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Reds Seize Vilna Rail Station, Airdrome

Seek to Smash 7 Caen Panzer Divisions

Clear Path Into Plains Of Lithuania

Saipan Battle Ends in Total Defeat of Japs

Yanks Mop Up After All Organized Resistance Comes to End

The battle for Saipan, stepping-stone to Japan and the Philippines, is over, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced in Pearl Harbor yesterday.

Nimitz' communique disclosed that organized enemy resistance ended Sunday—24 days after the Americans landed, and that only mopping-up remained. Saipan, most important of the islands in the Marianas group, and 1,200 miles southeast of Yokohama, is the nearest base to the Jap mainland to come under Allied control.

Guam, Truk Bombed

Meantime, American carrier planes struck at Guam, while bombers hit Truk. Tokyo Radio reported that Guam also was shelled by U.S. cruisers.

A Tokyo message quoted by Berlin Radio announced the appointment of a former governor, Kenichi Kummagai, as commissar of civil air defense, "to try and protect Japan" against further raids by U.S. Super-Fortresses.

"His task is to make use of experience gained in the American raids of June 16 and July 8," Berlin said. "Still heavier raids are expected."

The War Today

France—British and Canadians take two towns as they start new offensive aimed at smashing bulk of seven German panzer divisions in flat tank country south of Caen. . . . Americans capture three towns south of Carentan and throw back strong German counter-attacks south of La Haye. . . . Capture of Caen is compared to victory at El Alamein. . . . Some Germans still holding out in suburb.

Russia—Germans admit Vilna "completely cut off" by Russians, but bitter house-to-house fighting continues, with Red Army holding railroad station and airdrome and Nazis driven back to center of city. . . . Red Army on Latvian border 35 miles east of Dvinsk and 22 miles inside pre-1939 Lithuanian line as advance continues, narrowing Nazi-held corridor between front line and Baltic to 120 miles.

Air—Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt fighter-bombers, attacking only four miles in advance of American troops, strike supply dump at Lessay, German trenches and rail and highway bridges. . . . Lancasters bomb unidentified military target in northern France.

Pacific—Organized Jap resistance on Saipan ends, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reports. . . . U.S. carrier planes smash at Guam, while bombers hit Truk. . . . Japs claim Guam also shelled by cruisers. . . . Tokyo fears heavier raids by U.S. Super-Fortresses.

Italy—Volterra, 26 miles southeast of Leghorn, falls to Fifth Army. . . . Eighth Army repels counter-attacks southwest of Arezzo. . . . Moscow radio quotes rumors that Hitler will oust Marshal Kesselring.

Asia—Chinese troops reach city wall of Tengchung, key objective in drive toward Burma. . . . Americans and Chinese withstand Jap attacks in Myitkyina. . . . Enemy resistance ends at Ukhrul, on Burma-India border.

Allies Strike Southeast of Seized Port

Move Near to Orne River And Flat Land Beyond; Americans Advance

Allied forces captured five more towns along the Normandy battle-front yesterday, and British and Canadian troops began a new offensive aimed toward smashing the bulk of seven German panzer divisions concentrated south of Caen.

Striking eastward from the Odon River on a front three miles wide, British and Canadian troops captured Eterville, three miles southwest of Caen, and advanced to less than one-half mile from the Orne River, which flows south from Caen. This advance was described at SHAEF as "of real and immediate significance," since a bridgehead across the Orne could be the basis for a great tank offensive to smash Rommel's panzer strength and blast open a road eastward to the French interior.

American troops, pushing ahead through rain and fog that reduced visibility to a few hundred yards in their three-pronged drive toward Lessay, Periers and St. Lo, captured Cavigny, 5 1/2 miles north of St. Lo; Le Desert, seven miles north of St. Lo, and Sainteny, about five miles northeast of Periers.

Carpiguet Airfield Taken

British troops also took Bretteville-sur-Odon, about two miles southwest of Caen, and the Canadians captured Carpiquet airfield, three miles west of Caen.

At Caen, the main weight of Montgomery's attack was concentrated toward the southeast, where a tank-fighting corridor of flat terrain—between ten to 12 miles wide and 17 miles long—stretches to Falaise. The breakthrough to capture Caen, on the threshold of tank country leading toward Paris, caused a high British officer to compare

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EFM Cables Ban Is Ended

Lifting of the ban on Expeditionary Force Messages was announced yesterday by ETOUSA headquarters. The service will be resumed today.

EFM cables, sent at reduced prices, consist of numbers, which when decoded at the other end of the wire are translated into such form messages as "Happy Birthday," "Arrived Safely," etc.

Suspension of the service May 9 was assumed to be a pre-D-Day security measure.

Halifax Becomes an Earl

Viscount Halifax, British ambassador to the U.S., has been granted the title of the Earl of Halifax, it was announced last night.

Eisenhower Hopeful Science Will Find Answer to the Robots

Gen. Eisenhower, in an interview yesterday on the Germans' robot bomb, which he described as a damnable thing, expressed the belief that Allied scientists now studying the weapon might develop more effective measures against it than are now being used.

The Supreme Allied Commander declined to minimize the seriousness of the bombs, especially in their use against large crowded areas. He added, however, that unless developed markedly beyond their present stage the robot bombs were not very effective militarily and represented little more to the enemy than a cheap air force.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed in the U.S. by Maj. Gen. Bennett Meyers, of Materiel Command, that a complete duplicate of the German robot-bomb launching installations had been built in Florida from captured enemy plans and that an American radio-controlled robot bomb could be launched from it.

Nazi Pow Wow Is Broken Up By a Yank Heckler in a Tank

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

IN THE CARENTAN SECTOR, France—A sergeant with an American tank unit fighting as infantry support in this sector was an uninvited guest at a German meeting, and before his departure he disrupted the speech-making, destroyed an enemy tank and killed or wounded 75 of his astonished hosts.

The "gate-crasher" was Sgt. John C. Abrams, of Brownsville, N.Y., whose tank happened upon a company of Germans gathered around a Mark VI panzer listening to a speech. Abrams demolished the enemy tank with his first cannon shot, and then with machine-gun fire and high-explosive shells inflicted many casualties.

A tank officer of the same unit, 2/Lt. Albert J. Gable, of Chicago, directed his tank team through a day-long battle despite the loss of a finger before going into action. The finger was caught in a hatch door as he went into the line. Refusing aid, Gable wrapped his hand as best he could and proceeded to shoot up hedge-rows, machine-gun nests and other German emplacements.

Another tanker, Sgt. Morrow S. Apgar, of Loveland, O., rescued a wounded infantryman who was pinned down by

machine-gun fire in an open field, driving over him, then pulling him up into the tank through the escape door on the bottom.

Another tank commander in this unit, Sgt. Anton E. Konieczny, of Wausau, Wis., rescued his injured driver from the vehicle after it had been disabled in battle. During the day, Anton had accounted for at least one German pillbox and had shot up an ammunition dump, anti-tank mines and numerous German gunners' nests. His tank was still under intensive fire when he pulled his wounded driver out and dragged him to safety.

S/Sgt. Thomas K. Rutledge, of Cerro-gordo, Ill., spotted a MIV sneaking around a hedgerow to outflank his organization. With his first shot, Rutledge wiped out the German tank and its crew.

