Germans, Sir James Grigg, British Secretary of State for War announced today. The British government, he added, is making strong protests through the protecting power, presumably Switzerland.

Grigg stated that the prisoners in attempting to escape, were not shot at the same time or place. This brings the total number of prisoners shot since the beginning of the war to 152, including the 50 who were killed after their escape from Stalag Luft several months ago.

Die Luftwaffe Shows Up But Her Pilots Go Down

LONDON, July 19—The Luftwaffe yesterday uncorked major air power in France for the first time since the Normandy landings, but the German pilots were no match for much smaller formations of American fighters.

In one engagement a record force of 100 ME-109s tangled with 19 American Thunderbolts and Mustangs in a vicious 15-minute dogfight over Argentan. After a battle ranging from 10,000 feet down to tree level, 15 enemy planes were shot down to a Yank loss of only five.

In another melee 9th USAF Lightnings found themselves out-

Statue of Liberty Play Sent GIs Into Leghorn

By Sgt. DAVID GOLDING
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 5TH ARMY IN LEGHORN, July 19—A cleverly conceived variation of the Statue of Liberty play sealed the capture of Leghorn late last night.

The krauts were concentrating their main opposition against an outfit which has been slugging it out with them for the past 25 days. While they were thus occupied, a fresh task force came around the right flank of the divisional line and, encountering slight opposition, cut east across the hills into the port.

These infantrymen rode into Leghorn in style. Eight tanks picked up the foot soldiers from A Company yesterday afternoon and carried them into the city at 2050 hours.

Before this spearhead could break through, Capt. Lloyd Inman, Metropolis, Ill., and his men of B Company had to clear out the final pocket of resistance which consisted of four prepared machine gun nests and 20 krauts.

The enemy fire killed a man in front of the captain and wounded his radio man. Capt. Inman was forced to crawl 250 yards to the artillery observer. In the meantime, the BAR man, Pfc. Stanley Rumpza, Aberdeen, N. D., killed two krauts and a sergeant, although wounded, crawled up and killed three more. This action cost the company five casualties but the way was clear to Leghorn.

Capt. Lyle K. Robertson, Detroit, Mich., commanded the lead tank to reach the port. His crew consisted of Sgt. Harmon Huff, Johnstown, Ohio; Sgt. Rudolph Bezyak, Russellton, Pa.; Cpl. Jules B. Rhoer, Lake Charles, La., and Pvt. Robert Adamsen, Johnson City, Ill.

In the tank which followed were Lt. John Thompson, Easley, S. C.; Sgt. Ellis Greene, Vancouver, Wash.; Cpl. William Stevenson, Saumenin, Ill.; Pvt. Leo

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Byrnes, Barkley Seen Threats To Wallace

CHICAGO, July 19—Henry A. Wallace headed tonight toward Democratic convention battlegrounds to inject new fervor into his fight for renomination as vice president and to try to stall power drives of War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes and Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley.

Wallace campaign managers, according to the Associated Press, saw their campaign slump after it received a diluted blessing last night from President Roosevelt.

Saying that he was acting "in deference to the wishes of the President," War Mobilization Director James Byrnes withdrew from the race for the Democratic vice presidential nomination late this morning just one hour before the opening of the party's convention, according to the Associated Press.

Steadily mounting efforts to drum up support for Byrnes and Barkley on the eve of the convention's first session apparently is taking effect.

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General Clark Tours Quays

By a Staff Correspondent

LEGHORN, July 19—Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark made his own private tour this morning of the shambles which was once the port of Leghorn. In a completely informal manner, the general dropped into the city at 0715 hours in a Piper Cub piloted by Lt. Col. John T. Walker, Springfield, Ill.

Undoubtedly the most surprised pair in Leghorn were an artillery liaison officer, Capt. H. K. Chase-Dunn, San Francisco, and his jeep driver Sgt. Everett Phariss, Reedley, Calif., whom the general hailed after he alighted from the plane. They drove General Clark and Colonel Walker through the city and along the waterfront until the general's original party caught up with him three hours later.

The general apparently could not find anyone who knew something about the city so he decided to see for himself. Earlier reports said the streets and many sections of the waterfront were mined. If the general had read them, he certainly paid no heed.

Borrowing a town map from a soldier and with a Partisan perched on the hood, General Clark visited the Porto Medicea, in the center of the harbor. There he alighted and strolled about, surveying all the destruction. There was no doubt that the general never saw a port more wrecked than this one.

In midst of all this bleak devastation sat a little old man—a lonely symbol of normalcy—fishing as if he did not have a care in the world.

Nazi Shipping Hit

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, July 19—Light coastal forces of Allied naval units are harrying slight enemy coastwise traffic in the Gulf of Genoa and along the Riviera, according to a Naval communique today. During the night of July 12-13, two enemy MAS boats were attacked off Vada, one of them being forced to beach itself.

Yanks Capture Leghorn After Mighty Drive Over Mountains

ADVANCED ALLIED HEAD-QUARTERS, July 19—Leghorn, third largest peace-time port of Italy, was captured by American troops of the 5th Army today as a result of a wide pincer movement. Ancona, Adriatic port of 95,000 population, fell to Polish forces of the 8th Army following up their breakthrough in that region. Thus in one day the Germans lost the prize coastal cities of their outpost defenses before the Pisa-Rimini (Gothic) line.

[LEGHORN, July 19—German artillery opened up on the sombre ghost city of Leghorn early this afternoon in the first show of heavy enemy resistance since American patrols entered at about 2100 hours last night.

Shells from enemy medium artillery landing in the east central part of town blended with the roar of demolitions which American engineers, in the interest of time, were detonating instead of removing.]

The Americans took Leghorn after a vigorous drive over tortuous mountain terrain in which they swept along high ground south of the Arno River and then westward to the coast. This pincer movement obviously fooled the enemy who had evidently anticipated a frontal assault from the south along Highway 1, where they had mined and carried out the heaviest demolitions encountered by the 5th Army in Italy.

