

# THE STARS AND STRIPES

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## U. S. Forces Slicing Way Into La Haye

### Yank Offensive Nears Raffeville; Calais Pounded

LONDON, July 5—Offensive-minded U. S. forces today captured the railway station at La Haye du Puits and cut their way within 300 yards of the heart of the strategic Normandy communications center in bitter street-fighting, Supreme Allied Headquarters announced tonight.

The smash into La Haye, which is situated 24 miles south of Cherbourg and 54 miles northwest of Caen, was made from the arc of American-held high ground surrounding the town to the west, north and east.

Other American forces on the expanding 25-mile Yank offensive front advanced in the face of stiff opposition and were just outside Raffeville, some ten miles southeast of La Haye and an equal distance southwest of Carentan. Further U. S. advances in that sector would imperil German communications in the region, a spokesman said. On the western coastal flank, American forces drove a half-mile north of Baudreville, just beyond captured Saint Remy des Landes.

#### TOUGH GOING

To the southeast, Canadian forces found tough going in their Tilly-Caen offensive. Three furious German counterattacks, one of them including between 30 and 40 tanks, drove the Canadians out of the Carquet airfield, four miles west of Caen, which was partially held by the Allies last night. Tonight the Canadians held positions 600 yards west of the hangars and were reorganizing.

To the southwest, British artillery broke up other German tank and infantry counter-thrusts. Tonight spokesmen said heavy fighting was going on between Baron and Esquay at the southeast corner of the Evrecy salient. Everywhere along their front, the British were meeting furious German resistance.

Allied air power was playing a (Continued on Page 4)

#### Stimson In Rome

ROME, July 5—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, who is making a tour of the Italian front with other high-ranking Army officials, arrived in Rome yesterday aboard the train which resumed through traffic between Naples and Rome.

## Japs Use Mustard Gas In South Hunan Drive

CHUNGKING, July 5—Mustard gas shells are being used by the Japanese in an all-out attempt to capture Hengyang, the Canton-Hankow railroad junction in southern Hunan Province of Free China, a Chinese spokesman charged today. He reported the Chinese still hold the city and more than 1,000 dead Japanese were counted in a single day.

Meanwhile, U. S. forces advancing on Saipan Island captured Garapan and Tanapag while a U. S. carrier task force dealt heavy blows at Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands and Haha Jima in the Bonin Islands, both 700 miles northwest of Saipan.

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz an-

## Nazis Evacuate Kowel Sector; Foe Wheels For Leghorn Stand

### CHALK OFF ANOTHER



LT. GEN. CARL WILHELM VON SCHLIEBEN, commander of the Nazi garrison of Cherbourg, and Rear Admiral Hennecke, commander of the Nazi sea defenses for Normandy, are shown arriving at headquarters of U. S. General Lawton to surrender as Cherbourg fell to American troops. (Radiophoto through PWB)

## Heavies Shuttle To England; Sub Pens Socked At Toulon

#### BULLETIN

LONDON, July 5—A force of Flying Fortresses, escorted by Mustangs, shuttle-bombed from Italy to Britain today, attacking rail targets at Beziers, near Montpellier, in southern France. These were the same planes which flew from Italy to Russia and back on June 31.

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, July 5—Lightning-escorted Liberators of the 15th USAAF today carried out

the fifth Allied air attack of the war on submarine pens in the great French Mediterranean naval base of Toulon.

Early reports indicated that the bombers, hindered only by ground opposition, sent their bombs crashing into pens housing submarines used in the enemy's declining war against Allied shipping in the Mediterranean.

Other Liberators joined with Forts to carry out a series of attacks on rail points in southern France. Penetration protection was provided by P-51s but little opposition was encountered. Results were unobserved. (Continued on Page 4)

## Prohibitionists Pressure Nelson

HOBOKEN, N. J., July 5—War Production Chairman Donald E. Nelson disclosed today that he had been approached repeatedly to use his emergency wartime powers to force prohibition on the nation, but instead he intends to restore full liquor production as soon as the war economy permits.

"There are many people who seem to think that WPB ought to us its emergency powers to reshape American institutions according to their own pet notions," he said, in a speech read for him at the Stevens Institute of Technology.

## 5th Army Now Ranged Before Fortifications

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, July 5—Field Marshal Albert von Kesselring's German forces have wheeled around for a determined stand before the great Italian west coast port of Leghorn, today's communique reported.

Americans of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's 5th Army today were ranged before a line of bristling enemy fortifications extending up through Rosignano and Volterra below Leghorn, site of numerous naval installations and Italy's third largest port. Leghorn, sometimes known by the Italian name of Livorno, has a normal population of close to 150,000. It lies on a fertile coastal plain only 12 miles below Pisa, which is reportedly the western anchor of the heavily-fortified Gothic Line extending across the peninsula to Rimini on the Adriatic.

#### FALLING BACK

Under heavy 5th Army pressure, the Germans are sullenly falling back toward a ridge of hills extending east and west about halfway between the Cecina River and Leghorn. The enemy yesterday was observed moving more reinforcements into this defense zone. The city is ringed with thick concrete pillboxes, minefields, anti-landing guns and ack-ack.

French troops have forced their way five miles north of captured Siena toward Poggibonsi and Florence in the face of heavy enemy fire and mine defenses. These forces yesterday were little more than 20 miles from Florence and several miles due east of Poggibonsi.