Throughout the fighting, infantry and tanks worked almost as one. Pfc William Jeffries, of Abilene, Kan., an infantryman, went to get help in wiping out a particularly bothersome German machine-gun nest. He dashed up to an American tank and banged on the side. The commander "unbuttoned," took Jeffries aboard to direct him, then wiped out the machine-gun nest.

Caen Is Dolled Up In Its Sunday Best To Welcome Allies

By Doon Campbell

Reuter War Correspondent

CAEN, July 10—The people of Caen dressed in their best and most colorful Sunday clothes and gathered in thousands to see the flag of liberation hoisted from a lamppost outside the town hall today.

British colonels and brigadiers stepped out of their cars and shook hands with high-ranking French officers and with the dirty begrimed leaders of Caen.

A mortar bomb screamed across the square. Six German aircraft right overhead tried every evasive trick to dodge the intense Allied anti-aircraft fire.

The enemy was 100 yards away as Caen rejoiced in her freedom and hung out the flags of liberation.

Like the cathedral, the Palais de Justice bears no physical scar. It stands solid and defiant and challenging.

But there is much ruin and devastation. It is worse than the East End of London. It is like parts of Naples—huge gaps torn in high multi-story tenements, shattered roofs, broken windows.

But the people stood behind the glassless windows. They cheered and waved excitedly. They cried words of welcome. It was the greatest moment of their lives.

June a Disastrous Month For Subs, Allies Report

WASHINGTON, July 10 (AP)—For every United Nations merchant ship sunk by German submarines in June, "several times as many U-boats were sent to the bottom," President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill disclosed in a joint monthly report.

P47s Hit Nazis To Aid Infantry

Striking four miles in front of advancing American troops in France, Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt fighter-bombers yesterday battered supply dump at Lessay and strafed German trenches and fox-holes to the west of the front-line town. Weather curtailed other Allied aerial operations.

The P47s also dive-bombed fixed gun positions between Periers and Lessay and hit rail and highway bridges in the St. Lo area. One plane was lost.

Preceding the U.S. assault was a Lancaster attack early in the morning on a target identified only as a military objective in northern France.

Vets to Get Aid In Businesses

WASHINGTON, July 10—The Government is taking all possible steps to insure the success of small businesses started by returning Army veterans with guaranteed federal loans, Quincy Adams, small-loans chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, said today.

Predicting that as many as 3,000,000 veterans may go into business on their own after the war, he said the Commerce Department, at the Army's request, was preparing a series of books on how to operate 20 different types of small enterprise.

Cigarette Thrower Sought in Fire Probe

HARTFORD, Conn., July 10—State police are on the hunt for an unidentified man who was heard to accuse another of throwing a lighted cigarette just before fire broke out in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus last Thursday.

Daniel McAuliffe, Hartford detective who was at the circus, told a group investigating the fire that he heard a man near him shout "that dirty" tossed a cigarette" and then the fire began. The accuser is wanted for questioning.

Talks With FDR Over, DeGaulle Quits Capital

WASHINGTON, July 10—Gen. Charles deGaulle, who has been conferring here with President Roosevelt, said before his departure today that he believed he and Mr. Roosevelt had attained the principal object of his visit—"frank and objective talks on grave questions of common interest to the U.S. and France during and after the war."

He added that he intended to move his capital from Algiers to liberated French territory as soon as possible.

Russians Driving Ahead On Front of 500 Miles; Reach Latvia Line

A Berlin military spokesman, in a bald announcement that seemed to doom the Vilna garrisons under orders to fight "to the last man," admitted yesterday that the Soviet-Lithuanian rail junction, a key hinge in Hitler's Baltic defense line, had been "completely cut off" by the Russians.

The enemy admitted the German garrison had been forced back to the center of the city in heavy house-to-house fighting, and the Russians claimed to have taken the railway station, key to the Nazis' principal Baltic supply line running out of Warsaw, and also Vilna airdrome.

Thus the Russians had virtually neutralized the last Nazi bastion standing before the Lithuanian plains and narrowed the enemy's land corridor between the advancing Red Army and the Baltic to 120 miles.

Advance on 500-Mile Front

Behind the overpowering might of its tanks, the Red Army drove forward all along the 500-mile front from above Dvinsk to below the Pripet marshes east of Lwow.

In the extreme north, opposite Dvinsk, Baltic troops under Gen. Ivan Bagramyan reached the pre-1939 Latvian frontier for the first time by capture of the town

Stalin Cites His Son

MOSCOW, July 10 (AP)—Col. Vassily Stalin, 24-year-old son of the Marshal, led a fighter force which cooperated in mass raids on Lida before that city fell, Pravda disclosed today, a few hours after the Soviet supreme commander cited his son in an order announcing the city's capture.

of Druja on the southern bank of the Dvina River, 35 miles east of Dvinsk.

Other units of Bagramyan's army, by advancing 20 miles in 24 hours, reached Braslav, 25 miles southeast of Dvinsk and within 19 miles of the Dvinsk-Riga railroad. More than 1,000 Nazis were wiped out in street fighting preceding the capture, a Moscow communique said.

This was apparently the Russians' closest approach to Dvinsk itself, the Dvina River port commanding the valley leading down through Latvia to the Baltic at Riga.

At the same time, the Red Army drove 22 miles inside pre-1939 Lithuania and yesterday was fighting at Utema, 43 miles southwest of Dvinsk, on the Kaunas-Dvinsk road. The gain marked a 25-mile advance over last reported positions in this sector.

Farther south, the Russians were reported 25 miles beyond captured Baranovich. Pravda told of fierce fighting in this sector where the immediate goals, though 50 to 100 miles away, were Grodno, Bialysock and Brest-Litovsk, (Continued on page 2)

Volterra Falls To Fifth Army

Fifth Army troops inland drove on four miles yesterday after capturing Volterra, 26 miles southeast of the port of Leghorn. Other Allied forces on the coast were but ten miles from Leghorn.

Forced Nazi evacuation of Volterra was described officially as a blow to enemy hopes of holding the Allied drive northward.

Meanwhile, reports that Marshal Kesselring, German commander in Italy, would be ousted by Hitler were aired by Moscow Radio, which quoted rumors current in Fascist circles in Verona.

Tightening the ring around Arezzo, road and rail junction 37 miles southeast of Florence, Eighth Army troops repelled two counter-attacks southwest of the town, while other Allied forces menacing it advanced eight miles from Umbertide, about 25 miles southeast of Arezzo.

Former Archbishop Dies

ROME, July 10 (AP)—Dr. Edward J. Hanna, retired Archbishop of San Francisco, has died. He has been living in Rome since his retirement.

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Red Tidal Wave

SWIRLING forward like the Mississippi at high tide the Red Army flood of troops, tanks and artillery advances on a 400-mile front toward East Prussia.

Streaming into Vilna, vital link to Hitler's Baltic troops, columns of tanks have shattered Nazi strong points to dust. This fierce attack, coupled with the renewed onslaught northward near Dvinsk, is apparently designed to force a wedge through Lithuania to the Baltic Sea.

Southward, 45 miles beyond Minsk, the Soviet tidal wave has overflowed Lida, important railway junction, and farther south, at Kovell, the Russians have broken through the Nazi lines "with countless tanks" for what appears to be the main thrust toward Warsaw.

Highlight of the advance is the achievement at Vilna, on the great railway artery from Leningrad to Berlin—and direct route of escape from the Baltic States for some 30 or 40 divisions now facing a trap with their backs to the Baltic Sea. This victory, according to one reporter, is the biggest strategic defeat for the Germans on the Russian front this year.