The battle for Leghorn started with the forcing of the Cecina River line a little more than two weeks ago. The terrain for the

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Ammo Blast Toll Rises To 388 Dead

PORT CHICAGO, Calif., July 19—Amid a scene of devastation and desolation the death toll from the earth rocking explosion aboard two ammunition ships at the United States Naval Ammunition Depot rose today to a reported 388. Thundering blasts were felt more than 50 miles away and this town of 1,500 was shattered.

Two ships, the 10,000 ton Victory ship Quinalt and the E. A. Bryan of 7,500 tons were literally shredded. One of the ship's anchors was found half a mile away. Most of the dead were Negroes, members of the Navy loading crews at Port Chicago Ammunition Magazine.

In addition, possibly 70 members of the crews from both ships lost their lives and a number of civilian workers on the docks were killed. The list of injured may reach 1,000.

The cause of the blast remained undetermined. Many residents of the town thought "it was Japs bombing us. We were sure we were going to get it."

The Navy, despite the great toll in lives and wounded, was fortunate that the number was not greater, declared Captain N. H. Goss, commanding officer of the Naval Ammunition depot at Mare Island, of which Port Chicago Ammunition Magazine is an auxiliary.

He said nine officers were missing and the list of missing enlisted men was much more than 200 not including ships and gun crews from the two merchant vessels.

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...MAIL CALL...

Soviets In Poland

Dear Editor:
 The recent forward surge of the Russian Army past the 1939 (pre-war) Russo-Polish border into Poland has resulted in a friendly bet. One of us maintains that the Russians have previously done this either late in February or early in March in the Tarnopol-Lwow sector, the other says that the present entrance is the first. Who is right?
 —Pvts. Anthony Pingatore and Horton.
The present entrance of the Russian Armies into Poland is not the first but the third made.—Editor.

All This Glitter

Dear Editor:
 This is my first letter for Mail Call, but from the things I've been reading lately, it won't be my last.
 In your Saturday, July 15, edition of The Stars and Stripes I ran into a small article dealing with postwar plans for veterans returning to their former jobs in the states. It seems that there is a great deal of worrying being done about how to soften the blow for returning ex-officers, with help given them to get better jobs than they held before the war so that their egos might not be disturbed, I suppose. Just why should better jobs be found for said officers? The rest of us are going out to take what comes and I can see no reason why they should not do the same. If they were not able to hold good and responsible positions before, what makes them think that they can do so afterwards? A man is as good as he makes himself in civilian life and not as others make him.
 No one can tell me that a shoe salesman before the war can return as the manager of the store after the war just because he sported a few bars in the Army. Let officers go back and take the same chances as the rest of us, and if they are good enough to do better than before then more power to them, but lets cease this old

RADIO PROGRAM

**MOBILE AMERICAN
 EXPEDITIONARY STATION
 Fifth Army
 THURSDAY**

- FM
- 1:00—News (BBC)
- 1:15—GI Jive
- 1:30—Music We Love
- 2:00—Yarns for Yanks
- 2:15—Great Music
- 2:30—The Juke Box
- 3:00—News (BBC)
- 3:15—Songs out of the West
- 3:30—Major Bowes
- 4:00—Radio News Reel (BBC)
- 4:15—Are You A Genius
- 4:30—News (CBS)
- 4:45—Three Cats and A Canary
- 5:00—The Rhythm Club
- 5:30—5th Army Military Band
- 6:00—World News (AFRS)
- 6:15—Fred Waring Show
- 6:30—Front Line Theater
- 7:00—Aldrich Family
- 7:00—Frank Morgan and Baby Snooks
- 8:00—Ole' Oaken Bucket
- 9:00—News Headlines
- 9:05—Bing Crosby Show
- 9:30—Spotlight Bands
- 9:45—News
- 10:00—Village Store
- 10:30—One Nite Stand
- 11:00—News
- 11:15—Musical Tour
- 11:55—News
- 12:00—Sign Off

FRIDAY

- AM
- 6:00—Reveille Revels
- 6:30—News (BBC)
- 6:45—Reveille Revels
- 8:00—News (BBC)
- 8:15—Sign Off
- 10:00—Sound Off
- 10:15—The Bulletin Board
- 10:30—Tune Tonics
- 11:00—Yank Swing Session
- 11:30—Melody Round Up
- 11:45—Junior's Jive Session
- 12:00—News Highlights
- 12:15—Personal Album
- 12:30—Lunch'n with Lopez

**Occupation Of Rome
 Planned By Allies
 Months In Advance**

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, July 19.—The Allied Military Government planned five and one-half months for the occupation of Rome and the quick, completely successful re-establishment of the city's government without this planning, Brig. Gen. Edgar Hume, chief of the 5th Army's AMG section and Military Governor of Rome during the 5th Army's occupation, announced in a published report today.

In a review of the accomplishments of all AMG divisions, Gen. Hume pointed out that in every case primary objectives were realized days before the time called for by the planning timetable.

Banks were opened within one week after the Allied entry, an unprecedented feat in the history of AMG. All black market outlets were halted and their operations vastly curtailed, and within 24 hours of the arrival of the first AMG officers, seven courts were ready to function in disposing of offenders of Army orders and proclamations.

More than 350 Fascists and Fascist sympathizers were arrested by AMG police during the first ten days of the occupation, while the pro-Fascist police organizations were disbanded and rendered harmless to Allied security.

From the first through the tenth day of Allied occupation approximately 1,000 truckloads of food, principally flour, were brought into Rome from Anzio, providing 2,975 tons of vitally needed commodities. Such a collection of supplies, the report declared, made possible the maintenance of the regular ration issue and daily feeding of more than 100,000 needy persons.

Until the Allied occupation, no gas had been available.

One of the most important accomplishments of the AMG in Rome was the inauguration of a new Roman city government, headed by a Roman prince, and staffed with anti-Fascists. A council composed of members of the six political parties was appointed and still is functioning as the city council of Rome.

**Kostelanetz, Miss Pons
 Will Appear In Rome**

ROME, July 19.—Andre Kostelanetz and Lily Pons will appear at the opera house in Rome next week, Special Service Office of the Rome Allied Area Command announced today.

