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Reds Drive for Kaunas; 60 Mi. From East Prussia Yanks Threaten to Roll Up Nazi Lines

Lay That Carbine Down, Babe

Watch Your Step, Gents, WACs Are Out Gunning

By Selma Chapmond

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE WACS ON THE RIFLE RANGE, July 11—A group of WACs, which included your correspondent, has completed a workout on the rifle range.

It was the first time since the corps was organized that the girls have gone shooting—and as far as one WAC, at least, is concerned, it's OK if it's the last. But still, in view of some of the operations that go on in the European Theater of Operations, you never know when a gun may come in handy.

We had guns that they call carbines and the instructor said they weren't as accurate as rifles. Maybe it's a good thing they weren't, or some Anglo-American relationships might have been slightly strained while the first WACs were firing.

After that, though, the lieutenant ordered a couple of WACs to climb the 50-foot cliff that enclosed the range and

keep curious British farmers behind the trees.

It started to rain just as my turn came. We were all lying on shelter halves to keep our uniforms dry, and the shelter half was all wet and kind of smelly. But anyway, I pushed the gun stock into a hollow somewhere near my collarbone like they told us to and sighted.

When I closed one eye the target looked twice as far away as it had before with both eyes open. The coach yelled, "Relax! Relax!" and pulled down my feet, which were waving around in the air. Finally I decided I had the sight centered on the bullseye and pulled the trigger. It made a swell bang.

Begrimed and wet, we tallied up the scores after the shooting, and one WAC had 95 out of a possible 100—but one had eight, too, and others were in between.

(Editor's Note: Our Selma modestly omitted to record that she shot 90 herself, and made sharpshooter.)

Soviet Tanks Push Wedge Between Vilna, Dvinsk

Powerful Soviet tank columns drove a deep wedge between Vilna and Dvinsk yesterday, and while Red infantry mopped up encircled Nazis in the center of Vilna, light tanks and cavalry of Gen. Ivan Chernyakhovsky's

White Russian army flowed past the city to within 40 miles of Kaunas, the former Lithuanian capital, itself only 50 miles from East Prussia.

The Red Army flowed westward as relentlessly as a flood across the northern front, narrowing the Nazis' escape corridor from the Baltic states and closing within 60 miles of the East Prussian

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U.S. Recognizes Gaullist Control

WASHINGTON, July 11 (AP)—President Roosevelt announced today that he was accepting the French Committee of National Liberation headed by Gen. Charles de Gaulle as an authority for civil administration in liberated France.

Explaining his new attitude toward the committee at a press conference, Mr. Roosevelt added that there was no change in the U.S. policy of not recognizing de Gaulle's group as a provisional government.

In its capacity of "de facto authority," the committee will be under the general supervision of Gen. Eisenhower, who will have the decision of which town or department will be released from military administration and turned over to De Gaulle's men.

The President used the term de facto authority in describing the committee's role, pending the time when the French people will have the opportunity to choose a government for themselves.

De facto authority simply means that the committee will, in fact, exercise the authority of an administrator, and will be recognized as exercising it, he explained. From the U.S. point of view, however, it will not be a government, diplomatically and politically.

The President said that the agreement with the committee would be reduced to writing in a memorandum which would be based on the draft agreement drawn up in London between the British and the French, covering such questions as currency and civil rule.

Nazi Plan to Invade U.S. From Mexico Unfolded to Senators

WASHINGTON, July 11—Adolf Hitler had a complete plan in 1940 for attacking the U.S. from Mexico, Carlton Ward, president of the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Co., told a Senate War Contracts sub-committee today.

Declaring that he saw the plan in French government files while he was in Europe to study the French aircraft industry, Ward said it was based on the use of tanks and mechanized units striking into the U.S. across the Mexico-Texas border.

Slavs Cut Railway

By the United Press

The main railway from Vienna through Graz and Ljubljana to Trieste has been cut in 18 places and a viaduct on it destroyed by Yugoslav patriots near Celje, a communique from Marshal Tito reported yesterday.

FDR States He'll Accept A 4th Term

Associated Press, United Press Announce Mr. Roosevelt's Decision

WASHINGTON, July 11—President Roosevelt will run for a fourth term, the Associated Press and United Press reported tonight.

He made the long-awaited announcement to his press conference today.

"Reluctantly, but as a good soldier," he said, "I will accept and serve in this office if I am so ordered by the commander-in-chief of us all—the sovereign people of the U.S.A."

His decision was disclosed in a letter to Democratic National Chairman Robert Hannegan, in reply to a message from Hannegan that enough delegates were pledged to assure his renomination at the party's national convention opening in Chicago next Wednesday.

'No Right to Withdraw'

"If the convention should carry this out and nominate me for the Presidency," said Mr. Roosevelt in reply, "I shall accept. If the people elect me, I shall serve."

"I would not run in the usual partisan political sense, but if the people command me to continue in this office and this war I have as little right to withdraw as a soldier has to leave his post in the line."

After his reference to the people as the supreme commander-in-chief, he added:

"For myself, I do not want to run. By next spring I shall have been President and commander-in-chief of the armed forces for 12 years—three times elected by the people of this country under the American constitutional system."

"All that is within me cries out to go back to my home on the Hudson River, to avoid public responsibilities and to avoid also the publicity which, in our democracy, follows every step of the nation's chief executive."

Wallace 'On His Own'?

WASHINGTON, July 11 (ANS)—Word spread in Democratic circles today that President Roosevelt apparently had decided to let Henry A. Wallace stand or fall on his own record and to leave entirely to the Democratic National Convention the choice of a 1944 vice-presidential nominee, the Associated Press reported.

Word seeping from inner party councils indicated that if the convention consulted the Chief Executive as to his wishes, however, he would express a preference for Wallace. He may let his preference be known anyway, but he is represented as not prepared to dictate to the convention, which starts July 19 in Chicago.

Bolivian Leader Shot

LA PAZ, Bolivia, July 11 (Reuter)—Jose Antonio Arce, leader of the left-wing Revolutionary Party, was wounded by a bullet fired by two unidentified men. His condition is serious.

