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Robot Toll 2,752; London Worst Hit; Yanks Quit La Haye; Rundstedt Ousted

Reds Smash Near 3 Key Rail Towns

Vilna, Dvinsk Threatened; Russians Only 10 Miles From Baranovichi

The Russians' swift drive west on the central front increased the threat to the Germans' Warsaw-Leningrad supply line yesterday as the Red Army pressed closer to the rail junctions of Dvinsk, Vilna and Baranovichi.

The latter town, guarding the approaches to Brest-Litovsk 120 miles beyond, felt the pressure of the Soviet advance, with Marshal Rokossovsky's troops less than ten miles away.

The Russians were less than 40 miles from Vilna, from where a branch line runs west to feed Kaunas, in Lithuania, and Konigsberg, in East Prussia. At Dvinsk, commanding the Dvina valley leading to Riga and the Baltic, they were reported already in contact with Nazi defensive positions southeast of the town.

Moscow dispatches were not clear just how close the Red Army had moved to Dvinsk, northern end of the Nazi defense line, but a German Overseas News Agency report that the Russians "attempted to outflank the strong German positions" suggested a considerable advance beyond their last reported position some 45 miles from the city.

Sweeping Nazis Away

Izvestia said the Germans were launching repeated counter-attacks "with considerable forces" in front of Baranovichi, but the paper added that the Russians were "sweeping the Germans away."

Berlin dispatches forecast both an attempt to break through to Vilna from the fortified town of Molodechno, which fell to the Russians Wednesday after a three-day battle, and a thrust down the Dvina valley toward the Baltic. They said the strongest Soviet concentrations now were in the Dvinsk area.

Capture of the railway junction of Kovel, 100 miles north of the Polish base of Lwow, was announced by Marshal Stalin last night, 24 hours after the Germans announced its evacuation. The town was taken by southern units of Marshal Rokossovsky's First White Russian Army group.

Moscow reported the Germans were losing heavily in their retreat beyond Minsk. A supplement to the nightly Soviet communique said 2,700 were killed west of Minsk in two days and 2,000 others were taken prisoner.

On the Finnish front, the Red Army advanced another ten miles on the Karelian Isthmus.

Something New Has Been Added

For Every 6 Months Overseas, You'll Now Sport a Sleeve Bar

WASHINGTON, July 6—The War Department has authorized a cloth bar to indicate overseas service for officers and enlisted men, and officials said today that steps were being taken to make it available to troops as soon as possible. The bar will be worn on the left sleeve, as is the insignia denoting overseas service in the last war, and will be in addition to the chest ribbons denoting service in the various theaters.

The bar is to be worn four inches from and parallel with the end of the left sleeve. It is one-quarter inch wide and three-eighths of an inch long on a cloth background with a border one-eighth of an inch wide. For wear on blouses, field jackets and battle-dress, the background will be olive drab and the border gold lace or bullion. For wear on shirts, it will be khaki background with a yellow cloth border.

Men who wear service hashmarks or World War I chevrons will wear the new bar above them.

One bar will be worn for each six months of overseas service, computed

Yanked From Japs



Stars and Stripes Map American troops yesterday were reported in possession of seven-eighths of Saipan Island, in the Marianas, 1,200 miles from Yokohama.

Saipan Victory Near—Nimitz

While Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that the American battle for Saipan in the Marianas was nearing a successful conclusion, U.S. troops seized the second of two important airfields on Noemfoor Island, 100 miles west of Biak, off northern Dutch New Guinea.

Nimitz said "we have the situation well in hand" in pointing out that Saipan casualties compared with those in Normandy, "indicating the toughness of the opposition we are meeting." A New York broadcast, quoted by Reuter, said American forces now controlled seven-eighths of the island.

Capture of Koransoren airfield on Noemfoor was accomplished with only minor opposition, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said. The Americans were reported converging on Namber, Noemfoor's only air base still held by the Japs.

Meanwhile, Tokyo Radio reported a U.S. task force off the Bonins, only 550 miles from the Jap mainland, and speculated on possible landings there shortly.

Fire in Ringling Big Tent Traps Circus Spectators

HARTFORD, Conn., July 6 (Reuter)—Fire broke out in a big tent of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey circus today at the afternoon performance. First reports said the tent collapsed, trapping an undetermined number of persons beneath it.

Von Kluge Takes Over In France

Americans Seek to Bypass La Haye; Fierce Battle For Carpiquet Airfield

As U.S. troops were forced out of La Haye du Puits but made gains elsewhere against stiffening German resistance yesterday, Hitler disclosed that Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt had been replaced as Nazi supreme commander in the west.

A communique from Hitler's headquarters explained that Von Rundstedt was "unable to carry out his duties for health reasons." Replacing him was Field Marshal Gunther von Kluge, the Prussian Junker who led the German armies to the gates of Moscow and who is, at 69, the oldest Nazi field commander.

Although the Yanks were forced to withdraw from La Haye, six miles inland from the west coast of the Cherbourg peninsula, they began to bypass the town on both sides, and captured three villages. East of La Haye, they drove six miles to capture La Butte. Southwest of La Haye, they took Glatiny and Scorman, both about four miles from the town.

Battle for Airfield

Canadian forces, who retained a firm hold of Carpiquet, three miles west of Caen, struggled to capture the fiercely-defended airfield.

Along the 25-mile arc of the American drive between the west coast of the Cherbourg peninsula and Carentan, First Army men met stiff German opposition at many points as they came to defense positions which the Germans had thrown up in the last few days, but the Yanks

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The War Today

France—Americans gain on both sides of La Haye du Puits but are forced to withdraw from town as German resistance stiffens . . . Von Rundstedt replaced by Von Kluge as Nazi supreme commander in west . . . Canadians continue grim battle to capture Carpiquet airfield.

