

## Cherbourg Lost, Nazis Concede

### Sour Kraut



Associated Press Photo  
A dejected German prisoner waits on a Normandy beach for transportation to England.

### Reds Smash Enemy Line, Ring Vitebsk

### Using a Captured Nazi Defense Post



Planet Photo  
In its advance into the Cherbourg fortifications an American patrol turned a captured German defense post to its own use. A German pillbox which gave the enemy an observation post over the whole valley may be seen in the background.

### 'We Ran Out Of Arms,' Is Berlin Alibi

### Germans Tell of Yanks' Entry In 'o City; Fighting Continues, However

The loss of Cherbourg and its great port was conceded by the Germans at 7.30 PM last night after four days of a fierce American assault capped by a pulverizing naval bombardment.

"In view of the enemy's crushing superiority, particularly in heavy arms and air power, it is to be assumed that the Americans have succeeded in taking possession of the town of Cherbourg in the course of today (Sunday)," said the official German News Agency.

"German grenadiers, fighting in self-sacrificial close-range combat, destroyed numerous American tanks with high explosives, but were, however, unable to prevent them penetrating into the city, as they ran out of ammunition."

Report Fierce Fighting  
Latest Allied reports from the front had told of American patrols penetrating into the main street of the smoke-shrouded city to feel out the German defenses, while fierce fighting continued against the pillboxes and other fortifications.

By indicating the fall of the city in advance of any Allied announcements to that effect, the Nazis may have hoped to cushion the blow from a propaganda standpoint and put across their excuse that ammunition ran out and their laudatory accounts of their troops' last-ditch stand.

Their story was that the Americans mustered heavy armament against Cherbourg Saturday night, and early yesterday morning "began an extremely heavy bombardment on all quarters of the town, singling out the southeastern city limits. About noon the fortifications of Cherbourg harbor were subjected to an extremely heavy naval bombardment directed from the air by artillery reconnaissance planes.

"A few hours later the American infantry and tank formations held in readiness in the area of Octeville went over to the attack. Heavy, bitter and bloody fighting developed, the already depleted ranks of the German defenders fighting with determination to the last."

The Nazi commander, Gen. Von Schlieben, had issued a new order: "Anyone failing to defend the city to the last will be shot."

Nevertheless, more than 1,800 prisoners were taken by the Yanks in the 24 hours up to 9 AM, and the Germans were observed to be firing their motor pools and even ammunition dumps. Dense clouds of black smoke from these demolitions and from fuel dumps rolled across the city and almost blotted it from the view of the U.S. attackers. The Germans mined the roads into the city and prepared the buildings for a house-to-house defense.

The Germans, acknowledging that the Americans had penetrated some of their defenses, gave this picture of the fierce resistance in a High Command report:  
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### Saipan Invasion Worries Tokyo

While American troops increased their grip on Saipan, in the Marianas, 1,200 miles southeast of Tokyo, to encompass half the island, German News Agency yesterday quoted a member of the Japanese High Command as saying the Japs were ready to throw in everything to keep the island.

The spokesman said that fighting for Saipan "has developed from just another invasion into the greatest decisive battle of the war. We are set to commit major army, air and naval power into the struggle."

He assured the homeland that the High Command was doing its utmost to repel the enemy. "We realize that the Allied landing is a direct threat to Japan proper and the Philippines," he said.

The American forces, pushing northward, made new gains along the shore of Magicienne Bay, the Allied communique reported. A Reuter dispatch said the Japs were consolidating and increasing their defenses along an extended line  
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Mighty concentrations of Soviet artillery and tanks have battered wide breaches in the Germans' vaunted "Fatherland Line" in White Russia and yesterday, 72 hours after launching of the Red Army's summer offensive, only 20 to 30 miles of the original 160 miles of fortifications remained intact.

Vitebsk, long regarded as the key to the Baltic states, was almost encircled, with less than a 15-mile gap between the Russians above and below the city on the west. As soon as those on the north bank of the Dvina River cross to join up with the troops moving from the southwest the trap will be closed and the road opened to Minsk, capital of White Russia, 140 miles to the southwest.

Reported Ready to Evacuate  
Evacuation of Vitebsk already has been decided upon, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm Aftonbladet, reporting that the situation was viewed in the German capital as critical.

From Berlin, meanwhile, came a report that the offensive has been extended south to the Bobruisk area above the Priepet marshes. Col. Ernst von Hammer, military correspondent of German News Agency, coupled this report with one that the Russians have thrown in 80 rifle divisions and one tank force.

In Finland, the Russians pressed back the Finns at top speed along the Aunus Isthmus between Lakes Ladoga and Onega, pushing on toward Petrozavodsk, capital of the Karelian republic. North of Onega, the Russians were reported freeing additional miles of the Leningrad-Murmansk railway.

Four Main Thrusts  
The White Russian offensive was launched with four main thrusts: Northwest of Vitebsk, south of Vitebsk, north of Orsha and at Mogilev. Of these, the attack above Vitebsk by the First Baltic Army of Gen. Ivan Bagramyan made the greatest initial gain—an advance up to 28 miles through a breach widened to 50 miles in 48 hours.

Gains on the other fronts ranged from nine to 15 miles through gaps 50 miles wide south of Vitebsk, 30 miles wide at Mogilev and 12 miles wide north of Orsha.

As the advance progresses the Russians will move into difficult country, infested with swamps, but ahead lie the core of the German defenses in White Russia: airdromes at Orsha and Bobruisk, the vital railway link of Minsk and the Baranovici pass, gateway into Poland.

### Nazis Giving Up Port of Leghorn

Reconnaissance disclosed yesterday that the Germans in Italy were abandoning the bomb-battered west coast port of Leghorn with the rapid approach of Fifth Army spearheads, now only 50 miles to the southeast.

As Fifth Army armor and infantry gained all along the Tyrrhenian coast, occupying Fallonica, Monte Rotondo and Montealio, all astride Highways 1 and 3, it was revealed at 15th Air Force headquarters that the Germans were blowing up all Leghorn docks not damaged by Allied raids in the last 15 months.

In the mountainous sector of central Italy where the Germans marshalled their forces for a stand, Eighth Army units, attacking east and west of Lake Trasimeno, occupied the towns of Sarteano, Pescia and Castelviato.

Several Allied tanks yesterday penetrated into Chiusi, mainstay of the Nazi line in central Italy, and 23 miles to the northeast British troops made some gains around Perugia.

Strong enemy counter-attacks along the Adriatic coast, meanwhile, forced the Allies back along the general line of the Chienti River, some 25 miles southeast of the naval base of Ancona.

Attack from Italy  
ALLIED HQ, Italy, June 25 (Reuter)  
—Strong forces of Italy-based heavy bombers attacked rail targets and oil installations in southern France today.

### Allies Fighting In Japs' Last N. Burma Base

Mogaung, the last Japanese stronghold in northern Burma barring the path of the new Ledo road from India to China, was entered by Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's troops over the weekend and fierce fighting raged yesterday inside the town.

The vital triangle formed by Mogaung, Kamaing to the northwest and Myitkyina to the northeast was a prime objective of the campaign which Stilwell undertook several months ago. Once the Japs have been cleared out of this area their tenuous hold on the rest of Burma to the south will cease to be a factor in regard to overland communications with China. An enemy garrison still holding out in Myitkyina is heavily besieged; Kamaing was captured last week.

Following a heavy bombardment of Mogaung Friday by U.S. planes, Chindits broke through the town's outer defenses Saturday on the east, while Chinese troops entered the town in the north and south. In the initial attacks the Japanese suffered more than 550 casualties and large quantities of their supplies were seized.

Meanwhile, the strong Japanese drive in China's rice-bowl province of Hunan advanced to Hengyang, air base and railroad center, and Chungking reported severe fighting in the outskirts of the city.

### Collins, Gerow Lead 2 Corps

Maj. Gens. Joseph L. Collins and Leonard T. Gerow are commanding two U.S. Army corps in France, SHAEF announced last night. The presence of the V and VII Corps in Normandy had been previously announced, but which corps Collins and Gerow commanded was not disclosed.

Collins, formerly chief of staff of VII corps, commanded the 25th Infantry Division at Guadalcanal and later in the Munda campaign on New Georgia last summer. Gerow formerly commanded the 29th Infantry Division which is now seeing its first action in this war.

### 'GI Bill of Rights'

Here Are the Highpoints of New Law to Help Veterans

WASHINGTON, June 25—When President Roosevelt, using ten pens so that interested legislators and veterans' officials might have souvenirs, put his signature last week on the so-called "GI bill of rights," he wrote into law probably the most comprehensive measure yet enacted for soldiers of the current war.

Education benefits up to \$500 a year tuition, plus subsistence pay; unemployment compensation of \$20 a week for 52 weeks, and \$2,000 loans for the purchase of homes, farms or businesses—these are the bill's principal points.

To answer the questions that will inevitably arise concerning the law's provisions and veterans' eligibility to participate under them, the following detailed roundup of the legislation's benefits has been prepared by Army News Service.

Exceptions to, and restrictions on, these benefits are many, and some provisions which are not clearly defined in the text will have to be covered later in regulations. But here, as they stand now, are the high points:

1—Education—Up to \$500 a year tuition and expenses for laboratory  
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### GOP Gathers For Convention

CHICAGO, June 25 — Republicans gathering here today for their first wartime national convention since Lincoln was renominated in 1864 talked of a "hands across the nation" ticket headed by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York for president and Gov. Earl Warren of California for vice-president.

The convention opens tomorrow, but its first important business will come Tuesday, when the resolutions committee headed by Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio presents the 1944 platform for adoption. It was generally expected to put the party and its nominee on record as favoring full American participation in a post-war international organization to maintain peace.

If predictions of the Dewey supporters that their candidate will be nominated on the first or second ballot materialize the Presidential balloting should be completed Wednesday. The convention then could  
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### The War Today

France—Germans concede loss of Cherbourg and tell of U.S. tanks entering city as defenders run out of ammunition. . . . Latest Allied reports tell of fierce fighting for fourth day. . . . British infantrymen advance in Tilly sector.

Air War—Allied aircraft pound German targets in France from Spanish border to Pas de Calais, hitting oil dumps and airfields. RAF gives robot coast its fifth weekend raid.