Studying Possible Allied Use Of Robot Bombs, Ike Asserts

ADVANCED COMMAND POST, July 11 (UP)—The Allies are studying the possibilities of using flying bombs with the utmost diligence, Gen. Eisenhower said today.

He added, however, that there was little indication that the efficiency of the weapon could be much increased in the near future.

It was believed, Eisenhower said, that what was at the moment a "terror weapon," at its best, might become a factor of the utmost military importance. The present fears of the civilian population were that larger robot planes might be used, whereas the military development might tend to smaller-sized flying bombs which, if their accuracy was im-

U.S. Dough Provides 1st Sinkers in France

A NINTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER Base, France, July 11 (AP)—The first doughnuts made on French soil by the American Red Cross in this war were prepared here yesterday.

The doughnut makers were Miss Florence L. Reed, of Pueblo, Colo., Ninth Air Force Club director; her assistant, Mrs. Helen O'Hara, of New York; Miss Marian Hall, of New York, director of Red Cross clubs on the Continent, and her assistant, Miss Anne E. Aab, of Berkeley, Cal.

1,100 Bombers Batter Munich; Toulon Raided

Luftwaffe Shuns a Fight, But Flak Over Reich Is Intense; 20 Heavies Lost

More than 1,100 American heavy bombers—one of the largest forces ever to strike a single German target—flew from Britain yesterday to batter objectives in the Munich area of southern Germany as a Liberator contingent struck from Italy at Toulon, main French Mediterranean naval base.

Escorted by up to 750 Eighth Air Force P47s, P38s and P51s, the British-based Fortresses and Liberators did not encounter a single German fighter on their 1,000-mile round-trip through heavy cloud. Flak, however, was intense and 20 heavies and two pursuits failed to return.

While the USSTAF unleashed its power against the Reich after a night in which RAF Mosquitoes lashed Berlin, Ninth Air Force Marauders and Havocs pounded undisclosed objectives south of the Abbeville region of the Pas de Calais and a second B26 force bombed rail targets at Gamaches, about 20 miles northeast of Dieppe. All the Lightning-escorted bombers returned.

Yesterday's raid marked the return of U.S. bombers in strength to a single German area after a period throughout which the heavies were scattered in task forces over a vast aerial front.

Town Bypassed In Leghorn Push

Developing an offensive to outflank heavily-defended Leghorn, Fifth Army troops yesterday bypassed Lajatico, 18 miles southeast of the Tuscan port, even as Algiers radio reported that other units commanded by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark had penetrated into the outskirts of Poggibonsi, German stronghold 20 miles southwest of Florence.

While Allied forces ten miles south of Leghorn, along the coast, made little progress, an encircling movement inland brought them seven miles northwest of captured Volterra to Lajatico.

There was little activity in the Arezzo sector, where the Eighth Army repelled counter-attacks three miles south of the city.

Push Within 3 Mi. of St. Lo On Two Sides

Press Outflanking Thrust SW of Carentan; Bitter Battle Near Caen

The entire German flank facing the 40-mile U.S. front in Normandy showed signs of crumbling yesterday under pressure of a new attack in the east and an outflanking movement in the center.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley opened a drive in his easternmost sector northeast of St. Lo—one of the strongest German positions on the entire front. At the same time, the outflanking movement in the center, already six miles down the road southwest from Carentan to Periers, sent German troops in the western sector rushing southward toward Lessay for a stand on the next high ground.

Doughboys captured 15 more villages, and the new attacks put some forces three miles northeast of St. Lo. Other units reached a point three miles northwest of the city.

At Caen, Gen. Montgomery swung a surprise left hook. Allied troops north-east of the city drove south—from the

Nazi Guns Drawing Blanks

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN NORMANDY, July 11 (Reuter)—A high percentage of duds in German artillery barrages reflects steady deterioration in workmanship in Nazi armament factories.

An artillery expert said today that 10 per cent was a normal figure of duds in a German barrage, while the British figure was much lower. In a recent German shoot the figure reached 80 per cent, but this was exceptional.

bridgehead they have held east of the Orne River for weeks—and captured Colombelles, less than two miles from Caen. At the same time, Canadian troops south of Caen drove ahead and reached the western banks of the Orne.

Bradley's attack northeast of St. Lo made slow but steady progress. It began at dawn behind the thunder of hundreds of big guns, which continued to pound enemy positions savagely even when the assault was under way. Artillery fire was heavily concentrated on St. Andre de l'Epine, two miles northeast of St. Lo, where the Germans were entrenched in the path of the American southward advance.

The new attack south of Carentan was directed southwest against the main Lessay-Periers-St. Lo road and toward Coutances and the sea.

Villages captured by the Yanks included Pont Hebert and Le Meauffe; four and five miles north and northwest of St. Lo; Les Forges, about five miles northeast of Periers, and Goutheur, 4½ miles northeast of Lessay.

Near Pont Hebert, a German counter-attack was thrown back by U.S. troops using flame-throwers and bazookas. They knocked out four German Mark IV tanks.

The Vire bridgehead south of Carentan (Continued on page 4)

Mission Concealed, Delivered of Bombs All Within 10 Mins.

NINTH AIR FORCE HQ, France, July 11 (AP)—What may likely have been the fastest bombing mission ever executed—ten minutes from conception to landing—was carried out yesterday by six Thunderbolts which dive-bombed a column of German tanks.

Pilots in the air were briefed by radio without ever cutting their speed.

Each plane was carrying a 1,000-pound bomb, with which the six had just taken off to blast another target, when word was flashed that the tanks had been spotted. Tanks rate a high bomb priority.

While one ground officer was contacting the flight leader by radio, another plotted the tanks' location. The information was relayed to the pilots, and three minutes later came the radio flashback: "Mission accomplished."

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Halifax Tribute

Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States, in a press conference yesterday, paid high tribute to the success of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in welding Allied forces into "a working team" and said he hoped it was "symbolic of what the politicians may be able to do both during and after the war."