With the hot breath of the Russian Bear on their necks the retreating Nazis have little to look forward to in the way of fixed defenses, even at the German frontier. Men are said to be working in thousands to throw up emplacements, but the Red flood is moving faster than they can build them.

With the Red Army preparing to rid the last Russian strip of the enemy and the troops in Normandy celebrating double victories, the Allied squeeze play is seen to be having its effect.

Not Good For Morale

AS tension mounts over the Allied advance and word comes of continued encirclement of components of the German armies, it should prove interesting to observe the dwindling spirit of the Nazis as their positions grow more hopeless.

A case in point is the disgruntled attitude of the Cherbourg prisoners who spoke ruefully of the "promised help that did not arrive." The same attitude is bound to be growing among the Germans encircled in Russia and those in distant garrisons such as Greece and Yugoslavia. Such Nazis must be feeling cut off and forgotten, wondering what their ultimate fate will be when the great combined Allied advance on Festung Europa is concluded.

Down in the Balkans the overwhelming superior power of the Allied air forces, operating from Italy and North Africa, is regularly attacking important communication centers, which undoubtedly is having serious effect on the Nazis' spirits. Besides, the prospects for their escape have become increasingly less with Germany now having to concentrate on problems nearer at home.

Thus with no hope of reinforcements, air or ground, the Nazis in many exposed outposts know that for them the "moon is down," and when the time comes it is surrender or die. Such a bleak outlook certainly is not good for German morale and it is bound to have its effect in helping hasten the enemy's unconditional surrender.

Combat Uniform

GIS in Italy got their first look at the new American combat uniform on a combat patrol that had returned from the battle lines.

They found that the new outfit included a dark green water-repellant pair of trousers with large pockets on each leg; a paratrooper style half-length jacket with a drawstring instead of a belt, four pockets, two high and two low, and buttons on an inside flap to prevent their catching on objects while crawling. The material is cotton, known as five harness sateen. The whole thing is worn over regular woolen trousers and shirt, and in very cold weather a pile fabric underjacket is added for warmth.

New boots, which are merely the same old GI brogans with an added six-inch leather top, replace leggings.

The new American combat uniform is already in use in parts of Burma, Alaska, the Southwest Pacific, Greenland and the ETO but still hasn't been produced in sufficient quantities to supply the whole Army in spy theater.

Hash Marks

There's the one about a WAC who, commenting on a GI Joe in discussion, said: "Oh, he's all right, but he has criminal tendencies."

And the GI whose wife sent him six pairs of socks two sizes too big a couple-three months ago... is now complaining that his toes just naturally fold upwards.

New rubber substitute made from



soy-beans. At last... edible overshoes!

And Vaughan Dryden writes: I cannot think that all is well About the way we English spell; Or else we should not go to Greenwich To get a dish of wholesome spinach.

Meanest guy in Normandy: the GI who gave the "bon-bon kids" his Halazone tablets.

The "Illiterate Braintrust" of an Engineer Battalion in France after reading about this war's unknown soldier... wrote and asked us who he is!

There are too many GIs in the ETO... the latest is George Isaac, who says his initials could have come along with his dog-tags "GI."

Pfc Edward James Patrick Murphy, poet laureate of a Signal Company, sends in the following:

"If you're ever in a pub, And you hear a doodle-bug, Don't run off and leave your mug— Take it with you."

Revivals Department: "What's buzzin' cousin?"

Our Berlin correspondent claims that the Jerry kids are now practicing how to say: "Haben sie Yankee chewing gum, chum?"

At a local movie the other night, Bing Crosby was singing "Silent Night"... just as he was about halfway through the operator flashed on the screen the following message: "An Alert has just been sounded."

This aint funny: here's orchids to all you guys who've been writing in about your swell outfits... engineers,



medics, ordnance, artillery, infantry, port battalions, truck companies, &c., &c. Wish we could give credit to all of you by giving unit designations and telling just what you've done, but the need for security is not yet passed. Anyway, ole Hash Marks wants to put in its 2 cents worth and just say that all of you are doing a swell job and that as Confucius say "it all come out in wash."

PRIVATE BREGER



'Colonel, you certainly have very pretty flowers.'

An Army Fledgling Tries Its Wings



Here is the Army's new XR5 helicopter, built by the Sikorsky Co. It can take off and land vertically, has a speed of more than 120 miles an hour and can carry more than 1,100 pounds, including pilot and observer

2 AWOLs Miss Outfits but Find Battle

A Doughboy Recalls Epic Trek With a Paratrooper

By Charles W. White

A REPLACEMENT CENTER, England, July 10—In halting monotone, punctuated by boyish chuckles and by the night rain beating on the pyramidal tent, a little Czech from Scranton, Pa., Pfc Johnny Prislupski, told this story—how he and a paratrooper from the 82nd Airborne accounted for a German machine-gun, an .88, a light tank and 27 Germans in an eight-day epic in Normandy.

Johnny had a slight abdominal rupture that pained him, getting worse. The fifth day a sniper shot "went through my gas mask, right in the canister." The paratrooper was severely wounded the last day, and the infantryman had to carry him, piggy-back, over a mile before they could find the medics, who sent them both home. They had been technically AWOL all the time, looking for their outfit near Montebourg.

Move on D-Day

"We went in on D-Day, my outfit, Company B, Fourth Division, and Capt. Graves got wounded the first day," Prislupski said. "The first three days was just fighting, but on the third day I got lost and was looking for the outfit, and the medics. They was going to send me back to the field hospital."

"We was down in a kind of foxhole, and a sniper got sniping at us, and this paratrooper says, 'Let's go get that —, and that's how we got started.' The sniper nearly got them. They were right under his tree."

"He ratched his gun and let an empty shell drop out of the tree—we were right up under the tree before we noticed it. The paratrooper made me crawl along the hedgerow—he knew all about it and

wasn't scared, but I was scared to death. The paratrooper got him, and the rifle dropped down... the sniper was snuggled to a limb there, tied up in a tent for camouflage. This guy cut him out of the tree.

"We knocked out three more snipers along the hedgerows and a machine-gun came next. We did a little parting, there—I was on one side of the hedgerow and he was on the other. Right on the outskirts of Montebourg. We crawled up close as we could and he threw a hand grenade in there. Three killed, one was still kicking, and the paratrooper finished him off with his bayonet. It was almost dark, so we started back and we come to the second battalion of A Division, and we stayed with them overnight—didn't report to anybody, just come in with a gang of boys and stuck with them.

"At daybreak of the fifth day we started back for our outfit, asking different guys, and they would tell us, but still we couldn't find them. That day we did a little fighting with different outfits.

"Sometimes we laughed and joked. The paratrooper was always telling jokes and saying, 'Let's go huntin'!' But most of the time I was scared and my rupture got hurting worse."

The two Yanks were carrying M1s, hand grenades, first-aid equipment. The paratrooper had a bazooka. They slept "some way."

"On the sixth day we started out to find our outfit. Then we got in with the airborne, the 82nd, glider troops. We fought the day out with them, helped them out.

Hunt for Outfit

"Next day we went looking for our outfit some more and we saw a tank and an .88. The tank was coming up the road, to a crossroads. My buddy had the bazooka, and I loaded it for him, and he aimed it and got it right in the turret. It burst out in flames and we heard them screaming in there, so we left, afraid to go up there, afraid of snipers.