Russia—Red Army advance menaces Germans' Warsaw-Leningrad rail line feeding Baltic states, with advance spearheads reported already in contact with defenses outside Dvinsk, gateway to Latvia and Baltic . . . Rokossovsky's troops reported ten miles from Baranovichi, fortified town guarding approaches to Brest-Litovsk, 120 miles beyond on Minsk-Brest railway.

Italy—Eighth Army closes to within three miles of Arezzo, communications center 37 miles from Florence . . . Allied troops now eight miles from Ancona on Adriatic and 10 1/2 miles from Leghorn on the west coast.

Pacific—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reports battle for Saipan in Marianas nearing successful conclusion. . . Americans reported in control of seven-eighths of island. . . U.S. forces seize second airfield on Noemfoor Island, 100 miles west of Biak, off northern Dutch New Guinea. . . Tokyo Radio speculates on possible American landings in Bonin Islands, 550 miles from Japanese mainland.

Asia—U.S. Chemical Warfare Service officer confirms Japanese use of mustard and Lewisite gas against Chinese in Hunan Province campaign . . . Chiang Kai-Shek in message on war's seventh anniversary sees victory in Europe before "too long" and pledges China to keep on fighting.

Rocket-Bomb Attacks On N.Y. Held Possible

HOLLYWOOD, July 6 (AP)—Louis P. Lochner, former chief of the Associated Press Berlin bureau, in an NBC news commentary last night, said there was a possibility of a Nazi attack on the Atlantic Coast with rocket bombs or airplanes catapulted from U-boat trailers.

"As a measure of desperation and in order to bolster up home morale," he said, "the Nazis may actually one unexpected day release rocket bombs at the Atlantic Coast, aiming them, I suppose, at New York."

He said information about such a plan was given him by a German refugee—now an American citizen—who was in a position to study Nazi robot planes in their early stages.

Japs Using Gas, Yank Confirms

CHUNGKING, July 6 (UP)—Definite confirmation of Chinese reports that the Japanese were using poison gas was given today by Capt. Ralph Thompson, an intelligence officer of the U.S. Chemical Warfare Service.

Returning from Hengyang, the "bomb-Tokyo" town and air base taken by the enemy a few days ago, he said the Japs in this operation used a mixture of mustard gas and Lewisite.

The Chinese for the last two years have declared that the Japanese were using gas in their land campaign in China.

(President Roosevelt warned the Axis some time ago, following Soviet reports that the Germans had used gas in Russia, that the U.S. and its Allies were prepared to reply in kind. There was no immediate comment from Washington officials on Capt. Thompson's report.)

'Situation is Tense'

Meanwhile, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, in a message to the nation on the seventh anniversary of the war against Japan, declared that "the situation is grave" in southeastern Hunan Province, where the Japanese have made "rapid advances," but that their drive there was "five years too late."

Chiang expressed the belief that "it will not be too long before the war in Europe is brought to a successful conclusion," and pledged that the Chinese would continue fighting "until victory has been attained and our lost territory recovered."

By the drive in Hunan along the Canton-Hankow railroad, Chiang said, "the enemy aims at reducing the Chinese field forces before the Allied counter-offensive; secondly, to destroy Chinese air bases and minimize the danger of an air offensive; and thirdly, to control Chinese trunk lines as avenues of retreat for the troops now in Burma, Indo-China, Siam and Malaya."

"To date, he has not accomplished any of these three objectives."

Stories From WACs Buzzed by Bombs

Ceiling, Floor, Panes Mashed, 'But Nothing Happened to Me'

By the Associated Press A number of American soldiers were killed recently by the flying bomb, and a group of WACs who escaped said the tragedy struck so quickly they had time to be frightened only when they saw bodies lying in the street.

Sgt. Rhoda Laird, of Houston, Tex., and Cpl. Mary Lou Bernick, of Sarasota, Fla., were eating breakfast about 7.30 in the basement when the blast occurred.

"It all happened so suddenly," said the sergeant. "The door was blown off right behind me. Windows were broken. We ran upstairs to see if anybody was hurt. No one was. Then we got the nerve up to go out and see what happened."

The corporal said: "I don't feel like talking about that part of it." Some of the soldiers killed were in a truck waiting to go on rescue work to help victims of other bomb hits, Sgt. Laird said.

In the room where the two girls had been sleeping for safety, the beds were

Buzz-Bomb Facts Issued By Churchill

Premier Lifts Censorship On New Blitz; Reveals Yanks Among Killed

Breaking the rigid veil of censorship surrounding round-the-clock assaults by flying bombs, Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in a frank address before the House of Commons yesterday, revealed for the first time that London was bearing the brunt of Germany's "indiscriminate" new weapon.

Churchill, making no effort to "understate the serious character of this form of attack," disclosed that since the Nazis began to hurl the lethal missiles at England, 2,752 persons had been killed and 8,000 injured.

A number of service men and women, including Americans, were among those killed and injured. U.S. soldiers were killed and wounded when a club was hit; another bomb barely missed quarters occupied by WACs. Several British WAAFs were killed when a bomb landed on a building in which they were housed.

The figures released by Churchill showed that more Britons were killed by the winged bombs than met death in the first 15 days of the Normandy fighting. In that period, 1,842 Britons died in France.

100-150 Bombs Daily

In the last two weeks or so, he said, 2,754 of the buzz bombs had been launched from the Continent and between 100 and 150 of them were being catapulted daily.

The Prime Minister promised that casualty lists would be published monthly, "as this battle may be a somewhat lengthy affair."

Indicating the seriousness with which the government viewed the new blitz, Churchill disclosed that children already were being sent away from the capital and that the evacuation of other persons was not being discouraged, since "we do not want more people in London than are required for business purposes of peace and war." The situation does not justify government compulsion on evacuation, he said.

About 5,000 children left from four main London railroad stations before noon yesterday bound for the north and west, with a teacher in charge of every ten children. It was expected that eventually 15,000 children would be leaving daily.