Germany Awakens

The German public is reported to be asking, "Why cannot the secret weapon be used to save us in the East as it is supposed to be saving us in the West?"

New Pacific Blows

AGAIN the Pacific air is filled with the deafening roar of naval guns and the hum of aircraft as the Allies continue to draw their noose ever tighter on the Japanese homeland.

Hash Marks

Should the chug Of the Doodlebug Stop... Hop!



Wonder if it would be possible on this 38-years-old-and-out business to say: "Colonel, we've been over here 2 1/2 years but actually have aged 10!"

We have often wondered just what replacements are... Pfc Bernard P. Garvey, a replacement himself and therefore an expert on the subject, sends us the following: "Replacements replace replacements to be replaced by replacements."



"making the grade" that the other morning at breakfast he absentmindedly poured syrup down his back and scratched his pancake.

Airmen Fly in Tribute to Infantry

9th AF Goes All-Out To Make Ground Job Easier

By Bud Hutton
A NINTH THUNDERBOLT BASE, NORMANDY.—Six weeks ago the air force was fighting all the war there was to fight in the ETO.

Matter of Simplicity
In the evening, an infantryman with a couple of stars on his tin hat will talk with two-starred Pete Quesada, and before the late summer darkness a call comes to the camouflaged headquarters tents of, say, Lt. Col. Harold N. Holt, the Philadelphia skipper of a P47 outfit.

PRIVATE BREGER
Usually he stays at his desk during the morning and makes a tour of regimental and battalion command posts during the afternoon.



"What! Only one fish!"

sighted. Arm your bombs." That's Barnhardt, the bomber leader. "Make 'em count. Hold those bombs. Take it easy. One at a time."

Releases Don't Work
They come back to base. The pilots whose release gear hasn't worked—mechanics curse and hate Normandy mud and dust—land last, so that if their bombs go off it won't tear up the runway for the rest.

Gen. Eddy, Head of 9th Division, Ignores Shelling to Visit His Men
By Ernie Pyle
NORMANDY—One of the favorite generals among war correspondents is Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, commander of the Ninth Division.

No Op Too Tough If It Will Help the Doughboys

each, four 47s to fight if the need arises. The talk begins again over the RT: "Hello, White leader. Shall I go down now?"

Damage the Bridge
They hit that bridge, too, seriously damaging it, and come home. To-day, they'll keep at this sort of job until after 10 o'clock, which is getting pretty late to land a 16,000-pound fighter plane on some chicken wire stretched over a reformed Normandy wheat field.



Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy

ploded in the next orchard. Gen. Eddy didn't move. He just said, "Why that was one of our shells," and since I had known Gen. Eddy for quite a while I was bold enough to say: "General, if that was one of ours, all I can say that this is a hell of a way to run a war. We're fighting toward the north and that shell was going due south."

Sports SIDELIGHTS

Francis E. Buckley, who quarter-backed the All-Navy team in Bermuda's Lily Bowl football game last January, is now with a Seabee outfit in the Central Pacific and looking for football uniforms for a team forming there.

Recently Blas Monaco, the hitting sensation of the International League, got in a beef with an umpire, and league president Shag Shaughnessy fined him \$25. The night after he was fined he hit two homers and clouted one on each of the two following days. The Baltimore management gave him back the \$25 that he'd paid out for the fine.

Vaughn Hazen, Rochester rookie, had made only two hits in 17 times at bat when the Red Wings visited Sampson Naval to play an exhibition game. As he stepped up to the plate in the first inning, a teammate remarked jokingly, "You ought to beat the hell out of that sore-arm semi-pro pitcher." Vaughn hit a 400-foot homer on the first pitch. When he came back to the dugout the manager remarked, "I guess all you needed was to get a look at some real major league pitching." Hazen then learned that he was facing Hal White of the Detroit Tigers and it scared him so he popped out the next three times. His homer was the only run the Red Wings got.

Two infantry units in North Africa recently formed clubs in support of the St. Louis Browns. One of them is the Browns Boosters Club, Doughfoot Division, North African Theater. The other is the Tired Foot Division. The second gang's motto is "Berlin for us. World Series for the Browns."

After Ralph Branca had tossed NYU to the Metropolitan championship in college baseball and signed with the Dodgers, Tim Cohane of the World Telegram wrote a story about Branca's first appearance with the Browns. Branca went in after the game was lost and pitched beautiful ball the rest of the way. Cohane commented that Branca wasn't unused to pro ball, having pitched for the Dodgers' Olean Farm all last year. You should have heard the cries of anguish from the schools that Branca had beaten. NYU said that it was all news to them about Branca being a pro.

Roger Bresnahan, the famous Giant catcher of 20 years ago, recently appeared at a New York War Bond rally with other old-time New York stars. While dressing for the game, Bresnahan was having trouble getting into his shinguards. Rog remarked, "Damn these things, whoever invented them anyway." The record books show that the catching shin guards were invented and first worn by Roger Bresnahan, naturally.

With baseball taking the major sports news at home, word comes out of Iceland about the continuing basketball season. Greenland won its first game in Iceland, beating the Camp Knox Navy-Marine team, 47-41. Sgt. Larry Retzlaff, of Percy, Neb., scored 21 points. Pvt. Harding Montooth, middleweight from Knoxville, Tenn., is the current boxing hotshot on the "Rock."

Roger Bowman, of Wilbur Lynch High School in Amsterdam, N.Y., was tipped off that Yankee scout Jonny Haddock was in the stands, so he pitched extra hard. When Haddock went down to congratulate the boy and talk to him about professional ball, he found the youngster in tears sobbing out the story of how he had to go and pitch his worst game with a scout in the stands. Haddock was a little mystified as the boy had tossed a four-hitter and allowed only two runs, one on an error. Young Bowman explained that in his two previous games he had pitched no-hitters, but guessed he tightened up with a scout looking on.

Help Wanted AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Broadway, London, W.1, or APO 887, U.S. Army, Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131.

