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Yanks Mop Up in Cherbourg

Vitebsk Falls to Russian Army Organized Resistance Ends; Victors Smash Clear to Waterfront

5 Divisions Trapped by Soviet Push

BULLETIN

Marshal Stalin announced the capture of Vitebsk last night in a special order of the day. He said two army groups "carried the town by assault" after encircling five Nazi divisions.

Smashing forward toward the Baltic with overwhelming power, the Red Army yesterday cut off the White Russian fortress of Vitebsk and its garrison of five Nazi divisions, seized half the city in bitter street fighting and simultaneously widened six great gaps along 200 miles of the enemy's "Fatherland line" in a giant offensive that Moscow reported had cost the Germans 16,000 dead in three days.

Even as the advancing Russians closed a pincer west of Vitebsk, cutting the road to the White Russian capital of Minsk, other forces to the south severed the highway from Bobruisk to Pinsk at a town 20 miles southwest of Bobruisk, and pushed within six miles of another

Report Ribbentrop Pressure

STOCKHOLM, June 26 (AP)—German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop has paid a personal visit to Helsinki to exert pressure on the Finns to continue to fight on the Nazi side, according to reports circulating here.

Nazi stronghold at Orsha, from which a road runs west to Minsk and then Warsaw.

Along the Finnish front, meanwhile, the Russians completed the liberation of the entire length of the Baltic-White Sea canal, which runs through Lake Onega, south of Lake Ladoga, and makes contact with the Baltic through a junction with the Neva River not far from Leningrad. The Finnish communique meanwhile admitted that the Russians, attacking with powerful artillery and tank support, achieved breaches at two points on the Karelian Isthmus.

The growing scope of the Soviet offensive was suggested by Berlin reports, unconfirmed in Moscow, that the Russians also had launched strong attacks east of Polotsk, 60 miles northwest of Vitebsk, and southeast of Pskov, at the southern end of Lake Peipus on the Baltic front.

Col. Ernst von Hammer, German News Agency military commentator, said "bitter defensive battles" were continuing "with unabated fury." He conceded the Russians gained ground southwest of Bobruisk, east of Mogilev and around Vitebsk.

Moscow dispatches said that in the Mogilev sector 85 miles below Vitebsk the

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Plywood Assault Boats

WASHINGTON, June 26—Assault boats made of plywood are being used by landing forces for crossing wide island streams, the War Department announced. Each craft carries eight riflemen.

The War Today

France—Americans enter Cherbourg in force all the way to waterfront. . . all organized German resistance ends but defense pockets hold out in fight to death. . . Fort du Roule taken by storm. . . British gain in attack on Caen sector.

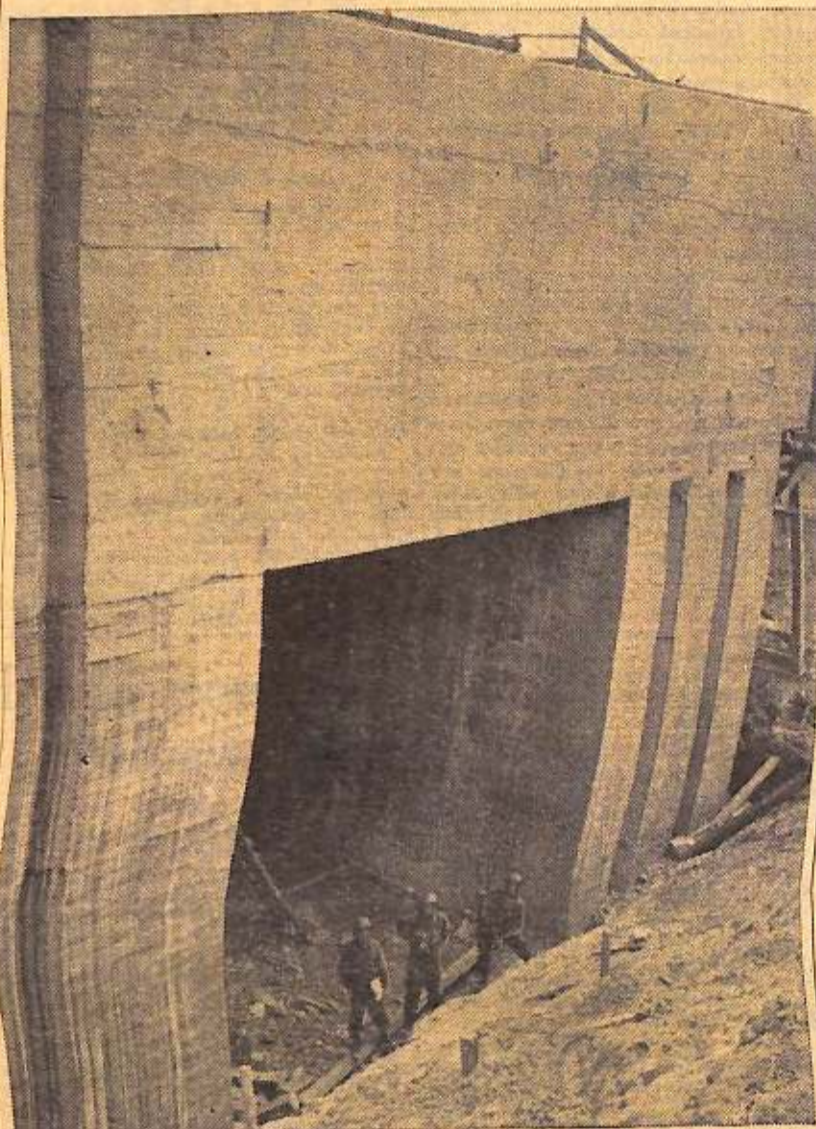
Russia—Red Army captures Vitebsk, traps five divisions, pushes on to outflank rest of Hitler bastions in White Russia. . . Moscow says 16,000 enemy killed in three days.