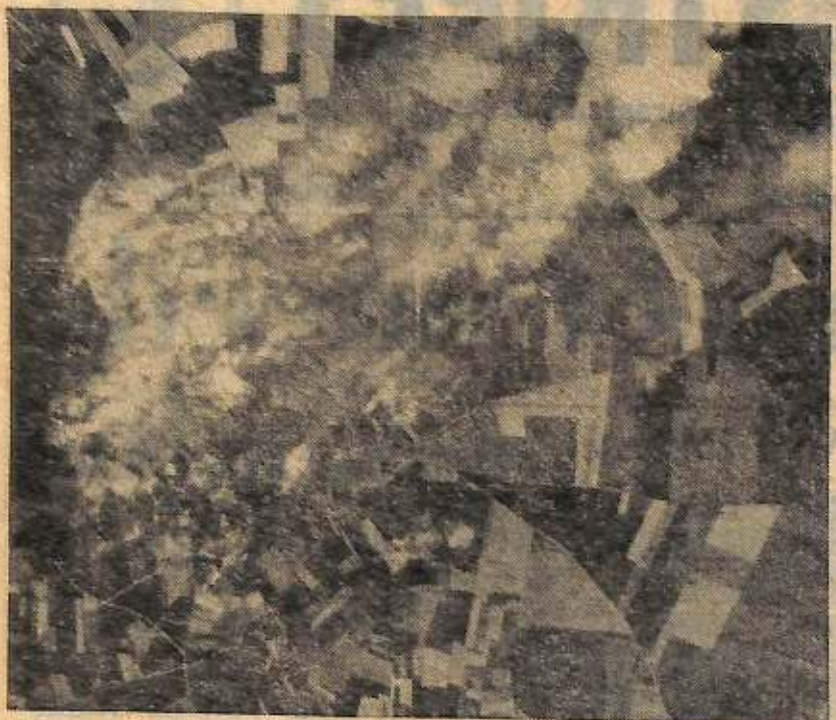
Pacific—Japs, viewing Saipan as "direct threat to Japan proper and Philippines," promise all-out battle to throw out Yanks, now holding half of Marianas Island 1,200 miles southeast of Tokyo. . . . Carrier planes bomb Bonins 550 miles from Yokohama.

Russia—German line in White Russia shattered, Vitebsk almost encircled, way nearly clear for Red Army advance on Minsk, White Russian capital. Finns being pushed back toward Petrozavodsk, Karelian capital.

Asia—Mogaung, last Jap stronghold threatening China-India Ledo road, entered by Stilwell's troops.

Italy—Enemy reported abandoning Leghorn. Nazi counter-attack forces Allied line back along Adriatic.

### Bombs Shower on Robots' Starting Points



Smoke from erupting bombs covers one of the Pas de Calais areas from which robot planes are launched. The attackers were U.S. Eighth AF heavies.

### S & S Reporter Rides an A20 In Attack on Robots' Lairs

By Tom Hoge

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A HAVOC BASE, England, June 25—His flak towers battered and his Luftwaffe punch drunk, Hitler apparently is depending on camouflage and luck to preserve his robot-plane lairs from Allied bombardment.

Cutting across France in a Havoc medium bomber Friday evening, this reporter saw two "boxes" of A20s drop their bomb loads on one of the robot installations in the Pas de Calais area.

The sky was cloudless and despite a slight haze the raiders must have been plainly visible from the ground as they soared over the target. Yet not one burst of flak came up. Nor were there any enemy fighters to harass the raiders.

#### Warned in Advance

Prior to setting out on the mission, we were told by our pilot, 1/Lt. J. Duane Wethe, of Rapid City, S.D., that there might be some excitement.

"If there's a cloud ceiling, it'll be a milk run," he said, "but if it's clear when we go over the target, expect flak—plenty of flak."

The gunners were warned that there were many German fighter planes reported lurking in the area and to expect sudden attacks.

But save for sporadic bursts of enemy fire as the bombers roared over the French coast there was no sign of enemy action.

As the bombers knifed across the countryside at nearly 12,000 feet, we could faintly discern a number of gaping holes in the ground near the target area. Later it was learned that they were the remains of Nazi gun emplacements, knocked out by Allied bombing.

"There she is to your right," called Wethe over the intercom.

#### Target Is Spotted

Peering down through the haze we could make out a small cluster of buildings.

"That's where the doodle bugs are launched," said Wethe.

"And here's a little present for the boys."

The bombs dropped and the run completed, the squadron swung away and headed back toward England.

"It beats the hell out of me," said S/Sgt. Donald Noren, of Chicago, tunnel gunner on the Umbriago, the ship that flew us across, "we don't see any flak at all any more. There's something screwy about it."

"Too bad you couldn't have seen a little, at least," said S/Sgt. Carl V. Pitts, turret gunner from Peru, Ind. "They make mighty pretty bursts in the twilight—pink and all sorts of colors."

It's a pleasure we gladly forewent. In their two months in this theater, "Rhudy's Raiders" (as the group under Col. Ralph Rhudy, of Galax, Va., call themselves) have made more than a dozen missions against Hitler's pilotless-plane installations. At first opposition was heavy with considerable flak and fighter action.

Recently, however, it has dropped off to almost nothing, and in some cases, as on Friday evening's mission, the Nazis depended entirely on camouflage and cloud protection to save their flying-bomb haunts from Allied destruction.

### Pacific - - -

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and were fighting a delaying action while preparing for a last stand.

Meanwhile, U.S. carrier-based planes struck Friday at Iwojima in the Bonin Islands, only 550 miles from Yokohama.

In further attacks, the carrier planes sank five Japanese ships and destroyed 72 planes in a series of attacks on four airfields in the Marianas.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, in Pearl Harbor, disclosed that during the Marianas campaign, the Japs suffered the loss of 44 ships sunk, two probably sunk and 47 damaged, and in addition lost 638 planes. American losses were four ships damaged, 98 planes and 25 pilots lost, he said.

### Delegates Set For Opening of GOP Conclave

#### Dewey-Warren Talk Gains On Convention Eve

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complete its work Thursday with selection of the vice-presidential nominee and acceptance speeches of the standard-bearers.

Warren, who will deliver the convention keynote speech tomorrow, released the California delegation of 50 which had been pledged to him and said he did not seek either first or second place on the ticket. His name, however, was that most frequently mentioned for the vice-presidential choice, and Rep. Joseph W. Martin, of Massachusetts, House minority leader and permanent convention chairman, predicted that Warren would accept.

Dewey himself, for that matter, has not yet publicly announced his candidacy. There were some who thought earlier this year, before his boom attained its present proportions, that the former "racket-busting" district attorney, now only 42, preferred to wait until 1948 to run. But as Dewey did nothing to stop the landslide of delegates to his column in the spring primaries and his backers came to Chicago with 390 pledged and claimed votes, far more than those of any other prospective candidate, it became entirely certain that Dewey would accept.

In fact, it was reported that Dewey already had his acceptance speech under way and was prepared to fly from Albany to Chicago to deliver it at the convention—as another New York governor named Roosevelt did before the Democratic convention in Chicago in 1932.

Meanwhile, supporters of Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, the only announced GOP Presidential candidate, and Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, former Minnesota governor now serving with the Navy in the Pacific, went all out in a drive to round up delegates.

Rep. Clarence Brown of Ohio, floor manager for Bricker, conceded Dewey 385 votes on the first ballot and estimated Bricker's initial strength at 200 to 225 but expressed confidence that there would be a swing to Bricker later in the balloting. There are 1,057 delegates, making 529 votes necessary for nomination.

Framers of the foreign-policy platform plank faced the task of drafting a declaration which would commit the party to international post-war collaboration with other nations and which at the same time would be accepted by those members of the party concerned lest the U.S. surrender any of its sovereignty.

The aim, as phrased by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan, was "to preserve America and co-operate with a free world." And it appeared there would be no major issue between the two major parties on foreign policy, although the Roosevelt Administration's conduct of foreign affairs was certain to be a prime target of Republican campaigners.

The campaign appeared likely to be fought out principally over domestic issues, with the President's administration of his vast war-time powers—the Montgomery Ward seizure, for example—looming large in the foreground.

All observers were agreed that President Roosevelt, who already has more than enough delegates to win nomination for a fourth term on the first ballot at the Democratic convention here next month, would again be the man that the Republican nominee would have to beat.

### Germans Discover Allies Aren't Ogres

By G. K. Hodenfield

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. FORCES IN NORMANDY, June 25—Once again yesterday I wished I was able to speak German.

A young blond Nazi with a bad leg wound emerged from a pillbox, obviously fearful of mutilation or death at the hands of his captors. He looked startled when a first-aid man treated the wound and gave him a cigarette. Later he asked me for a drink.

I handed him the canteen, and when he had finished drinking he started to rattle in German. Several times he mentioned Hitler's name, and he didn't sound complimentary.

While the German prisoners were being taken to the rear we inspected their pillboxes and found that they had been living most comfortably. There were two radios in what appeared to be a day room, while pictures of Hitler and Goering lined the walls.

The pillboxes were blown sky high with high explosives to make sure Jerry never used them again.

### Lib Vet Gives Up Bars To Enroll in West Point

A veteran of 30 Liberator missions over Europe as a navigator, 1/Lt. Robert J. Beatson, of Wilmington, Del., has resigned his commission to enter the U.S. Military Academy's plebe class in July. Beatson holds the DFC and the Air Medal with three clusters.

He entered the Army in Jan., 1941, and spent 18 months with the 26th Infantry Division before taking aviation cadet training.

**Farm-Machinery Expert Dies**  
GLENDALE, Cal., June 25—Charles H. Haney, 82, former International Harvester executive, who introduced American-made farm machinery in various parts of the world, died here.

### What's a Bad Leg?



A broken leg failed to keep this American paratrooper officer from directing operations of his unit in Normandy.

### Blow at Berlin Biggest by Day

Photographic reconnaissance has shown that the attack on Berlin June 21 by Liberators and Fortresses was the most devastating blow ever struck against the German capital by daylight bombers, USSTAF headquarters announced yesterday.

Photos made during the raid show more than 30 concentrations of bomb bursts over a widespread area in the heart of Berlin, it was reported. Many important government buildings, four rail stations, five rail marshalling yards and more than 35 separate industrial plants were damaged.

In the Mitte and Kreuzberg districts in the center of the city, the Reich-chancellery was hit and the Gestapo headquarters, the war office and propaganda buildings were within the area of a large concentration of bomb hits, it was said.

The government printing office, telegraph and post office buildings, several factories and three of Berlin's most important railway stations—Potsdamer, Anhalter and Friederichstrasse—also were hit, USSTAF claimed.

### France - - -

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"German grenadiers and artillery units bypassed by the enemy have formed islands of resistance in the enemy's rear in hamlets, parks, thickets and valleys. Frequently local German headquarters and artillery positions are meeting the enemy with cold steel at points where he has broken in." Paris radio put the strength of the American attackers at ten divisions.

The heights overlooking Cherbourg were reported from the front to be firmly in American hands. While heavy American artillery and mortar fire continued, the troops hacked their way through the pillboxes with grenades and bayonets and used flame-throwers on the toughest points. Some of the captured pillboxes had as many as 16 subterranean rooms, each guarded by a steel door.

The Nazis had fortified every hill and vantage point to bring a cross-fire on the attackers. Three forts on hills west and southwest of the city and just on the outskirts put up vicious resistance. One was near Equeurdreville, the second a little farther south at Le Tot, and the third still farther south at Digare. These forts were part of the permanent defenses of the harbor and their approaches were protected at points by steep ravines 80 feet deep.

An Allied task force of battleships, cruisers and destroyers, commanded by Rear Adm. Morton Lyndholm Deyo aboard the U.S. cruiser Tuscaloosa, bombarded targets in the Cherbourg area in the afternoon. It was the first naval bombardment of Cherbourg to be announced at SHAEF, although German reports have told of others previously. Allied planes also swept over the port area again to support the ground troops, although flying conditions were not good.