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Picture wallet S.W. of Igny, and her name (Naomi Judith) is on the back of them. Pvt. Morris H. Strauberg, 42023493.

New Links Star



Betty Jane Haemerle, 18-year-old St. Louis golfer, defeated Lt. Patty Berg of the Marines in the recent Western Open eliminations. Miss Haemerle lost her semi-final match to Babe Didrikson, the tourney winner.

Army Sanction Sought for Tiff

NEW YORK, July 11—The War Bond sports committee, under the direction of Max Kase, sports editor of the New York Journal-American, is working on a bout between Bob Montgomery, holder of the New York-Pennsylvania lightweight crown, and Beau Jack, former champion. Both punchers are now in the Army.

Kase announced that Montgomery and Jack had received permission from their commanding officers to indulge in the bout, contingent on War Department approval. Montgomery is stationed at Keesler Field, Miss., while the Beau is at Ft. Benning, Ga.

If the fight is held, admission will be by bond purchase only and the contestants will receive no purse. Tentative plans call for the match to be staged either at Madison Square Garden or the Polo Grounds in July or August.

Williams Stops Pirrone in First

PHILADELPHIA, July 11—Ike Williams, veteran Trenton, N.J., lightweight, knocked out Joey Pirrone, of Cleveland, with a left hook in 41 seconds of the first round of a scheduled ten-rounder here last night.

Boost in Arc Light Games Voted by American League

PITTSBURGH, July 11—Night ball won another victory here last night when American League moguls voted all clubs permission to play additional games under the lights this year, but deferred action of the definite number pending the joint meeting tonight with the National League.

Jack Zeller, Detroit general manager, suggested a plan whereby clubs operating farm teams would have no advantage over those without farms because all deals between major and minor league clubs would be handled through baseball's draft system. No official decision was reached on Zeller's plan, however.

Minor League Results

International League				Eastern League				American Association			
W	L	Pct.	Other	W	L	Pct.	Other	W	L	Pct.	Other
Jersey City	6	.300	Baltimore 5	Binghamton	6	.429	Scranton 4	Louisville 10	7	.588	Toledo 7
Newark 5	Syracuse 1	Toronto 2	Montreal 2	Hartford	4	.286	Albany 1	Indianapolis 16	6	.727	Columbus 6
Other teams not scheduled.				Other games postponed.				Other games postponed.			



Irish Grid Hopes Rest on Gasparella

By Osear Fraley

United Press Sports Writer

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 10—Notre Dame is coming up this fall with a passing star who will make the subway alumni forget accurate Angelo Bertelli and Johnny Lujack, according to Coach Ed McKeever.

This aerial program is Joe Gasparella, a 17-year-old behemoth from Vandergrift, Pa., the steel section of the keystone state which has so many lads out to win fame and fortune on the gridiron. And to listen to McKeever, this untested freshman with the educated arm is a cinch to rank with the greatest of the Fighting Irish.

Service Teams Rated Tough

McKeever, who looks like a college player despite his 33 years, succeeded lachrymose Frank Leahy as Notre Dame's head coach and has a tough job in getting a weak squad ready to face such rivals as Pittsburgh, Tulane, Dartmouth, Wisconsin, Illinois, Navy, Army, Northwestern, Georgia Tech and Great Lakes.

"But, believe me," the former Texas Tech backfield star grinned, "I'm optimistic. We'll make our weight felt

against all of them, with the possible exception of the three service teams.

"And the reason I'm so optimistic is this Gasparella. I've never seen a lad with so much natural talent and, with the proper development, I believe he'll be one of the all-time greats. He can throw anything, hard or soft, and feints like a veteran. All he needs is a little more poise and self-confidence."

The newest of Notre Dame's gridiron glamor boys is plenty of youngster. Son of an iron puddler in a Vandergrift steel mill, Gasparella goes up six feet four inches, and has some 205 pounds bearing down on his arches. Shy and quiet, he proved an outstanding defensive back during spring drills, when the outgoing veterans poured it on him in scrimmage but couldn't draw a whimper—and very few yards.

One Experienced Back Returning

The current Notre Dame setup is very slim, for besides Gasparella the Ramblers have only one experienced back reporting for duty. He is Bob Kelly, the Chicago youth who got his big break in last year's Army game and proved to be one of the day's best ballotters.

That massive Irish forward wall has

been shattered, too. All that are returning from the big front line that carried the South Benders to the mythical national championship last fall are three second stringers.

Two are tackles, George Sullivan, a 200-pounder from Walpole, Mass., and Johnny Adams, 225 pounds of bone and muscle from Charleston, Ark. The other is a guard, Frank Ruggerio, of Orange, N.J., a mere 200-pounder.

And that is the nucleus of Notre Dame's next football team.

Contrast to Leahy

"But there's no use in crying," grinned the bronzed McKeever, in direct contrast to the wailing and weeping of Leahy whenever a player stubbed a toe. "Everybody's getting the same dose these days and so we'll hold our own with everybody except possibly Army, Navy and Great Lakes.

"We'll probably be a 4-1 short-ender against Army, the first of the three service rivals we'll meet. But don't forget, we've been that lightly-regarded before—and went out to win."

Which boils down to the fact that the Fighting Irish still will be a pretty fair bet against all comers.

National Loop All-Stars Have Batting Punch, Potent Hurlers

PITTSBURGH, July 11—With more stars in the darkened skies above the diamond and in the stands than on the playing field, American and National League teams will battle tonight in the 12th annual All-Star mid-summer baseball classic at Forbes Field, home of the Pirates.

Although the National Leaguers have drawn the nod only three times in the 11 previous games, they are favored to subdue the junior circuit squad tonight. For a change, the host team presents a formidable array of sluggers, good fielders and potent pitching. Evidence of their punch is shown by the fact that Giant Manager Mel Ott and Bill Nicholson of the Cubs, the majors' leading home run hitters, are not even in Billy Southworth's starting lineup.