Pacific—Japs lose 747 planes, 30 ships sunk, 51 damaged and two probably sunk in attempting to defend Marianas and Bonin Islands, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announces. . . Capture of Jap strongpoint on Saipan Island reported.

Italy—Allies occupy west coast port of Piombino, 38 miles from Leghorn. . . Fifth Army strikes toward Siena as Eighth battles for Chiusi, Nazi strongpoint in central mountains.

Air War—Vienna reported raided by Italian-based U.S. heavies as weather grounds British-based warplanes.

Captured Flying-Bomb Site



Associated Press Photo

Captured by American troops in Normandy, this incomplete huge concrete construction is believed to have been a part of a ramp for the launching of pilotless planes.

GOP Keynoter Pledges Victory, Durable Peace

CHICAGO, June 26—Keynoting the Republican National Convention, Gov. Earl Warren of California proclaimed tonight that his party stood ready to speed victory, "get the boys home again" and fashion a durable peace that would guard American interests.

"We are here to make the road on which America can march toward victory, toward opportunity and toward peace," Warren declared. "This is a three-fold job that the American people want done," he said, adding that the Republicans would do it "and we mean business."

Meanwhile, the first-ballot nomination of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for President was freely predicted following caucuses at which half a dozen state delegations which previously had been uncommitted climbed aboard the New York governor's bandwagon.

Warren denounced what he called the Roosevelt Administration's "arrogant power-intoxicated bureaucracy," but his 4,000-word speech was chiefly one of praise for his own party and assurances that Republicans knew how to and would

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Allies in Burma Gain in 2 Cities

Further progress by Allied troops at Mogaung and Myitkyina was announced by Southeast Asia Command Headquarters yesterday, with fierce fighting continuing for possession of the two key communication centers in northern Burma. Chinese and Chindit troops which penetrated Mogaung over the weekend had occupied the whole southern half of the town.

Japanese in the Hunan Province of China advanced closer to Hengyang, important air base and rail center.

Organized Resistance Ends; Victors Smash Clear to Waterfront

In a driving rain which failed to extinguish the fires smoldering in the rubble of Cherbourg, American troops entered the city in force yesterday all the way to the waterfront and fought from house to house to clean out the last few fanatical Nazi defenders.

All organized resistance in and around Cherbourg ended yesterday morning, said a dispatch from U.S. field headquarters, but small German pockets continued to offer violent battle in some areas. And the Germans on Cap de la Hague, northwest of Cherbourg, shelled the western part of the city heavily to harass the occupying troops.

Although the Americans moved into the city and German propagandists, admitting its loss, put in a feverish day attempting to minimize the defeat, there still was no formal reply by the Prussian commandant, Gen. Karl Wilhelm von Schlieben, to Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's demands for an unconditional surrender.

Diehard Nazis fought on to the death in little groups of six to 20 in concrete pillboxes along the beach and in houses and other buildings. U.S. tanks helped the infantry mop up these nests.

3,400 Prisoners Seized

The satellite troops surrendered by the hundreds, however, and more than 3,400 prisoners were taken in the 24 hours up to 6 A.M., bringing the count for the whole Normandy campaign to more than

Gens. Taylor, Ridgway Named

Maj. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway and Brig. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor were officially identified last night as commanders of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions, respectively, in France. Ridgway succeeded Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley as commander of the 82nd when it was turned into an airborne outfit, and led it in Sicily and Italy. Taylor assumed command of the 101st last March when Maj. Gen. William C. Lee became ill.

20,000. One U.S. regiment took 300 captives in 30 minutes.

All reports agreed that the embattled city had been heavily damaged by German demolitions and Allied bombardment. A Reuter correspondent gave this picture of it:

"Cherbourg today is full of the smell of war and death. The streets are littered with German bodies, severed limbs, shattered rifles and the scattered sheaves of papers and photographs which retreating armies always leave behind."

One of the greatest exploits of the Yanks' advance into the city occurred when they stormed up a steep slope in the face of point-blank gunfire to capture Fort du Roule, commanding the southern approach. After the attack 300 German troops marched out with their hands in the air and their colonel waving a white flag, but even some time later all the Nazis had not been dug out of the maze of tunnels and inter-connected chambers.

Belying the Nazi claims that their ammunition gave out, an "immense amount," in the words of a Reuter dispatch, was captured at Fort du Roule. It was possible, however, that the naval, air and artillery bombardments prevented

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6,000 Commissions For Fighters Seen

WASHINGTON, June 26 (AP)—The War Department estimated today that 6,000 men would be given "battlefield promotions" as commissioned officers in the next 12 months.

Some Tips That May Save Your Life

By Arthur Goodwin
Warweek Writer

What you've been taught at Ft. Benning and Camp Blanding and Ford Ord, or wherever you did your training, is paying off in Normandy today.

Our boys are pushing and pushing—the Jerry can't cope with what we've got. But the terrain is new. It's not Georgia or Florida or Illinois. It isn't Tunisia, Sicily or Italy.

It's a new kind of country—and a new kind of war. The only old thing about it is the enemy—and even he is up to new tricks.

Notes from Normandy

Here are some of the lessons we're learning in Normandy. They come from the mouths of officers, non-coms and enlisted men who are fighting there. Your

reporters went right to the front lines, to the hospitals, the supply dumps, the CPs and the foxholes to get them.