The Prime Minister stressed that despite measures taken to meet the new threat "we shall not allow the battle operations in Normandy or the attacks

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covered with glass. In their regular room, nothing was broken but a small mirror. Sgt. Laird said 1/Sgt. Mary D. Thatcher, of Indianapolis, Ind., was "the most wonderful one of us all. She came running downstairs, got into a jeep and made trip after trip with the wounded to a hospital."

Pfc Dorothy Lacey, of Cincinnati, was knocked down by the blast with a tray and cup in her hand, but received only a nick on her hand.

"Those boys visited us all the time," said Pfc Lacey. "It was a horrible shock."

Pvt. Mary Jane Nevel, of Williamsport, Pa., was in her room when the bomb hit. She said: "The ceiling came down, the floor came up, the windows blew in—but nothing happened to me. I expected when such a thing happened we would all have hysterics, but none of us did."

Pfc Janet Lippincott, of New York, got a mule kick from the blast and, though unhurt, she wound up sitting in the sink.

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Churchill on Buzz-Bombs

THE Prime Minister, with commendable candor, gave us a full, straight and open statement of facts about the flying bomb in his speech yesterday before the House of Commons. In so doing he furnished us with the ammunition of information necessary to combat the bugaboos that naturally arise around things as sinister in character as this latest product of Nazi scientists.

For one thing, Mr. Churchill has verified something that most of us have long suspected. That while "it would be a mistake to underrate the serious character of this particular form of attack," the resulting loss of lives has been comparatively low. Mr. Churchill says that only one person has been killed for every pilotless plane sent over Britain.

This is not to minimize the seriousness of the raids which, Mr. Churchill reports, had killed 2,752 people and injured 8,000 up to 6 AM Thursday. But it indicates that the purpose of the raids is to break British home morale, to divert the thoughts of the German Home Front from immediate defeats and possibly to disperse our air strength.

That all three purposes have failed is seen in the fortitude of the British civilians whose spirits have proven equal to the stress; by the cry of the British press that not a single bomber be spared from crucial fronts for bombing the Pas de Calais area; and by the increasing luke-warm treatment given the buzz bomb by the German press and radio.

What the Nazis might have accomplished with their rocket planes had their sites not been detected as early as July, 1943, and 100 destroyed since, is a matter of conjecture. But it is certain from Mr. Churchill's report that the principal result they will now make will be in the increased sternness with which the Nazis are called to account for their misdeeds.

Debt of Gratitude

MANY Yanks shoving off for the battlefields in France are leaving behind in Britain broken family circles to whom their loss will be like one of the family. One of that wonderful group of humans known as the "ordinary Englishwomen" is Mrs. Smith. She writes:

"Would you kindly thank all the lads of the U.S.A. forces who have stayed at my house for all their kind deeds and thoughts to 'Mum,' as they called me. I have had nearly 18,000 troops in my home, including lately such a lot of American lads. I would like these lads to know I am thinking of them and praying for them. . . ."

Mrs. Smith says that she has just had a letter from four American lads, who wrote: "We owe you a debt of gratitude for the wonderful hospitality and kindness shown us during our stay at your home. You are indeed a hero, and while you may never receive any medals you have our sincere thanks, which is written in our hearts."

Another typical English housewife is Mrs. Clifford, who also looked after her American Yanks as if they were sons. One of them relates that he ate his breakfast at camp, but the Cliffords were always up ahead of him at 6 AM to give him hot tea and buttered bread before he left. When he came in around 9 PM they laid out a late supper. If he was later they fixed a snack and left it in his room. When he came home on chilly nights he found a hot-water bottle in his bed with his pyjamas wrapped around it.

Mrs. Clifford, he says, pressed his uniform and did his laundry, reluctantly taking one shilling a week. It did no good to protest. The Cliffords just replied "that Americans would treat British 'Tommies' the same way if they were in the United States."

Such examples of devoted friendship will undoubtedly play a decisive part in history in accomplishing a better understanding between Britain and the United States. Certainly to all the Mrs. Smiths and Mrs. Cliffords in Britain the Americans will be everlastingly grateful for furnishing them with a second home.

From a Ranger

DEAR Editor: Speaking as a representative for the U.S. Rangers, I would like to say a few words in appreciation for the Medics. Much to my surprise they're not the common ordinary pill rollers I had thought.

I'm thinking in particular of one medical officer, Capt. William B. Patton, and the outfit of which he is a member. He's been an inspiration to all the patients whom he has worked on, and he has worked as hard as any officer. I know, —S/Sgt. Bob Youso, Det. of Patients.

Hash Marks

Hitler's hair is turning gray. He could check this tendency, of course, by dying.

A GI was standing on a railway platform watching a goods train go by. He pointed to the wee little goods wagons



and said loudly, "Do you know what we'd do with those things at home?" An Englishman next to him said, "If my observations are correct, you'd either drink 'em or kiss 'em."

And it still goes on. Cpl. W. B. Reno received a birthday package from home . . . among other things he found a pipe . . . "Made in London, England."

"What I like about a girl," says Speedy, "is one with a good head . . . on my shoulder."

It's amazing! Cpl. J. R. Brown says that while taking an inventory of his equipment for inspection a GI reached in his B. bag for a pair of his shoes just back from repair . . . much to his surprise his heels were gone.

Captain Louis Heilbron says that when he came over to the United Kingdom he was a Yank . . . now he's a Dodger.

Somewhere in the Pacific a group of WACs beat a bunch of GIs in a baseball game, 8-7. After the game the boys graciously turned over their barracks . . . under full MP guard . . . to the lassies for showering and powdering purposes. The WACs, who seemed to have learned all the tricks the Army has to offer, didn't leave until every bed in the barracks had been short sheeted.

One of the fellows over on the other side of the Channel swears that a friend of his dug a foxhole and then linked it up via slit trench with another foxhole so that he would have a room with connecting bath when it rained.