British troops in the area above Lake Trasimeno advanced to within five miles of Arezzo, hub of practically all inland road connections below Florence. The important Highway 73 connecting Siena and Arezzo, previously cut by French troops, was slashed again yesterday by 8th Army forces who captured Castelnuovo and Monte (Continued on Page 4)

## Production Off But All Is Well

WASHINGTON, July 5—Although U. S. aircraft production skidded to its lowest level in ten months during June, the slump would be dangerous "only if it continued or if caused by something basic like manpower," Charles W. Wilson, WPB vice chairman told the press yesterday.

U. S. aircraft production last month was 8,049 planes delivered, a drop of 1,069 from the 9,118 peak reached in March, 1944. Mr. Wilson said that production of heavy bombers, including B-29s, was responsible for much of the drop with cut-backs in trainer production also contributing to the numerical production decline.

Mr. Wilson added that one unidentified type was 29 percent ahead of schedule while Liberator and Fort production continued far ahead of the program. The B-29, he added, "was satisfactory both as to production and performance during June, satisfactory to everybody but the Japs."

## Dvinsk, Grodno, Brest Litovsk Threatened

MOSCOW, July 5—Withdrawal from the entire Kowel salient on the Russian central front was admitted by the German News Agency today while the Red Army's White Russian offensive was racing ahead with mounting speed.

Hints that increased German resistance might be offered in the near future were seen in the German explanation of the withdrawal, however. A Nazi spokesman declared that it was ordered so that fortified lines in the rear could be manned and an economy in manpower effected.

Kowel, situated on the Kiev-Warsaw railroad 120 miles inside the pre-1939 Polish border and less than 170 miles from the Polish capital, lies only 80 miles southeast of Brest Litovsk, upon which two Russian armies are converging from the northeast and southeast. The Kowel sector extends through the Pripet Marshes, approximately 230 miles south of Minsk.

The German salient was created when Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's army opened its all-out push on Baranovichi from the direction of Minsk southward along the main Warsaw railroad, threatening to meet with the Soviet Ukrainian armies poised inside Poland south of Kowel.

In this Baranovichi sector, the Red Army is less than 110 miles from the East Prussian border, and is advancing 25 to 30 miles a day.

Marshal Rokossovsky's guards today were driving swiftly along both banks of the Niemen, the first river yet reached which actually runs into German territory. The (Continued on page 4)

## Patriots' Action Knifing Nazis

LONDON, July 5—German soldiers and Danish quislings killed 87 Danes and wounded another 664 during the general strike which finally compelled the Germans to withdraw the pro-Nazi Schalburg Corps from Copenhagen, the Danish Press Service reported today.

The Danish Freedom Council ordered the strike ended yesterday, but only after occupation authorities agreed to order the Schalburg Corps out of the city.

Meanwhile, there was new patriot activity in Denmark. Reports reaching Stockholm said at least 11 persons were killed and many injured when a tremendous explosion occurred at Aarhus, the eastern coast port which is Denmark's second city. The harbor is a German naval base and patriot sabotage was believed responsible.

This was the resistance picture elsewhere in Europe:

FRANCE: Pitched battles be- (Continued on Page 4)

#### Offensive Cracks

LONDON, July 5—The offensive carried out by Bulgarian occupation troops in Serbia has collapsed with heavy enemy losses in men and material, Marshal Tito's Yugoslavian communique reported yesterday.

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**Praise For Kaiser**

Dear Editor:  
We men of the Armed Forces, especially us who are overseas, should be truly thankful to have a man with Henry J. Kaiser's foresight on the homefront.

We can barely realize how important are his efforts until we read such articles as those of Sgt. Jack Folsie's about this famed wartime industrialist's plan for converting wartime production to a peace time status.

We derive a feeling of satisfaction from the fact that someone is actively campaigning for a better standard of living and good jobs when we return to civilian life.

He said that future successes will depend on the help of the public itself. It is our duty and the responsibility of our families to give him all the cooperation he needs.

—Pfc. Irving Blumstein  
Pfc. George Haberkoin  
Pvt. Sam Ackeman

**Puption Poets**

**Spirit Of Corregidor**

Sons of the eagle, perched on bitter crags  
That thundered at the foe across the bay,  
Undaunted by the hell of night and day,  
Bloody . . . and wrapped in glorious khaki rags;  
Sons of the starry flag and daughters too,  
Who gladly gave your lives that we might be  
The citadel of hope, land of the free,  
The mother country proudly mourns for you.  
Sleep on in peace and be you not afraid  
That we will falter in our sacred trust  
With destiny. The hallowed stripes you kissed  
Will fly again above the shrine you made.  
And every wave that booms upon the shore  
Will be your requiem, Corregidor.  
—J.D.H.