Sgt. (Infantry): We found out we don't shoot enough. We were taught only to shoot what we see, and in the desert it worked out fine. But here all you see is hedges. So we're shooting into whatever area we want to move into—we spray it with plenty of lead. Jerry hates it. It really has him dizzy.

Sgt. (Infantry): We lie behind the hedge until we see Germans. Then we pin them down with machine guns. Once they're pinned down, we give them the old mortars and pretty soon they're all either dead or ready to surrender. When the going gets that tough, they surrender.

Sgt. (Infantry): The big thing in marksmanship is alertness. You've got to pick them up fast and squeeze it off in a

hurry. Jerry understands this cover and concealment business—you've got to be on your toes and wide awake.

Sgt. (Infantry): Keep your rifle ready for action. That means don't sling it over your shoulder and don't lean it against a tree five feet away. Coming up from the beach a Kraut stuck his head up five feet away from me and fired. He missed—I shot at him but my safety was on and by the time I was set to shoot again, he was gone.

Sgt. (Infantry): The best shooting here is at 50 to 100 yards. There isn't much long range stuff here.

Sgt. (Infantry): Want to know why old soldiers never die—and the replacements need to be replaced and replaced? I'll tell you. Old soldiers know what enemy weapons can do. They have plenty of

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Allies Driving Inland in Push For Florence

Menace Siena and Occupy Piombino on West Coast

Occupation of the Italian west coast port of Piombino yesterday brought the advancing Fifth Army within 38 miles of Leghorn, as other Allied units slashed inland from the west coast to menace Siena, gateway to the key city of Florence, 40 miles to the northeast.

Rolled back along the coast by the pressure of American armor and infantry, the Germans abandoned Piombino without a fight, but 20 miles to the northeast at Massa Maritima, the enemy threw in considerable numbers of Mark VI Tiger tanks before being routed in a vicious midnight battle. Eight miles northeast of Massa, before the village of Montieri, a bitter struggle raged yesterday.

Driving toward Siena from three directions, Fifth Army troops whipped past the villages of Tornicola and Scavala to threaten Monticiano, 15 miles southwest of the Allied objective.

On the west side of the Ombrone River, French units pushed toward Siena as other French contingents captured Castiglione, Dorcia and Rocca Dorcia, all about 25 miles from Siena.

A new battle for Chiusi, German bastion in the mountains of central Italy, loomed yesterday as Eighth Army units drove up the west shores of Lake Trasimeno.

Vienna Raided From the South

Vienna, Austrian capital and one of the most important rail centers in Europe, was battered yesterday by 750 Italian-based U.S. heavy bombers, Algiers Radio announced last night as weather curtailed air operations over France. At a late hour last night there was not one report of a mission by British-based warplanes. There were few details available on the Vienna mission.

Yesterday's lull gave Allied airmen, who since D-Day virtually have been flying from dawn to dusk, a much-needed rest. On Sunday alone, Eighth Air Force heavies mounted three large-scale missions and Ninth Air Force Marauders, Havocs and fighters carried out a series of savage assaults on scores of enemy targets in France.

An armada of about 250 escorted Fortresses and Liberators Sunday evening bombed a number of bridges south-east of Paris. Airfields at Bretigny and Villacoublay and other undisclosed points also were hit.

Eighteen heavies and four fighters were lost by the Eighth Air Force in the day's activity. Twenty-four German planes were destroyed in the air and four on the ground.

The First Wounded From France Home

WASHINGTON, June 26—The first two American wounded to reach the U.S. from Normandy have been identified as Lt. Col. Michael Murphy, of Lafayette, Ind., and Pfc James Lester, of Clio, Mich. They arrived Saturday night by transport plane at Mitchel Field, New York.

Murphy, an engineer, was injured when a glider skidded into a tree. Lester was wounded by shrapnel.



There is a report filtering back from the South Pacific that when the final story is known, Lt. Whizzer White, of Colorado and All-American fame, will be one of the greatest heroes of the entire area.

And just in case you are interested in wrestling they had a world's championship bout in Houston the other night, and the two participants were Bill Longson, the champ, and Earl McCready, the challenger. And before you say, "Never heard of 'em," let us say that we didn't either. McCready copped the title.

WAC Lt. Betty Eiten is playing first base for the WAC softball team at Kearns Field, Utah. She should do all right as she's a sister of Yankee first sacker Nick Eiten.

The ways of the Brooklyn fan change overnight. When the Dodgers fell to seventh, the Flock's rooters were hot after Branch Rickey's and Leo Durocher's scalps. Then Ed Stanky came in a trade with the Cubs to bolster the Brook infield. The Dodgers started to climb, and now everything is rosy in Brooklyn again, though to date the Flock is still flirting with the second division.

Before the season started Mel Ott told writers that he wasn't able to get in shape any more and that his playing days were probably over. Mel is now leading all the majors in homer hitting with 18.

There has been no confirmation from the Cub front office, but the word is out that it cost the Cubs a three-year contract for \$25,000 per year to get Charley Grimm away from the Milwaukee club he managed. Charley also owned a share of the club and with the other owner, Bill Veck, in the Marines, he was reluctant to leave. \$75,000 in three years can save an awful lot of wounds, though.



Charley Grimm

That triple dead heat that came off in the Carter Handicap at Aqueduct recently was the first in America in a stake race and the first in the East in any race. Bossuet, Wait a Bit and Brownie came to the wire even with the camera unable to pick a winner.

Tulsa University is scouting around for some shoulder pads to fit 298-pound tackle Chubby Griggs from Longview, Texas.

French airmen in training at Sheppard Field have made soccer so popular that it is now a regular part of the athletic program.

Lt. Walter "Booty" Payne, former Clemson football star, is a PW in Germany after a bomber flight. Nine others in the crew are also in the same boat.