Meanwhile the comparative quiet which had prevailed on the rest of the Normandy front was broken in the Tilly-sur-Seulles area when British infantry, fighting through orchards and woods, scored an advance of about a mile to an important point southeast of Tilly. The attack was launched after a heavy concentrated artillery barrage at dawn; no armor was committed by either side. The village which was taken was not identified by name in the frontline dispatches which told of the fighting, but fierce German resistance was reported.

### Naval Losses In the Channel Are 'Very Low'

#### Practically No Personnel Casualties, U.S. Reports

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

SHAEF, June 25—One of the most remarkable and dangerous naval operations in history continues almost daily in the Channel—as thousands of Allied troops, thousands of tons of Allied supplies, and thousands of Allied vehicles are transported across the treacherous strip of water to build up a gigantic offensive against the Germans in France—but American losses in both men and ships are still "very low," and the Navy casualty list is "nearly unbelievably low," a U.S. Navy senior officer said today.

Not a single man in the U.S. Merchant Marine has been killed in cross-Channel action since D-Day, according to the War Shipping Administration.

The Germans, who continue nightly to drop mines by plane into the Channel admit the Allied naval accomplishment in words amounting to praise.

#### 'Enormous Achievement'

"It is certain that Gen. Montgomery's army group is already across the Channel with the main bulk of its divisions," said Lt. Gen. Dittmar, military commentator for German Radio.

"This is an enormous achievement of transport for our enemies."

Casualty figures of U.S. naval men are still being compiled.

The only official revelation of U.S. losses was made shortly after D-Day by President Roosevelt, who said that two destroyers and one landing craft were lost in the initial assault.

#### Three Battleships Help

Battleships operating with U.S. naval forces on the western flank of the beachhead include the Texas, 32,000 tons, with ten 14-inch guns, launched in 1912; the Nevada, 29,000 tons, also with ten 14-inch guns, launched in 1914, and the Arkansas, 26,100 tons, with 12 12-inch guns, launched in 1911.

The Texas was one of the ships that provided naval gunfire and aircraft support for the North African landings. In World War I, the Texas and the Arkansas were among U.S. ships present at the surrender of the German High Seas Fleet to the Allies in 1918.

The Nevada was damaged in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Heavy cruisers include the Augusta, now Rear Adm. Alan Goodrich Kirk's flagship, which in 1941 was the scene of the Atlantic Charter conference; the Tuscaloosa and the Quincy. The first two took part in the North African campaign.

Modern destroyers make up the largest percentage of U.S. destroyers in the Task Force. Two of them are the McCook and the Satterlee, each of 1,630 tons. The McCook, which has five-inch guns with a range of more than ten miles, went in to the Normandy cliffs at 800 yards and shelled German strong-points point-blank on D-Day.

Naval bombardment in the American sector of the beachhead is under Rear Adm. Morton L. Deyo, of Kittery Point, Me., aboard the Tuscaloosa. His deputy is Rear Adm. Carleton Bryant, of Searsport, Me., aboard the Nevada.

#### 35 Seconds Do the Trick

A startling example of how efficient U.S. naval bombardment can be in support of land forces was given here by an American naval officer. He said that an officer on shore radioed the location of a Norman building held by German snipers, and 35 seconds later the building was demolished by shells from a U.S. ship.

German testimony to the grim effectiveness of Allied naval shelling was made in one report from a survivor of the 716th Infantry Division, now a prisoner of war in England. His statement was:

"The enemy simply laid off the shore and had target practice on us with their naval guns. They took all the time they wanted. Five kilometers off the coast he had his warships to anchor, and not a soul bothered him."

"He put up his artillery observation balloons and plastered every square meter with 15-inch naval shells."

The Allied naval forces on D-Day had to deal with German batteries ranging from French 75s up to 280mm. guns, which commanded all the coast and the approaches to the landing beaches. It has been estimated that more than 120 enemy guns were shelled around H-Hour.

The U.S. and British Navies provide the bulk of the Allied naval forces. The overall ratio is about two U.S. ships to three British ships, but in warships the ratio is one U.S. to three British.

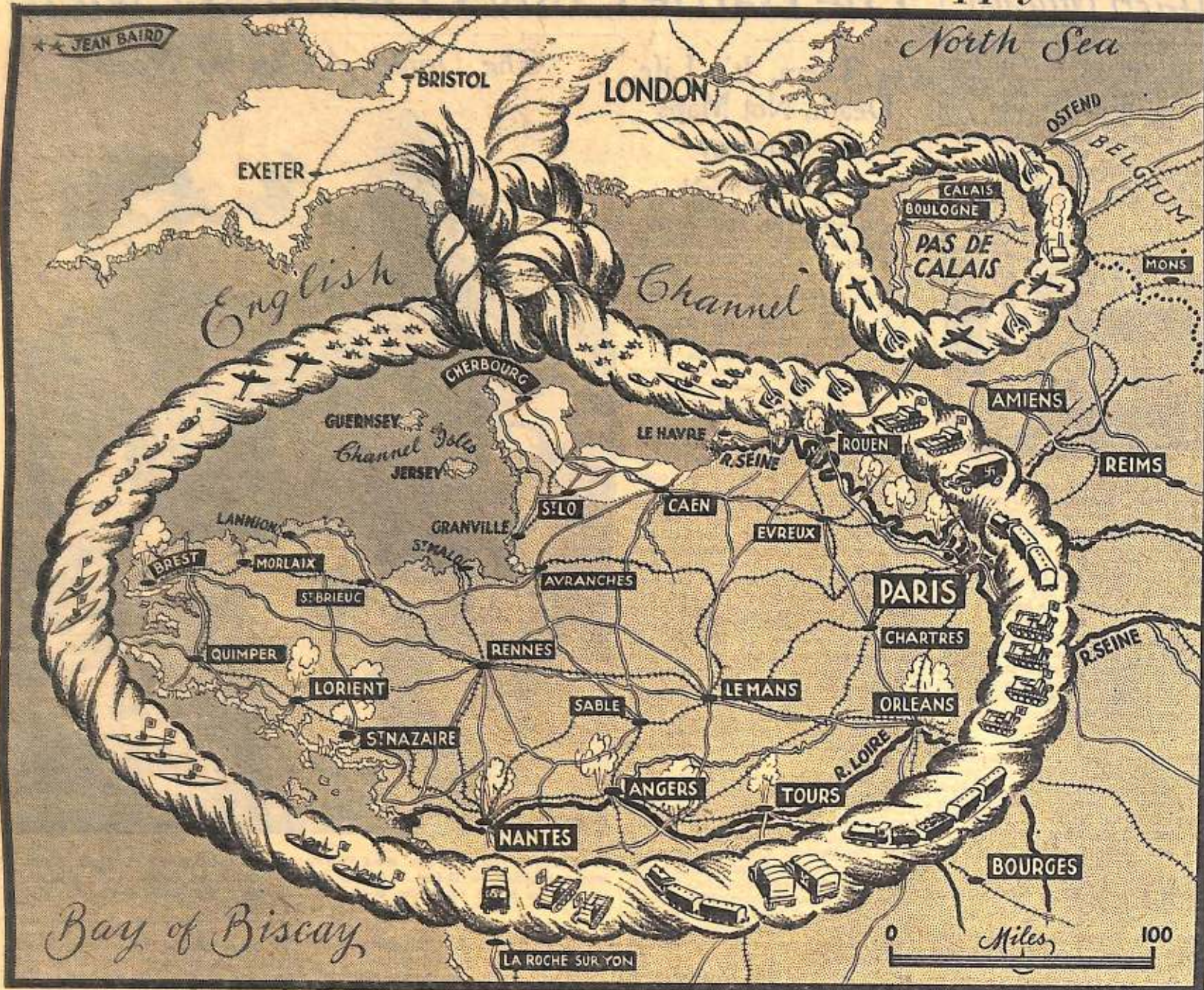
#### Tire Production Grows

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 25—Civilian passenger-car tire production probably will be near the peak pre-war replacement rate by the end of the year, Edward J. Thomas, president of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., said here. Synthetic-rubber production has increased to the point where 20,000,000 passenger-car tires will be produced this year, he said.

#### Police Moguls Ousted

CHICAGO, June 25—Seven high-ranking members of the Chicago Police Department have been dismissed after being convicted by the Civil Service Commission of failure to suppress gambling.

# Drawing the Aerial Noose Tight on Nazi Supply Lines



The two nooses show the areas of France covered by the Allied "operational strangle" to effect a complete aerial blockade on supplies to the enemy and at the same time smash Nazi communications. Allied planes regularly have been attacking the flying-bomb installations in Pas de Calais.

## New B29 Bases In China—Nazis

German Overseas News Agency, quoting Japanese reports, claimed yesterday that new USAAF bases for Super Fortress raids on Japan had been constructed in the Chinese provinces of Kiangsu, Shensi and Lan-Chow.

The report estimated combined U.S. and Chinese operational air strength in China at about 700 planes but added that the Americans "are constantly bringing more planes from the States."

### Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 387, U.S. Army, Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131.

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#### Reunion

WEST End House (Boston) Reunion at Kinnosow Corner, 7 PM, July 4.—Sgt. Irving Hoffman.

#### Wanted

WANTED, air mattress for sleeping bag.—Capt. Jerome Chamovitz.

#### Lost

WILL Artillery captain minding watch which I gave him to hold for me on the ramp of the mock boat landing near — please get in touch with me?—S/Sgt. Leo C. Doyle.

#### Jeep With Ladies' Suitcases

WILL the jeep driver who undertook to deliver a couple of ladies' suitcases on Burford Road, Oxford, on May 30, please get in touch with me, as they were never delivered?—Irene Burke, 39 Lodge Gardens, Kingsbury, London, N.W.9.

## 4 Brigadiers, Colonels Go Up

Promotion of four brigadier generals serving in the European Theater of Operations to the rank of major general and four colonels to one-star generalities was announced yesterday by Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Army Communications Zone commander.

Brig. Gens. James P. Hodges, of Tampa, Fla., head of an Eighth Air Force Liberator division since its arrival in England in September, 1942; Frank S. Ross, of Covine, Cal., chief of transportation; William S. Rumbough, of Lynchburg, Va., chief signal officer, and Henry B. Saylor, of Huntington, Ind., chief of ordnance, were promoted to major general.

Col. Hugh W. Rowan, of Chevy Chase, Md., chief of Chemical Warfare Service; George S. Eyster, of Washington, D.C., chief of plans and training; James H. Stratton, of Arlington, Va., chief of supply division; and Nicholas H. Cobbs, of Arlington, Va., director of the Army fiscal section, were appointed brigadier generals.

## S & S Puts to Sea, Thanks to the Navy

A BRITISH PORT, June 25—The Stars and Stripes' seagoing circulation department opened unofficially here on D-plus-1 when two sailors noticed the demand of returning bluejackets for news.

Buying all available copies in town with their own money Lt. (jg) J. A. Bradnick, of Franklin, Ind., and Walter E. Taliaferro, Y3c, of Los Angeles, Cal., borrowed a small boat and made a tour of the harbor.