A buck sergeant in the —th Division found a swimming pool just outside a recently captured French town, and in it were six local luscious lovelies. The ever-present Medical Corps had posted a sign: "Don't take chances on athlete's foot."

Have you heard the one about the candidate at OCS who was being given an oral exam? "Where is the Suwannee



River?" he was asked. He pondered a while, then answered, "Far, far away." P.S.—He passed the test.

Wail of all GIs: "Long time no she!" H. A. H.

PRIVATE BREGER



"All right, Colonel, I have your luggage almost ready!"

The Home Front Goes All Out to Hail Ace Bob Johnson



Col. Gabreski, Now U.S. Ace of Aces, Is Also Heading Home

OIL CITY, Pa., July 6—Tentative plans to honor Lt. Col. Francis E. Gabreski swung into high gear today as his home town heard simultaneously that "Gabby" had become the nation's leading air ace and that he had accepted a 30-day leave to come home.

The parents of the ETO P47 pilot, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gabreski, and his sister Lottie were the most excited people in an excited city. Lottie, who helps manage her father's grocery, said: "We're not getting any work done since we received the news."

"I'm proud and happy about my boy," Gabreski said. "I've been praying for him."

Gabreski Got No. 28 In 'Longest, Best Fight'

AN EIGHTH P47 BASE, July 6—Describing the kill which broke his three-way tie with Maj. Richard Bong and Maj. Robert Johnston, both now on non-combat duty in America, Lt. Col. Francis E. Gabreski last night called his 28th aerial-combat victory "the longest and best fight I ever had."

"There were three of them," Gabreski said. "Two tried to lure me down, while the third stayed up to jump me. But I realized what they were trying to do, so I banked sharply and went after the top man. He saw me coming and we cut a dozen patterns all over the sky, each of us attempting to get the other."

"I banked out of the turn and gave him a 90-degree deflection shot, more or less to scare him, but the dope flew right off to come in again. I had to make about three turns and then he started to dive. At about 1,000 feet he straightened out. I overtook him fast and caught him in a steep turn and let him have it. His ship made a half-fall to the left and lit up like a huge ball of fire."

The victory—Gabreski's sixth since D-Day—came in the course of an escort mission to southern France, where his P47 group, commanded by Col. Hubert Zemke, rendezvoused with heavy bombers returning from Italy.

As the leading American pilot told of his triumph, word was received here that the top Allied ace, W/Comdr. Johnny Johnson, of an RCAF wing, had shot down two more enemy aircraft to boost his total score to 35.



Maj. Bob Johnson, leading ETO ace until Lt. Col. Francis E. Gabreski topped his total of 27 enemy planes shot down, got a hero's welcome back home. Top picture shows his reception by cheering workers of the Republican Aviation Corp. plant at Farmingdale, L. I., who made his P47 Thunderbolt. In lower picture he receives congratulations from President Roosevelt. With Johnson are, left to right, his wife; Rep. Jed Johnson of his home state of Oklahoma (no relation to him); Mrs. Jed Johnson, and Jed Jr.

Nazi Night Raids in Normandy Just as Regular as Clockwork

By Ernie Pyle

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE—The Germans are as methodical in their night air attacks on our positions in Normandy as they are in everything else.

You begin to hear the faint faraway drone of the first bomber around 11.20 every night. Our own planes patrol above us until darkness. It gets dusk around 11 and you are aware that the skies which have been roaring all day with our fighters are strangely silent.

Nothing is in the air. Ack-ack gunners, who have been loading near their pup tents or sleeping or telling stories, now go to their guns. They bring blankets from pup tents and pile them up against the wall of the gun pit, for nights get very cold and they will wrap up during long lulls in the shooting.

Gunners merely loaf in the gun pit, as dusk deepens into darkness, waiting for the first telephoned order to start shooting. They smoke a few last-minute cigarettes, because once it is dark they can't smoke except by draping blankets over themselves for a blackout.

In four or five places in the wall of the circular pit shelves have been dug and reserve shells. It is just like pigeon holes.

When the firing starts from a few feet away, the shells are handed down to a carrier waiting below, who keeps the pigeon holes filled. The gun is constantly turning in the pit and there is always a pigeon hole of fresh shells right behind it.

The shells are as long as your arm and they weigh better than 40 pounds. After each salvo the empty shell case kicks out until there is a lull in the firing and the boys toss them over the ring of the pit.

Next morning they are gathered up and put in boxes for eventual shipment back to America, where they are re-tooled for further use.

Each gun is connected by telephone to the battery command post in a dugout. At all times, one member of each gun crew has a phone to his ear. When a plane is picked up within range, the battery commander gives a telephonic order, "Stand by."

Each gun commander shouts the order to his crew and the boys all jump to their positions. Everybody in the crew knows his job and does it. There is no necessity for harshness or short words on the part of the gun commander.

When the plane either gets shot down

or goes out of range and there is nothing else in the vicinity, the command "Rest" is given and the crews relax and squat or lie around on the floor of the pit. But they don't leave the pit.

Sometimes rest will be only for a few seconds, other times it may last a couple of hours. In long lulls the gunners wrap up in blankets and sleep on the floor of the pit.

The nights are very short here now, from 11 PM to 5 AM, for which everybody is grateful. It actually starts breaking faint dawn just about 4.30, but the Germans keep roaming around the sky until real daylight comes.

Our own patrol planes hit the sky at daylight and the Germans skedaddle. In the first few days, when our patrol planes had to come all the way from England, the boys tell of mornings when they could see our planes approaching from one direction and the Germans heading for home at the opposite side of the sky.

As soon as it is daylight and the last "Rest" is given, the boys crank down the barrel of their gun until it is horizontal and then take a sight through it onto the stone turret of a near-by barn, to make sure the night's shooting hasn't moved the gun off its position.

Then some of them gather up the empty shells, others get wood fires started for heating breakfast, and others raise and tie the camouflage net. They're all through at 7 AM, and half of the shift crawl into their pup tents, while the other half go to work to clean and readjust the gun.