Cards Slap Bucs; Chisox Tal

Redbird Margin Now 9 1/2 Games; Bums in Fourth

Dodgers Oust Reds With Twin Victory Over Phils

NEW YORK, June 26—Another full game was added to the Cardinals' National League margin over the Pirates yesterday as the champions tripped the Bucs, 2-1, in the first half of their twin feature, then battled to a 5-5 standoff in the nightcap, the second contest being called after nine innings because of Pittsburgh's Sunday law.

Now in front by nine and a half games, the Redbirds carried George Munger to his tenth success and eighth in a row by beating Rip Sewell in the inaugural. The clinching run came home when Sewell walked Whitey Kurowski in the third with the bases loaded. Stan Musial's double accounted for the other Cardinal tally.

The finale ended in a dispute with the Cardinals finishing under protest. Virgil Davis, batting for Preacher Roe in the ninth, crashed a drive through the screen and umpires ruled it a homer, which moved the Pirates into a tie, but the Cards claimed it was only a two-base hit. Al Jurisich, Freddy Schmidt and Ted Wilks hurled for the Redbirds, while Ray Starr, Fritz Ostermueller and Roe toiled for the Bucs.

Cubs, Reds Split

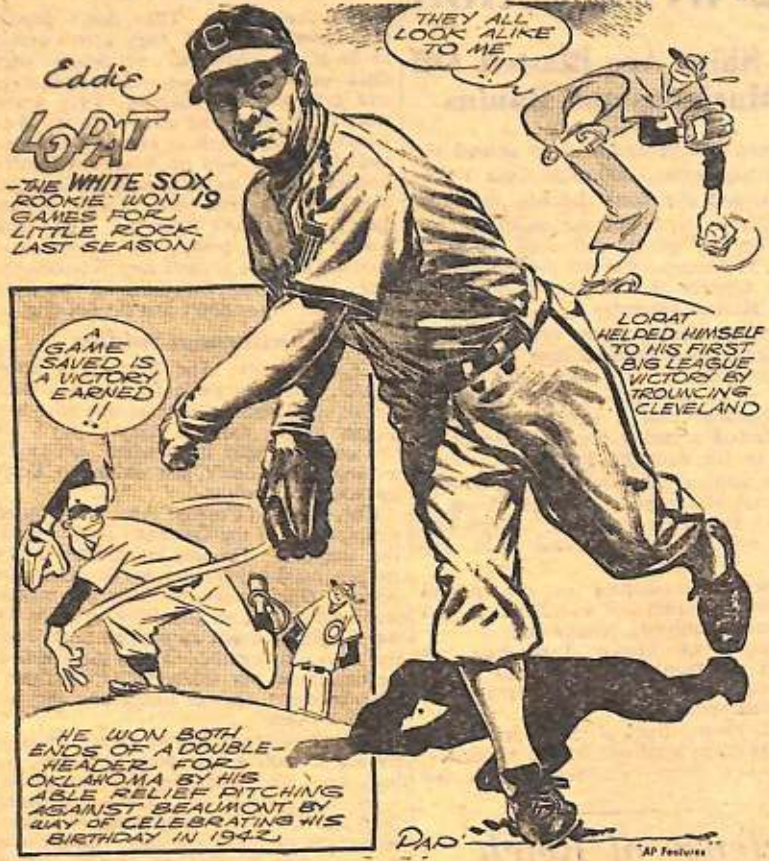
The Reds and Cubs broke even in their bargain bill at Cincinnati, Cincy taking the curtain-raiser, 4-3, and the Bruins salvaging the later game, 5-0. Bucky Walters, although giving way to Arnold Carter after the Cubs scored twice in the ninth, notched his 12th victory in the first game, stinging Les Fleming, who traveled the route for the Chicagoans and allowed eight safeties. It was the first time in 14 starts this year that Bucky failed to finish a game. Claude Passeau's four-hit pitching and a first inning home run by Bill Nicholson bagged the windup, Harry Gumbert absorbing the defeat.

After bowing to the Braves, 5-1, the Giants recovered to carry off the second decision, 4-1, before 15,000 customers at the Polo Grounds. Three errors on one play presented three runs to the visitors in the opener, and Charlie Barrett, the beneficiary, drew the mound nod over Harry Feldman. In the second game, Jim Tobin continued his string of tough luck and winless efforts against the Ottmen, losing to Bill Voiselle, who chucked a three-hitter. Ernie Lombardi of the Giants and Tommy Holmes of the Braves clouted homers.

A sweep of their double-header with the Phillies, 4-1 and 2-1 in ten innings, elevated the Dodgers into fourth place ahead of the Reds. Singles by Dixie Walker and Mickey Owen in the third off Charlie Schanz produced two runs which proved to be enough for Curt Davis, who was making his first start in three weeks. The nightcap ended in overtime when Frenchy Bordagaray singled and scampered home on Eddie Stanky's double. Rube Melton was the winning pitcher, Dick Barrett the loser.

Eddie Is Ready

By Pap



Eddie Lopat - THE WHITE SOX ROOKIE WON 19 GAMES FOR LITTLE ROCK LAST SEASON

A GAME SAVED IS A VICTORY EARNED!!

HE WON BOTH ENDS OF A DOUBLE-HEADER FOR OKLAHOMA BY HIS ABLE RELIEF PITCHING AGAINST BEAUMONT BY WAY OF CELEBRATING HIS BIRTHDAY IN 1942

THEY ALL LOOK ALIKE TO ME!!