The famed musician and his opera-star wife will appear at 1900 hours on Tuesday, July 25 and Wednesday, July 26. They will be accompanied by Carolyn Gray, pianist, Frank Versaci, flutist and a 54-piece orchestra.

The office also announced that movie stars Jack Haley and Mary Brian will open their USO show at the Eleeoso Theater Monday. Performances will be given at 1900 hours daily until Sunday, July 30.

Puptent Poets

Yank In A Tank

Dear Yank In A Tank: . . . so you've got it rough?

Yours is a picnic, kid. In the States, it's tough:

There's black market, the National Debt,

Railroads are crowded, no rooms to let,

Nite Clubs are closing and there's rationing,

Ya wait in line to hear Sinatra sing,

Ya buy bonds and give up your blood,

There's no fishin'; the creeks are all mud.

The steaks are few, no liquor to get,

Ya wait at the track to get in a bet.

The kids are delinquent, there's taxes to pay;

There's swing shifts, and strikes, and OPA.

There's hurricanes, race wars, birth control,

Unemployed and Nazis to keep on the dole.

Dear Yank . . . there's inflation

Give up your rotation . . . try for more rank,

Say Yank . . . even I'd stay in your tank.

—T-5 K. J. Torgerson

stuff of getting things on a silver platter.
 —Cpl. Mark Ewing

S. P. Q. R.

Dear Editor:
 Just want to ask you one question which has me and my buddies in doubt:

What is the meaning of S. P. Q. R.? While in Rome, I've seen that sign almost everywhere, especially on monuments.

—Sgt. Joe Mora

"Senatus Populusque Quiritus Romanus," was the ancient Roman's symbol of unity to denote anything official. It corresponds to the Great Seal of the U. S. or the Mace of the British Houses of Parliament. S. P. Q. R. was used in so many ways that it later became the symbol of Rome itself.—Editor.

LOST AND FOUND

It seems hard to believe that a GI would urge a two-year-old kid to tag along with his unit as mascot, but the mother and neighbors of small ANTONIO IANIERO, Via Ascoli Saturno No. 2, insist that Antonio is with an American outfit. When last seen, he was aboard an American truck. He wore no shoes and was shirtless.

FOUND

The following articles can be claimed at the Lost and Found department, The Stars and Stripes, 152 Via Del Tritone:

Brown leather American-type wallet, with papers and photos, found north of Cecina. Property of Joseph C. Powers.

Silver identification bracelet, engraved: "Xmas 42 love Doris"; observe, "Cpl. Troy James Reed, 3807-9680."

WALLETS LOST

Between Frosinone and Rome, a black leather wallet containing soldier's pay book, photos and currency. T-5 Ben Solomon.

Rest Center Pass, 35 dollars in lire, photos, campaign ribbon with three stars, G.C.M. ribbon, and papers. Edmund Sheehan.

Black wallet, with Air Corps insignia, plus 115 dollars, identification cards, AGO cards and snapshots. Lt. R. A. Muldoon.

Big blue North African wallet, containing 20 photos, small pocket dictionary. Cpl. Albert Weiss.

ODDS AND ENDS

The following items have been reported lost:

Clothing constituting a week's laundry. S-Sgt. Dino Burgioni.

Photo case, Italian leather, containing photo of woman and two little girls. Sgt. Maurice M. Muse.

Movie camera, 8 mm., in binocular case. Camera was packed around three handkerchiefs, all stamped S-2415. The camera is a Revere. Pfc. Philip Skooy.

Musette bag, personal belongings, containing a wallet belonging to Sgt. Richard T. Wallace. T-5 Gilmer S. Hooker.

Green denim jacket left on the fender of a truck. Jacket contained a red leather African type wallet, 80 dollars cash, personal papers, and photos. Pfc. Norman J. Melers.

Set of dog tags, numbered 12129323. Pfc. M. Evans.

Left in a jeep driven by a British major and captain, musette bag which contained knife, jacket, toilet articles and miscellaneous equipment. Pvt. C. F. Steckler.

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

(Name of person being paged is printed in capitals.)

Cpl. Almer Storms, his uncle, Cpl. BEN STORMS; Pvt. Udell S. Campo, Lt. CONSTANCE FLANAGAN; Sgt. Paul L. Jones, Pfc. DON RICUCCI, and S-Sgt. W. A. Gilzean, Jr., EARL L. ROUTT.

Nurses' Restaurant

ROME, July 19.—A restaurant for American nurses and their guests has been opened at 7 Via Parma, Capt. Jack Drown restaurant manager announced today. Meals will be served from 1130 to

UP FRONT . . .

By MAULDIN



"I'll let ya know if I find th' one wot invented th' 88."

**Average Nazi POW Feels
 Germany Has Lost War**

**By Cpl. WADE JONES
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer**

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, July 19.—While the average German prisoner now believes his country has lost the war, he lacks the political vision and imagination to form a definite picture of what postwar Germany will be or what he would like it to be.

This and a number of other mental attitudes of the German prisoner being taken in Italy today are picked up by GIs who come in contact with them either as captors or guards or simply as men curious to know what the soldiers they've been fighting think about.

Most of the prisoners believe a severe check rein will be placed on their country after the war, but of the form or extent of this check they seem to have little thought. So long as they are provided with sufficient food they do not appear greatly concerned.

Morale of the German soldier and particularly of the German civilian received a marked lift with the recent introduction of the "secret weapon" flying bomb against England and, paradoxically, with the Allied landings in France.

They believed the bomb would virtually wipe out England and had been told that Hitler's plan was to allow the Allies to land in France and then launch an offensive which would drive them back into the sea.

But these booster shots backfired. England still exists and so does the Normandy beachhead. And even if they hadn't backfired, the German soldier—even the young Nazis souped up with their invincibility—takes one look at the quality and quantity of Allied equipment when he crosses into our lines and says "you've got too much for us." In battle they fear most our artillery, then our air force and next, probably, our tanks. But it's our jeeps and great prime movers which knock their eyes out when they get behind our lines. They complain their vehicles are mostly wrecks which, for lack of

spare parts, must be abandoned when they break down.