The Cardinal boss named Buckley Walters of the Reds, currently heading both leagues with 14 triumphs and three defeats, several days ago as his starting twirler. Last night Yankee Manager Joe

Probable Starting Lineups

American	National
Tucker, Chicago, cf	Galan, Brooklyn, lf
Spence, Wash'ton, rf	Cavarretta, Cgo, 1b
McQuinn, St. L., lb	Musial, St. Louis, cf
Stephens, St. L., ss	W.Cooper, St.L., c
Johnson, Boston, lf	Mueller, C'innati, c
Keltner, Clevel'd, 3b	Walker, Brooklyn, rf
Doerr, Boston, 2b	Kurpewski, St. L., 3b
Hemley, N.Y., or	Ryan, Boston, 2b
Ferrell, Wash'ton, c	Marion, St. L., ss
Borowy, N.Y., or	Walters, C'innati, p
Hughson, Boston, p	

McCarthy, AL pilot, still was debating with himself between his own Hank Borowy (11-4) and Tex Hughson (13-3) of the Red Sox for the opening assignment against Walters.

The second Cardinal pitching casualty lopped off the squad was Lefty Max Lanier, who was forced to retire from the roster after injuring his arm Friday night. He will be replaced by Bill Voiselle, the hard-luck Giant rookie whose record is 11 victories and ten setbacks, most of his losses being via the unearned-run route. Previously, George Munger was snatched by his Uncle Sam, creating a vacancy for Jim Tobin, the Braves' double-no-hitter who was ignored in the original selections.

A capacity throng of 39,000 has been assured since tickets were dumped before the public. Receipts will go to the Baseball Service Equipment Fund, which purchases baseball equipment and uniforms for distribution to men in the nation's fighting forces.

Volo Song Clips Trotting Mark

CLEVELAND, July 11—E. J. Baker's Volo Song, the 1943 Hambletonian champion, yesterday scampered the fastest mile ever negotiated by a stallion in a harness race.

The four-year-old son of Volomite set a new world's record when he won the second heat of the \$2,090 Stallion Stakes in 1:57.7 at North Randall track. Harry Fitzgerald was the driver.

The world record for a harness race, whether trotter or pacer, was established by Greyhound, a gelding, in 1936, when he trotted the mile a half-second faster than Volo Song did yesterday. The previous record for stallions was 1:58, held jointly by two pacers, Billy Direct in '37 and Directum I in '41.

Dodger Fans Plug Vitamins to Jazz Up Fast-Fading Bums

NEW YORK, July 11—A group of Dodger fans, perturbed at the Bums' present plight which shows them owning 13 straight defeats and a fine start on No. 14, met yesterday for the purpose of devising ways and means of helping their heroes out of the second division.

Calling themselves the "Flock Boosters," this group unanimously passed a resolution calling for the shipment to Manager Leo "The Lip" Durocher of a case of multiple vitamin pills—"the same kind the St. Louis Cardinals and Browns use before meeting an adversary."

Things are so bad in Brooklyn that Dodger fans even are mentioning the name of Mel Ott and his Giants without snarling, and charging that the Ottmen are in the first division only because they use vitamin pills.

Lou Boudreau to Make Fine on Klieman Stick

BOSTON, July 11—Manager Lou Boudreau of the Cleveland Indians said last night that his fine of \$100 levied on Pitcher Ed Klieman for beeing when relieved in the ninth inning of Sunday's first game would stick.

"Klieman was lucky to last as long as he did," Boudreau explained. "I simply preferred to take no chances as long as I had a pitcher ready in the bullpen. After all, Klieman doesn't get any more money for pitching nine innings than for eight and two-thirds."

Bluejackets Triumph, 6-1

PERU, Ind., July 11—The Great Lakes Naval baseball team defeated the Bunker Hill Naval-Air Station here, 6-1, collecting 13 timely blows off Al Piechota, former Yankee and Braves pitcher.

AL Flag Chase Still Wide Open

Cards, With 10 1/2 - Game Lead, Seen Cinch in Senior Loop

NEW YORK, July 11—While the Cardinals keep steaming toward an easy pennant victory in the unbalanced National League chase, the American League whirl is today just as wide open as it was the day teams inaugurated their schedules.

With 79 games played and 51 triumphs, the Redbirds are racing to their third straight flag without any apparent opposition. Despite the loss of George Mungler, who enters the Army today after winning 11 games, the Cards are still ten and a half games in front of the Pirates and Reds, and neither of the challengers seems to have the stuff to overtake Billy Southworth's pupils.

In the American League, the All-Star recess finds things more interesting than before. The Browns are two and a half games ahead of the Red Sox, with the Yankees only another game off the pace.

Joe Cronin's Red Sox definitely are on the prowl with Bobby Doerr setting the league on fire, and veterans Bob Johnson and Pete Fox enjoying the deficient war-time pitching. The Yanks have awakened after a mild slump, and other clubs in the circuit also are within striking distance of the front-running Browns.

Manager Rick Ferrell's Browns didn't fare so well on their recent junket through the east, losing seven and winning only six. But now that they're heading back for their home lot it is probable that they will again strengthen their position atop the standings.



American League

No games scheduled Monday.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	45	.34	Chicago	34	.479
Boston	42	.36	Cleveland	37	.41
New York	39	.35	Detroit	36	.42
Washington	38	.39	Philadelphia	35	.42

No games, scheduled Tuesday.

National League

No games scheduled Monday.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	51	.21	Philadelphia	32	.418
Pittsburgh	39	.30	Brooklyn	33	.434
Cincinnati	42	.33	Chicago	29	.420
New York	37	.39	Boston	30	.46

No games scheduled Tuesday.