LOPAT HELPED HIMSELF TO HIS FIRST BIG LEAGUE VICTORY BY TROUNCING CLEVELAND

Segura Pushed To Top Talbert

Haegg Lowers Two-Mile Mark

CINCINNATI, June 26—Francisco "Pancho" Segura, two-handed racquet wielder from Ecuador, emerged from a hectic five-set match with Billy Talbert, of Indianapolis, to win the Tri-State tennis championship here yesterday. The scores were 9-11, 6-2, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5.

Segura, who likewise polished off Talbert in the National Clay Courts final two weeks ago, was superbly accurate yesterday with his two-handed forehand drives. He broke Talbert's service with the final set tied at 5-5, then ended the marathon duel on his own service.

The first set went to Talbert after a gruelling exchange of shots, but Segura easily outstroked the Hoosier in the second set, then outlasted Billy in the last set before the intermission. He stumbled in the fourth, but was too steady for Talbert in the concluding set.

Dorothy Bundy, the National Clay Courts women's champion, repeated her triumph over Pauline Betz, of Los Angeles, coming from behind to win, 7-5, 6-4, in yesterday's women's singles finals. A capacity throng of 2,000 saw Miss Bundy erase a 2-5 deficit in the first set by changing her tactics and rushing to the net to overpower the strawberry blonde.

Miss Betz won the National Women's single crown earlier in the season, but she was far off her usual stride when Miss Bundy turned on the steam.

STOCKHOLM, June 26—Gunder Haegg, the fleet Swedish track ace, set a new world record for the two-mile distance yesterday in the season's first big meet at Ostersund, navigating the route in 4:46.4, one and four-tenths of a second better than his previous best run in 1942.

In lowering the world mark, Haegg was clocked in :59.5 for 400 meters, 2:06 for 800 and 4:01 for 1,500 meters.

Haegg is scheduled to match strides with Arne Andersson Wednesday in a 1,500-meter race. Andersson set a new record for the mile here last year when he finished in 4:02.6 while Haegg was in the United States outfooting the nation's best hopefuls.



Gunder Haegg

Bill Hulse Does Mile in 4:14.2

NEW YORK, June 26—In his farewell appearance before entering the Navy Bill Hulse yesterday scampered the mile distance in 4:14.2 in the New York Athletic Club's spring games at Randall Island Stadium. It was the fastest mile performance of the current outdoor season.

College Math Prof Solves Three-Team Baseball Problem

NEW YORK, June 26—The Yankees, Giants and Dodgers will meet in a round-robin baseball game tonight at the Polo Grounds in connection with the fifth War Loan drive.

Everybody thought it would be a splendid idea, but there was nobody on the committee able to figure out how the clubs would rotate at bat and on the field. The problem finally was placed before Paul Smith, Columbia University mathematics prof, and this is how he figured it out:

The Dodgers will play in the first, second, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth; the Yanks will play in the first, third, fourth, sixth, seventh and ninth, and the Giants will play in the second, third, fifth, sixth, eighth and ninth.

Smith was noncommittal when asked how to keep the boxscore. That, he said, was out of his field.

Minor League Results

International League

Jersey City 8, Rochester 4 (first game)					
Jersey City 3, Rochester 2 (second game)					
Montreal 9, Newark 8 (first game)					
Newark 2, Montreal 0 (second game)					
Baltimore 13, Buffalo 10 (first game)					
Buffalo 9, Baltimore 4 (second game)					
Syracuse 7, Toronto 5 (first game)					
Syracuse 6, Toronto 5 (second game)					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Baltimore 35 24 .593	Rochester 32 31 .508				
Montreal 32 26 .554	Toronto 29 34 .460				
Buffalo 33 28 .541	Syracuse 23 33 .411				
Jersey City 33 28 .541	Newark 24 37 .393				

Eastern League

Wilkes-Barre 8, Elmira 4 (first game)					
Wilkes-Barre 6, Elmira 5 (second game)					
Scranton 1, Williamsport 0 (first game)					
Williamsport 4, Scranton 3 (second game)					
Albany 5, Binghamton 1 (first game)					
Binghamton 3, Albany 2 (second game)					
Hartford 5, Utica 4 (first game)					
Hartford 3, Utica 0 (second game)					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Hartford 36 16 .692	Utica 25 28 .472				
Albany 33 18 .647	Binghamton 24 27 .471				
Williamsport 27 23 .540	Elmira 18 30 .375				
Wilkes-Barre 28 28 .500	Scranton 17 38 .309				

American Association

Toledo 7, Kansas City 4 (first game)					
Toledo 11, Kansas City 5 (second game)					
Columbus 2, Milwaukee 1 (first game)					
Columbus 4, Milwaukee 2 (second game)					
St. Paul 6, Indianapolis 0 (first game)					
St. Paul 5, Indianapolis 4 (second game)					
Minneapolis 4, Louisville 1 (first game)					
Louisville 11, Minneapolis 2 (second game)					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Milwaukee 44 20 .688	St. Paul 28 25 .528				
Columbus 37 23 .617	Minneapolis 22 35 .386				
Toledo 35 25 .583	Kansas City 19 39 .328				
Louisville 35 27 .567	Indianapolis 17 43 .283				

Southern Association

Memphis 11, Knoxville 3 (first game)					
Memphis 7, Knoxville 1 (second game)					
Birmingham 5, Atlanta 3 (first game)					
Birmingham 2, Atlanta 0 (second game)					
Nashville 12, Little Rock 4 (first game)					
Nashville 3, Little Rock 2 (second game)					
Nashville 3, New Orleans 1 (first game)					
Chattanooga 6, New Orleans 2 (second game)					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
Atlanta 34 23 .688	Knoxville 27 29 .482				
Little Rock 35 24 .593	Nashville 26 31 .456				
Memphis 34 24 .586	Chattanooga 21 31 .426				
Birmingham 30 28 .517	New Orleans 19 38 .333				