The flying bomb was described to the German soldiers by their officers and by radio as the "V-1" secret weapon. Prisoners are talking some now of two others—the V-2 and the V-15—but they don't seem particularly hopeful of either. They don't even know what they are.

Nearly every German prisoner taken believes firmly that Hitler, as an individual is above reproach. They cite his personal habits of not smoking or drinking or going out with girls as their principal proof and when asked about some of the things he has done, or ordered done, in subjugated countries, they defend him, giving usually the excuse of political or military necessity. Many dislike intensely several of Hitler's leaders, including Goebbels and Himmler.

A few asked if after being sent to the States as prisoners it would be possible to remain there after the war. One American soldier asked a German if he would prefer a democracy to the Nazi "heaven," to which the German replied he didn't know much about democracy but he'd heard the United States itself was fine.

Very few prisoners believe there will be a crack in civilian morale, although they admit that anything could conceivably happen if Russia begins fighting on German soil.

WHAT'S COOKING

Today

"Eve On Leave," ENSA, musical comedy at 1830 hours; Argentina Theater near Piazza Venezia. No tickets required.

All-GI show "Stars and Grips," Eliseo Theater, Via Nazionale. Performances 1400 hours and 1900 hours. No tickets required.

ENSA Super-Cinema, Via Nazionale, continuous performance, "Bridge of San Luis Rey," beginning 1100 hours. Last performance about 2000 hours. No tickets required.

Red Cross Movie House, Piazza Barberini, performances at 1500, 1700, 1900 hours; "The Perfect Snob."

Augustus Theater, Corso Vittorio Emanuele, continuous performances 1000 hours to 2000 hours; "Frontier Badman."

Enlisted Men's Red Cross. Borghese Gardens; U. S. Army Rest Center Orchestra at 1800 hours.

GI Restaurants open 1130-1430 1800-2030 hours:

Ristorante Roma, 38 Piazza Poli.

Ristorante Amedeo, 17-19 Via Fabio Massimo.

Ristorante San Carlo, 126 Corso Umbertoo.

American Officers' Restaurant—Rupe Tarpea, 13 Via Vaneto.

Air Forces Rest Camp Restaurant—Largo Theater Vale, 1100 to 1930 hours.

American Nurses' Restaurant—7 Via Parma.

**Ryder Pins Silver Star
 On Hawaiian Non-Com**

WITH THE 5TH ARMY, July 18 (Delayed)—In an impromptu ceremony today, Maj. Gen. Charles W. Ryder, pinned the Silver Star on T-Sgt. Bert M. Tanaka, a platoon leader from Koloa Kaula, Hawaii, and awarded two battlefield promotions to two former staff sergeants, Masanao Otake, Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii, and Allen Ohata, Honolulu.

General Ryder praised the fighting courage of the Hawaiians of the 100th Battalion and the soldierly qualities of the Japanese-Americans of the 442nd Regiment.

Nation's Interest High In Choice of FDR Mate

By Sgt. JACK FOISIE
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NEW YORK, July 19 — It no longer is possible to list all potential vice presidential nominees, according to the general trend of all political copy coming out of Chicago where the Democratic convention opens tomorrow with the nomination of President Roosevelt for a fourth term a certainty. The choice of his running mate, however, is completely wide open and likely to be hard-fought.

As New York Timesman Meyer Berger puts it: "All you got to have to be vice presidential timber this year is room in the Hotel Stevens." Comedian Gracie Burns, writing a special convention column for the New York Post, even suggested why not her husband George for the office?

Regardless of whether you take the situation with or without humor interest in the vice presidential nomination is greater than at any time since early history of the republic say political writers.

Background to this somewhat curious office and what job consists of is now very much in the home front news.

The vice presidency has changed radically to that actually intended by the framers of the constitution, says the New York Times. The vice president, as such, has only the duty: "To preside over the Senate." But the Senate, like the House of Representatives, could select its own presiding officer perhaps with better results, suggested the Times.

Apart from this perfunctory duty the American vice president has nothing to do but to sit around and wait for something to happen to the President—hardly a pleasant position for a first-rate man to find himself in.

However, major parties seek to nominate for the vice presidency any man of unquestioned presidential stature because there is the real possibility he may move into the highest office. Six of our 33 vice presidents were elevated to the presidency through death to their superior. However, because of the comparatively low repute in which the office of vice president is held, aspirants for the presidency go around declaring sometimes sincerely, that under no circumstances will they accept second place on the ticket.

Dems May Seat Texas Delegates Against FDR

CHICAGO, July 19—Texas' un-instructed "regular convention" delegates were placed on the temporary roll of the National Democratic Convention Monday and there are increasing indications that they will be seated permanently in preference to the so-called "rump" convention's for-Roosevelt delegates, Associated Press reported.

Action by the National Committee was made on the recommendation of Myron Blalock, Texas National Committeeman for both delegations.

Mine Workers' Organ Backs Dewey-Bricker

WASHINGTON, July 19—The United Mine Workers Journal, edited by Park C. Adams who also serves as a spokesman for John L. Lewis, yesterday endorsed the Dewey-Bricker ticket and the Republican party.

A four-page article in the current issue also praised the labor and security plans of the Republican platform. There was no comment from Lewis, who is president of the United Mine Workers.

Nye Leads In Primary For Senatorial Place

BISMARCK, N. D., July 19—United States Senator Gerald P. Nye held a lead of 956 votes over Lynn Stambaugh, of Fargo, for the Republican nomination for senator in North Dakota's primary election June 27, according to unofficial reports from county canvassing boards. These figures, however, are not final and the county boards can receive and count soldier votes up to July 27 when the state canvassing board meets.

Kerr Will Keynote Convention Of Dems

CHICAGO, July 19—The Democratic convention opens tonight in the Windy City and morning and evening sessions have been arranged through Friday night, when all the delegates will hear the acceptance speech by President Roosevelt.