Leading Hitters

American League

G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Doerr, Boston	78	294	57	100
Fox, Boston	56	228	38	76
Tucker, Chicago	56	223	35	73
Johnson, Boston	68	259	49	85
Siebert, Philadelphia	65	236	28	75

National League

G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Musial, St. Louis	74	284	59	104
Walker, Brooklyn	77	293	41	103
Weintraub, New York	64	209	39	135
Medwick, New York	66	259	49	85
Hopp, St. Louis	61	217	46	70

Home Run Hitters

American League—Doerr, Boston, and Hayes, Philadelphia, 10; Cullenbine, Cleveland, Stephens, St. Louis, Metheny, New York, and Johnson, Boston, 9.
National League—Ott, New York, 20; Nicholson, Chicago, 15; Kurowski, St. Louis, and Weintraub, New York, 11.

Runs Batted In

American League—Stephens, St. Louis, 54; Doerr, Boston, 52; Spence, Washington, 46.
National League—Kurowski, St. Louis, 51; Ott, New York, Walker, Brooklyn, and Nicholson, Chicago, 50.

Nelson-Military Row May Go to FDR for Edict

WPB Chief's Plan to Start Civilian Output Heads For a Showdown

WASHINGTON, July 11—WPB Chief Donald M. Nelson's plans for an immediate start on limited civilian production may have to go to President Roosevelt for a showdown. Nelson failed to get anywhere with his plans yesterday with top military leaders, whose opposition is blocking the program.

The fight reached a new intensity when the heads of the armed forces warned that the proposed relaxation of war-time restriction could "prolong the war."

At the same time, chairmen of two Congressional groups—Sens. Harry S. Truman (D.—Mo.), head of the Senate Truman committee, and James E. Murray (D.—Mont.), of the small-business committee, strongly supported Nelson's plans. Truman was critical because the program was not already under way.

Nelson's program, which was to have begun July 1, envisages gradual reconversion in plants where war work definitely has ceased and in areas where manpower is not needed for war production. He also planned removal of restrictions on aluminum and magnesium to permit the manufacture of civilian goods.

China's Plight Acute—Wallace

Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, back from a trip to the Far East, yesterday described China's military situation as "very grave" after conferring with President Roosevelt in Washington.

The statement came only four days after the President also told a press conference that the Chinese war was not going well and that it was a source of worry to him.

However, yesterday's Southeast Asia Command communique again reported new Allied gains, while United Press said that Japanese troops were surrendering without a fight for the first time in the Burma theater.

Allied troops have pushed on from Ukhrul, on the India-Burma border, to Ongshim, nine miles to the southeast. North and west of Ukhrul, the remnants of three enemy divisions appeared only too willing to surrender and made no attempt to fight it out first, United Press said.

In Burma's Mogaung Valley, west of Myitkya, Chinese troops moving west have approached within 5 1/2 miles of other Chinese forces coming down the road from Kamaing.

Reds at Money Talks Balk At Questionnaire on Gold

BRETTON WOODS, N.H., July 11—Russia strongly objected at today's session of the world monetary conference to a proposed questionnaire requiring detailed information concerning each country's gold holdings and production. The Soviet delegates indicated that they did not want to disclose the information.

The questionnaire would provide data for determining the amount of each country's subscription to a proposed stabilization fund. Some of the occupied countries argued that they lacked necessary data to answer the questions adequately.

Record Lakes Transport

BUFFALO, N.Y., July 11—Freight transportation on the Great Lakes reached a new high in June—the third straight month that a new mark has been set. The movement of grain dwindled to a mere trickle, but huge shipments of coal and ore kept the Lakes fleet busy.

Radio Highlights

AFN in the United Kingdom—1000 hours—2300 hours

On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
216.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Wednesday, July 12

- 1000—Victory Parade—Frankie Master's Orchestra.*
- 1015—Personal Album—John Charles Thomas.*
- 1100—Morning After—Jubilee.*
- 1130—Duffle Bag.*
- 1135—From the USO.
- 1400—Visiting Hour.
- 1545—On the Record.*
- 1630—Abbot and Costello.*
- 1700—Music by Joe Reichmann.*
- 1725—American Sports Roundup.*
- 1805—GI Supper Club.
- 1905—Kate Smith.
- 1935—Carnival of Music.
- 2000—Home News from the U.S.A.*
- 2005—Mail Call.*
- 2035—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin St.
- 2115—Bob Hope.*
- 2145—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.*
- 2200—Serenade for Strings.
- 2230—Gay Nineties Revue.*

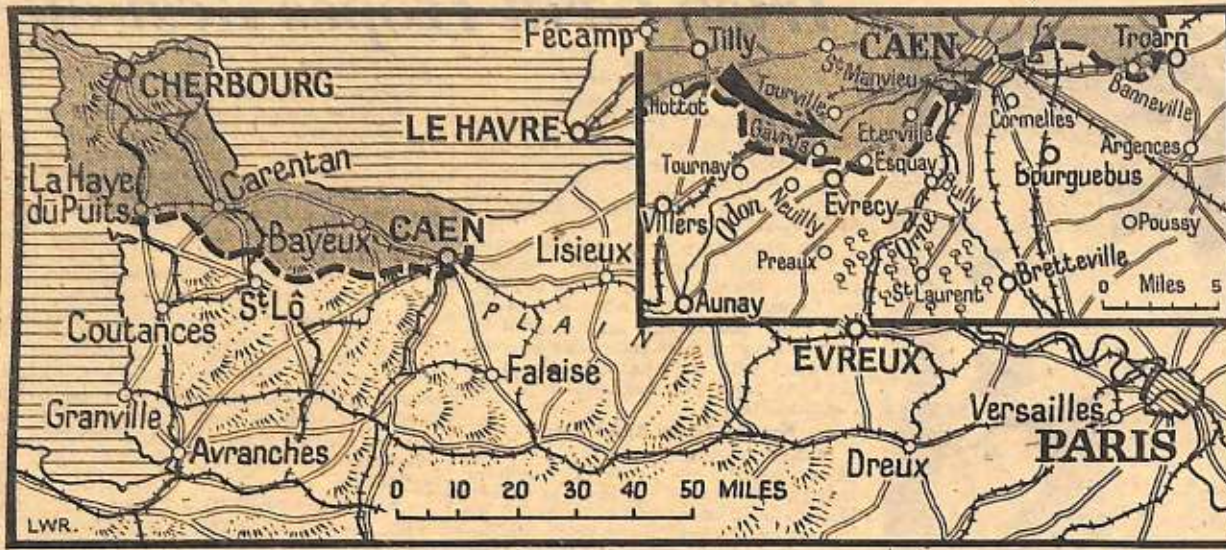
AEF on the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours

On Your Dial
1050 kc. 285m.