**Poppies In The Wheat**

Have you ever seen a poppy,  
nestled in the wheat  
With the blue sky above it, and good earth at its feet?  
It sways and dances with the wind,  
it glows a scarlet red.  
It waves in silent tribute o'er fallen Yankee dead,  
And if I fall in battle, and do my Maker meet,  
Let my body lie, O Lord,  
Amongst poppies in the wheat.  
—Sgt. Russell F. Flynn

**This Means War**

The noisiest individuals  
(Counting both sexes)  
Are the GIs who hall  
From Brooklyn or Texas.  
—Sgt. Virgil Scott

**Rank And Jobs**

Dear Editor:  
Will the rank held in the Army play a prominent role in the securing of postwar jobs? After demobilization will ex-officers have preference and priority in obtaining the best jobs by the mere fact that they held superior positions in the Army? It is kind of hard to visualize the outlook or to express what is in the mind of the employment manager. I hope that all true Americans will make the competition for jobs on equal footing, with not much consideration placed on rank but on the necessary tests and prerequisite knowledge of the job in question.  
—Pvt. Ted Naumoff

**Afternoon Concerts**

Dear Editor:  
While I was in Rome I noticed that every afternoon there is a concert for troops. I believe that if such a procedure were followed here, it would do much to curtail patronage at the vino stands and would appeal to vast numbers of troops. The musical programs at present are too frequently confined to evening hours when many of the visiting troops cannot attend because of pass limitations.  
—Cpl. Anthony Matson

**War And Words**

Dear Editor:  
Some day after the clouds of war have cleared, I hope that you will gather together the best of the published Puption Poems into an anthology and include in it the recent work of Capt. G. T. Grant "Of Such Is The Kingdom." (June 28).  
War doesn't make for great creative writing, for the mind of the artist is not at ease. I do believe that the work appearing in the Puption Poet column augurs well for a postwar literary resurgence and for the appearance of new postwar writers.  
—T-5 James J. O'Dwyer

**Home Is Where**

EL CENTRO, Calif. — A jury which deliberated four hours convicted Mrs. Mildred Skelton, 19, of murder in the second degree for hurling her ten-months-old daughter to a death in the Colorado River near Yuma, Ariz., last May 19.

MIDLAND, Mich.—Protesting the confiscation of his gasoline ration card, William A. Cassidy, owner of the only motion picture house in this Chemical Center of 10,000 population, announced that he would close his theater for a month. He said his card was taken up by the Midland County Ration Board because he took a motor trip to Florida on the recommendation of a physician.

CHICAGO—Accused of bribing a Navy induction officer to obtain draft deferment, six Chicagoans have been indicted by the Government and action was reported taken against the Navy man. Those charged in the case included Frank Cerone, 31-year-old publisher of race track information, who was accused of crossing the officer's palm with 3,000 dollars.

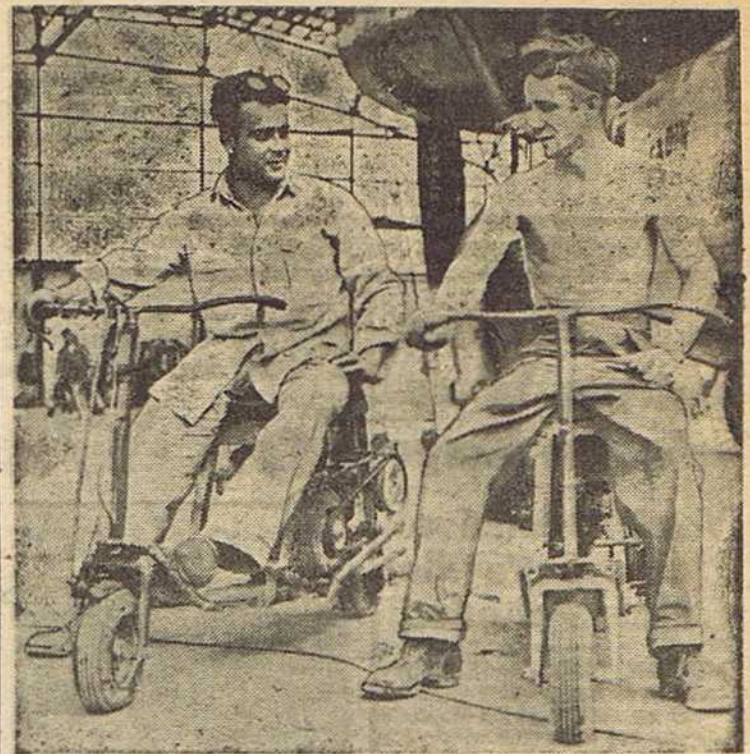
SAN ANTONIO—Airplanes have brought tragedy to Mrs. William Randolph, widow of the man for whom Randolph Field was named. Her husband, a captain, was killed in a 1929 crash. One son died in a trainer plane crash-up in 1942. A second son, Lt. Benjamin D. Randolph, is now reported missing over France.

HOLLYWOOD — The Board of Directors of the Hollywood Turf Club and Bing Crosby's Del Mar Turf Club, simultaneously announced the cancellation of their meetings scheduled for this summer. The meetings were opposed by the government manpower agencies and war plant operators.

NEW YORK—Mickey Devine, former Vanities beauty, has a million dollars with which to assuage her grief in parting from Horace Dodge, Jr., heir to Detroit motor millions, according to her attorney, William A. Hyman. He said she was suing for her freedom in Reno.

PHILADELPHIA—Don Ameche, 20th Century-Fox film actor, was paid 247,667 dollars for his services last year, only slightly less than company president Spyros P. Skouras, it was revealed in the company's annual report. Director Henry King was paid 208,333 dollars and the law firm of which Wendell Willkie is a member received 255,000 dollars in legal fees.