Pacific Coast League

San Francisco 10, Sacramento 1 (first game)					
Sacramento 1, San Francisco 0 (second game)					
Oakland 6, Seattle 2 (first game)					
Oakland 6, Seattle 2 (second game)					
San Diego 2, Hollywood 1 (first game)					
San Diego 7, Hollywood 6 (second game)					
Los Angeles 6, Portland 5 (first game)					
Los Angeles 12, Portland 0 (second game)					
W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.	W L Pct.
S. Francisco 43 36 .554	Los Angeles 39 39 .500				
San Diego 42 40 .512	Portland 39 39 .500				
Oakland 39 38 .506	Seattle 39 39 .500				
Hollywood 40 40 .500	Sacramento 33 43 .434				

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Camera Exchange
TRADE new Leica I, 3.5 Leitz, Elmar lens and 1/500 second speed, for a better one, such as Leica III, Contax III, etc., with range finder. Will pay cash difference. -Col. H. L. Fisher, Kodak Bantam Special or good miniature camera wanted. -Lt. Ernest R. Eckerle, O-857388.

Film Mixup
RECEIVED two rolls of 8-mm. movie film from the censor which do not belong to me and have returned them. Will somebody help me locate mine? One of my reels contains mostly in mountainous country and another from time to

Li'l Abner



THANK YO' FO' AXIN' ME T'STAY FO' TH' WEDDIN'! BUT AH RECKON AH'LL SASHAY ALONG!!



THE NEXT DAY.



THIS TIME I'LL FALL IN LOVE WITH ONE OF THESE (UGH!!) MODERN BEAUTIES!! - IF ONE OF THESE COMES TO LIFE, SHE'LL NEVER LEAVE ME!! SHE'LL BE DOGGONE GLAD TO HAVE ME!!

By Courtesy of United Features

Nazi Line Cracks



Hitler's vaunted defenses in White Russia crack and split with Vitebsk captured, Orsha, Mogilev and Zhlobin threatened.

Vitebsk Falls To Red Army

Red Army had pushed forward 20 miles through its 43-mile breach in the Nazi lines, and that in the Bobruisk sector 65 miles still farther south units had advanced within 19 miles of the railway junction of Zhlobin, where the north-south line from Mogilev to Zhitomir links up with the Gomel-Bobruisk line. Moscow, in a supplement to the nightly communique, said the Germans lost 8,000 dead south of Vitebsk alone and left behind great quantities of equipment as they retreated "in panic." "Roads and the area of fighting are strewn with hundreds of enemy dead and destroyed war material lying about everywhere," the bulletin said, "as well as arms in full working order abandoned by the Germans."

U.S. 'Chutists' Kit Amazes Germans

American paratroopers' equipment was described in a German broadcast yesterday as "luxury" kit. "No other unit in the world is so well equipped as the American paratroops," said Gunther Weber, German Overseas News Agency correspondent. "Staff officers at Marshal Rundstedt's own headquarters describe them as 'luxury divisions.'" Weber marveled at "a tiny compass, steel files, first-aid equipment, aerial photographs, maps drawn on silk, morphine pills, chewing gum and instruments for the imitation of animal sounds at night." He said that on several occasions paratroops "landed right on top of German high command posts in Normandy," forcing German generals and staff officers to engage in hand-to-hand fighting.

Mostyn Club Moves

The Mostyn Club, Portman Street, W.1, one of the first and best-known American Red Cross clubs in London, has ceased operations at its old address and has taken over the larger premises of the Mayflower Club, Edgware Road. The Mostyn staff, under director Bill Cruise, of Passaic, N.J., has moved to the new club, which has changed its name to Mostyn.

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. Tuesday, June 27 1005—Victory Parade with Richard Himber. 1015—Personal Album with Anita. 1100—Morning After (Personal Album). 1130—Duffie Bag. 1315—John Charles Thomas. 1345—Harry James Orchestra. 1400—Visiting Hour (Rebroadcast of big league baseball). 1530—On the Record. 1630—Music from America. 1700—Grand Old Opry (Roy Acuff and Company). 1730—Waltz Time. 1755—Sports. 1805—GI Supper Club. 1905—Dinah Shore with Wally Brown and Guests. 1935—Conducted by Faith—Familiar music by Percy Faith Orchestra. 2000—Home News from the U.S.A. 2005—GI Journal. 2035—Xavier Cugat. 2145—Fred Waring's Pennsylvania. 2200—Ten O'Clock Special—Cpl. Ben Hoberman rounds up the hit tunes. AEF—On the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours On Your Dial 1050 kc. 285 m. 0600—Rise and Shine. 0830—Music in the Modern Manner. 1030—Music While You Work with DeRoy Somers Band. 1215—Navy Mixture. 1500—Music While You Work with David Java Orchestra. 1815—Albert Sandler's Palm Court Orchestra. 1930—Saludos Amigos. 2015—Bandstand—BBC Revue Orchestra. 2200—Burns and Allen. 2230—Waltz Time with Abe Lyman Orchestra. Frank Munn, Tenor. * Indicates programs heard on both networks.

Japanese Lose 747 Planes in 2-Week Action

83 Ships Are Blasted Off Marianas and Bonins

Japan's futile endeavor to defend the Marianas, some 1,200 miles from Yokohama, and the Bonin Islands, only 550 miles from the Nipponese mainland, has cost her 747 planes destroyed, 30 ships sunk, 51 damaged and two probably sunk, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed at Pearl Harbor yesterday.