"From the crossroads we went out looking for our outfits. Bumped into an .88. We was looking out for snipers and the .88 was shooting down on the men back of us there. This .88 opened up just about 50 to 75 yards away from us. It damn near busted my eardrums.

"We snuck up alongside the hedgerows. When we got right up alongside of them we threw hand grenades in there—we threw four, two apiece. It was just right across the road, and all four rolled in—bup, bup, bup and boom.

"We went up to the hole—four Germans, all dead."

"During all these days and nights,

Fighting Pair KO'd 27 of the Enemy in Their 'Travels'

Johnny said, they drank some cognac to keep going. He wanted to get back.

"The paratrooper wanted to turn the gun around and use it on them, but it was too heavy, we couldn't. So he took some pieces out of it—he knew all about those things, I didn't—and then he threw a grenade down the barrel.

"Then we started back down the road and ran into a major, and he took down our names and said he was going to put us up for a medal.

Paratrooper Leaves Him

"Then the paratrooper left me for awhile. He went on down the road, and he was gone about an hour. Then he came back, and he had some cognac, but he said, 'Well, I guess we don't get that medal.'"

"He said, 'I just found that major down there, dead.'"

The rest is a drifting, confused story of wandering, fighting, groping into Montebourg, where the two men were on the left flank that moved in—until the paratrooper got it.

"Him and I went looking for another sniper after that. That's when he got it. He ran across machine-gun fire. It was along a hedgerow there. They had cross-fire laid out there, they were firing out of a gateway. He got shot three times—in the right leg, through the stomach and in the right shoulder. I run across.

"They saw me go and fired at me going across there, but they didn't even fire at me going back! I gave him first aid, as much as I could—gave him a shot of morphine, and put some dusting powder on the wounds. He was in bad shape. I carried him back across the road, and then I had to carry him to the medics, and they took care of him. They took him back on a stretcher. He was hanging around my neck, I had his leg... about like 20 miles.

"The medics took care of him, and they sent me back to the field hospital. The ninth morning they sent me back to England."

Somebody asked Johnny if he were going back to France.

"Yes, I guess so. I'm proud of my damn infantry. I never thought they would last like that. 'I sure hope that paratrooper gets all right.'"

This Is The Army

AMONG the pinups decorating the office walls of a Ninth AFSC finance unit is one of the Statue of Liberty, whose picture was sent to the GIs at their request by New York's Mayor La Guardia.

The mayor said, in part: "I was very much interested to have your letter designating Miss Liberty as your favorite pin-up girl. I certainly approve your choice. Bathing beauties and movie stars come and go, but Miss Liberty stays with us. I am proud of your good judgment."

When a Douglas transport recently brought 36 WAC telephone operators to the ETO, it effected a reunion between Pvt. Gwendolyn Meeker, of Robinson, Ill., with her son, S/Sgt. Jimmie Meeker, who is serving with an air force unit here.

Notes from the Air Force

2/LT. Rupert M. Tumlin, of Lafayette, Ind., P47 Thunderbolt fighter pilot, scored his first victory over the Luftwaffe recently, downing a Me109 near the Eiffel Tower. "The whole thing took place about 100 feet above the streets of Paris," he related. "At one time, some buildings actually dodged behind. When he broke for the open I knew I had him."

It was his mother's birthday; his brother, Pvt. John Van Noy, a member of an engineering unit, had arrived on the field to visit him—their first meeting in 18 months; and Lt. George H. Van Noy Jr., Thunderbolt fighter pilot from Rochester, N.Y., had completed his first combat mission, destroying a Me109 over France.

Cards Blank Braves Twice; Yankees Cop Twin Bill

Redbirds Rout Boston, 1-0, 9-0; Dodgers Beaten

Pirates Run Brooklyn's Losing String to '13 1/2'; Cubs Take Two

NEW YORK, July 10—The red-hot Cardinals, who apparently are intent on celebrating their National League pennant-clinching at the earliest date in history, expanded their margin to ten and a half games yesterday by fashioning two classy shutouts over the hapless Braves, 1-0 and 9-0.

Mort Cooper, who was overlooked when the squad for tomorrow night's All-Star affair at Pittsburgh was chosen, and Jim Tobin, who wasn't, hooked up in a torrid pitchers' battle in the opener, Cooper emerging with the decision although his mates reached Tobin, the no-hit artist, for a meager four hits. Two of the Cardinal blows, however, were clustered in the sixth inning—Stan Musial's double and Walker Cooper's single—producing the only run of the game and tagging Tobin with his tenth reversal of the year.

When Harry Brecheen whitewashed the Braves in the finale, it was the third straight white-wash administered Boston by the Redbirds. Johnny Hopp

sparked the champions' 13-hit assault on Al Javery, who suffered the defeat, and Armand Cardoni with a single, double and triple. Brecheen shackled the Beantowners with five harmless safeties.

The sadly deflated Dodgers increased their losing string to "13 1/2" in a row by bowing to the Pirates, 10-1, then lagging, 9-7, when the nightcap was interrupted by Pittsburgh's Sunday law at the end of the eighth. The abbreviated game will be completed at a later date, but unless the Bums can collect three runs in their only appearance at the plate their current winless streak will set a new record for the season.

Barrett Leads Assault
Eight hits and as many runs in the first three frames against Ed Head and Rube Melton iced the inaugural for the Bucs as Preacher Roe limited the Bums to seven hits. Johnny Barrett, Vince DiMaggio, Bob Elliott and Pete Coscarat each drove in two runs for the Pirates. Barrett smashed a triple in each game to increase his total in that department to 13, tops in the circuit.

A pair of victories over the Giants, 6-2, 1-0, boosted the Cubs into seventh place ahead of the Braves and within striking distance of the fifth-place Phillies. The Bruins rapped out ten hits off Rookie Andy Hansen, Rube Fischer and Bob Barthelsson in the opener to present Bob Chipman with his eighth win. Dominic Dallesano dro spearheaded the Chicagoans with two singles and two doubles. Hansen was the loser.

Andy Pafko's scratch bingle with the bases loaded in the sixth of the nightcap broke up a mound duel between Claude Passeau and Bill Voiselle, another tough-luck defeat for the New York ace. Passeau checked the Giants with three hits to win.

After losing to Philadelphia Friday and Saturday the Reds bounced back yesterday to dump the Phils twice, 9-5 and 7-5. Cincy spotted the Phillies four runs in the first three innings of the early runs game, knotted the count with four runs in the fourth, then chased Dick Barrett with three more in the fifth. Arnold Carter was the winning pitcher, although Bucky Walters, taking his final workout before the All-Star game, twirled the last two stanzas.

The same pattern in the windup shagged Al Gerheuser in the seventh after the Phils jumped ahead, 5-4. Ed Heusser, replacing Harry Gumbert in the seventh, was the victor, while Ken Raffensberger, the third Philadelphia hillman, absorbed the loss.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.3, or APO 887, U.S. Army. Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131.

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Found RING, coral colored signet 14 karat gold ring, initials J. M. C.—Lt. Albert E. Sabrio.

George McAfee Gets U. of Virginia Post

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., July 10—Ensign George McAfee, former Duke All-American and broken-field speedster of the Chicago Bears, has taken over supervision of the Naval V-12 physical training program at the University of Virginia.

McAfee, who replaces Lt. (jg) Harold Baylous, may assist in coaching the football team if other duties don't conflict. Baylous was recently shipped elsewhere, while McAfee has been stationed at a naval depot.