There will be no more shooting until darkness comes again.

Notes from the Air Force

SIX Marauders of the group commanded by Col. Joe W. Kelly, of Columbus, Ind., have passed the 100-mission mark. The planes are: Liljo, Rat Poison, Bar Fly, Ye Olde Crocke, Blazing Heath and Slightly Dangerous.

Flak didn't damage a Marauder on a recent mission, but a flak suit did. One Marauder had its vertical and horizontal stabilizers damaged when a flak suit fell out of the Marauder above it.

Add ironic facts: Prince Bernhard of Holland recently flew to the U.S. aboard an ATC plane. Being taken to the U.S. aboard the same ship were four German generals.

Sports SIDELIGHTS

In Richmond, Va., Ben Chapman, the old Yankee, had been louting one of his Richmond pitchers as a real speed merchant.

Cmdr. Jack Dempsey recently threw his shoulder out of joint demonstrating rough-and-tumble tactics to his Coast Guard boys.

There are, no doubt, some ardent Yankee rooters in practically every field of action in the world.

Track men who should know what they are talking about are saying that Charley Parker, the sensational Texas kid with 51 straight dash wins.

The umpires this year are having more trouble than in any other season with close plays and beefs on rulings.

A Marine sergeant with a medical outfit swears to this one. Marine Cpl. Marty Feldman, a former University of Oregon guard.

Hal Spindel, the old UCLA baseball star, has returned to the team that gave him his start.

Pvt. Ed Spratt, a pre-aviation cadet at Keesler Field, has put in a claim for the sit-up championship of the world.

Steve Divich, former Indiana U. pole vault star, recently was upped to lieutenant colonel at 32 years of age.

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Tennis Star Has a New Racket



Pvt. Bob Falkenburg, National Junior tennis title holder, and brother of screen actor Jinx Falkenburg, now taking basic training at Sheppard Field, Tex., examines a sub-machine-gun after dismantling and reassembling it.

Bucky Walters Is Nearing Top As National Loop Shutout Ace

CINCINNATI, July 6—It's been generally overlooked this season that while Bucky Walters has been winning 13 games and promising to become the first 30-game winner since 1934 when Dizzy Dean turned the trick, he's also taken over the lead in shutouts over a lifetime among the active senior circuit moundmen.

Bucky started the season with 29 shutouts to his credit and he has notched four since then, surpassing Paul Derringer's 30 and Freddie Fitzsimmons' 31. Although Bucky's concentrating on beating his best season—1939, when he chalked up 27 triumphs and was voted the league's most valuable player—he isn't worrying about shutouts, but he'll take any that are around.

However, Bucky won't get near the record for shutouts for a season which was set by Grover Cleveland Alexander in 1916, when he twirled 16. He may get ahead of Carl Hubbell and Mort Cooper, though, as they are next with ten apiece.

The all-time lifetime shutout record of 90 is a bit beyond Bucky's ability since he deserted third base to start pitching at the age of 25. Alexander hurled 90 over a period of 20 years. Although he is nowhere near Alexander's total, he's already ahead of most moderns and fast approaching the old-timers.

When he pitches No. 5 this year, Bucky will be tied with Hubbell at 34. His eighth will knot him with Lt. Larry French, now a Navy lieutenant in the ETO, who was shutout king of the loop when he left the Dodgers.

Minor League Results

Table of Minor League Results including International League, Eastern League, American Association, and Pacific Coast League with columns for W, L, Pct.

Jimmie Foxx Fails In Comeback Bid; Stays as Cub Coach

CHICAGO, July 6—The comeback attempt of Jimmie Foxx, former Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Red Sox slugger, was officially marked a failure today when Foxx was taken off the Chicago Cubs' active player list and made a coach and bullpen catcher.

After remaining out of baseball all last season, Foxx reported to the Bruins during spring training this year. The Cubs obtained him from the Red Sox in 1942 and he hit .205 in 70 games. This season he started at third in a couple of games, making 18 trips to the platter and getting one hit.

Double X's removal from the active list made room for Raphael Lynn, right-handed moundman who won 21 contests for Los Angeles and held out this year.

Turf, Diamond Fans Turned Out for July 4

NEW YORK, July 6—The three-day July 4 holiday period saw 1,102,192 fans jam their way into race tracks and ball parks around the country, an increase of 184,000 over the number who turned out during the Memorial Day holiday.

Led by the two-day turnout of 346,828 in the major league parks, almost 600,000 diamond fans bought tickets for organized baseball, including the top minors. Still more games in smaller loops, such as the Piedmont, Inter-State and Pony Leagues, swelled the attendance.

Almost 34 million dollars were wagered by 508,781 turf fans, who clicked through the turnstiles of the nation's 13 race tracks.

Segura, Talbert Advance In Western Net Tourney

NEENAH, Wis., July 6—Billy Talbert, of Indianapolis, Pancho Segura, of Ecuador, and Thane Halstead, of Chicago, moved into the quarter-final round of the Western Tennis Championships after elimination victories yesterday.

Segura sidelined Bill Grode, of Menasha, Wis., 6-1, 6-2, while Talbert scored his triumph in two love sets over Joe Bleckinger.

Connie Mack to Be Feted

PHILADELPHIA, July 6—John C. Bell, lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, will lead a large committee formed to commemorate Connie Mack's 50th anniversary as a big league manager. The party will come off Aug. 4.

Bluejackets Suffer First Loss

DETROIT, July 6—The Great Lakes Bluejackets suffered their first defeat after 23 straight victories here yesterday, when the Ford All-Stars tripped the Bluejackets, 2-1, on a ninth inning homer off Schoolboy Rowe.