Today—Opening of the convention will be largely devoted to organizational matters, such as committee appointments and the selection of temporary officers. Tonight the keynote address will be delivered by Gov. Robert S. Kerr, and speeches will be made by National Chairman Robert E. Hannegan and Mrs. W. Tillett, director of the women's division.

Thursday—Senator Samuel D. Jackson, permanent chairman, will deliver an address, followed by the submission of the party platform by the resolutions committee. In the evening the balloting for the presidential nomination will be held after a talk by Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas, California state vice chairman, and war correspondent Quentin Reynolds.

Friday—The roll call for the vice presidential nomination will take place. Adjournment of the convention is scheduled for the evening.

Politics In Soldier Vote, Dewey Claims

ALBANY, July 19—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican presidential candidate, today charged that "a group with unlimited financial resources has been playing partisan politics with the rights of New York's fighting men to vote."

The governor issued a prepared statement at his press conference assailing the campaign against his soldier vote stand.

"Instead of helping the soldiers to vote," he said, "they've distributed millions of misleading circulars designed to confuse both the public's mind and the mind of soldiers. It's time this campaign of deceit was labeled and exposed. Accordingly, I urge all families and friends of members of the armed services immediately to write to them telling them the truth about their right to vote in the state of New York."

New York State's soldier vote law, Dewey said, "is a model of simplicity, drawn to fit precisely the Federal law."

"Every member of the armed forces all over the world will be handed a postcard," the Republican standard bearer continued. "All a soldier has to do is to sign his name and home and service address on the postcard and mail it to the War Ballot Commission at Albany."

WALLACE

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The Pennsylvania delegation, wielding 72 votes which the Wallace camp previously claimed in their entirety, took an advisory poll which showed that only 41 are for Wallace; recorded anti-Wallace or non-voting, 21, with ten absentees.

Southerners were attempting to pump life into the capsule-sized campaign for Virginia's anti-New Deal Sen. Harry F. Byrd. They called a conference for tonight. Many of them, however, admitted they have no hopes of nominating Senator Byrd and merely wanted to use support for him to bargain satisfactory convention declarations on racial and other issues.

It appeared certain that President Roosevelt's fourth term nomination will not be unanimous. At least 140 delegates from eight southern states adopted a resolution endorsing Senator Byrd for the presidential designation.

Program drafters working early and late in the Stevens Hotel heard recommendations for world freedom expressed and ideas to promote "mass production and consumption." American participation in an association with nations "implemented with whatever force may be necessary to maintain world peace."

Andersson Races Mile In World-Record 4:01.6

THIS ONE MADE ARNE SORE



MAYBE THIS IS WHY ARNE ANDERSSON ran the record mile. In his previous outing, as can be seen above, the Swedish school-teacher ran second to Gunder Hagg over the 1,500-meter route, and Hagg cracked his world mark. But the mile Tuesday was a different story. Andersson got his revenge and then some.

Swedish Ace Leads Hagg By .04 Second In Stockholm Race

STOCKHOLM, July 19 — Arne Andersson, great Swedish runner, wrote a blazing page of athletic history at Malmoe Track here yesterday when he ran the mile in the record-shattering time of four minutes, one and six-tenths seconds.

This was three full seconds below the recognized world mark of 4:04.6 set in 1942 by his countryman, Gunder Hagg. Andersson's almost unbelievable feat also clipped a full second from the 4:02.6 mile he ran on July 1, 1943, which is recognized by the International Amateur Athletic Federation but lacks world approval.

Hagg, in finishing second to Andersson, was clocked in 4:02, which also surpassed Andersson's old record.

Andersson's staggering figures of 4:01.6 thrilled the track world as it hasn't been thrilled in many a month, but there also was a touch of regret connected with his terrific effort. As one official stated: "It's tough to come so close to the four-minute mile, the dream of athletes the world over for years, and just miss by a whisker."

Andersson, a 28-year-old school-teacher, also held the world 1,500-meter record of 3:45 until July 7 of this year when Hagg's 3:43 effort wiped Arne's figures off the books. In that race Andersson was one second behind his famous rival.

Tigers Top Senators By 6-5 In 11 Frames

DETROIT, July 19 — Founding Eary Wynn and Alex Carrasquel for 15 safeties, the Tigers opened up a lengthy home stay with a 6-5 victory over the Senators in an 11-inning game. Johnny Corsica started for the Bengals and hurled good ball for seven frames when the Nats bunched six hits for three runs and sent the big right hander to the showers.

Dizzy Trout was reached for the tying runs in the ninth and was replaced by Hal Newhouser who held the lawmakers scoreless for the two extra frames to receive credit for the triumph. The Tigers pushed one run across in the first, three in the sixth and two in the seventh. Carrasquel was charged with the loss.

Other major league games were scheduled to be played under the arcs.

Back In Swim

PITTSBURGH — Carnegie Tech which dropped bigtime football four years ago, will return to the gridiron this fall. The announcement came after Pittsburgh, West Virginia and Michigan State released their schedules revealing games with the Sikbos.

BATTING AVERAGES

NATIONAL LEAGUE					
	G.	A.B.	R.	H. Pct.	
Musial, Cards	79	305	61	108	.354
Walker, Brooklyn	80	305	40	107	.351
Weintraub, G'ts	69	227	41	77	.339
Medwick, Giants	71	275	41	91	.331
Hughes, Cubs	63	258	45	85	.330

AMERICAN LEAGUE					
	G.	A.B.	R.	H. Pct.	
Fox, Red Sox	61	249	38	82	.329
Doerr, Red Sox	83	312	61	102	.327
Tucker, W. Sox	59	228	35	73	.320
Siebert, Athletics	65	236	28	75	.318
Johnson, Red Sox	73	257	61	81	.315

RUNS BATTED IN
National—Ott, Giants, 54; Kurowski, Cards, 54; Walker, Dodgers, 53; Nicholson, Cubs, 53.
American—Stephens, St. Louis, 56; Doerr, Red Sox, 53; Hayes, Athletics, 53.

HOME RUNS
National—Ott, Giants, 20; Nicholson, Cubs, 15; Kurowski, Cards, 12.
American—Metheny, Yankees, 11; Cullenbine, Browns, 11; Hayes, Athletics, 10; Johnson, Red Sox, 10; Doerr, Red Sox, 10.