**SPARE TIME, SPARE PARTS**



A COUPLE OF fancy scooter bikes came out of some spare time and spare parts around a 15th Air Force field in southern Italy. And now these two mechanics of a B-24 Liberator group—Cpl. Eddie Ferraro, Jr., San Jose, Calif., and Cpl. Victor V. Veincey, Sheepscott, Me.—make quick scoots all over the field in a matter of minutes. (MAAF Photo)

**Fire's As Good A Place As Any**

BALTIMORE, July 5—Mayor Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin, who reported passing out his 100,000th autographed picture, bettered his mark considerably yesterday when he handed out more to spectators at a fire which destroyed the Oriole Baseball Park.  
The Republican mayor, who unseated a Democrat last year, showed up at the fire about 5 AM, about 40 minutes after it broke out. He was well supplied with autographed photos of himself.

**Argentine Envoy Returns To U. S.**

WASHINGTON, July 5—Ambassador Norman Armour arrived at Washington airport yesterday from Buenos Aires to report to Secretary of State Cordell Hull and President Roosevelt on the tense situation between the United States and Argentina.  
Mr. Armour said that he had no information as to whether his recall is permanent as had been reported in diplomatic circles. He also expressed ignorance of plans to name him director of the Office of American Republics' Affairs, whose present head, Lawrence Duggan, has expressed intentions of resigning.  
According to the Associated Press, the recall of Ambassador Armour is regarded in Washington as another slap at the regime of General Edelmiro Farrell, whose capital now has been virtually emptied of United Nations diplomats following the refusal by the U. S. to give diplomatic recognition.

**French Restrict Publicity Media**

ALGIERS, July 5 — Wireless services and movies in liberated France will be state controlled, collaborationist newspapers will be confiscated, regional press committees will be set up to guide the press and for the time being there will be only one authorized French news agency, it was announced yesterday.  
The provisions were laid down by the French Provisional Government in ordinances and one decree dealing with "press, radio and cinema upon liberation of French metropolitan territory."

**Luftwaffe Out Of War—Arnold**

WASHINGTON, July 5 — The Luftwaffe may never, as a fighting force, oppose Allied operations in Europe, General Henry H. Arnold, chief of the USAAF, said this week in his report on his recent visit to the Normandy fighting areas.  
General Arnold reported that combined with the destruction of aircraft factories, which cut the Nazi output of military planes to about one third of planned production, many bombing missions against Germany now are unopposed by enemy fighters. Even critical installations now are defended by not more than 100 fighters, compared with the 600 which formerly rose to battle against Allied bomber formations.  
Asked whether he considered the destruction of aircraft factories or of refineries the more important in the effect on the Nazi military machine, General Arnold pointed out that the destruction of plane factories affected only the enemy air force whereas the oil supply affects "everything that moves on wheels."  
General Arnold further stated that "beginning with information that Germany was in the midst of difficulties in providing fuel for her war machine, Allied air forces embarked upon a program to bomb and destroy 55 major synthetic and natural oil refineries."  
"On the first day of the program six of the plants were bombed; since that time all of the 55 refining plants have been bombed and their production cut from 100 percent of their capacity to less than 30 percent of their capacity in all cases."

**Civilian Medics Face Induction**

NEW YORK, July 5—Certain New York physicians and dentists under thirty-eight may be inducted into the armed forces as enlisted men, Col. Arthur C. McDermott, City Draft Director, ordered today after reviewing several cases of men in this class who had been certified as available by the War Manpower Commission but who have refused officer rank in the armed forces.  
Col. McDermott's order, viewed by the N. Y. Times as the "strongest pressure yet brought to bear upon New York doctors and dentists to accept commissions," instructed draft boards to reclassify such men for immediate induction.

**RADIO PROGRAMS**

NAPLES		FOGGIA	
857Kc	American Expeditionary Station	350M	Air Force American Expeditionary Station
Thursday, July 6		Thursday, July 6	
6:30—Sunrise Serenade.		6:30—BBC News.	
8:00—Sign Off.		6:45—Reveille Roundup.	
11:00—Rhythm Jamboree.		8:00—BBC News.	
11:30—GI Jive.		11:00—Take Off Time.	
11:45—Fela Sowande—*		11:30—Mixing Bowl.	
12:00—Potpourri.		12:00—Luncheon Music.	
12:30—News Resume.		12:30—News.	
12:45—Melody Roundup.		12:45—Personal Album.	
1:00—Music Counter.		1:00—Yarns for Yanks.	
1:30—Richard Green and Orch.—*		1:15—Larry and His Accordion.	
2:00—Allen Roth's Orchestra.		1:30—Sound Off.	
2:15—Great Music.		1:45—Sports Interview.	
2:30—Gilbert and Sullivan Melodies.		2:00—Melody Roundup.	
3:00—BBC News.		2:15—Straight from the States.	
3:15—La Fiesta.		2:30—Music from America.	
3:30—The Aldrich Family.		3:00—BBC News.	
4:00—Melody Matinee.		3:10—Resume and Fill.	
4:30—Dick Leibert—Organist.		3:15—GI Jive.	
4:45—Personal Album.		3:30—Concert Hall.	
5:00—BBC News.		4:00—Major Bows.	
5:15—Spotlight Bands.		4:30—Melody Matinee.	
5:30—One Night Stand.		5:00—BBC News.	
5:58—Evening Devotional.		5:15—Spotlight Bands.	
6:00—Yarns for Yanks.		5:30—Dinner Music.	
6:15—Reginald King and Quintette—*		5:58—Evening Prayer.	
6:30—Club Rendezvous.		6:00—Dinah Shore.	
7:00—Information Please.		6:30—Village Store.	
7:30—Dinah Shore.		7:00—Gremlin Time.	
8:00—BBC News.		8:00—BBC News.	
8:15—Fred Waring.		8:15—Fred Waring.	
8:30—The Jam Pot.		8:30—Bing Crosby.	
9:00—Bing Crosby.		9:00—Aldrich Family.	
9:30—GI Journal.		9:30—Radio News Reel.	
10:00—News and Ball Scores.		10:00—Suspense.	
10:15—Band Wagon—Raymond Scott.		10:30—One Night Stand.	
10:30—Down Beat.		11:00—Sign Off.	