News-hungry sailors grabbed all copies before they reached the quarterdeck. Taliaferro almost brought on a riot aboard the USS Arkansas.

"I saw another ship coming in and decided to save some papers for it," he said. "But the 'Arky' crew gave me such an argument that I escaped with only 10 copies."

## Vast Reservoir of Parts Keeps the Forts Flying

Despite the heavily-increased load placed on combat aircraft by the Battle of Normandy, Flying Fortresses have fulfilled their assignments without a single plane being grounded for lack of spare parts, the Air Service Command disclosed yesterday.

What's more, the report read, there are enough spare parts in the ETO to maintain the airborne record for a year. And it was pointed out that the average number of parts in a plane is 27,500.

## Cherbourg Nazis Get U.S. Drugs Via Captive Flier

BEFORE CHERBOURG, June 25 (UP)—One of the strangest episodes in the battle for Cherbourg occurred this morning, just as the final attack was about to begin.

A motorcycle driven by a German and with a U.S. airman in the sidecar came through the battle lines, a white flag waving over it. Our advance patrols stopped it. They saw that the airman was badly wounded in the left arm.

"I am a prisoner of war of the Germans," he told them. "This officer is a German Army doctor. I have come from the military hospital in Cherbourg under a safe conduct with the doctor to ask for blood plasma and more drugs to treat the wounded there."

They were taken to a command post and the story told again. A few minutes later they were being supplied with the necessary drugs by U.S. Army doctors.

Then they went back, the doctor and the wounded airman, back through the lines into the besieged city of Cherbourg again.

## Yanks' Theater Reopens

The Scala Theater, Charlotte St., London, W1, has been reopened for American servicemen, it was announced yesterday. Two evening shows are scheduled weekday evenings, with continuous performances from 3 PM on Sunday.

## Spruance's Strategy Hailed In Great Blow at Jap Planes

American naval strategy and the uncanny marksmanship of U.S. pilots and ack-ack gunners combined to destroy almost every Japanese carrier-based aircraft that attacked the U.S. Fifth Fleet last Sunday, William Worden, American combined press reporter, asserted yesterday in a delayed dispatch from the fleet flagship.

By holding his fleet near Guam, southernmost of the Marianas, Adm. Raymond A. Spruance, Fifth Fleet commander, not only prevented an enemy assault on U.S. transports and ground troops at Saipan, but made it impossible for the Jap raiders to carry out their plan to refuel at Guam, Worden reported.

Sending wave after wave of bombers to plaster airfields on Guam and Rota, to the north of Guam, Spruance caught scores of almost fuelless Jap aircraft trying to land. On one Guam field, only five of a force of 100 which the Japs hoped to shelter there escaped.

The Navy force that later sent the

## Mustang Group Wins a Citation

The pioneer Mustang group of the Ninth Air Force, first to fly P51s in the ETO and now credited with 361 enemy planes, has been cited by Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, Ninth Air Force commander, for outstanding performance of duty.

Announcement of the award, the first made to a Ninth fighter group here, entitles all members to wear the blue ribbon of the Presidential citation on the right side of the chest.

The group, now led by Col. George R. Bickell, of Nutley, N.J., has been commanded by two of America's most famous fighter pilots—Col. James H. Howard, of St. Louis, Mo., former "Flying Tiger," now assigned to a staff position in Ninth Fighter Command, and his predecessor, Col. Kenneth R. Martin, of Kansas City, Mo., who went down over Germany after colliding with an Me210.

## Last-War Equipment Comes In Handy Now

A SIGNAL CORPS BASE, June 25—Equipment used in World War I is being used to good advantage in France.

When signalmen of the Air Service Command sent out an SOS for waterproof bags to cover delicate radio transmitters being shipped to France, the British government came up with a warehouseful of World War I raincoats which had been in storage since 1918. Still in usable condition, they were converted for the job at hand.

## Radio Network Set Up Linking Three Nations

### System Aids in 2-Way Air Missions to Russia

Establishment of a triangular radio-communication network between Britain, Russia and Italy by the Army Airway Communication System and the Army Communications Service to transmit weather and operational information for two-way strategic bombing missions was announced yesterday by USSTAF headquarters.

The two communication branches were asked by the U.S. Army Air Forces last February to undertake the planning, installation and operation of the radio network, and since then personnel to operate the installations in Russia were selected and transported there. Equipment for the bases was procured from Army units in Iceland, Africa and England.

Four officers, charged with the task of delivering personnel and supplies to the proper bases, headed the first Russian-

### Soviet Bombs for U.S. Planes

U.S. bombers soon will be plastering industrial targets in Germany with Russian-made bombs, Col. Philip Schwartz, ordnance chief of the Air Service Command in Britain, announced yesterday.

Under reverse Lend-Lease, American planes landing at U.S. bases in the USSR will be loaded with Russian bombs for the return trip to their home bases, he said.

bound contingent of 29 EMs. Air Transport Command conveyed the entire project by plane, delivering almost 110,000 pounds of material.

To guarantee security, only men assigned to the unit were allowed to handle the equipment. They loaded and unloaded all supplies during the transfer from England—through Casablanca and Teheran—to the Russian bases.

One enlisted man was placed in charge of each planeload, with instructions to stay with it regardless of what happened or where it went. One plane was forced down twice in the desert, but the only casualty during the trip was one gallon of electrolite.

Russian workmen aided in installing and reconditioning the equipment.

## Sidelights... on France

WITH U.S. FORCES OUTSIDE CHERBOURG, June 23 (delayed)—Carrying a pole with a 15-pound charge of dynamite on the end of it, Cpl. John Kelley, of Pittsburgh, crawled through machine-gun fire today, mounted a German pillbox and single-handedly cleaned out the 21 occupants.

Kelley's action released a platoon which had been pinned down in a ditch by machine-gun fire from the pillbox, a large concrete below-ground fortification consisting of several rooms. His dynamite also destroyed two machine-guns, radio equipment and large supplies of ammunition and stores.

In the first glider pickup from Normandy, a C47 Skytrain Saturday swooped down and picked up a U.S. Army glider from a small clearing in the woods of the liberated area.

Col. Arthur G. Salisbury, one of the first American airmen to enter Normandy, has been made commander of a Ninth Air Force Thunderbolt fighter-bomber wing, Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, Ninth AF commander, announced yesterday.

Infantry soldiers in Normandy report that Nazi snipers are using a .22 caliber rifle with a long barrel and telescopic sights which makes little noise when fired. One Nazi sniper, according to Sgt. Edward J. Hassett, of Worcester, Mass., camouflaged himself with a U.S. Army parachute.

## Gen. Eaker Honored With Soviet Award

MAAF HQ, Italy, June 25 (AP)—The Order of Kutuzov, second class, has been conferred on Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker by the Soviet Union in recognition of his "invaluable contribution to the success of air operations over Europe" as commander of the Eighth Air Force in Britain from December, 1942, to January, 1944.

## Carrier Bombed by Allies Identified as an Ex-Liner

ALLIED HQ, Italy, June 25 (Reuter)—The uncompleted aircraft carrier on which Thunderbolts scored five direct hits last week has been identified as the former 30,000-ton Italian liner Roma.

The Roma was being converted into a carrier at the time of Italy's capitulation, but little work has been done on the vessel since.

### Competition for WACs

WASHINGTON, June 25—The House Naval Affairs Committee Thursday approved legislation permitting the Navy to send WAVES and SPARS overseas. Only volunteers will go abroad, however.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Pattern for Victory

THREE big gaps have now been torn in the German lines on the White Russian front.

Marshal Stalin issuing three Orders of the Day revealed that the breaches opened on Friday north and south of Vitebsk are now 50 miles wide. In the Finnish campaign, the Red Army advances on Petrozavodsk, capital of the Karelian Republic.

The fall of Vitebsk, now impending, will mean the forcing of the German line back into Northern Poland, leaving Vilna—180 miles to the west—the Germans' next stronghold of defense. A breakthrough to Vilna would threaten the Vistula bend and Warsaw.

These are brilliant blows by the Russians, who have advanced from 12 to 19 miles and captured more than 200 places in three days of fighting. They indicate the perfect timing of the Allied assaults from the West, East and South which is tying down the Nazi armies and preventing the German High Command from moving reserves to crucial fronts.

As the Red Army encircles the great key bastion of Vitebsk the Nazis are confronted with the problem of trying to seal the Cherbourg Peninsula once our troops are established there, which will leave them little reserves for other sectors, in addition to the French, Belgian and Dutch coasts. Also, in Italy, the Germans have urgent need of reinforcements if they are to make a strong stand in the Po valley. If divisions are supplied from Yugoslavia the Allies will be free to move across the Adriatic.

All of these encouraging reports show the results of careful chessboard strategy by the Allied High Command. They reassure that those charged with plans to crush the enemy have considered all angles. Also that they are making sure our superiority of men and supplies is being placed where it will hurt the aggressors most and bring victory soonest.

Battlefront Tips

BATTLE wise frontline troops have picked up many new combat lessons while killing Germans in Normandy. We pass along the latest tips from our reporters since they may be useful in saving your lives.

Rule number one: Don't move anywhere without your shovel and your rifle. Also, GIs have found it best to keep the trench knife on the leg; not in the belt, where it is difficult to reach when curled up in a slit trench.

Many casualties result from shrapnel, mortar and artillery fire. Protection against this fire is achieved by digging a deep slit trench, then digging in and under at the bottom of the slit so that you have top cover, thus you have protection against everything but a direct hit. Sand-built slit trenches should be sandbagged to prevent cave-ins. In sand, good protection is provided by digging a post hole type cover. Top protection is secured by your helmet.

Never go through an opening in the enemy's hedge; make your own hole in the hedge for Jerry usually covers established openings with small arms fire accurately zero'd in.

Don't dig in by a gate or a big tree. Jerry has his sights on such objects. One unit lost nine out of 15 men because its machine group dug in around a big tree.

German small arms fire is inaccurate and this includes sniper fire; but don't risk a hit by exposing yourself unnecessarily.

GIs who left Britain cussing their rather uncomfortable impregnated clothes now swear by these garments. Impregnated clothes keep you warm and ward off thorns found in many hedgerows which catch and rip ordinary GI woollens. The large pockets in the impregnated jumpers also come in handy for packing extra rations, ammunition and hand grenades.

We'll pass along more tips from time to time as they roll in from our front line Emily Post.

Hey, Taxi!

LONDON will always remember the Yanks and their cries of "Hey, taxi!" Now our fighting men have given the old technique a new battlefield version—the Allies are now adopting the "cab-rank" bombing technique in Normandy.

As the name implies, it means that ground forces can directly summons a warplane to their aid, as though they were calling an aerial cab, bristling with weapons, out of a cab-rank in the sky. For this technique the aircraft are in direct contact with a vehicle on the ground. When land forces come up against trouble, they give the signal and a fighter-bomber or cannon-firing aircraft peels off, comes down and lends the necessary support.