Brownies Whip A's, 4-2, As Bosox Lose to Tigers

NEW YORK, July 6—Any hopes the Boston Red Sox may have had that the Philadelphia Athletics would cut down the St. Louis Browns' American League lead were dissipated yesterday as the loop leaders edged out the Mackmen, 4-2, at Shibe Park last night while the Bosox dropped an 8-1 contest to the Detroit Tigers.

A two-run spurge in the first of the ninth gave the Brownies their margin of victory as Gene Moore opened the stanza with a bingle and Milt Byrnes was safe on Pitcher Russ Christopher's error. A sacrifice by Mark Christian advanced both runners, and Al Zarilla, hitting for Red Hayworth, was passed. Hurler George Caster then won his own game by punching out a single to left which scored the deciding runs. Caster, taking over from Nelson Potter in the seventh, notched his third triumph. Christopher, who relieved Don Black in the third after Black suffered an injured ankle due to a hit ball, was the loser.

A four-run uprising in the third which drove Emmett O'Neill to cover gave the Bengals the nod over Joe Cronin's pupils in a twilight tussle at Boston. O'Neill faltered in the first inning, allowing the Bengals to tally their first marker, and Cronin, short of twirlers, was forced to send Infielder Eddie Lake to the hill during the damaging fourth.

HOW THEY STAND. American League, National League

League standings tables for American and National Leagues, including columns for W, L, Pct.

Trout Misses Shutout Jimmy Outlaw was the villain of the Detroit attack, his brace of doubles accounting for two runs. Dizzy Trout muffed a shutout in the Boston half of the fourth when Veteran Bob Johnson poled a homer into the center field bleachers, the first hit to that spot in two years.

Joe McCarthy shuffled his batting order in an attempt to inject new power into the New York Yankees' lineup and the maneuver brought results as the Ruppert Rifles pounded out 11 hits to smash the Cleveland Indians, 6-2, at the Yankee Stadium.

Andersson Sets 3/4-Mile Mark

STOCKHOLM, July 6—Arne Andersson sped over the three-quarter mile distance in the Stockholm Stadium yesterday in 2:56.6 to shatter the listed world mark set in 1931 at Paris by Jules Ladoumegue who went the route in 3:00.6.

World marks at the three-quarter distance have not been listed since 1938. The American time of 2:58.7 was set at Palo Alto, Cal., in 1940 by Paul Moore.

Southern Loop Commences Second-Half Season Play

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 6—The Southern Association opened its second half of the season here last night with the Birmingham Barons beating the Mobile nine, 4-2, in the only game scheduled.

The Mobile club played the first half of the season as the Knoxville Smokies, but recently received permission to play the second half in Mobile, Ala. Play in the first half ended Independence Day with the Memphis Chicks winning the flag. Standings now start from scratch.

Thomas Beats Armstrong To Reverse Former Defeat

LOS ANGELES, July 6—Henry Armstrong's comeback campaign—vintage unknown—ran into a snag here when John Thomas, local welterweight, won a unanimous ten-round decision over the former triple title holder.

Thomas took seven stanzas from the aging veteran with Henry winning the remaining three. Thomas' victory evened the score for a defeat he suffered at Armstrong's hands last month.

Ray Mueller, catching his 133rd straight game to equal the mark set by George Gibson of the Pirates in 1909, started Cincinnati's winning rally in the second with a bingle. Eric Tipton followed suit and Ed Stanky's miff on the throw in from the outfield and Chuck Aleno's single resulted in two runs. Woody Williams racked up the other two, doubling in the third and going home with two down and singling in the fifth and scoring on Max Marshall's double. Ed Head, the loser, lasted until the seventh.

The Pirates slipped to third as Dick "Kewpie" Barrett of the Phillies got credit for two mound victories over the Bucs at Forbes Field. The Phils annexed a 9-4 decision in completing a suspended game of May 21 with only the ninth inning to be played, then went on to cop the regular game, 12-2.

Barrett held the Pittsburghers to seven runs in the regular contest while his teammates banged Ray Starr, Xavier Raciongo and Art Cuccurullo for 14 with Third Baseman Glen Stewart leading the barrage with two triples which drove in four runs. The rarified atmosphere of seventh place proved too much for the Chicago Cubs and the Braves deposited the Bruins back in the cellar as they whipped the Grimmen, 7-2, behind Jim Tobin's seven-hitter. Tobin had a one-hitter until the seventh when the Cubs reached him for four singles. The Braves raked Paul Erickson, Dale Anderson and Hy Vandenberg for 13 blows with four bingles by Connie Ryan leading the way. Erickson left in the sixth for a pinch hitter and was tagged with the loss.



Having Seen Yank Fliers, It's Now 'Mac' Among Russian Kids

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, July 6—All the little Ivans and Tanyas running barefooted around a certain Russian village now call each other just plain "Mac."

Flying Fortress crew members, commanded by Col. Karl Truesdell, of Washington, who returned yesterday from a 7,000-mile Britain-Russia-Italy-Britain mission, said the Soviet youngsters heard them calling each other "Mac" and took it up themselves.

Georgia Voters Rename George

Veteran Senator, Target Of FDR's 'Purge' in '38, Easily Renominated

ATLANTA, July 6 (ANS)—Complete unofficial returns from Tuesday's Democratic primary, where nomination means election, showed today that veteran Sen. Walter F. George had won an overwhelming victory over John W. Goolsby, Washington (Ga.), farmer and political newcomer.

George, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a senator since 1922, polled 96,842 popular votes against 13,633 for Goolsby and carried every county. George was a target of President Roosevelt's attempted senatorial "purge" six years ago, but the President indicated that he welcomed his re-election this year.

An Associated Press tabulation showed George renominated by at least 222 unit votes out of a possible 410. Under Georgia's electoral system, 206 county unit votes are required for nomination.

Nine of the state's ten Democratic congressmen were renominated. The only incumbent running, Rep. B. Frank Wheelchel, of Gainesville, was succeeded in the Ninth District by former Rep. John S. Wood, of Canton.