Mack's 50-Grand Offer For Hal Peck Rejected

PHILADELPHIA, July 19 — Connie Mack's offer of 50,000 dollars and two players for Hal Peck, sensational young outfielder of the Milwaukee Brewers, has fallen on deaf ears.

The bid, made to the American Association club a few days ago, has so far not been accepted, and this week Mack said "it looks as though they won't listen to any offer."

Peck is the young fellow who was purchased conditionally from Milwaukee by Brooklyn two years ago for 7,500 dollars down and a like amount to be paid at a specified time. However, later that season, before Peck had an opportunity to show his stuff to the Dodgers, he shot off two of his toes in a hunting accident.

Branch Rickey, president of the Dodgers, decided Peck wouldn't do, and sold him to the Cubs, who in turn returned him to Milwaukee. Peck regained his old form despite the loss of his toes, and reached his peak this year with the Brewers. He's batting over .400 at the present.

Jittery Joe Berry, relief hurler for the A's who was with Milwaukee last year, spoke of Peck's skill to a sports writer, who in turn passed the tip on to Mack. Scouts Harry O'Donnell and Ira Thomas hurried to Milwaukee to see him in action and recommended his purchase.

Despite his failure to land Peck, Mack has not given up. Nor is Peck the only player he seeks. The aging pilot believes that he now has the pitching strength to annex another pennant and if it is at all possible, he will obtain outfield and infield help for his club.

Equal Record

HARTFORD, July 19—The Hartford Laurels tied the all-time record for runs scored in a single inning by chalking up 18 in the third frame of a recent game with the Wilkes-Barre Barons. The Laurels took the contest 28-3.

'Dem Bums' Are Just That, State Boosters

NEW YORK, July 19—The Brooklyn Dodgers can be called "Dem Bums" and no less an authority than the newly-organized "Flock Boosters" has given the stamp of approval. The suggestion that the nickname was not appropriate to the team representing Brooklyn, the city of churches, trolley cars, rubber plants and baby carriages, was rejected by the Boosters at a regular meeting.

Hilda Chester was elected president by the group which recently voted to send the Dodgers a few cases of vitamin pills. These pills are credited with the excellent showing of the Cardinals and the return to form of several Giant veterans.

Dave Smuckler Is Sold To Boston Pro Eleven

BOSTON, July 19—Dave Smuckler, former star fullback at Temple University who was owned by the Detroit Lions four years but who never played for them, was sold to the Boston Yankees, newest addition to the National Professional Football League. The amount of cash involved was not disclosed.

Award To Army

WEST POINT, N. Y., July 19—The United States Military Academy was awarded the Wingate Trophy, emblematic of the national lacrosse championship, by the Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association. The Army team lost only to Johns Hopkins, but defeated all other rivals decisively, scoring 82 goals against 18.

'It's All A Mistake,' Cables 'Money Man'

ROME, July 19 — It was all a mistake, Cpl. Bob Fleisher's dad informed him today. Cpl. Fleisher's father had been listed as top moneymaker in the U. S. in the Treasury's 1942-43 report for income received from corporations. But, said Sidney R. Fleisher, New York attorney, the 645,000 dollars paid him by 20th Century Fox was erroneously listed as income.

Actually, Mr. Fleisher explained in a cablegram to his son, a Stars and Stripes staff writer, the money was received in his capacity as negotiator for sale of authors' plays to Hollywood. "I wish I had ten percent," he confided.

Eugene Grace, president of Bethlehem Steel and second on the Treasury's salary list, now becomes top man with a total income of 537,724 dollars.

Movie players occupied a considerable portion of the 51-page report.

Claudette Colbert got 360,000 dollars from Paramount Pictures compared with 240,000 dollars last year. This put her out in front of other reporting film players, including Fred MacMurray who received 347,333 dollars and 33 cents for his year's efforts for Paramount.

Some other Paramount salaries: Harry L. Crosby, crooner, known to some as Bing, 336,111 dollars, Paulette Goddard, 152,500 dollars, Bob Hope, 148,333 dollars and 33 cents (Samuel Goldwyn, Inc.), also paid Hope 100,000 dollars, Frederick March, 100,000 dollars, George Marshall, 131,708 dollars, Joel McCrea, 90,000 dollars, Victor Moore, 103,125 dollars, Preston Sturges, 229,000 dollars, and Franchot Tone, 121,000 dollars.

Dorothy Kaumeyer received 127,416 dollars and 66 cents from Paramount. The Treasury said parenthetically that she's Dorothy Lamour.

Twentieth Century-Fox's list included Don Ameche, 194,500 dollars and one cent, Jack Benny, 125,000 dollars, Henry Fonda, 167,625 dollars, Bryan Foy, 169,000 dollars, Betty Grable, 92,375 dollars, Sonja Henie, 100,000 dollars, Tyrone Power, 162,872 dollars.

Bette Davis received 220,000 dollars from Warner Brothers. Other Warner salaries: Humphrey Bogart, 114,125 dollars, Olivia De Havilland, 79,916 dollars, Errol Flynn, 175,000 dollars, Cary Grant, 100,000 dollars, Ida Lupino, 142,750 dollars, and Ann Sheridan, 82,333 dollars.

Widow Hurtles To Death As Sightseers Look On

NIAGARA FALLS, July 19 — Sightseers here last night watched as a 48-year-old widow, identified as Mrs. Frances M. Healy, climbed through the railing on Luna Island and jumped 167 feet to her death in the swirling waters of Niagara River. Her body landed at the mouth of the Cave of the Winds. Mrs. Healy is said to have been suffering with a nervous disorder. She left a note explaining "Owing to ill health I cannot go on."

NORMANDY

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gomery at a press conference. "There is no doubt that we have gained a tactical surprise."

The terrain into which the Allies broke through is first class for the use of heavy armored forces and reporters wrote that if Marshal Erwin Rommel commits his armor on a big scale, a decisive phase of the campaign may be settled.