The technique is described as the closest and most scientific form of air support yet devised. It makes the infantrymen's task easier and puts supporting aircraft to the most effective use. So the "cab-rank" goes to war and the Yank can still call "Hey, taxi!"—and this time, the rank is seldom empty.

Hash Marks

Snappy repartee in the ETO: A GI stepped up to a babe who was on her way into a popular dance hall. "Hi, a cutie," he chattered, "I'm going your way!" "Oh, yeah," she smirked, "better bring your powder puff then, soldier!"

This akshilly happened, old boy. A GI wrote to his lady love back in the States that he had attended a dinner where they



had WAAFs. He was promptly rewarded with this reply, "Darling, when you come home, I'll learn how to cook WAAFs to remind you of the wonderful times you had in England."

And then there was the girl friend who wouldn't kiss her boy friend in a canoe—so he paddled her back.

A nurse, slightly on the plump side, was doing a little sight-seeing in London. "Pardon me," she asked a small boy, "can I get into the park through this gate?" "I guess so, mum," said the little chap innocently, "a cartload of hay just went through."

Sailors are quick on the comeback. At a dance the other night a sweet young thing looked up at her partner and sighed, "But, darling, haven't I always been fair to you?" "Sure thing, baby," replied the sailor nonchalantly, "but I want you to be fair and warmer."

Overheard in a pub. "My husband's pet hobby is never letting down a man who asks him to have another."

Signs of the Times. The Statistical Department at Ninth Troop Carrier Command has belligerently changed the sign on its door to: "You Shoot 'em, We'll Compute 'em Section."

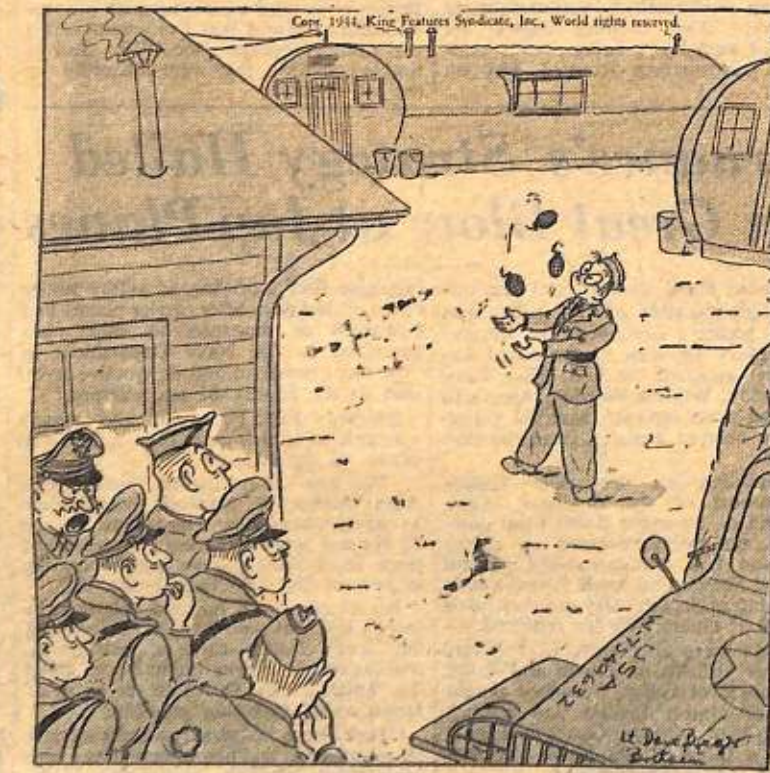
A woman drove up to the gates of Camp Clairborne and demanded entrance. When she couldn't produce



proper credentials Pvt. Jack Elliot, MP on duty, told her she couldn't enter. Turning her car around, the woman got stuck in a nearby ditch. She got out, handed Elliot a baby and explained she didn't want to risk injuring the child. For better than a quarter of an hour, while fellow MPs labored to get the car back on the road, Elliot paced up and down with the infant in his arms—and his precise, ordered military pace rocked the babe to sleep!

Two Indians were chatting. Said one, "The way I figure it—when they smoked the pipe of peace in 1918, nobody inhaled."

PRIVATE BREGER



"Well, SOMEONE'S got to tell him you don't get cited for bravery by juggling live grenades!"

The Battle Comes Down to 2 Men

For Them, It's Life, Death, Not Maps Or Strategy

By G. K. Hodenfield

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH AMERICAN FORCES OUTSIDE CHERBOURG, June 23 (delayed)

—The size of a battle doesn't really depend on the number of troops or guns involved. It depends on your proximity to the battlefield.

At Corps headquarters you think in terms of divisions striking at this point and that, at a division headquarters it comes down to regiments, and so on down until the battle really amounts to GI Joe in a foxhole over here trying his best to kill Jerry behind hedgerows over there.

At Corps, the reverberation of the big guns in the distance will hold your attention for awhile, but it's like a hotel room with a noisy trolley going by—you soon get used to it, and you never hear it after that. At division headquarters, the noise is sharper and it holds your attention longer. But if you're in a good bull session with another amateur strategist you can put it in the back of your mind. And at regimental headquarters you can hear sniper and machine-gun fire and you know you're getting close. And as you work your way down the line, through battalion to company to platoon, you feel the excitement growing inside you and you know the "big" battle is near—the battle that concerns you most.

Today I watched the second battalion of an infantry regiment advance 2,000 yards and capture some high ground in the arc of German defenses surrounding Cherbourg.

But this isn't the story of a Corps headquarters or a division headquarters. This is the story of footslogging soldiers in the front lines, men who have learned the most important thing they need to know about the German Army. They know that Germans can be killed, Germans can be captured and Germans can be whipped.

Shortly after noon today, Maj. Woodrow W. Bailey, of Bluefield, W. Va., set up a command post and started mapping a new offensive against the Germans in front of him.

Bailey conferred with Lt. Otto Armbruster, of New Orleans, his artillery liaison officer, and outlined a ten-minute barrage to be laid down just before the pushoff. He conferred with Lt. George Booth, of Atlanta, Ga., commander of F Company, and Capt. William Larson, of New Jersey, commander of E Company. These two companies were to spearhead the attack.

The various company commanders moved to their posts, but Bailey never lost touch with them. Right at his side all during the action was Pfc Perry Kiniansky, of Atlanta, Ga., with a walkie-talkie radio set strapped to his back and a carbine rifle laid across his legs.

As we moved up to the advanced observation post, we passed the body of a German officer who had been killed that morning. He had been running up the side of a hedgerow with a bayonet fixed, evidently prepared for a one-man attack. He was stopped dead in his tracks by a rifleman—with just one shot. Beside a silver cigarette case that had fallen from his belt was a book of matches. Inscribed thereon was a bright blue message on a red background: "Buy United States War Stamps and Bonds regularly."

When Kiniansky told the major that his companies were almost ready to move out, the signal was given to start the artillery barrage. And when those shells scream overhead they sound so near you involuntarily look up to watch them go by.

While Armbruster was making corrections on the artillery range over the telephone, Capt. Inzer thoroughly briefed his men on the mortar fire that was to cover the Yankee advance. No sooner

The Drinks Are on the Nazis



Lt. Briand W. Beaudin, left, West Warwick, R.I., and Lt. Paul E. Lohman, Washington, captured on D-Day, celebrate their liberation by fellow U.S. airborne infantrymen in the Orlandes district in Normandy. The bottle of wine was also in the hands of the Germans.

had the artillery fired its last salvo than the 81mm. mortars opened up.

Thirty-six rounds per minute fell into the German lines, and as they started falling, the riflemen in the front lines began moving forward. When the assaulting troops were closed into the fire line, the signal came back by radio: "Lift mortar fire 100 yards." The mortar fire lifted, and the men started pushing forward again.

"Jerry hates our mortars," Bailey said. "Yesterday we took 40 prisoners without a single casualty. And those men we took were nervous cases, they were bleeding from the ears and nose and were scared stiff. They can hear the artillery and they can hear the airplane, but they don't know about these mortars until we knock them right off their feet."

We could see the advancing soldiers going up the slope of the hill at the double and we could see the mortar fire falling in front of them. We couldn't see any Jerries, but sporadic rifle and machine-gun fire from over west of the hill indicated that we hadn't made all our advance without any opposition. And then the tide of battle moved away.

Finally came the order from Bailey to the men who staffed the command and observation posts:

"O.K. men, let's get moving." We went back to regimental headquarters, where the G-2 officers were drawing new blue lines across the situation map. When we got back to a corps headquarters, we started to tell what we had seen, and then we changed our minds.

Gen. Ike Visits Normandy Again, And One GI Gets Self a Lecture

By Edward V. Roberts

Combined Press Correspondent ALLIED ADVANCED COMMAND POST, June 25 (Reuter)—Gen. Eisenhower spent four hours in the American sector of the Normandy beachhead yesterday—one hour conferring with Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley and other U.S. leaders and three talking with GIs.

It was the supreme commander's first visit to the American sector since June 12.

Eisenhower spent much of his time with units that had recently arrived in France. He picked men at random and questioned them closely to see if they knew what to do in case of attack. He asked Pvt. Louis Bernard, of Rochester, N.Y., what he would do if a German plane were suddenly to appear over his encampment.

"I'd fire three shots for warning, sir, and then I'd shoot at him, sir," Bernard replied quickly.

Eisenhower nodded, smiled and walked briskly over to Pfc Bagdon Odadzion, of

The soldier instantly replied, "Sharp-shooter." The officer asked why he failed to tell the general and the GI replied:

"I looked up and saw who it was and I guess it scared the wits out of me." The general's party whizzed through Normandy in three jeeps without guard or escort. One soldier driving a bulldozer and wearing a high silk hat spotted his chief and stood up and waved his bizarre headgear.

A Negro trooper saw him and shouted to his buddy, "Man, it's the big shot." A GI telephone linesman spotted the general from his perch on a new pole. "Christ, it's the old man himself," he shouted.

Close One



Pfc J. E. Green, of Dallas, points to a hole made in his helmet by a German sniper's bullet while Green was entering the town of St. Sauver-Le Victime, France.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, June 25 (UP)—"Got any gum, general?" was one little French boy's salute to Gen. Eisenhower as the supreme commander passed through a tiny village yesterday on his visit to the beachhead.

As the general's party, traveling with typical lack of fanfare in three jeeps, was held up by traffic in the town, the boy sidled up to the general's jeep and asked for gum. The general held up both his hands and laughed.

Akron, Ohio, and asked him where he was going to sleep that night.

"I'm all set up in a ditch under some vines for camouflage, sir," replied Odadzion. The general came quickly up to some day-dreaming GI and demanded to know his proficiency with the rifle. The soldier stammered: "I don't know, sir." Eisenhower quietly lectured him for two minutes. He told him his company wanted to know that he could hit a man's head at 200 yards and by God he should know it, too.

As the general passed on, a junior officer asked the crestfallen soldier: "Don't you even know your rating?"

# 'GI Bill of Rights'

## Here Are the Highpoints of New Law to Help Veterans

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fees and books at any recognized private or public, secondary, business school or college, including religious school. A plus \$25 a month for dependents.  
Education benefits are available only to veterans who were under 25 when they joined the armed forces.