Two incumbents, Rep. Hugh Peterson in the First District and Rep. Eugene E. Cox in the Second, won over opponents favored by the CIO Political Action Committee.

Negroes laid the basis for a court test of the "white primary" by sending small "token" delegations to the polls in Atlanta and several other Georgia cities. In each case the Negroes presented poll-tax receipts, and when told their names were not on the list of qualified voters left without comment.

Scores 4-1 Victory

JACKSON, Miss., July 6 (ANS)—Rep. John E. Rankin won renomination, equivalent to election, by a 4-to-1 vote over two opponents in Tuesday's Democratic primary.

Renominated without opposition were: Reps. William M. Whittington, Third District; Arthur Winstead, Fifth; William M. Colmer, Sixth, and Dan. R. McGehee, Seventh.

Everyone To Help

ALBANY, N.Y., July 6 (ANS)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey announced today that he would ask the aid of every Republican member of Congress in mapping his campaign.

The Republican presidential nominee was asked at a press conference to comment on a report that President Roosevelt might deliver an acceptance speech from the beaches of Normandy agreeing to run for a fourth term.

"I think the American people will understand that pretty well without my advice," Dewey said, "although I may find it desirable to comment if the President does."

Hopkins Back on Job

WASHINGTON, July 6 (AP)—Harry Hopkins returned today as special assistant to President Roosevelt following a six-month convalescence from illness.

Radio Highlights

Thirty-minute radio dramatizations of the Army Orientation Courses, taken from the weekly booklet "Army Talks," can be heard on the American Forces Network Saturday at 2.30 PM. The program will feature a discussion of this week's topic, "Notes From Normandy." A brief world news review will be included.

AFN—In the United Kingdom—1000 hours—2300 hours

1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Friday, July 7

- 1005—Victory Parade with Bob Chester.*
- 1015—Personal Album with Jimmy Sims.*
- 1100—Army Talks.
- 1130—Duffie Bag.*
- 1310—Sportstime.
- 1345—Melody Roundup.
- 1400—Visiting Hour—Front Line Theater.
- 1530—On the Record.*
- 1700—Harry James Orchestra.*
- 1755—American Sports Roundup.*
- 1805—GI Supper Club.
- 1905—Fred Allen Club.*
- 2000—Home News from the U.S.A.*
- 2005—Duffy's Tavern.*
- 2030—California Melodies.*
- 2115—Paul Whiteman Presents.
- 2145—Fred Warne's Pennsylvanians.
- 2200—Kay Kyser's Kollege.*
- 2230—Suspense.
- 2300—Final Edition.

AEF—On the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours

- 0600—Rise and Shine.
- 0810—John Charles Thomas.
- 0920—AEF Ranch House.
- 1000—Music While You Work.*
- 1100—Morning After—Sitting on the Fence.
- 1245—Dance Music.*
- 1315—BBC Theater Orchestra.*
- 1925—RCAF Dance Orchestra.*
- 2250—One Night Stand.

* Indicates programs heard on both networks.

NEWS FROM HOME War Spending Past Its Peak, Official States

Appropriations Chief Says Decline Will Accelerate As Victory Nears

WASHINGTON, July 6—War appropriations have "passed their peak," and barring serious military reverses will diminish at an accelerated rate until the war ends, Rep. Clarence Cannon (D., Mo.), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, said yesterday.

Cannon noted that the estimated \$67,000,000,000 appropriated by his committee in the present session of Congress, recessed last month, represented a decline of about \$47,000,000,000 from the 1943-44 all-time high. He cited the following reasons:

1—Capital expenditures by the government for construction of war plants virtually is completed. Henceforth such appropriations will be merely for operation and maintenance, and even these will drop sharply because more plants were built than actually needed.

2—Possible destruction by bombing failed to materialize, and some plants now are ready to be converted to production of civilian goods.

3—American industrial ingenuity and labor-management co-operation have built huge stockpiles of all materials except ships, planes, heavy artillery and munitions. Some of the reserves are expected to last until the end of the war.

4—Ship losses have been smaller than expected, eliminating an expensive ship-replacement program.

Cannon doubted that post-war appropriations would be as low as pre-war levels.

Ask More Veterans' Hospitals

WASHINGTON, July 6—The Veterans' Administration recommended yesterday that the Federal Board of Hospitalization approve new building projects in 20 states for 16,000 additional beds. Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, veterans' administrator, said it was the first step in the program authorized by the "GI Bill of Rights."

Jackpot

NEW YORK, July 6—Frank Costello, slot-machine king, yesterday officially relinquished claim to the \$27,200 he left in a taxi three weeks ago. The money now becomes a prize over which government and New York police may battle. Costello figures the government will win, since he is in arrears on his income-tax.

Bon Bond

CINCINNATI, July 6—A War Bond salesman buttonholed an Italian-American presser in an attempt to sell him a \$25 bond. "I've got a bond," the presser announced. He then fumbled in his watch pocket and came forth with a crumpled bit of paper—a receipt for a \$10,000 bond.

Diogenes, Quit Hunting

CENTRALIA, Wash., July 6—The motorist wanted to know where he could pay a fine for running through a stop sign. "Where's the ticket?" asked the police sergeant. "Oh, I didn't get a ticket," the motorist explained. "Nobody saw me. I just thought I ought to pay."

26 Win Awards In 29th Infantry

WITH U.S. 29TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN FRANCE, July 6—Nine officers and 17 enlisted men of this division—the Blue and Grey—were awarded three Silver Stars for gallantry in action and 23 Bronze Stars for meritorious achievement. The awards were made by their commanding general, Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt.