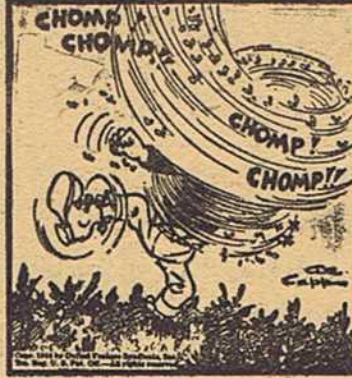
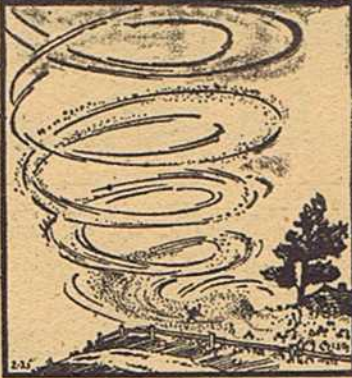
One British force was fighting on the Caen Canal that runs parallel to the River Orne. To their west flank, armored forces split a gap in the German line southeast of Caen in the direction of Cagny. Due south of Caen, other armored forces rolled over German pillboxes and gun emplacements east of the Orne. Furious battles were being fought in all areas as the Allied weight smashed south.

In the terrific air assault that covered the offensive, more than 2,200 heavy, light and medium bombers showered the enemy with 7,000 tons of bombs.

Continuing the important advance in the St. Lo sector, American troops captured high ground to the east of the town after stiff resistance. The Periers-St. Lo lateral road was cut between the Taute and the Vire Rivers by other Yank forces.

L'IL ABNER

(Courtesy of United Features)



By AL CAPP

Yep, Leaning Tower Still Stands In Pisa

(WITH AMERICAN FORCES EAST OF LEGHORN, July 18—(Delayed)—The leaning tower of Pisa is still leaning. This was verified this morning from an OP located on a hill more than 1,000 feet high near the little town of Valle Bendetto about two and a half miles east of the port of Leghorn. From this OP, which was used by Major Robert McGraw, prior to the final push on Leghorn, the historic town of Pisa and the tower, some ten miles away, could be seen clearly through binoculars.)

German Factories Visited By Bombers

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, July 19—Medium forces of fighter-escorted 15th AAF Liberators and Flying Fortresses today attacked aircraft factories, an airframe and an ordnance depot near Munich, the second consecutive day heavy bombers hit installations in southern Germany.

The Milbertshofen Ordnance Depot, just west of Munich, was reported well hit by Forts. Liberators raided the Allach Aircraft Factory, seven miles north of Munich, which produces engines for DG-217s and FW-190s. The Neuauing Aircraft Factory, seven miles west of Munich, was attacked by Liberators, and a small formation went for the main rail yards at Muncit.

Some of the strongest Jerry fighter opposition of the year battled the 15th AAF bombers and fighters who went to Friedrichshafen and Memmingen in southwestern Germany yesterday. More than 250 Nazi aircraft made aggressive attacks, and Allied bombers and fighters accounted for 49 of them.

Over Memmingen airfield, the tail-end formation of Fortresses was jumped by well over 100 enemy fighters and suffered some losses. The battle lasted for more than 20 minutes.

A Mustang group, flown by Negro pilots, accompanied the Fortresses to Memmingen. It scored 11 victories, the largest number of planes shot down by Negro pilots in one day. Previously the 99th Fighter Squadron destroyed eight planes over Anzio on January 21. The 99th participated yesterday.

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, July 19—Rocket firing Hurricanes of the Coastal Air Force in a daring and spirited attack lasting little more than a minute recently destroyed in the northern Adriatic a German motor vessel of 5,000 tons, it was reported today at MAAF headquarters. The vessel was the Italia, at one time a first-class passenger liner, recently converted into a cargo ship.

Spectacular Fire Rages Near Factory For C-54s

CHICAGO, July 19 — A spectacular fire destroyed the administration building at the 33 million dollar Douglas Aircraft plant in suburban Park Ridge near here yesterday. For a time the fire threatened a huge factory building in which the C-54 cargo planes are built. The fire was brought under control after more than two hours of fighting and the big factory was just slightly damaged.

Damage to the administration building and its contents, including its communication system, was set at half-a-million dollars. Col. B. M. Value, district intelligence officer of the Army Air Forces, said that there was no evidence yet of sabotage.

Nightclubbers' Zoo Visit Ends In Tragedy For Girl

NEW YORK, July 19—A party at the Stork Club had a tragic ending when a gay foursome adjourned to the Central Park Zoo for a pre-dawn visit. They paused in front of the polar bear cages, where "Soc," a 900-pound, 7-foot polar bear and his mate "Cony" were asleep. The four merrymakers clambered over the four-foot iron fence which keeps the spectators away and approached the bars shouting to awaken the bears.

Disgruntled, "Soc" grabbed the arm of Catherine Searies, 24-year-old socially prominent daughter of a Hathway, N. J., manufacturer, and refused to let go. Miss Searies' three friends were unable to make the bear release her arm and finally had to build a fire with newspapers under him. The girl was rushed to the hospital where her arm was amputated.

Miss Searies' escort, Cpl. Edward Cheney, of Manchester, Conn., gave the police this version of the tragedy:

"I thrust my service cap through the bars to arouse the bear which woke up and swiped at the cap with his paw knocking it to the ground. Cheney and Miss Searies and two other companions, Gertrude Brady, of New York City, and William Chick, of Boston, got a branch from

Japs At Imphal Plain Withdrawing To South

ALLIED SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, July 19 — The last Japanese forces on the Imphal plain are withdrawing to the south down the Tiddim road, today's communique stated. The enemy is blowing bridges in an attempt to obstruct the pursuing Allies. This withdrawal leaves no organized Japanese resistance within 25 miles of Imphal.

In southeastern China, the Jap attacks on Hengyang have not succeeded in loosening the Chinese hold on the city, a communique from Chungking stated today. Hengyang, which has already cost the Japanese 14,000 men in the last three weeks, lies some 300 miles southwest of Canton and was formerly the main air base for the 14th USAAF.