# Soviet Army Drive Captures Imagination Of Home Front

By Sgt. JACK FOISIE  
(Stars and Stripes Staff Writer)

NEW YORK, July 5—The sudden fall of Minsk and the speculation as to further potentialities of the Russian drive were Independence Day's biggest topics of conversation.

Although not unexpected, the suddenness of the city's capitulation — announcement of which came only the day after the newspaper reports indicated seizure — made people sit up and take notice of what they had been calling "just another big Russian offensive."

That offensive now has advanced upwards of 150 miles at several points along the 250-mile front since the beginning of the drive on June 22, the third anniversary of the German-Russian war.

Now the general question among interested followers of war news is "can they go all the way to Berlin?" More informed and realistic amateur war strategists hopefully suggest that maybe the Red Army can go all the way to Warsaw on this drive. Warsaw is about 400 miles west of Minsk.

## Britain Aids U. S. Forces

WASHINGTON, July 5—U. S. Army and Navy forces and merchant shipping overseas received Lend-Lease in excess of 500,000,000 dollars from the British Commonwealth during the first three months of 1944, it was announced here.

Supplies and services furnished by the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand during this period amounted to 483,500,000 dollars while the preliminary figures show that more than 35,000,000 dollars were expended on American forces in India.

The amounts do not include raw materials, food and other commodities supplied by the British under reverse Lend-Lease for shipment to the U. S.

## Schools Willed Guggenheim Cash

DENVER, July 5 — Three Colorado institutions of higher learning will share in the 16,500,000-dollar estate left by Simon Guggenheim, former president of the American Smelting and Refining Co. and former Senator from Colorado.

An announcement made in New York revealed that the philanthropist bequeathed 200,000 dollars to the University of Colorado in Boulder and a pair of 100,000-dollar legacies to the University of Denver and the Colorado School of Mines at Golden.

ter. They may be able to do so again." He suggests Germany's next defensive line may be from Riga through Vilna and Pinsk. Even if they hold this line, the Wehrmacht would have to withdraw from most of Latvia and Estonia.

Mr. Baldwin also believes that the present Red Army drive, though great in scope with some 12 armies in action, soon may be broadened and extended. He suggests the Russian salient south of the Pripet marshes as the likely springboard for a new offensive.

Mr. Baldwin estimates the German strength against 12 Russian armies who originated the drive for Minsk as four armies under the command of Field Marshal Gen. Ernst Busch, with the northern flank protected by Col. Gen. George Lindemann's 18th and 16th Armies in Estonia and Latvia. It was in the Lwow area that the Germans apparently thought the attack was coming and therefore they concentrated most of their strength there, including two panzer armies, Mr. Baldwin believes.

**CAVALRY ADVANCE**  
Major George Fielding Elliot of the New York Herald-Tribune goes into this contention in more detail, citing how one Russian communiqué told how a cavalry unit had advanced 37 miles in one day. This is good riding even in peacetime maneuvers, Elliot says, and is an indication of very slight, if any, opposition. He sums it up thus: "The astounding speed of the Russian advances on both flanks (of Minsk) seems to be due to lack of opposition."

The Germans are unable even to carry out rearguard actions such as they are doing in Italy, says Mr. Elliot. This allows the Red Army to attempt its primary "objective of all Russian offensive operations"—the destruction of the German Army.

The Herald-Tribune yesterday pointed out that "the one month of June 4 to July 4 has witnessed the fall of Rome, the landing in Normandy, the fall of Perugia and Siena, the fall of Cherbourg and the fall of Minsk as well as landings on Saipan, an air and sea battle off Luzon and the appearance of B-29s in the Far East—all this has profoundly altered the shape of war, but has not altered its deadliness."

The editorial notes that the greatest exertions and sacrifices still are needed to wipe out the foe, warning that it was three years after Napoleon's disaster in Beresina before the Napoleonic wars were over; it was two years after the Gettysburg battle before the Civil War ended and more blood was shed after that battle than before."

**Vatican Wedding**  
ROME, July 5—What was believed to be the first GI wedding in the Vatican was scheduled to take place today when 2nd Lt. Emelda M. Bernard, a nurse from Rumford, Me., was to wed 1st Lt. Edgar E. Erwin, Jr., an engineer officer from Lake Providence, La. —The two officers first met in North Africa. The ceremony was to take place in a chapel of St. Peter's Cathedral.

# Brownies Split With Athletics; Yanks Drop Two To Indians



**HARRY BREECHEN**, Cardinal hurler, notched his sixth victory of the year yesterday as the Redbirds swept a doubleheader from the Giants. Harry balked in the eighth with a runner on third to ruin his chances for a shutout. He won 9-1.