Segura Pushed To Top Talbert

Pancho Captures Western Net Crown in 3-Hour Battle Despite Injury

NEENAH, Wis., July 10—Pancho Segura, the two-fisted racket swinger from Ecuador, annexed the Western Senior tennis title here yesterday by outlasting Billy Talbert, of Indianapolis, in a gruelling three-hour battle, 3-6, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, 11-9.

The Latin-American ace suffered a strained ankle ligament while losing the first set. After having it taped, Segura returned to the court and blasted Talbert in the next set, but Billy rallied to capture the third. The final set was one of the longest and most keenly contested in the current outdoor season.

Segura's triumph duplicated his mastery over Talbert which began when Pancho sailed through the National Clay Courts event and continued through the National Collegiate and Tri-State tournaments. Talbert hasn't whipped his nemesis this year.

In the women's division, Pauline Betz, of Los Angeles, squared accounts by subduing Dorothy May Bundy, of Santa Monica, Cal., 6-1, 6-2. Miss Bundy previously had conquered Miss Betz in the Clay Courts and Tri-State matches.

Minor League Results

International League

Newark 10, Syracuse 1 (first game)					
Syracuse 9, Newark 3 (second game)					
Baltimore 3, Jersey City 2 (first game)					
Jersey City 9, Baltimore 1 (second game)					
Rochester 2, Buffalo 1 (first game)					
Rochester 3, Buffalo 2 (second game)					
Toronto 4, Montreal 0 (first game)					
Montreal 3, Toronto 1 (second game)					

Eastern League

Wilkes-Barre 6, Utica 5 (first game)					
Wilkes-Barre 5, Utica 4 (second game)					
Binghamton 7, Scranton 3 (first game)					
Binghamton 7, Scranton 4 (second game)					
Williamsport 15, Albany 6 (first game)					
Albany 12, Williamsport 1 (second game)					
Elmira 3, Hartford 1 (first game)					
Hartford 5, Elmira 4 (second game)					

American Association

Toledo 9, Indianapolis 3 (first game)					
Indianapolis 8, Toledo 5 (second game)					
Louisville 8, Columbus 6 (first game)					
Columbus 14, Louisville 3 (second game)					
Milwaukee 5, St. Paul 2 (first game)					
St. Paul 6, Milwaukee 2 (second game)					
Kansas City 6, Minneapolis 1 (first game)					
Minneapolis 14, Kansas City 5 (second game)					

Southern Association

Little Rock 8, Atlanta 6 (first game)					
Little Rock 12, Atlanta 7 (second game)					
Chattanooga 7, Memphis 4 (first game)					
Chattanooga 7, Chattanooga 1 (second game)					
Mobile 5, Mobile 0 (first game)					
Mobile 10, New Orleans 4 (second game)					
Birmingham 2, Nashville 1 (first game)					
Birmingham 6, Nashville 1 (second game)					

Pacific Coast League

Los Angeles 3, Hollywood 2 (first game)					
Los Angeles 7, Hollywood 5 (second game)					
San Francisco 10, Oakland 6 (first game)					
San Francisco 2, San Francisco 1 (second game)					
Seattle 6, Portland 1 (first game)					
Seattle 5, Portland 0 (second game)					
San Diego 10, Sacramento 3 (second game)					
San Diego 5, Sacramento 3 (second game)					

W L Pct.

Montreal	42	34	.553	Toronto	37	42	.468
Jersey City	43	35	.551	Rochester	37	42	.468
Baltimore	40	34	.541	Newark	31	42	.429
Buffalo	41	36	.532	Syracuse	31	42	.429

W L Pct.

Hartford	49	20	.710	Elmira	29	36	.446
Albany	44	26	.629	Wilkes-Barre	31	40	.437
Williamsport	38	29	.567	Binghamton	28	40	.412
Utica	32	38	.457	Scranton	25	47	.347

W L Pct.

Milwaukee	55	25	.688	St. Paul	33	37	.471
Columbus	46	28	.622	Minneapolis	30	44	.405
Louisville	47	31	.603	Kansas City	24	49	.329
Toledo	45	30	.600	Indianapolis	20	56	.263

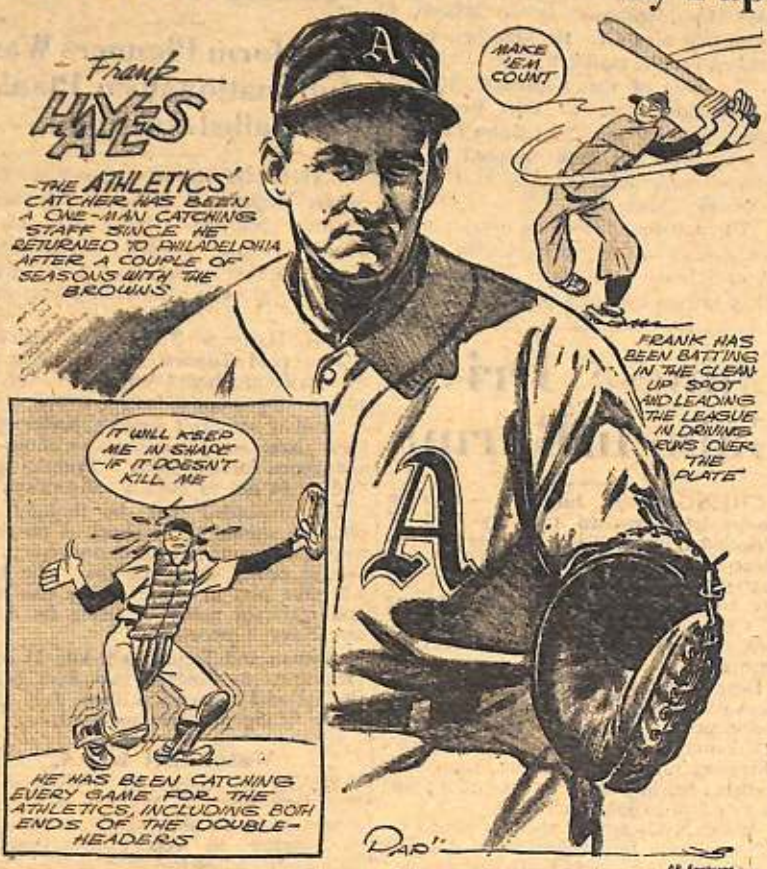
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Birmingham	4	0	1.000	Memphis	2	3	.400
Atlanta	3	2	.600	N. Orleans	2	3	.400
Chattanooga	3	2	.600	Little Rock	2	3	.400
Nashville	2	2	.500	Mobile	1	4	.200

W L Pct.

S. Francisco	49	44	.527	San Diego	49	47	.510
Seattle	48	45	.516	Portland	45	48	.484
Los Angeles	48	45	.516	Hollywood	45	50	.474
Oakland	47	45	.511	Sacramento	42	49	.467

A's Ace



By Pap

Nelson and McSpaden Victors In Golden Valley Links Play

MINNEAPOLIS, July 10—Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden captured the Golden Valley golf crown here yesterday with a three-point margin over Bill Kaiser and Bob Hamilton.

The winners, rivals for big money prizes during the current match play season, teamed perfectly to win the best-ball affair with an average of 63.8 strokes per round over the 126-hole tourney route. Their total of 447 eclipsed par by 34 strokes.