Ninety days of service entitle a veteran to one year of schooling. The length of service after Sept. 16, 1940, when the Selective Service Law became effective, determines the length of any additional schooling. Maximum schooling available is four years. Part-time study is allowed if desired.

**Time to be Deducted**  
Time spent in Army or Navy college training programs, which was a continuation of a civilian course and which was pursued to completion while in the service, is to be deducted from such schooling time allowed to veterans.

**Unemployment benefits**—Up to 52 weeks of unemployment compensation at \$20 per week during the first two years following discharge, or following termination of the war, whichever is later.

**Loans for homes, farms and businesses**—Loans at 4 per cent interest, from either private or federal agencies, with the government guaranteeing up to 50 per cent of the loan up to a \$2,000 maximum.

In general, these benefits are available to veterans who were in the service after Selective Service began, who served at least 90 days, and who were discharged under any condition other than dishonorable.

An exception is made for persons discharged by reason of an injury or disability incurred in the line of duty.

There is nothing in the text of the act which would preclude a veteran from obtaining more than one of the benefits. However, there is a provision that any benefits received under this act will be deducted from any future benefits that may be voted for veterans. In the case of a veteran who had obtained a loan under provisions of the GI Bill of Rights, it is provided that in the event of any future compensation being authorized under a new act, the new compensation would be used first to pay off the loan.

The age limit of 25 was provided in the education benefits on the grounds that a person who was under that age at the time he entered the service was presumed to have had his education interrupted, and a person over that age was not.

The schooling must begin within two years after discharge or after the end of the war, whichever is later, and no such education will be provided beyond seven years after the end of the war.

**Part-time Study**  
Provisions are made for part-time study and for refresher courses of less than one year's duration.

The veteran-student must make satisfactory grades throughout the course, or he may be dropped. He need not necessarily enroll in a school in his own state.

In cases where the school that the veteran wishes to attend has no tuition fee, the veteran's administrator is authorized to pay a "reasonable" sum anyhow, as long as it does not exceed \$500 a year. Veterans availing themselves of part-time schooling are entitled to receive lesser sums of subsistence as the administrator may determine.

Twenty-four weeks of unemployment compensation are provided for veterans who served the required 90 days. Beyond 24 weeks, payments match the veteran's entire length of service up to 52 weeks. Thus, in order to qualify for the full 52 weeks, a veteran need only have served 10 months.

To be eligible for compensation, a veteran need not be completely unemployed. He is eligible if he worked less than a full work week and his wages were less than the government's allowance plus \$30. While drawing such compensation, he must be registered with and continue to report to a public-employment office. He also must be able to work, and be available for work.

However, if he is unable to work because of illness or injury suffered after he began working, he is eligible for unemployment compensation.

A veteran is disqualified for unemployment compensation if he quits his job voluntarily without good cause, if he is fired for misconduct, fails to apply for work to which he has been referred by a public employment office, or if he does not attend without good cause free training courses provided for a particular job.

**Disqualified if a Striker**  
The veteran also is disqualified if his unemployment is due to a work stoppage caused by a labor dispute, unless he can show that he is not participating in the dispute and does not belong to "a grade or class of workers" which is involved in the dispute, and which had members employed at the establishment prior to the dispute.

Regarding a veteran's eligibility for unemployment pay, he may not be offered a job vacant because of a labor dispute, and he may not be compelled to take a job where the wages, hours and working conditions are below the standard of the locality.

A feature of the unemployment compensation benefit is that it applies to a veteran who has his own business and is unsuccessful at it. He is eligible for unemployment pay if he can show that he is fully engaged in self employment and that his net earnings from a trade, business profession or other vocation are less than \$100 a month. He will be reimbursed, subject to the limitations of the act, for the difference between \$100 and what he earned for the month.

Application for loan benefits are limited to two years after discharge or two years after the end of the war, whichever is later, and in no case more than five years after the war.

The act provides that the administrator of veterans' affairs will guarantee half the amount of the veteran's loan. The government's guarantee is limited to \$2,000. Interest on the part borrowed from the government is free the first year. The government requires no security for its loan except the right to be subrogated to the lien rights of the holder of the obligation, which is guaranteed. Loans guaranteed by the government will bear a maximum of four per cent interest, and are payable in full in not more than 20 years.

In all cases of loans for homes, farms and businesses the veteran himself must occupy or operate the home, farm or business. In the case of a loan for a home the veteran's administrator must determine that the property to be bought is suitable for a home, that its cost is not beyond the borrower's means, and that the cost is reasonable as determined by a proper appraisal. The act provides that no first mortgage shall be ineligible for insurance under the National Housing Act, as amended, by reason of any loan guaranteed under this title, or by reason of any secondary lien upon the property involved securing such a loan.

**Other Loan Provisions**  
Loans also are available for purchasing land, buildings, livestock, equipment, machinery, or implements, or in repairing, altering or improving any buildings or equipment to be used in farming operations conducted by the applicant.

The veteran must be engaged in bona fide farming operations, and must use the buildings or equipment himself. He must show ability and experience in farming and a reasonable likelihood of successful operations of the buildings or equipment to be bought, and there must be an appraisal of the property he is to buy.

Training as a vocation-trainee may make a veteran eligible for a farm loan in lieu of farm tenancy.

The same rules applying to farmer veterans also apply to those seeking loans for businesses. The borrower must operate the business himself, show that the property will be useful to him, that his past experience gives him promise of success in business, and that he is not paying beyond a reasonable price.

The bill also provides for a Veterans' Placement Service Board to assist the U.S. Employment Service in counseling and locating jobs for veterans. The administrator of veterans' affairs is chairman of the board, and the director of the National Selective Service System and the administrator of the Federal Security Agency are members. The USES will assign to each state a veterans' unemployment representative who must himself be a veteran and a resident of the state for two years, and who will supervise the registration of veterans in local employment offices, gather information on type of work available, and maintain contact with employers. All federal agencies must furnish the board records, statistics and information available on employment situations.

Another provision of the act is an authorization for \$500,000,000 for the construction of additional veterans' hospital facilities.

# NEWS FROM HOME Congress Quits For a Vacation At Conventions

## Session Will Reassemble On Aug. 1

WASHINGTON, June 25—After devoting fully half of its five-month session to blueprinting a program of aid for returning servicemen, Congress went home this weekend to stay until Aug. 1 to allow members to attend Republican and Democratic national conventions.

Included in the legislation to benefit discharged servicemen were measures giving them mustering-out pay and opportunities for education and jobs, hospitalization and loans through the "GI Bill of Rights."

Before adjourning, Congress rushed through bills to expedite the return of industry to civilian production and extended the life of the war-time price, rent and wage-control act to June 13, 1945.

The combined actions were seen as a reflection of a belief on Capitol Hill that the major battles of the war will have been won in the not too distant future.

Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D-Tenn.), chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, announced that during the session Congress appropriated more than \$67,000,000,000 and approved contract authorizations totaling more than \$8,000,000,000.

In addition, the session lifted the debt limit from \$210,000,000,000 to \$260,000,000,000, passed a tax-simplification program and voted Lend-Lease aid to liberated nations.

### Really the Boss

HAZELTON, Pa., June 25—The Annual encampment of the Pennsylvania Department of the GAR turned out to be a one-man show. Only member present was Alfred W. Garbic, 98, of Hazelton. He called the meeting to order, asked for nominations, nominated himself, re-elected himself and then ordered the meeting adjourned.

### GM Set for Reconversion

NEWARK, N.J., June 25—General Motors Corp. will be able to convert to civilian production of 2,000,000 cars yearly "very quickly" when the time for such a change comes, Alfred P. Sloan Jr., chairman of the board, said.

### Just in Time

PRINCETON, Mo., June 25—Pfc Grant Tilley sent his wife some red roses from London for her birthday. They arrived three months late, but opportunely. Mrs. Tilley was in a hospital, recovering from an operation.

### Will Rogers' Widow Dies

SANTA MONICA, Cal., June 25—Mrs. Betty Blake Rogers, 65, widow of Will Rogers, died on the Rogers ranch after a long illness. She left two sons and a daughter.

# An Augury for the Future



Three pretty swimmers demonstrating a post-war use of U.S. rubber life rafts which are now being used to save fliers. Left to right: Grace Johnson, Betty Garrett and Ruth Roman.

## Sophisticated Ole Cock Is Just Another Rooster

CHICAGO, June 25—Any rooster which crows on Chicago's Gold Coast is a nuisance—even if the bird has claws tinted with bright red nail polish and plucked eyebrows, Judge Mason Sullivan ruled in court here.

Mrs. Edward A. Boyle, owner of the rooster, had attempted to convince the judge the bird wasn't an ordinary one. Sullivan ordered the rooster shipped to Libertyville, a suburb.

## Rudy Vallee's Wife Says She's Quitting for Good

HOLLYWOOD, June 25—Bettejane Greer, of the films, has separated from her husband, Coast Guard Lt. Rudy Vallee, 41, for the second time and "for keeps," she disclosed here. She said she would start suit for divorce shortly.

Miss Greer, who is 19, broke off with Vallee last March, but only for one day.

## Just to Make Sure

AURORA, Ill., June 25—Col. Ira C. Copley, a 79-year-old publisher, and his wife have been remarried here. They feared their original marriage record in Paris might have been destroyed by the Germans.

# Tornado Fatal To at Least 139

PITTSBURGH, June 25—At least 139 persons were killed and upward of 700 injured when a tornado swept across western Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia Friday night to leave a twisted trail of devastation and horror.

Authorities estimated the damage at several millions of dollars and feared the list of dead would increase as rescuers worked through wreckage. Many victims were trapped in their own homes.

Worst damage was reported at the West Virginia mining town of Shinnston, 12 miles from Clarksburg, W. Va., where 58 were reported dead and 100 missing. The town of Meadowville, W. Va., was said by police to have been "wiped off the map."

Hardest-hit districts in Pennsylvania were the mining communities of Clarksville and Chartiers, 40 miles south of here. In Chartiers, nearly every home was razed.

Pittsburgh was not hit.

# Senate Votes New Title For Navy Boss

WASHINGTON, June 25—A bill which would create the title of "Admiral of the Fleet" for the highest officer in the U.S. Navy has been passed by the Senate. Two officers—Adms. Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the fleet, and William D. Leahy, chief of staff to President Roosevelt—would be eligible for the title. Sen. David I. Walsh (D-Mass.), chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs committee, said.

# Lana Turner Asks Court For Custody of Daughter

LOS ANGELES, June 25—Film actress Lana Turner, answering a suit filed by her estranged husband, Stephen Crane, claimed the "mother is the only fit and proper custodian" to care for their 11-month-old daughter.

Miss Turner sued Crane for divorce last November, charging cruelty. Crane countered with a cross complaint, making the same allegation and demanding custody of the youngster.