Nimitz' announcement revised figures on enemy losses inflicted June 10-23. He added to the list 109 planes shot down, three ships damaged—a light carrier, a heavy cruiser and a light cruiser—and transferred a tanker previously reported sunk to the damaged category.

The admiral's figures increased to 402 the total of Jap planes brought down in attacks on "Task Force 58," which last week sank or damaged nearly 20 Jap ships.

American casualties in the period number 95 planes lost and 22 pilots and 27 crewmen missing, Nimitz said. Capture of Mount Tapotchau, an enemy strongpoint, by American troops on Saipan Island, in the Marianas, was reported yesterday.

U.S. planes struck at 15 Jap points, including Yap, southwest of the Marianas. Other key targets were Woleai, Truk and Palau.

Defense of Reich Goering's Baby?

Algiers radio said yesterday that Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering had been charged with the defense of Germany proper and already had set up headquarters in Berlin and made plans for the Todt organization to build an inner line of fortifications.

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the Germans from moving up what supplies they had to the points where it was needed.

While full credit was given to the Americans for their accomplishments at Cherbourg, stress was laid at SHAEF on the point that the Yanks were immeasurably aided by the fixing of the center of gravity on the British-Canadian flank in the Bayeux-Caen area. The British and Canadians engaged crack Nazi infantry and panzer divisions which might have been advantageously used elsewhere. Four German armored divisions and three infantry divisions were known to be in position along the Bayeux-Caen line.

SHAEF announced progress maintained and Allied positions further strengthened in the area of Fontenay le Pesnel, 24 miles southeast of Tilly-sur-Seulles and ten miles west of Caen, and enemy counter-attacks beaten back near Ste Honorine la Chardonnerette, some five miles northeast of Caen.

Big Attack East of Tilly

Dispatches from the front told of a heavy British armor and infantry attack east of Tilly which had gained substantial progress by noon on a front of several thousand yards. It was preceded by the heaviest artillery barrage since the bridgehead was opened three weeks ago, with a big gun every eight yards along the front. Warships off the coast joined in the barrage.

The German High Command admitted that British tanks reached the Caen-Villers Bocage road after a violent battle and said that "Gen. Montgomery is trying to enlarge his beachhead on this sector to create a springboard for a new big drive."

It was disclosed, meanwhile, that a 70-mile-an-hour gale which swept the French coast between last Monday and Friday had dealt the Allied timetable for troop and supply transport a serious setback, and that unloading operations would be some time in creeping back to their original pace.

An Associated Press reporter on the scene described one beach as "littered with the rusting, bashed-in hulks of steel landing craft and some vessels of even larger size." He added that the work of minesweeping crews had been trebled because more explosive devices had been washed ashore. Freight-hauling C47 cargo planes brought in some items which became critical during the shipping lull.

Terry and the Pirates



Some Tips From Normandy That May Save Your Life

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respect for them. They don't expose themselves needlessly. They aren't afraid to be afraid—they don't act brave—they duck and run for cover when their eyes and ears give the warning. They know when to be alert—and when to relax. They travel and fight light. They hit the dirt and don't run wild or freeze so they're helpless. They let the enemy get close so they can hit him—they aren't trigger happy. They don't bunch up. They look where they're going—up, down and around, not just at their feet like rookies. They keep doing something all the time in combat—they don't just do nothing.

The German Soldier

Lt. (Infantry): The Jerry is a poor fighter. He fires aimlessly, just to build up his confidence. Some of our guys are trigger happy, too. It doesn't pay. In this country, pour it on when you smell a target—but don't just shoot to keep up your own spirits.

Col. (Medical Corps): Any time you're tempted to sell the Germans short, think this one over: Do you know how many oxygen masks there are in the German Army? One per man! Their gas masks are built so that all you have to do is to flip a gadget, attach an oxygen tank, and the man can breathe. These guys won't be beaten by our underestimating them. They're smart, they're tough and they're plenty wicked.

Cpl. (Infantry): If you give a Nazi a chance to pull a fast one, he'll pull it. Stay back when they begin to surrender—let them come to you. Once in a while there are fanatics among them who take advantage of the white flag. One came with a white flag in one hand and a potato masher in the other. He pitched the grenade at us when he got close enough. He missed—we didn't.

Cpl. (Infantry): The Jerry doesn't like to work at night. It's a good time to go out and get him. You can pick up his position better at night than by day—just follow the line of the tracers from his machine-guns. By day it's hard to see him because of his smokeless powder.

Driving on Right

Pfc. (Quartermaster): You've got to get used to driving right all over again. At first it's easy, because the novelty keeps your mind focused on the job. But once the novelty wears off you tend to let your guard down. Then bang! It only takes one collision with a red truck (explosive) to finish up the war—for you.

Mines

Cpl. (Infantry): You can generally see Jerry's mines. They lived near their own mines so they're careful to mark them. Mines needn't stop you—there are "Achtung Minen" signs up all over this country. There are more signs than mines around here.

Notes on Supply

Sgt. (QMC): Tell them Joes to take only what they can carry. Forget all the love letters and stinky lotions. We left all that kind of crap on the beach—and we're taking with us only what we should have taken in the first place. Be sure you have blankets, raincoat, shelter half and extra socks and shoes. This is wet, cold country—if you dump that stuff you'll be sorry. But the other junk—forget it.

Artillery

Lt. (Infantry): Hug your own artillery. Get right behind it and follow it. Don't let it get too far ahead of you—if you hit the Boche after the artillery he's easy picking. But if you give him a chance to snap out of it, your work is hard.