Nelson and McSpaden came out on the short end of only one round and that was in the finale test when they bowed to Harry Cooper and Ellsworth Vines, 1-up, when Vines cupped a 20-footer to get a birdie on the last hole.

Finishing with a plus-13 score, Nelson and McSpaden held a comfortable edge over Kaiser and Hamilton, who completed their activity with plus-10. The surprise team of Les Bolstad and Joe Coria grabbed off third money with a plus-one count.

Nelson and McSpaden divided \$1,600 in War Bonds, while Kaiser and Hamilton shared \$1,200.

Paratroopers Fight Tonight to Decide N. African Rivalry

A PARATROOP STATION, July 10—The rubber match in a boxing series which began during the North African campaign will be unveiled here tomorrow night when a GI ring squad trades leather with a team of British paratroopers.

In their pair of matches on the desert, each squad captured one decision. The headline attraction will pit Pvt. George Silvasy, 155-pound slugger from Philadelphia, against "Ginger" Tootalis, 154-pound British "trooper."

Both boxers are rugged and have broken even in two previous tiffs. In all, there will be nine bouts on the card.

Proceeds of the affair will be donated to a fund established for widows and other dependents of American and British paratroopers killed in action.

Clark Slated for Seattle Post

SEATTLE, July 10—Earl "Dutch" Clark, ex-coach of Portsmouth and Detroit of the National Football League, may lead the Seattle eleven in the newly organized Pacific Coast Football League. Clark is expected to reach an agreement with Mal Davies, Seattle owner, soon.

Bombers Dump Tigers, 4-3, 8-2; Browns Divide

Stop Nats, 10-0, Then Bow, 4-0; Red Sox, Tribe Trade Victories

NEW YORK, July 10—Marse Joe McCarthy's Yankees capitalized on yesterday's wave of double-header standoffs to advance within a game of the second-place Red Sox by humbling the Tigers twice, 4-3 and 8-2. All other clubs in the American League halved their Sabbath assignments.

A two-run pinch-hit single by Russ Derry in the ninth of the first contest exploded a 3-3 deadlock and gave Atley Donald the nod over Walter Beck. Pinky Higgins homered in the first with one man on, George "Snuffy" Stirrweiss was the big noise in the nightcap, clubbing a three-run homer and stealing his 21st base of the season.

Emerson Roser quelled the Tigers with seven hits, while Ruffus Gentry, allowing all New York runs in the first five sessions, was the victim.

After blanking the Senators, 10-0, the Browns suffered a 4-0 setback to match strides with the Sox but lost a full game to the Yankees. Al Shirley was stingy in the opener, yielding singles to only George Myatt and Bobby Ortiz, while the Browns splattered Early Wynn. Milt Byrnes walloped a four-bagger for St. Louis in the second.

In the second game, Dutch Leonard wielded the whitewash brush and Veteran Joe Vosmik, making a comeback with the Griffs, swept the bases clean in the opening frame with a two-bagger. Al Hollingsworth lasted eight innings for the Browns before exiting with the defeat in his custody.

Seery's Circuit Clout Counts

Boston and Cleveland swapped victories, the Indians winning the prelim, 8-2, and the Red Sox capturing the second tilt, 4-2. Pat Seery's two-run homer in the second carried the Tribe out front and they remained there behind the effective pitching of Ed Klieman. Mike Ryba was the loser. When Klieman tired in the ninth and Manager Lou Boudreau called in Joe Heving, Klieman and Boudreau had an argument on the field, the verbal exchange costing Klieman \$100.

Bob Johnson's home run with a runner on base and successive doubles by Joe Bowman and Jimmy Bucher carried the Sox to victory in the nightcap. With his triumph assured, Bowman gave way to Tex Hughson, who took a brief pre-All-Star game workout, in the eighth, while Ray Poat, lasting three innings, was charged with the setback.

An 8-2 verdict in the finale for the Athletics balanced the day's activity after the White Sox carried off the first game, 4-3. Bill Dietrich, although relieved by Gordon Maltzberger in the seventh after being struck on the ankle by a batted ball, was the winner, and Luke Hamlin sustained the loss. Frankie Hayes' tenth home run provided Jess Flores with a lead he never relinquished in the second game. Orval Grove was the losing hurler.

Major League Results

National League

St. Louis 1, Boston 0 (first game)					
St. Louis 9, Boston 0 (second game)					
Pittsburgh 10, Brooklyn 1 (first game)					
Pittsburgh 9, Brooklyn 7 (second game, called end of 8th, Sunday Law, to be completed)					
Chicago 6, New York 2 (first game)					
Chicago 1, New York 0 (second game)					
Cincinnati 9, Philadelphia 5 (first game)					
Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 5 (second game)					

W L Pct.

St. Louis	51	21	.708	Philadelphia	32	41	.438
Pittsburgh	39	30	.565	Brooklyn	33	43	.434
Cincinnati	42	32	.560	Chicago	29	40	.420
New York	37	39	.487	Boston	30	46	.395

Leading Hitters

Mostal, St. Louis	74	284	59	104	.366
Walker, Brooklyn	77	293	41	123	.352
Weintraub, New York	64	209	39	70	.335
Medwick, New York	66	255	41	85	.333
Hopp, St. Louis	61	217	46	70	.323

Home Run Hitters

Ott, New York, 20; Nicholson, Chicago, 15; Kurovski, St. Louis, and Weintraub, New York, 11.					
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Runs Batted In

Kurovski, St. Louis, 51; Ott, New York, Walker, Brooklyn, and Nicholson, Chicago, 50.					
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W L Pct.

Doerr, Boston	78	294	57	100	.340
Fox, Boston	56	228	38	76	.337
Tucker, Chicago	56	223	35	73	.327
Johnson, Boston	68	239	49	76	.318
Siebert, Philadelphia	65	236	28	75	.318

Home Run Hitters

Doerr, Boston, and Hayes, Philadelphia, 10; Cullenbine, Cleveland, and Stephens, St. Louis, Methen, New York, and Johnson, Boston, 9.					
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Runs Batted In

Stephens, St. Louis, 54; Doerr, Boston, 52; Spence, Washington, 46.					
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LIL ABNER

Al Capp

DIE—LIKE TH' RATS YO' IS!!

SASSIETY WILL BE BETTAN OFF FO' TH' RIDDANCE O' SECH DES' PRT CRIMINALS!!

WHAT IS AH DOIN'?

EVERY RED-BLOODED BOY IN AMERICA IS DOIN'—REPEATIN' TH' IMMORTAL WORDS SPOKE BY FEARLESS FOSDICK YESTDY!! HE IS MAH IDEEL!!

WAL-IN YESTDYDY'S STRIP YO' IDEEL

ALSO SAID SOME VERY SWEET WORDS TO A GAL WIF YALLER HAIR, WHY DON'T YO' ACK LIKEWISE?

WAWHAW!! THEM SWEET WORDS DON'T MEAN NOTHIN'

JEST WATCH!—IN-HAIT HAT-TODAY'S STRIP, FEARLESS FOSDICK WILL AWAH IN THE HAIR FACE!

DOO LOOK LIKE A WAWN IN THE HAIR FACE?

W-WHUT HAS COME OVAH YO'?

Found RING, coral colored signet 14 karat gold ring, initials J. M. C.—Lt. Albert E. Sabrio.

NEWS FROM HOME Britain Comes To U.S. Aid in Steel Shortage

10,000 Tons Monthly to Be Shipped to States as Output There Lags

WASHINGTON, July 10—England has agreed to ship 10,000 tons of steel a month to the U.S. to head off an impending critical shortage, William L. Batt, chairman of the Combined Production and Resources Board, announced.