## 'Warn' U.S. of Robots

AUSTIN, Minn., June 25—Shortly after a train carrying war prisoners had left town a railroad employe picked up five swastika-decorated sheets of paper warning that robot bombings were in store for the U.S., The Austin Herald said. The paper said the leaflets read: "The robots will come to your soil soon; you will feel what war means; quit the war before it is too late."

## Running Start

LORAIN, Ohio, June 25—Every baby born in Lorain this year while his father is in military service will be given a \$5 bank account by U. G. Dowell, a retired businessman and steel worker.

## Terry and the Pirates



## Radio Highlights

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

- Monday, June 26
- 1005—Personal Album—Harry Babbitt.
- 1015—Victory Parade—Les Brown.
- 1100—Morning After—Jack Benny.
- 1130—Duffie Bag.
- 1145—Melody Roundup.
- 1400—Visiting Hour—Lone Ranger.
- 1530—On the Record.
- 1630—Truth or Consequence.
- 1700—NBC Symphony.
- 1755—American Sports Roundup.
- 1805—GI Supper Club.
- 1915—Command Performance.
- 1945—Raymond Scott.
- 2000—Home News from the U.S.A.
- 2005—Village Store—Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
- 2030—Hit Parade.
- 2115—Jubilee.
- 2145—Fred Warine.
- 2200—Jack Leon Orchestra.
- 2230—Red Skelton.

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

- 0600—Rise and Shine.
- 0615—Songs by Bing Crosby.
- 0830—Richard Cream Orchestra.
- 0915—Monday Morning Medley.
- 1010—Music While You Work.
- 1215—Carl Barrigan Orchestra.
- 1315—Jack Hardy and the Little Orchestra.
- 1400—Radio Playhouse.
- 1500—Music While You Work—Stanley Black Orchestra.
- 1830—Variety Band Box.

"How Many 'Doodle-Bugs' Make an Ace?"

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

# Cardinals Stretch Lead; Yankees Climb to Fourth

## Redbirds Romp Over Bucs, 16-0, After 5-5 Draw

### Dodgers Take Two From Phils, Move Up to Fourth

NEW YORK, June 25—Don't look now, but the red-hot Cardinals soon will be so far ahead of National League rivals the race will simmer down to a mild battle for second place money. At present, the Redbirds hold an eight and a half game margin over the runner-up Pirates.

After settling for a 5-5 standoff with the Bucs in a night game Friday which was terminated at the end of the 14th inning because of the midnight curfew, the Cards romped over the Pirates, 16-0, yesterday. Each team employed five hill-men Friday as spasmodic showers slowed down the action. Ray Sanders contributed a homer to the St. Louis cause in the first.



Ray Sanders

Twenty-two hits rolled off Cardinal bats yesterday as the defending champs almost duplicated their 18-0 drubbing of the Reds two weeks ago. Mort Cooper pitched for the Cards, being reached only for singles by Frank Colman, Babe Dahlgren and Frank Zak.

The Redbirds eased the path for Cooper, grabbing five runs in the opening stanza, then continued with a heavy bombardment on Fritz Ostermueller, Xavier Rescigno and Joe Vielli. Sanders clubbed a homer, double and single to drive in three counters.

**Fourth Straight for Head**  
Two triumphs over the Phillies—2-0 in Friday night's affair and 8-3 yesterday—boosted the Dodgers into a fourth place tie with the Reds. Ed Head registered his fourth consecutive victory in the shutout tilt by handcuffing the Phils with two harmless hits, both by Charley Leichas. Ken Raffensberger pitched almost as well for the losers, yielding five hits, but the Bums pushed across single runs in the third and eighth.

The Brooks presented 18-year-old Calvin Coolidge McLish with three runs in the first inning on Dixie Walker's home run with two aboard, and that was an ample working margin to win yesterday's decision. McLish stopped the Phils with six hits, including Ron Northey's four-bagger with one on in the fourth, while Al Gerheuser, departing in the fourth, was the losing pitcher.

Not scheduled Friday, the Giants muffed an opportunity to gain on the Pirates yesterday by faltering against the Braves, 7-2, as the Boston team enjoyed its first win of the year at the Polo Grounds. Nate Andrews earned the victory over Ace Adams, who relieved Cliff Melton when Cliff complained of a sore arm after pitching to two batters and being touched for two singles. Gus Mancuso poled a homer for the Giants and Ab Wright cracked one for the Braves.

### Cubs, Reds Divide

Charlie Grimm's Cubs made no progress in their campaign to escape from the cellar and the Reds were joined in the fourth slot by the Dodgers as Cincinnati and Chicago divided their two games. The Bruins chalked up a 3-1 triumph Friday night, but the Redlegs rebounded to capture yesterday's decision, 1-0.

Two runs in the opening frame iced Friday's verdict for the Chicagoans as Hank Wyse, spacing nine hits along the route, had a shutout until the eighth. Southpaw Clyde Shoun, an ex-Cub, suffered the loss, although he allowed only eight safe batters.

The Reds registered their first Saturday success at home when Jim Konstanty, a recent addition to the Cincy mound staff from Syracuse, shaded Paul Erickson in a torrid pitching duel. Konstanty stifled the Bruins with seven hits and emerged with the victory when Steve Mesner, an ex-Cub, cracked a single in the seventh to drive in Gee Walker.

## Ike Williams TKOs Cleo Shans in Tenth

NEW YORK, June 25—Ike Williams, Negro lightweight from Trenton, N.J., justified 4-1 odds with an impressive TKO over Cleo Shans, dusky puncher from Los Angeles, in the tenth round of Friday night's headliner at Madison Square Garden.

Referee Billy Cavanaugh stopped the contest after 26 seconds of the final round without the formality of starting a count when Shans went flat on his back after a solid right to the jaw. It was the first time Shans ever had been kayoed.

The west-coast glover toppled to the canvas in the first round when Williams connected with a right hook to the chin. He regained his feet without a count and kept Ike from repeating the performance until the ninth. During the occasional infighting, Shans gave the fans a good show, flaying plenty of leather after pinning Williams to the ropes.

However, he sagged beneath a damaging barrage in the ninth and was out on the floor, catching a sharp

## Bambino Meets a Fan in the Hospital



Corinne Colombi, of Milton, Pa., 13-year-old baseball fan, lights the pipe of fellow patient Babe Ruth on the sun deck of the New York Orthopaedic Hospital, where the Sultan of Swat is recovering from an operation for the removal of a cartilage from his right knee, an injury incurred during his playing days.



**American League**

**Friday's Games**  
Washington 7, Boston 1  
New York 5, Philadelphia 2 (night)  
St. Louis 5, Detroit 0 (night)  
Cleveland 5, Chicago 1 (night)

**Saturday's Games**  
Chicago 2, Cleveland 1  
St. Louis 7, Detroit 1  
Other games postponed.

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
St. Louis	36	27	571	Detroit	30	32	.484
Boston	32	30	516	Philadelphia	29	32	.475
Chicago	28	27	509	Washington	29	32	.475
New York	29	29	500	Cleveland	29	33	.468

New York at Philadelphia (2)  
Washington at Boston (2)  
Cleveland at Chicago (2)  
Detroit at St. Louis (2)

**National League**

**Friday's Games**  
Brooklyn 2, Philadelphia 0 (night)  
Chicago 3, Cincinnati 1 (night)  
St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 5 (night, 14 innings, called because of league curfew)  
New York and Boston not scheduled.

**Saturday's Games**  
Brooklyn 5, Philadelphia 3  
Cincinnati 1, Chicago 0  
St. Louis 16, Pittsburgh 0  
Boston 7, New York 0

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
St. Louis	40	16	704	Brooklyn	31	30	.508
Pittsburgh	31	24	564	Boston	26	35	.426
New York	31	28	575	Philadelphia	22	33	.400
Cincinnati	30	29	508	Chicago	18	34	.346

Boston at New York (2)  
Philadelphia at Brooklyn (2)  
St. Louis at Pittsburgh (2)  
Chicago at Cincinnati (2)

**Leading Hitters**

**American League**

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Tucker, Chicago	40	161	28	57	.354
Hockett, Cleveland	51	195	21	67	.344
Fox, Boston	40	161	26	53	.329
Doerr, Boston	62	236	44	76	.322
Hostetler, Detroit	50	156	23	50	.321

**National League**

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Walker, Brooklyn	62	245	38	93	.380
Musial, St. Louis	58	223	47	82	.368
Weintraub, New York	55	188	38	64	.340
Medwack, New York	48	183	32	60	.328
Galan, Brooklyn	62	229	41	74	.323

**Home Run Hitters**  
American League—Cullenbine, Cleveland, and Hayes, Philadelphia, 8; Metheny, New York, Spence, Washington, York, Detroit, and Stephens, St. Louis, 7.

**National League**—Ott, New York, 18; Weintraub, New York, Kurovski, St. Louis, and Nicholson, Chicago, 11.

**Runs Batted In**  
American League—Stephens, St. Louis, 41; Spence, Washington, 40; Hayes, Philadelphia, 38.

**National League**—Weintraub, New York, 48; Schultz, Brooklyn, 46; Walker, Brooklyn, 43.

**Stolen Bases**  
American League—Case, Washington, 17; Strawweiss, New York, 16; Gutteridge, St. Louis, 14.

**National League**—Lupien, Philadelphia, 14; Ryan, Boston, 8; Hopp, St. Louis, and Macon, Boston, 6.

**Leading Pitchers**  
American League—Ryba, Boston, and Maltzberger, Chicago, 7-1; Borows, New York, and Hughson, Boston, 9-3.

**National League**—Munger, St. Louis, 9-1; Feldman, New York, 6-1; Brecheen, St. Louis, 5-1; Walters, Cincinnati, 11-3; Sewell, Pittsburgh, 9-3.

**Cubs' Passeau Rejected**  
CHICAGO, June 25—A ray of sunshine broke through for the harassed Cubs today when Claude Passeau, veteran pitcher, was rejected for military service.

## Mudhens, Colonels Threaten To Oust Redbirds in AA Chase

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 25—As the western clubs in the American Association invade the east today it becomes evident that the Columbus Redbirds have run out of wind after their futile pursuit of Casey Stengel's high flying Milwaukee Brewers—and they'd better start looking behind them.

The Toledo Mudhens and Louisville Colonels have flashed strong indications of being quite willing to take up where the Redbirds failed. The Mudhens, only two games out of second place, are entertaining the luckless Blues of Kansas City for a four-game series, while the Redbirds play the same number against the league-leading Brewers.

This situation, plus the fact that the Colonels have one of the hottest pitchers in the league in Mel Deutsch, bodes ill for the Redbirds. Deutsch won his eighth straight Friday night. Toledo, meanwhile, is ready with Sylvester Goedde, who boasts seven victories and one defeat, and Bill Seinoth, with a mark of six and two.

Manager Nick Cullop of the Redbirds has the league office glaring at him to augment his other worries. Nick and Ray Blades, St. Paul pilot, were fined \$15 each yesterday by League President George Trautman for addressing abusive language at an umpire and delaying their game here Thursday night.