A colonel of infantry in the 1st Division: One of our big problems in this kind of country is locating an enemy that has fired on you. We do it by the "crack and thump" method. First you hear the crack as the bullet passes you. Then you hear the thump

5,000 Wounded Shipped Back

A NAVAL BASE, June 26 (UP)—Slightly more than 5,000 wounded were evacuated successfully by sea from U.S. beachheads in France in the first 18 days of the invasion.

Five hundred of them were wounded Germans or foreign soldiers in the German forces, Capt. George Dowling, USN, who organized the movement, revealed here.

"We got ready for the worst, which of course did not happen, so we were able to handle the job with complete success all round," Dowling said.

of the muzzle blast of the gun that fired. The important thing is—look for the thump, not the crack. If the bullet is going to hit you, you won't even hear it, so no use worrying about the sound it makes. But listen for that thump and you have your target narrowed down. The crack and thump method works with everything except their mortar. Only a very experienced man can spot them, and the best way is to get to an observation post and watch for them. When you come to a minefield start making a path through it. The fields themselves are usually clearly marked. Wherever you suspect a mine stand off away from it at a good distance and fire at it to explode it. You can generally spot them—all except the trip wire types. Be on the lookout for the wires—from a few inches to a foot off the ground.

First Aid

Captain (Medical Corps): I've held up the American tourniquet before my men and said, "This is a very dangerous weapon." Our boys watch it now. Our experience is that the tourniquet need very rarely be used. Simple pressure dressings are all that's needed in by far the most cases.

Sgt. (Medical Corps): Our boys in this outfit put sulfa powder on the wounds quick as we can. Sulfa pills sometimes get pucked up by a wounded man, but the powder stays on the job and cuts down infection.

Williams Now Major General

AN EIGHTH HEAVY BOMBARDMENT DIVISION, June 26—Brig. Gen. Robert B. Williams, commanding general of this veteran Fortress division, has been promoted to major general and three of his combat wing commanders have been elevated from colonel to brigadier general, it was announced today.

The wing commanders promoted to one-star generals are: William M. Gross, of Riverside, Cal.; Howard M. Turner, of Avoca, Ia.; and Julius K. Lacey, of Arlington, Va.

Williams, whose home is in Albany, Tex., was one of the pioneers in high-level precision bombing. In the Battle of Britain he served in England as official observer for the U.S. Army Air Forces.

38 From Tanker Safe After 37 Days in Lifeboat

SYDNEY, June 26—After 37 days in an open boat, 38 survivors of the crew of 58 of a British tanker sunk by a Japanese submarine in the Indian Ocean have reached here. They reported that a Japanese officer took pictures with a movie camera when the enemy machine-gunned their lifeboats.

Republican Keynoter Pledges Victory and a Durable Peace

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bring about lasting peace with victory and good post-war conditions for business, labor, farmer and city dweller alike.

Predicting that the Democrats would seek to re-elect President Roosevelt with the theme song of "Don't change horses in the middle of the stream," Warren said He accused the present administration of playing power politics on a world-wide stage and indirectly of neglecting the interests of America.

The Republican Party's first objective, Warren said, was "to keep war out of politics and politics out of war, to strengthen among us that spirit of single-mindedness of unity of self-forgetfulness that will hearthen our military leaders, strengthen their hands and speed the days when, having bivouacked along the main streets of Germany and Japan, they will lead our boys victoriously home again."

Returning servicemen, Warren emphasized, will want "money-making jobs in private industry" and not "government-made jobs." Republicans, he declared, "know what it is that makes jobs and opportunity. We know that private production make them."

He announced that the Republican Party did not propose to deny that progress had been made in the last decade.

Whatever the source of that progress, he said, the Republicans would acknowledge it "if it is good" and would build

NEWS FROM HOME Toll of Death, Damage From Tornado Rises

Thousands Left Homeless; Floods Hit N. England

PITTSBURGH, June 26—The death toll today had risen to 152 and the injured numbered more than 1,000 in the trail of a tornado which swirled through northern West Virginia, western Pennsylvania and a small section of Maryland.

West Virginia, which bore the brunt of the freakish storm, counted at least 116 dead, more than 900 injured and thousands homeless. In Pennsylvania, the known dead were 36, with 500 injured, while in Maryland, where the storm touched briefly, there were at least three dead and 20 injured.

Authorities estimated the damage conservatively at \$5,000,000, with at least \$1,000,000 in home and business structures leveled alone in McKeesport, Pa.

Army troops patrolled many areas to prevent looting. Bodies of livestock littered rural areas and railroad lines were twisted masses of steel.

In New England, meanwhile, driving rains flooded streets and buildings in several central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire communities. Hardest hit were the towns of Fitchburg and Leominster, Mass.

Gentle Studies Jet Planes

DAYTON, Ohio, June 26—Capt. Don Gentile, of Piqua, Ohio, one of the top-ranking ETO fighter aces, has been assigned to study new jet-propelled planes at Wright Field, it was disclosed here. He has been flying the craft for several days. Col. F. W. Warburton, chief of the command flight section, said.

Seaman Hero Gets DSM

NEW YORK, June 26—Russell O. Wirtz, of East Orange, N.J., has been presented the DSM, highest award bestowed to any member of the Merchant Marine. Wirtz was cited for saving the lives of seven men when the tanker on which they were serving was torpedoed in February, 1943.

Ship 'Built' in 7 Hours

BOSTON, June 26—An all-time record for the assembly of a 150-foot prefabricated landing craft was established at the Lawley Corp. yard here when the ship was completed in seven hours and one minute. Only the yard's regular work crew participated in the performance.

He Earned It

CHEROKEE, Ia., June 26—Insurance company officials told Dr. John H. Burlingame, 96, he was one man in 100,000; the doctor outlived his life-insurance policy with its 96-year life expectancy. The company paid him \$1,273.

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