0600—Rise and Shine.
0815—GI Jive.
0900—News, Program Summary, Baseball Scores at Dictation Speed.

0930—Yank Swing Session.
1215—Stanley Black Orchestra.
1400—Reginald Kinn Quinlet.
1830—Kate Smith.
2000—The Swing Wings.

Allies Gain on Both Fronts in Normandy



American pressure along a 40-mile front began to crumble the German western flank from the St. Lo sector to south of La Haye du Puits yesterday, and British and Canadian troops made more gains around Caen, detail of which is shown in insert.

Strenuous Fight Yet, Ike Warns

Allied troops face a strenuous fight for every foot of ground taken from the Germans in the immediate future, Gen. Eisenhower warned in a sobering response to a rising tide of optimism among the people of the United Nations.

Admitting his satisfaction with the taking of Caen and the Russian gains at Vilna, the Supreme Allied Commander warned, however, that future operations right around the perimeter of enemy defenses would involve heavy fighting and resultant heavy losses.

Speaking wryly of bad weather which has hampered Allied air activity, Eisenhower observed that he never knew anybody as lucky in that respect as the Germans since D-Day. He praised the Allied air forces for what he called a marvelous achievement despite adverse weather.

Eisenhower said in reply to a query as to whether President Roosevelt planned an early trip to the ETO that he knew nothing about it.

German Front Totters Before Yank Thrusts

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was expanded by tank and infantry columns—grinding an average of two miles through what one dispatch called "a misery of mud"—to eight miles in width. It extended yesterday from Pont Hebert northwest through Le Desert to a point near Craignes, about 4 1/2 miles southwest of Carentan.

In the Lessay area, the Germans were withdrawing southward from La Haye so fast that it was not certain where the front lines were, an American radio commentator said. West of the La Haye-Lessay road, the Yanks advanced about a half-mile on a 1 1/2-mile front. East of the road, other U.S. forces pushed ahead.

Berlin claimed last night that German troops had fought their way back into La Haye du Puits, and that violent house-to-house fighting was raging in the streets. An Allied dispatch from La Haye said, "This western sector is what they call a fluid front—both sides are shifting back and forth in attacks and counter-attacks—and La Haye is the focal point of this front."

British and Canadian troops, in their drive south of Caen from the Odon River to the western banks of the Orne River, took Esquay after a fierce attack, and Canadian forces captured Louigny, described in a front-line dispatch as the last German stronghold north of the Orne in the Caen sector.

Positions along the Orne were consolidated along a two-mile stretch from Louigny to a point northeast of Maltot, from which Allied troops withdrew after strong German counter-attacks.

At Caen, all German resistance in the city west of the Orne River was virtually cleaned up by British and Canadian forces in 24 hours, SHAEF announced. Berlin claimed last night that German troops regained the southern part of Caen in a counter-attack.

Gen. Montgomery, in a message to all forces in his command yesterday, said, "We have given the enemy forces a tremendous pounding, and we know from prisoners what great losses they have suffered. To every Allied soldier in Normandy I say, 'Well done; well done, indeed. You have performed a great task.'"

Polio-Vaccine Hunt Spurred

SAN MARINO, Cal., July 11 (AP)—Dr. Carl Rosenow, professor of experimental bacteriology at the Mayo Foundation in Minnesota, is working on a new vaccine against infantile paralysis.

This serum, Dr. Rosenow believes, will be used as a preventive just as widely as routine inoculation for smallpox and other diseases.

Dr. Rosenow for years has stood practically alone among experts in declaring that infantile paralysis is due, not to a virus, as is generally held, but to a streptococcus. If he is right, the "strep" may furnish the necessary material for an effective vaccine.

A serum developed from streptococci already has been used with success on a number of sufferers. By this means a skin test for diagnosis has been developed by which it is possible to determine in the early stages whether the patient has the disease.

Guam Shelled, Bombed Anew

An announcement yesterday by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz that American cruisers had shelled the Jap base at Guam in the Marianas while carrier planes bombed there anew led to speculation that these were "softening-up" operations for a possible landing.

The shelling occurred Saturday. Aircraft followed up on Sunday and also hit Rota Island, Nimitz said.

Tokyo Radio said yesterday that "90 planes and a number of cruisers and destroyers attacked Guam on Monday." The report added that a powerful American fleet of two aircraft carriers and more than 30 cruisers and destroyers had been sighted northeast of Tinian, also in the Marianas group.

While American troops continued to clean up Jap stragglers on Saipan, Col. Evans Carlson, famous Marine leader of Carlson's Raiders, back in San Francisco recovering from wounds, declared that Tarawa "was merely a sideshow compared to Saipan."

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique yesterday reported that U.S. Liberators hit Sorong, on the northwestern tip of Dutch New Guinea, and also bombed Yap and Palau in the Carolines.

Gunner, Missing P47 Flier Are Awarded U.S. Medals

Capt. Alwyn M. Juchheim, of Grenada, Miss., now missing in action, has been awarded the DSC for "extraordinary heroism against the enemy," and T/Sgt. Eugene Dworaczek, of Falls City, Tex., 20-year-old radio operator and gunner on a Liberator, has been awarded the Soldier's Medal for "heroism displayed at the scene of a ditching in the English Channel."

An Eighth P47 Thunderbolt pilot in the group commanded by Col. Frederick C. Gray, of Abilene, Kan., Juchheim had completed 77 missions before being listed as missing in action. He also holds the DFC and the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters. Dworaczek also holds the Air Medal.