In the individual batting race, Chet Wyrostek, Columbus outfielder, seized the lead by climbing to .404 on a 19-game hitting spree. He displaced Hal Peck, Milwaukee gardener, who slipped to .393 after reaching a peak of .420. Peck, by the way, is reported for sale by the Brewers—all they want for him is \$75,000.

Two third basemen, Polly of Louisville and Nagel of Milwaukee, are tied for home run honors with 13 apiece, while Nagel is far ahead in the runs batted in derby with 70. His nearest rival, Heinz Becker, also of Milwaukee, has 57.

## Tobin's No-Hit Tilts Hurdled Before Almost Empty Stands

BOSTON, June 25—Pitching two no-hit games in less than two months is thrilling, even though one was only five innings and will not be entered in the record books, but Jim Tobin, big right-hander of the Braves, isn't lamenting that fact. The source of his irritation is the lack of attendance at games in which he toils.

Only 4,003 fans saw his pair of no-hitters. A skimpy gathering of 2,556 appeared smaller in the vast grandstand of Braves Field last Thursday when Tobin blanked the Phillies without a hit in a five-inning game which was called because of darkness. When he registered his nine-inning no-hitter against the Dodgers, April 27, on the same diamond, only 1,447 were on hand.

"Where are the fans? Where are the photographers?" wisecracked smiling Tobin when sports writers and club officials fought their way through his admiring teammates to congratulate him on his second no-hit performance.

"Never mind how many saw you do it," consoled the writers. "You'll be listed with Johnny VanderMeer as the only major leaguer to twirl two hitless games in the same season."

Then Tobin was asked: "Don't you wish you could finish the last four innings?"

"No," he replied. "Let it go as it is. Let Vandy continue to be acclaimed as the only 'double no-hit' pitcher. I'm satisfied to be known as the only 'five-ninths no-hitter.'"

The smiling 31-year-old Irishman might have kicked over water buckets and bemoaned the fact he didn't have three no-hit games in the '44 record book. Tobin held the Phillies to one hit April 23, that an infielder roller by Ford Mullen, and most observers say quicker fielding would have resulted in catching Mullen at first base. But Big Jim isn't the type.

## Bombers Slap Mackmen, 5-2; Browns Win 2

### Rout Tigers, 5-0, 7-1; Nats Subdue Red Sox, 7-1

NEW YORK, June 25—With most partisans keeping their eyes glued on the Browns, who widened their American League lead over the Red Sox to three and a half games, not many noticed that the Yankees quietly climbed back into the first division by defeating the Athletics, 5-2, Friday night under lights.

Two hits by Herschel Martin, newcomer to the club, aided the Yanks in downing the A's behind the effective eight-hit twirling of Walt Dubiel. Luke Hamlin opened for the Mackmen and was rapped for nine hits and three runs in the seven innings he toiled. Umpire Hal Weaver ejected Jojo White, Philadelphia outfielder, in the eighth and was charged by an irate fan, but police intercepted White's defender and removed him from the park.

The Brownies raked the slipping Tigers, 5-0, in a nocturnal meeting Friday, then walloped the Detroiters again yesterday, 7-1. Sigmund Jakucki was the hero of Friday's contest, limiting the Bengals to five hits for his second shutout in a row over the same team.

The Brownies kayoed Stubby Overmire with three runs in the first and two more in the second, after which Walter Beck faced only 18 batters in the last six frames. Vern Stephens chased home three runs with three hits.

Stephens collected two doubles and a pair of singles yesterday to spearhead the 15-hit St. Louis assault on Johnny Gorsica, permitting Bob Muncrief to coast home with an easy verdict. Stephens now has pounded out 22 hits in his last 42 trips to the plate.

**Tribe, Chisox Split**  
Idle yesterday along with the Yankees, Senators and Athletics, the Red Sox had time to take stock of Friday's 7-1 setback at the hands of the Nats. Early Wynn turned aside the Sox with five hits for his sixth success, the lone running coming in the first inning when Pete Fox tripled and scampered across on George Metkovich's single. Gil Torres and Stan Spence paced the Griff's 11-hit attack on Vic Johnson, Yank Terry and Eddie Lake, each getting three safeties.

Cleveland and Chicago traded victories, the Indians drawing the nod, 5-1, in Friday night's clash and the White Sox evening the account with a 2-1 triumph yesterday. Thornton Lee was working on a shutout for the Chisox Friday, but he became wild in the fifth and the Tribe capitalized on three walks, an error and a wild pitch to tally twice. Four successive singles added three more in the sixth to assure Lefty Al Smith of victory. Smith checked the Sox with four blows, three by Ed Carnett.

Rookie Third Baseman Grey Clarke drove in both runs and Orval Grove hurled an eight-hitter to victimize the Indians yesterday. Clark's single scored Thurman Tucker in the fifth and successive one-baggers by Hal Trosky, Ralph Hodgins and Clarke produced the other in the sixth. Oris Hockett's two-bagger and a single by Ken Keltner in the third foiled Grove's bid for a shutout. Allie Reynolds was the losing pitcher.

## Ott Suspends Ewald Pyle For Hitting Cash Customer

BROOKLYN, June 25—Pitcher Ewald Pyle has been suspended indefinitely for violating training rules, Giant Manager Mel Ott has announced.

Arguing with a fan after beating the Braves recently, Pyle belted the customer and suffered a chipped bone in his hand. Pyle is the first player thus disciplined by Ott since he became manager.

## Li'l Abner



By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



# Air Superiority Over Cherbourg Grinds Nazis Under



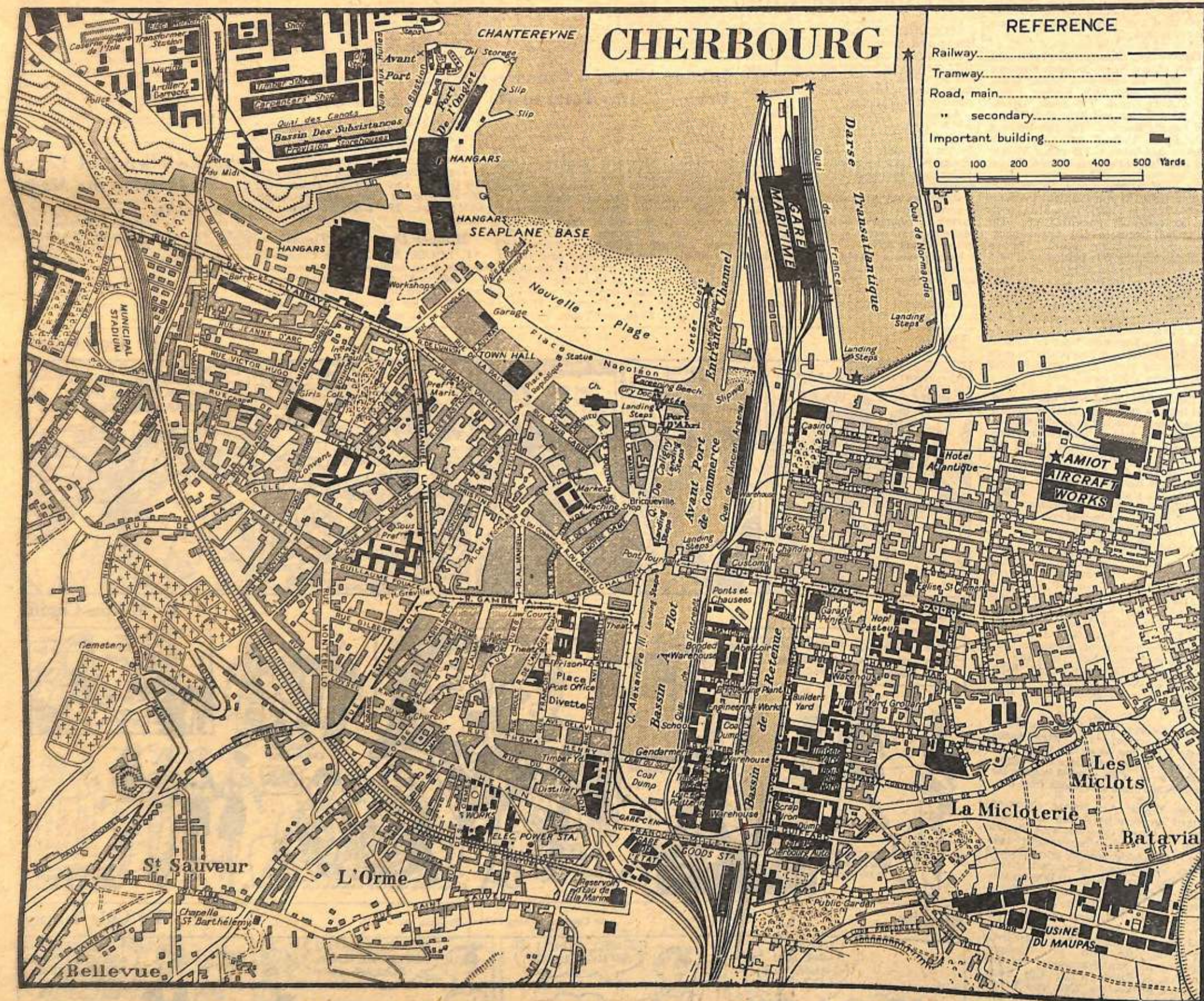
U.S. Army Air Force Photos

"It's the enemy's air superiority that has finally tipped the balance of Cherbourg," a Nazi commentator broadcast Sunday. Above, a huge pall of battle smoke veils the pock-marked Cherbourg peninsula, evidence of the intense artillery barrage as well as dive-bombing and bombing from medium altitude carried out by B-26 Marauders and fighter-bombers of the Ninth U.S. Air Force. The bombardment increased in violence yesterday.



U.S. Army Air Force Photos

With smoke rising from bombed installations, a B-26 Marauder passes over battle-scarred Cherbourg. The Allies dropped thousands of tons of bombs and shells on the steel and concrete girdle which separated the beleaguered German fortress from American armored and infantry divisions closing in on the city.



**T**HE great harbor of Cherbourg, with a history dating back to Roman times, is a sheltered port which the largest trans-Atlantic liners used before the war. The Germans captured it just four years ago. The harbor is naturally protected on three sides. On the fourth and northern side, a great breakwater

started by King Louis XVI and completed by Napoleon completes the shelter of the roadstead. The breakwater, called the digue, is two miles long, 650 feet wide at its base and 30 feet wide at its top and is guarded by three forts. The solid granite of the breakwater probably would defy any Nazi efforts

to blow it up. However the Germans claim they have blocked the entrances to the harbor and have blown up the dock and other facilities. Allied authorities have made plans to repair the port speedily. From Cherbourg, the third largest port in France, it is 84 miles across the English Channel to Southampton,

the nearest English port. Railroads and highways run from the Cherbourg docks to Paris. The population of Cherbourg was about 45,000, but latest reports from the front were that all but about 5,000 French civilians had left the city. The principal motor road of the

Cotentin peninsula runs north-south from Cherbourg through Carentan and St. Lo to Vire and thence down to Mantes. It links up near Carentan with the main road running east to Caen and Paris. The chief industries of the town proper are fishing, saw-milling, tanning, shipbuilding.