The transaction was arranged at the request of military and war-production officials faced with the threatened curtailment of tank, ship, heavy-truck and artillery manufacturing this fall because of insufficient U.S. steel output, Batt said. Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-president of WPB, said that American steel production had dropped to 94.3 per cent of the industry's capacity. Steel officials attributed the slump to the manpower shortage.

Meanwhile, Leo T. Crowley, foreign economic administrator, disclosed that U.S. shipping had received more than \$66,400,000 worth of repairs, fuel, stores and services from Britain under reverse Lend-Lease.

Major Cashiered, Imprisoned

ATLANTA, Ga., July 10—Maj. Louis Lefkoff, of Atlanta, has been sentenced to a year at hard labor after being convicted by a court-martial of ordering the flogging of nine military prisoners at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., with a rubber hose weighted with 45-caliber bullets. The court also ordered Lefkoff dismissed from the service.

Charmingly Dangerous

LOS ANGELES, July 10—Screen actress Betty Boyd has obtained a divorce from Harold Coulter, California State Guard major, on a testimony that "he has a charming personality, but he is a dangerous man." She told the court that Coulter carried firearms and threatened her life.

U.S. Liner Wrecked

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10 (AP)—The former round-the-world liner President Grant has been lost on a submerged reef in the Pacific with no loss of life. The War Shipping Administration said today that the 13,050-ton vessel grounded only ten miles from its undisclosed destination.

Meat Packers Accused

CINCINNATI, July 10—Three of the nation's largest packing companies—Swift, Wilson and Armour—have been accused of violating OPA regulations. They were charged with forcing dealers to buy quantities of cheaper meat cuts to obtain choice cuts.

Swan Song

BATON ROUGE, La., July 10—Jimmie Davis, Louisiana's new governor, sang "It Makes No Difference Now" as the State Legislature concluded its 60-day session. Davis formerly was a cowboy actor in the movies, radio singer and recording artist.

Baptist Leader Dies

DALLAS, Tex., July 10—Dr. George W. Truett, former president of the Baptist World Alliance, died here. He was 77.

Cartoon Contest Opened By Legion News Service

INDIANAPOLIS, July 10—A cartoon contest open to member of the U.S. armed services has been announced by American Legion News Service. The Service will pay \$10 for each drawing used in its weekly news sheet and \$25 to the contest winner.

Deadline for entries is Aug. 31, 1944. Cartoons should be sent to the Cartoon Contest Editor, American Legion News Service, 777 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

Radio Highlights

AFN in the United Kingdom—1000 hours-2300 hours
On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420kc. 1447 kc.
218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Tuesday, July 11

- 1000—Victory Parade—Jan. Garber Orchestra.*
- 1015—Personal Album—Anita Ellis.*
- 1100—Morning After—Command Performance.*
- 1130—Duffie Bag.*
- 1145—John Charles Thomas.*
- 1345—Harry James Orchestra.*
- 1400—Visiting Hour—Canadian Navy Concert.
- 1545—On the Record.*
- 1630—Ray McKinley Orchestra.*
- 1700—Grand Old Opry.*
- 1725—Saludos Amigos.*
- 1755—American Sports Roundup.*
- 1805—GI Supper Club.*
- 1905—GI Journal.*
- 2000—Home News from the U.S.A.*
- 2005—Burns and Allen.*
- 2015—Waltz Time—Abe Lyman Orchestra.*
- 2105—Report on the Western Front.*
- 2115—Jubilee.*
- 2145—Fred Warne's Pennsylvanians.*
- 2200—Ten O'Clock Special.*

AEF on the Continent—0555 hours-2300 hours
On Your Dial
1050kc. 285m.

- 0600—Rise and Shine.
- 0815—Starlight.
- 0870—Music in the Modern Manner.
- 0900—News Program Summary, Baseball Scores at Dictation Speed.
- 1030—Music While You Work.*
- 1245—Navy Mixture.
- 1400—Variety Band Box.
- 1815—Saludos Amigos.
- 2000—Burns and Allen.
- 2200—Burns and Allen.

*Indicates Programs Heard on Both Networks.

'Ike' Just a GI Looking For Mail, Says Mrs. Ike

FORT BENNING, Ga., July 10 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower's morale, says Mrs. Eisenhower, is "no different from that of a GI. He keeps his ear cocked for the mail call, too."

The wife of the Supreme Allied Commander came to Fort Benning today with her son, 2/Lt. John Eisenhower, who has been assigned to a special basic officers' course at this infantry school.

The war-time life of an army wife, she said, was "very disconcerting. It is no different for the wife of a general than for the wife of a private."

Chinese Drive, Gains In Burma

CHUNGKING, July 10—Chinese troops have reached the city wall of Tengchung, main objective of the Salween River drive toward Burma, Allied headquarters disclosed today. Fall of the city would greatly facilitate the linking of Chinese forces in Yunnan with Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's forces in Burma.

Despite renewed Jap efforts to push them back, Chinese and American troops continued to maintain a tight hold on Myitkyina, in north Burma. In Burma's Mogaung valley two Chinese forces were reported fighting less than ten miles apart in an effort to join each other.

Allied headquarters also revealed that all organized Jap resistance at Ukhrul, supply base on the India-Burma border, had ceased and that seven villages and defense positions around the city had been cleared of the enemy.

Argue Control Of World Fund

BRETTON WOODS, N.H., July 10 (Reuter)—Heated discussion has arisen among delegates to the international monetary conference regarding representation on the executive committee of the proposed international stabilization fund, the official conference spokesman said today.

Describing the proposed setup of the executive committee, which would govern use of the fund, the spokesman disclosed that the nations with the largest monetary stake in the fund—the U.S., the United Kingdom, Russia, China and France—would have one representative each.

Each would vote with the total voting strength of his country, he said. The U.S. representative, for example, would have the largest single voting power because the U.S. would make the largest contribution to the fund.

Tunnel Opened in Mine, But 66 Are Feared Dead

BELLAIRES, Ohio, July 10—Drillers late yesterday broke into a tunnel where 66 coal miners were imprisoned 400 feet underground by fire last Wednesday, but hope of finding any of the men alive virtually vanished when only echoes answered calls sent down a nine-inch vent by a surface amplifier.

A smaller three-inch drill about 1,000 feet away continued to punch toward another spot where it was hoped the trapped men had erected barricades against smoke fumes.

RAF Coastal Command Lauded by Eisenhower

Gen. Eisenhower has expressed personal appreciation to RAF Coastal Command for its "enthusiastic and efficient cooperation" in France, in a message sent to Air Chief Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas.

"So far as is possible," Eisenhower said, "I should like all those serving under you to know that the Allied Expeditionary Force feels towards them a debt of real gratitude."

Miller Is Given Command Of Naval Air Base in U.K.

A U.S. NAVAL AIR BASE, Britain, July 10—Comdr. George D. Miller, USNR, of Jacksonville, Fla., who served as a naval aviator in France in World War I, has assumed command of this base, from which planes operate on anti-submarine patrol.

Miller, formerly operations officer here, succeeded Lt. Cmdr. Henry W. King, of Chicago, who has been acting commander.