(Acme Photo)

## Pensive Fails Minus Conn

CHICAGO, July 5 — Georgia Drum, a five-year-old gelding, bounced into major competition yesterday by winning the 50,000-dollar Stars and Stripes Handicap before 36,000 at Arlington Park. Pensive, winner of the Kentucky Derby and Preakness, finished fourth, seven and one-half lengths back.

Equifox, owned by Howard Wells, Lexington, Ky., was second, a length behind the winner and the Irish bred Rounders was third by two lengths. Georgia Drum was second choice to Pensive in the betting and paid 8.60, 4.40 and 3.40. Equifox paid 7 and 4.20 while Rounders was worth 5-even to show.

George Wolf rode the winner and steered him over the mile and a furlong in 01:49.4. Rounders threatened Georgia Drum's lead at the half, but they hit the stretch with the winner in firm command and Equifox far back. Equifox, however, started to move and almost caught the victor at the finish.

Pensive failed to make his expected stretch drive with F. A. Smith, a Cuban jockey, in the saddle.

**Republican Wins**  
BOSTON—Regardless of political beliefs, the best bet for horseplayers at Suffolk Downs was Republican in the second race. The three-year-old stepped the three-quarters of a mile in 01:14.2 and rewarded backers at the rate of 11 bucks for two.

## Chicago Climbs Out Of Cellar By Battering Braves Twice

NEW YORK, July 5—The St. Louis Browns split a doubleheader with the Philadelphia Athletics to retain their game and one-half lead over the Boston Red Sox in the torrid American League pennant chase. The Browns blanked the A's in the opener, 4-0, on the eight-hit hurling of Sid Jakucki, who has allowed only one run in the last 37 innings he has hurled. The A's unleashed a 12-hit attack against three St. Louis hurlers to win the finale, 8-3.

**TIGERS, 4-4; BOSOX, 3-7**  
Bobby Doerr's home run with the bases loaded gave the Boston Red Sox an even split with the Tigers in their holiday double bill. The Bengals squeezed through the first game for a 4-3 triumph, and seemed headed for victory in the nightcap when Doerr came through with his round trip smash to give the Bostonians a 7-4 decision. Hal Newhouser won his 12th victory in the opener.

**NATS, 2-2; CHISOX, 0-3**  
Washington gave Johnny Niggling two runs in the first inning of the opening game and Niggling responded by stopping the White Sox with four hits, winning, 2-0. Gordon Maltzberger relieved Ed Lopat in the seventh inning of the

second game and won his ninth relief victory as he outthrew Early Wynn during his short stint on the mound. Leroy Shalk drove in the winning run to give the Sox a 3-2 decision.

**TRIBE, 3-7; YANKS, 1-2**  
New York lost a doubleheader, 3-1 and 7-2, to the Cleveland Indians before the largest holiday crowd of the day. Over 40,000 fans turned out to see the world champs in action and the Yanks obliged by turning in two more luke-warm performances. The Indians grabbed the first game, 3-1, and took the nightcap handily, 7-2, as the Yanks failed miserably at the plate with men on bases. The Yanks left 14 men stranded in the finale and only homer by Nick Etten and Hershel Martin kept them from being blanked.

**CARDS, 6-9; GIANTS, 2-1**  
The St. Louis Cardinals stretched their league lead to ten and one-half games yesterday, defeating the Giants twice, 6-2 and 9-1, while the Pirates were splitting a twin bill with the Phils. Mort Cooper won his seventh straight and his ninth of the season in the opener, letting the Giants down with a pair of runs and singling home the winning marker in the fifth. A balk in the eighth let in the only Giant run and spoiled Harry Breechen's shutout victory in the nightcap.

**CUBS, 7-4; BRAVES, 1-2**  
The Chicago Cubs battered their way out of the cellar for the first time since the first week of the season, beating the Braves in a pair of games, 7-1 and 4-2. Bill Fleming and Claude Passeau pitched for the Cubs and they were aided by five hits off the bat of Don Dallessandro which drove in four runs.

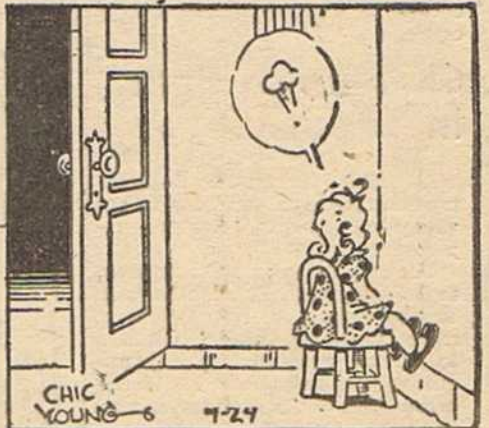
**REDS, 6-2; BUMS, 2-1**  
The Dodgers' losing streak reached eight straight when the Reds beat them, 6-2 and 2-1. Gerald Walker smashed out a home run with the bags loaded to give the Reds the nod in the opener and Harry Gumbert outpitched Ralph Branco and Les Webber in the nightcap.

**PHILS, 3-0; PIRATES, 2-4**  
Charlie Schanz' swell job of relief hurling gave the Phils a 3-2 victory over Rip Sewell and the Pirates in the opener, but Max Butcher kept them at bay in the second game to chalk up a 4-0 victory. Schanz took over for Al Gerhouser with nobody out and the bases loaded in the eighth. He got Frank Coleman out on a short fly and forced Jim Russell to hit into a double play. Gerhouser won his own game with a homer off Sewell in the third.