Food Plight Desperate, Vichy Official Declares

A desperate situation in the food supplies of France, and of Paris in particular, was revealed by the Vichy Secretary of State for Food Supplies, Francois Chassaing, in a broadcast from Paris, the United Press reported last night.

"To fill the belly of Paris without railways is almost impossible," he admitted. Even before D-Day, he said, bombing and sabotage had wrecked freight yards and bridges and delayed every train.

Now that supplies from Normandy had stopped entirely, all the grain necessary for the city's bread ration had to come in at all. Potatoes from Brittany were brought in by truck, and no wine was had to reach Paris by way of central France.

Another Fort Lands Safely Thanks to Its'Chute Brakes

A FORTRESS BASE, July 11—Crash trucks were sent onto the runway when a B17 piloted by 1/Lt. John M. Bastion, of Port Arthur, Tex., radioed it had to land without brakes. But not a single crewman was injured as the ship, joining The Stars and Stripes 'chute landing club, came to a stop with parachutes billowing from it.

NEWS FROM HOME

Third of Nation Physically Unfit, Hershey Says

Draft Chief Cites a Need For Funds, Measures to Correct Situation

WASHINGTON, July 11—One-third of the nation's manpower is physically unfit and constitutes a threat to the survival of democracy, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, told a Senate subcommittee on war-time health and education yesterday.

Hershey said that so large a part of the population mentally sick with venereal diseases and depleted by other illnesses justified federal measures and funds to put the nation in sound health for present war needs and for post-war planning.

The U.S. was a flabby, soft, ailing country staggering under the load of damaged health, illiteracy and emotional instability at the start of the war, Hershey added.

Montana Looks Ahead

HELENA, Mont., July 11—Gov. Sam Ford announced that Montana began its new fiscal year on July 1 with a reserve fund of \$5,000,000 to be used for "the advancement and development of the state." He said that the fund should be maintained for post-war work and also announced that for the third successive year a two-mill general fund levy on property would not be collected.

Killer Commits Suicide

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11—Lt. Beaufort Swancutt, under a death sentence for the murder last spring of four persons, including his sweetheart, at Camp Anza, Cal., hanged himself in Letterman General Hospital Sunday, Army authorities announced.

New Cargo Carrier

AKRON, Ohio, July 11—Development of a small cargo-carrier weapon for use on Arctic reconnaissance or commando raids was announced by Army Ordnance. The weapon will operate in mud, snow, swamp lands or on paved roads.

Greta Garbo Routs Burglars

HOLLYWOOD, July 11—With a shout for help, Greta Garbo routed burglars from her home Sunday. However, they got away with \$40 in cash and her ration book, Miss Garbo said. In their haste to escape, the thieves dropped two of Miss Garbo's fur coats.

Seek to Repatriate Prisoners

WASHINGTON, July 11—Proceedings to repatriate sick and wounded Americans being held prisoners by the Japanese are being conducted through the Swiss, it was disclosed. So far the action has met with no results.

Slowed to a Walk

WASHINGTON, July 11—The Office of Defense Transportation has stopped the use of special cars and trains for government "public relations" trips and hauling movie stars to War Bond rallies.

Rooney's Director Dies

HOLLYWOOD, July 11—George B. Seitz, 56, director of the Hardy Family series in which Mickey Rooney, now in the Army, starred, died here.

Babe Did It the Legal Way

CORSICANNA, Tex., July 11—Albert Poindexter, better known as Al Dexter, composer of the song "Pistol Packin' Mama," has been divorced by his wife.

\$50,000 Durham Fire

DURHAM, N.C., July 11—Firemen battled a blaze in Durham's warehouse district two blocks from the heart of the city for three hours. Damage was estimated at \$50,000.

Six Unidentified Victims Of Circus Fire Buried

HARTFORD, Conn., July 11—Burial services were planned today for six unidentified victims of last Thursday's circus fire which brought death to 157 persons. Still in hospitals were 120 injured.

Meanwhile, at Jeffersonville, Ind., Maj. Arthur Lundstrom, administrative officer of the Army Quartermaster depot there, said that catastrophes like the Hartford fire would be virtually impossible in the future with widespread use of Army chemical processes for impregnating tents. Lundstrom said the Army methods made tent canvas both water and fire resistant.

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border west of the captured rail junction of Lida, 90 miles west of Minsk.

At this point the Russians were within 58 miles of Grodno, a fortress junction on the Germans' defense line running from Brest-Litovsk through Bialystok, Grodno and Vilna to Dvinsk. Dvinsk, all but cut off except from the north, seemed likely to hear Soviet shells soon, with Red artillery moving up within range of the city.

To the south, Russian claws reached out nearer the important base of Brest-Litovsk. With the Red Army little more than 50 miles from the junction on the southeast, the northern arm of a pincers began closing in with an advance from Baranovich to within 78 miles of the city on the northeast.

Nazis Admit Big Breach

The German bulge into the Russian lines in the Pinsk region was flattened steadily. A swift advance of 25 miles in less than 24 hours moved up the Russian front lines within 15 miles of Pinsk on the east and brought that enemy supply base, too, within gun range. From Pinsk it is about 100 miles due west to Brest-Litovsk.

German dispatches made little effort to conceal the extent of the Russian breakthrough between Vilna and Dvinsk. Where Marshal Stalin Monday night announced the capture of Utena, 43 miles southwest of Dvinsk on the Kaunas-Dvinsk road, a Berlin military spokesman went further and asserted the Russians had reached the Dvina River in that area—a position that would mean they had cut the road and advanced northward from Utena, some 50 miles, 11 of them inside Latvia.

U.S. to Pay Stork's Bill For 500,000 Wives of GIs

WASHINGTON, July 11—Uncle Sam will pay the hospital expenses, &c., for the wives of about a half-million new GI fathers in the next year, Katherine F. Lenroot, head of the Labor Department's program for wives and children of servicemen, disclosed.

Congress has appropriated \$42,800,000 for the program. The appropriation provides for care, regardless of the servicemen's ability to pay, Miss Lenroot said.