Democrats Ask Foreign-Policy Stand Be Firm

2 Platform Planners Want Internationalism Plank Nailed In Tight

WASHINGTON, July 10 (ANS)—Two of the Democratic National convention platform planners called today for a strong, plainly worded foreign-policy plank to let the world know America will take a hand in international affairs after the war.

Sens. Harry S. Truman of Missouri and James M. Tunnell of Delaware agreed, the platform should emphasize foreign affairs rather than domestic issues.

"And if we can't write a better platform than the Republicans, without an ambiguous foreign plank," Truman said, "we ought not to hold a convention."

Truman added that he thought the platform should be as short as possible, with a mere one-page pronouncement on foreign policy specifying that "the U.S. will take part in world affairs this time and maintain peace by using its Army and Navy if necessary."

Truman and Tunnell will join 21 other Democrats in Chicago two days before the national convention opens July 19 to begin sifting platform material.

Wallace Back in U.S.

SEATTLE, July 10 (ANS)—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, back from a visit to China and Siberia, went on to Washington to report to President Roosevelt on his trip.

Boost O'Mahoney

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 10 (ANS)—State Democratic National Committeeman Tracey S. McCracken said today Wyoming delegates to the Democratic National Convention would propose Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney for vice-president.

Fliers in France Are Decorated

A NINTH AIR FORCE ADVANCED HQ, France, July 10—Sixteen fighter pilots were awarded 15 DFCs and one Silver Star by Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, Ninth Air Force commander, here recently.

Recipients of the DFC were: Lt. Col. Frank S. Peregó, Canandaigua, N.Y.; Maj. Henry R. Quimby, Kansas City, Mo.; Paul P. Douglas, Paragould, Ark.; John D. W. Haessler, Loud City, Neb.; and Robert J. Brooks, Little Rock, Ark.; Capt. Thomas N. Montag, West Bend, Iowa; Wallace N. Emmer, St. Louis, Mo.; Maurice G. Long, Los Angeles, and Robert E. Goodnight, Twin Falls, Iowa; 1/Lt. William Y. Anderson, Chicago; Carl G. Bickel, Alhambra, Cal.; Charles W. Koenig, Oakland, Cal.; David B. O'Hara, Pittsburgh; Thomas F. Miller, Portland, Ore.; and Robert D. Welden, Lewiston, Mont.

The Silver Star was awarded to Capt. Don M. Beerbower, of Hill City, Minn.

Allies Strike Southeast of Caen To Smash 7 Panzer Divisions

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Caen's fall with the victory at El Alamein, from which Montgomery herded Rommel halfway across North Africa.

The Germans suffered a severe reverse at Caen, SHAEF asserted, although they have not yet met a major defeat in the field. With a major part of two German divisions trapped in northern parts of the city, prisoners in uncounted hundreds streamed into Allied pens yesterday. The 12th SS Panzer Division was reduced to 45 per cent of its strength, a British staff officer estimated.

Hold Suburb Across Orne

German troops which got out of Caen in time still held a big southern suburb, Fauburg de Vaucelles, just across the Orne River. There was no indication yesterday that the British had crossed the river at this point yet, although northeast of the city they have held a narrow bridgehead over the Orne and Caen Canal for weeks.

Caen cannot be used as an Allied port until German lines are cleared well south of the city, SHAEF declared. Docks in Caen were destroyed, but the canal leading from the sea has been in Allied hands since D-Day and is largely intact. Caen, could only be used, for the most part, by 3,000-ton coastal ships coming down through locks from the sea, a naval officer said.

Caen was described in one dispatch as "practically a dead city" when Allied forces first reached the center of it, but later Canadian soldiers found thousands

This Is a Scare Headline



Adolf (right), Benito Goering (left) and the two members of the German general staff look plenty worried about something or other at this war conference. Picture is from a German news reel via Lisbon.

Airfield at Vilna Seized by Reds

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fortresses of the German defense line already threatened at Vilna.

The Red Army further pinched off the German salient jutting into its lines east of Pinsk, reaching a town 22 miles southeast of Pinsk. Forty miles east of Pinsk, the Germans evacuated Luninets, on the railway from Gomel to Brest-Litovsk, German Radio announced last night.

While Russian tactical bombers hammered German artillery positions and troop formations at Vilna, destroying 100 trucks and three military trains in Vilna railroad station, strategic bombers ranged farther afield to raid Bialystok, Grodno and a station on the Vilna-Kaunas line only 20 miles from Kaunas.

The Soviet communique announced that a large force of German paratroops landed in the Vilna area Sunday morning as reinforcements had been wiped out to the last man.

Varga Girls' Right To Mails Reaches Court Back Home

WASHINGTON, July 10—Those Varga girls came back into the news again today as Postmaster General Frank Walker opened a defense in court of his recent order barring Esquire magazine from the second-class mails.

Attorneys for the magazine are seeking an injunction to prevent Walker from enforcing the ban which followed a hearing at which postal solicitors contended that the Varga girl and other material in Esquire was obscene, lascivious and other things that aren't nice.

Three postoffice judges appointed by Walker, who heard the testimony, voted 2 to 1 that Esquire was OK, but Walker issued the ban anyway. Esquire's attorneys are challenging Walker's authority to issue the order against the judges' findings.

Denied Her Girdle By Court, Corset Model's Spirits Sag

NEW YORK, July 10—Edna Dessau, a corset model, isn't much interested in what happens to Dr. Samuel Weintrib, a 52-year-old dentist who shot her in a cafe last New Year's Eve. All she wants is the return of her two-way stretch, pre-war rubber girdle.

Miss Dessau appealed for the girdle in General Sessions Court after Weintrib pleaded guilty to firing at her. The girdle saved her life, although she was hospitalized five months because of the wounds.

Told by Assistant District Attorney Anthony Lieber that she couldn't get her girdle back now, because it could not be released until the case was finally disposed of on July 18, Miss Dessau screamed:

"I don't care about that. I don't care about being shot. I just want my girdle."

The law had the final say, however.

Orphans' Fund Passes £62,000

With a bomb group represented by Chaplain Clarence R. Comfort Jr. sending in £100 to complete the sponsorship of its sixth youngster, The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund last week went up to £62,392 4s. 8d.

Meantime, a strategic-air-depot group, of which Horace L. Fenton is chaplain, joined in sponsoring a fourth child, while Detachment A of a service group sent in money for a third orphan.

Chaplain Richard L. Sturgis' tactical air depot group mailed in £200 for a boy and girl. Other contributions came from the Southern Base Section, an ordnance headquarters and an Army group headquarters.

U.S., Canada Ease Curb On Travelers at Borders

WASHINGTON, July 10—The U.S. and Canada announced in a joint statement the relaxing of travel restrictions between the two countries. No passport, visa or border-crossing card will be needed by Canadian or British subjects entering the U.S. for 29 days or less on business or pleasure, the U.S. announcement said.

Unexploded Grenade Kills Three Germans

WITH THE 29TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE—An unidentified U.S. private killed three German officers with a rifle grenade which failed to explode, according to a story told by Lt. E. C. Hill, of Woodburn, Ore.

The Germans were speeding down the road in a motorcycle and sidecar when the soldier fired on them. In his excitement he forgot to pull the pin in the grenade, which is propelled by a blank cartridge. But his aim was true, and the grenade went through the head of the driver and hit the officer beside him, killing both. The cycle went out of control into a ditch and pitched the third German head-first into a stone wall, killing him also.

The unexploded grenade lodged in a tree and was recovered by the private, who put it back on his rifle and began hunting a new target.