Knudsen Appointed Head Of Newly Formed Unit

WASHINGTON, July 19—Material and Service commands of the Army Air Forces will be merged into a single organization to be headed by Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen, former president of General Motors Corporation, the War Department announced yesterday.

The new unit will be known as the Army Air Forces Materiel and Services with headquarters at Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio. Knudsen has been serving as Director of Production in the office of War Secretary Henry Stimson. Maj. Gen. Bennet Meyers, who has been acting Commanding General of the Materiel Command, will be deputy director of the new organization.

Brig. Gen. Kenneth Wolf, Commanding General of 20th Bomber Command of the newly created 20th Air Force, will head the Materiel Command.

MAAF Chief Of Staff

LONDON, July 19—Air Vice Marshal G. B. Baker has been appointed Chief of Staff of the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, the Air Ministry announced tonight. Vice Marshal Baker has been chief of the Technical Training Command since January 1943.

a tree and fished out the cap from the floor of the cage.

"Miss Searies then waved her handkerchief through the bars and the enraged beast clawed deeply into her right wrist with one fore-paw, thrust the other one through the bars and clamped it around her body. The bear then bit her above the right elbow, biting off her arm, and refused to release the girl until they had built a fire under him."

Miss Searies' condition is reported as "good" and she is given a good chance to survive.

The Park Department disclaimed all responsibility for the accident and attributed it "to inexcusable treatment of the animals at night, in hot weather, and in deliberate violation of park rules."

33 Issued Warrants For Circus Inquest

HARTFORD, Conn., July 19—Coroner Frank Healy conducting an inquest into the circus fire here last July 6 in which 163 persons perished, yesterday issued warrants against 33 circus employees ordering them held as material witnesses.

Healy explained that the warrants were issued as a precautionary measure so that the employees would be available when the Superior Court convened here in September. It was expected that the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus men's employees would post bonds totaling 40,000 dollars today and that the 33 men would rejoin the show.

Healy, whose investigation began last week, doesn't expect to complete it until late this month. Meanwhile five circus officials have already been charged with manslaughter in connection with the fire.

Hitler Sacks General In Charge Of Belgium

LONDON, July 19 — Hitler has sacked General von Fauchenhausen, military commander of Belgium and northern France and responsible for civil affairs in Belgium, it was reported here today. The general's job will be taken over by two people, the announcement said.

The civil administration will be handled by the Nazi gauleiter of Cologne, Joseph Grohe, and he will hold the title of Reich Commissioner. The military commander of the territory will be General Grase.

SOVIETS PUSH

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sky's armies, coupled with the drive toward Lwow, under Marshal Konev, was described as the initial phase of a vast pincers movement, the claws of which are stretching toward central Germany.

Huge Red Army tank forces reportedly crashed ahead between the two cities, widening the gap in the German lines. This presented the Nazis with a difficult problem of defense for the Russians are in a position to do three things: Turn north to outflank Bialystok from the southwest, turn south and outflank Brest-Litovsk from the northwest, or carry straight on to Warsaw where the Germans were reported making feverish defense preparations.

West of Grodno, Russian troops driving toward East Prussia continued to consolidate bridgeheads across the Niemen River.

Yanks Take Leghorn After Mighty Drive

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fighting was similar to that between the Volturno and Garigliano Rivers lower in Italy. The high ground protecting roads and passes gave all advantage to the defenders. Pillboxes and strongpoints had to be passed in depth.

Entering Americans found that virtually all port facilities in Leghorn had been destroyed. What were not hit by our air forces in previous bombings were wrecked by the Germans.

Before the war Leghorn had a population of 125,000 and a port capacity of 17,500 tons per day. It boasted 35 power cranes and 21 large warehouses, and had 60 docks. Its capture therefore is a prize which in time will be of enormous value as a supply center.

Troops of the 5th Army were well within sight of Pisa as a result of fighting north of Leghorn. The capture of Pontedera yesterday placed the Americans across the direct Pisa-Florence road, thereby dividing German forces south of the Arno River.

The taking of Ancona, which fell to the Polish troops, gives the Allies a valuable medium-sized seaport. The Germans, well realizing the importance of the port, carried out extensive demolitions.

In the central sector of the Italian front, British troops of the 8th Army, fighting to the west of captured Arezzo, succeeded in establishing themselves across the Arno on a front of six miles. They took the town of Montevarchi, 15 miles west of Arezzo.

'LIBERTY' PLAY

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Jones, Washington, D. C., and Pvt. Palmer W. Callies, Howard, S. D.

The city itself, one of Italy's prize ports, was shell-pocked and ghostly. Somehow the troops may have sensed what the people must have endured because there were no gay celebrations. The doughboys appeared as fatigued as the citizens of Leghorn.

Only at a few principal corners did the people come from their riddled homes to cheer and welcome the doughboys entering the city.

Leghorn was a city of death. The weariness of hunger and the nerve-wracking strain from bombing was evident on the faces of the people who chose to remain in Leghorn.

The most optimistic reports said that there were only 20,000 people left from a population of more than 125,000. It is known that approximately 35,000 people were evacuated to the nearby towns. As yet no one has compiled a report of what happened to the other 70,000 people. With the bombings, the deportation of people to Germany and brutal reprisals for Partisan activity it is not hard to guess.

The main viaduct connecting Leghorn and Pisa was blown by the Germans and the people have been forced to obtain water from wells. Not a store was open although several local barbers were practicing their trade in the bomb-shattered streets on doughboys who needed a shave and a haircut.

As expected the food situation is acute but AMG officials under Maj. Carl Kait, Atlantic Highlands, N. J., had a number of trucks loaded with food stuffs ready to roll into the city.

The one normal note was struck by Stan (The Doughnut Man) Andersen, Dumont, N. J., who rolled in this morning with his two helpers, Pvt. Al Ozer, Brooklyn, and Pvt. George Boucher, Detroit, and in a few minutes was dishing out coffee to the soldiers looting around in the shade. The doughnuts weren't ready yet because the generator had broken down but Stan promised the boys some by this evening.