**75-Dollar Fine**  
COLUMBUS, Ohio — George Trautman, president of the American Association, announced he's fined Ollie Marquardt, manager of the Toledo Mud Hens, 75 dollars for abusive language, pushing umpires, delaying the game and refusing to leave the field in a night game against Milwaukee. Toledo won, 7-6.

## BLONDIE

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## 319th Group Wins Honors

MAAF HEADQUARTERS, July 5—Maj. Gen. John K. Cannon, commander of the U. S. 12th Air Force, yesterday presented a battle streamer representing two Presidential citations to the 319th B-26 Bombardment Group for excellence in bombing attacks on rallyards at Rome and Florence.

The 319th, oldest medium group overseas in the MTO, also received congratulations from Brig. Gen. Robert M. Webster, medium wing commander, at the ceremonies. The unit left the U. S. 22 months ago.

The attack on the Rome yards was carried out on March 3 and the Marauder pilots were credited with perfect bombing in an area where a miss would mean damage to cultural and religious structures. The B-26 pilots knocked out 200 units of rolling stock and snarled trackage. The Florence attack on March 11 was carried out under similar handicaps.

The 319th is commanded by Col. Joseph R. Holzapple, Miniar, Ill., who holds both British and American DFCs and is credited with 75 combat missions. In its nearly 300 missions, the group has shot down 108 enemy fighters and dropped more than 9,000 tons of bombs on targets in the Mediterranean area.

## KOWEL AREA

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river flows southwest of Minsk to Grodno, in northeast Poland, a few miles from the East Prussian border, and thence northward into Germany and toward the Baltic Sea. The Russians already are more than halfway between Minsk and Grodno. This advance threatens to turn northwards through East Prussia toward Koenigsberg, thus cutting off Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

Meanwhile, to the north, the First Baltic Army is smashing up the Dvina valley toward Dvinsk after the fall of isolated Polotsk last night. The Russians rapidly are closing in on the Latvian city, the fall of which would open the road to Riga, Baltic seaport and capital of Latvia. The drive up the Dvina could slash the Baltic sector in half, isolating all German armies in northern Latvia and Esthonia.

## U. S. HEAVIES

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In yesterday's strategic attacks on oil and rail targets at Brasov and Pitesti, Rumania, 14 ME-109s and FW-190s were shot down by bomber gunners and escort pilots. Lightnings on a sweep over Ploesti bagged three JU-88s equipped with mine-detecting apparatus.

TAF attacks on shipping and communications around Pisa featured the day's activity over northern Italy. Spitfires, Kittyhawks and Mustangs gave roads and dumps in and back of the enemy lines a thorough going over.

Fighter-bombers destroyed an 88-foot barge off Sestri Levante, northwest of Leghorn, blasted a large factory near Leghorn and hit railways southeast of the port. A highway bridge near Pontedera was damaged.

Coastal fighters and fighter-bombers worked over enemy transport and communications in Yugoslavia and Albania, destroying barges, locomotives and 74 railway cars.

## Quintuples Born In Turkish Town

ANKARA, Turkey, July 5—Quintuplets were born yesterday in the village of Mardin, Reuter's reported today.

The five, all boys, were reported to be doing well. There have been several reports of quintuplets in recent years but the only children to survive were Canada's Dionne quintuplets, who recently celebrated their tenth birthday and are in excellent health.

## THE MAYOR'S WELCOME



SOMETIMES THE RECEPTION given the Yanks by French natives is enthusiastic, sometimes it is indifferent. But the mayor of the little Normandy town of Colleville-sur-Mer greets the first American soldier of the invasion force to enter the town with a great big hug. (OWI Photo)

## Democrats Turn Attention To Vice Presidential Spot

WASHINGTON, July 5—While Mississippi and Georgia tabulated votes cast in yesterday's primaries, Democratic leaders, assuming that President Roosevelt would accept nomination for a fourth term, today turned to discussion of possible vice presidential candidates.

Both Mississippi and Georgia Democrats went to the polls on Independence Day to select candidates for congressional seats and a host of state offices. In both states, the Democratic nomination is tantamount to election.

The Georgia primary involved a possible test of the right of Negroes to vote in such contests as well as the candidacy of Walter F. George, veteran senator who this time has the blessing of President Roosevelt, for renomination against John W. Goolsby, Washington, Ga., farmer.

The Negro-vote test stemmed from the State Democratic Committee's reaffirmation of its decision to bar Negroes from the polls on the theory that a Supreme Court ruling permitting them to vote in Texas primaries did not apply to a one-party primary.

In the national political scene, Vice President Wallace, now en route home from China, is meeting more unified opposition from Southern Democrats who prefer that Mr. Roosevelt be teamed with some candidate from below the Mason-Dixon line. Among the leaders opposing Mr. Wallace are E. B. Germany, leader of the Texas revolt against renomination of the Roosevelt-Wallace ticket, and Sen. Charles Andrews, (D., Fla.), who said Mr. Wallace's sen-

timents "are not popular with many leading Democrats."

Plans for the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, which will start July 19, were practically completed yesterday with the selection of two women for top speaking spots. The two, first to receive such recognition by the party, are Mrs. Helen Gahagan Douglas, wife of actor Melvyn Douglas and herself a candidate for Congress from California, and Mrs. Gladys Tillet, head of the women's division of the National Committee.

Activity in the Republican fold was at a standstill as Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, party candidate for President, worked away on his congratulatory mail at his Pawling farm. Gov. Dewey intimated that he would carry on a "down on the farm" summer campaign.

## JAPS' GAS

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after 18 days of fighting. More than 20,000 Japanese are bottled up there.

Two other U. S. carrier aircraft and light naval attacks were announced: one on Rota Island, south of Salpan, and another on Truk, the enemy naval base in the Carolines.

In Dutch New Guinea, paratroops reinforced U. S. troops who landed Sunday on Neomfoor Island in Geelvink Bay. U. S. forces now hold a strong defense perimeter around captured Kamiri airdrome and are driving toward the island's other two airstrips.

## Japs Feel Nazis Ain't Doin' Good

WASHINGTON, July 5—Under the stress of adversity the bonds which hold together the ring-leaders of the Axis band appear to be wearing thin. The official Japanese news agency, Domei, last night delivered a stinging criticism against the German army for not being able to prevent the Allied armies from securing beachheads in Normandy.

"The beachheads should have been smashed before the enemy could gain footholds," said Domei, adding that Germany was unable to prevent the landings because of "her way of operations."

## Fuehrer, You're Quite A Case

LONDON, July 5—Adolf Hitler gave his armament chiefs a pep talk yesterday. He told them that everything would turn out fine, only they had to make up the deficiencies caused by Allied bombings, and above all, they had to stick with Adolf.

"This war must not be judged by day to day developments," the Fuehrer said. "A temporary success or reverse can have no decisive significance. In this greatest of all fateful struggles of the German nation each and everyone has only one duty: to fight and work for victory without respite."

Hitler heaped praise on Hitler when he lauded the leadership which spurred Germany on to "great victories" (elastic and disengaging) during the past four years. "Can anybody really believe that the leadership which Germany has had the good fortune to have can now fall?" Hitler asked. "Emphatically no," Hitler answered.

The German dictator had only one threat against the Allies. He said that Nazi inventive genius would soon restore "technical equilibrium" in order to turn the "wheel of war" a full circle.

## PATRIOTS

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tween French forces of the interior and regular German troops are raging again in southeast France and the Nazis have suffered 1,000 casualties, New York Herald Tribune correspondent Sonia Tomara reported.

POLAND: Patriot forces derailed 60 trains, wrecked 25 locomotives and destroyed 150 trucks loaded with war material, underground sources announced.

GREECE: Greek sources reported that a wave of defeatism has swept German occupation troops. Inadequate rations and Allied victories were believed to be responsible.

NORWAY: Nine Norwegians were condemned to death for pro-Allied activity, the German News Agency admitted. The sentence indicated another renewal of patriot resistance.

BELGIUM: The Belgium radio reported patriots have disrupted communication lines running through Belgium to France and the Normandy battlefield. Further cooperation with the Supreme Allied Command was promised.

## U. S. Forces In La Haye

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major role in the intensified battle for Normandy tonight. In one operation, Marauders gave the doughboys a lift by blasting two German bridges over the Orne River south of Caen. The 2nd Tactical Airforce was active everywhere along the front and was expected to chalk up a record of sorties before the day ended.

Lancasters ranged over Paris and Orleans while U. S. heavies pounded flying bomb launching points in the Pas de Calais area as well as Belgium and Holland. Last night Bomber Command heavies also hit the Pas de Calais area.

In other night operations, Mosquitos bombed synthetic oil plants in the Ruhr and laid mines in enemy waters. Thirteen Allied planes failed to return from night operations.

Meanwhile, it was announced that General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander, has returned to his headquarters after five days in Normandy. He held numerous conferences with Allied commanders there and even flew behind enemy lines on a fighter sweep to get a first hand picture of the battlefield.

The veil of secrecy was lifted from an important pre-invasion operation today. The RAF disclosed that mine-laying Mosquitos blocked the Kiel Canal shortly before the invasion, holding up 1,000,000 tons of German overseas traffic and 500,000 tons of coastwise traffic. The canal closed down for seven days, opened on a limited scale for three days and then shut down again for another three days of mine-clearing.

## LEGHORN STAND

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San Savino and then pushed north.

The enemy is putting up a grim but apparently losing battle for Umbertide, which lies northeast of Lake Trasimeno. This town, a link in the German secondary road system, was being threatened by British columns advancing from the south and southwest. The drive on Gubbio, still farther east, was meeting heavy opposition just south of the city.

In the Appennines, the krauts are avoiding serious engagements although some rearguards are putting up a fight when necessary. Other groups left behind to delay the advance were described as sometimes more eager to be captured than to continue fighting.

The mountain town of Cerreto, five miles north of Matrica, has been taken by 8th Army troops who picked their way through heavy defensive minefields. Cerreto is only nine miles below Fabriano, junction on the Perugia-Ancona railway.

## Pay Day

LONDON, July 5 — American troops had their first pay day in France today and thousands of newly-printed French francs were handed out. There was nothing to buy, however, since most of the liberated towns were "off limits" in order to give the French a chance to put their battered homes in order and to prevent Americans from buying up meager supplies.

## LI'L ABNER

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