Those awarded Silver Stars were: 1/Lt. Roger E. Watson, Perrysburg, Ohio; 2/Lt. Arthur C. Chadwick Jr., Concord, N.H.; and Pvt. Abraham A. Rosen, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Recipients of the Bronze Star were: Lt. Col. William C. Purnell, William T. Terry and William J. Witte, all of Baltimore, Md.; Louis M. Gosorn, Alexandria, Va.; Alexander George, San Antonio, Tex.; and Tazewell F. Thomson, Norfolk, Va.; Capt. Benjamin F. Cassell and M/Sgt. Paul A. Ritter Jr., both of Baltimore; T/Sgt. Frank W. Jones, Swissvale, Pa.; Sgt. Samuel J. Girvin, Baltimore; Cpls. Frank J. Deluca and James C. McLaughlin, both of Baltimore; Atlee P. Warner, Albany, N.Y.; Michael T. Vernillo, Burgettstown, Pa.; Stanley Kolat, Dunbar, Pa.; and Lucy M. Sexton, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Pfc. Philip F. Speed, Flushing, L.I., N.Y.; Harry N. Lombardi, Baltimore; Gerald M. Wertz, West Renovo, Pa.; and William J. Neely, Boggsstown, Ind.; and Pvt. Edward S. Sobon, Alliquippa, Pa.; Earl L. McLean, Whitesville, Mass.; and George B. Namie, Monongahela, Pa.

Princess Visits First U.S. Unit, Christens Fort Rose of York

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, July 6—Princess Elizabeth, Britain's smiling, 18-year-old queen-to-be, paid her first visit to a U.S. unit in the ETO today as she accompanied her royal parents on a tour of this Fortress base.

And everybody had a good time except 2/Lt. Frederick Reardon, bombardier from Holyoke, Mass. He was the first man approached by Queen Elizabeth after she and the princess and King George VI attended a mock briefing. Painted on the back of Reardon's brown-leather jacket was the name of his plane—Queenie—and Queen Elizabeth couldn't miss it.

"I sure was sweating it out," the embarrassed Reardon sighed afterwards. "I guess I'll never hear the end of this."

Princess Elizabeth, who made a hit with the GIs with her shy smile, christened the Rose of York, a gleaming silver Fortress named in her honor, by smashing a champagne bottle filled with English cider on the plane's nose.

Then she toured several Eighth Air Force bomber bases, inspected personnel and equipment and watched the huge planes rendezvous for a mission.

Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, Eighth Air Force chief, was host to the official party. "This has been a thrilling day," Princess Elizabeth said. "I never realized the preparations for a bombing mission were so involved."

Although the King and Queen spent most of the day exchanging pleasantries with swarms of officers and EMTs, the Princess' only long conversation was with M/Sgt. Edward S. Gregory, of Salt Lake City, Utah. It was Gregory, crew chief of the Rose of York, who suggested naming his ship in honor of the Princess.

"We were hunting for an appropriate name a few weeks ago when the papers were filled with stories about Princess Elizabeth's birthday," Gregory explained. "So I submitted the name. But I never thought I'd get to meet the Princess."

The Queen was extremely interested in flight equipment, including a flak suit.

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for the most part continued a slow, steady advance.

The Canadians at Carpiquet continued a grim battle for the airfield as more than 500 German infantrymen, supported by a strong force of about 40 tanks, leveled heavy fire at them. From a ridge behind the airfield, German dug-in tanks had a clear field of fire, and on two sides of the landing ground Germans were defending it with a strong string of 88-mm. guns and mortars.

British gunners near Evrecy, about 11 miles southwest of Caen, smashed up German attacks with intense barrages, and heavy fighting was in progress on a mile-wide front about eight miles southwest of Caen, between Baron and Esquay.

Prisoner Total Passes 50,000

More than 50,000 prisoners have been taken by the Allied forces in Normandy, SHAEF announced, and the Allies have liberated more than 1,300 square miles of France.

Improved weather allowed the air forces to strike hard again, but little German movement was seen on the roads, as a result of the Allied rail and bridge-busting missions. No transport problem bothered the Allies, according to an official statement which said that one vehicle has been landed for every five Allied soldiers.

At La Haye yesterday, American troops had almost cleared the railway line leading to Carentan, an early report said. The Germans declared that a British infantry division had been flung into the fighting along the La Haye-Carentan railway.

Southwest of Carentan, the Yanks advanced about four miles on the road to Periers, 11 miles from Carentan. Another American advance west of Carentan was being made through a dangerous bottleneck, as doughboys pushed across a two-mile-wide strip of pastureland, hemmed in by swamps on both sides, where the Germans had set up heavy concentrations of machine-guns.

Progress on the U.S. flank of the Allied front was not expected to be rapid.

Elliott Roosevelt to Wed Capt. Briggs of the WAC

PORT EDWARDS, Wis., July 6 (AP)—The engagement of Capt. Ruth Briggs, of the WAC, to Col. Elliott Roosevelt, second son of the President, was announced yesterday by Capt. Briggs' mother, Mrs. Franz Rosebush.

Capt. Briggs was one of the first WACs to go overseas. She met Roosevelt at the Casablanca conference, where she was serving as a secretary. She arrived in England, where her fiance is now serving, in November, 1942.

Carriers on Cruiser Hulls Given Big Role in Pacific

WASHINGTON, July 6—Nine light aircraft-carriers, built on cruiser hulls, have taken over major roles in protecting big carrier task forces in the war against Japan, the Navy disclosed. Planes from the largest carriers thus are freed to concentrate entirely on assault missions.

Call Off Reunion

CHICAGO, July 6—For the first time in 25 years, the Rainbow Division will not meet this year. The veterans' annual reunion, scheduled here next month, has been canceled because of wartime travel restrictions.

1,000 Heavies Batter Calais

American heavies yesterday gave the Pas de Calais its heaviest battering of the war, 1,000 Fortresses and Liberators bombing 18 German flying-bomb sites.

In the mounting campaign against the robot installations, which Prime Minister Churchill yesterday credited having destroyed 100 ramps and retarding the Nazi terror campaign for perhaps six months, the heavies flew out in good weather on their 14th sharp assault on Pas de Calais since D-Day. It was the sixth Allied blow against the buzz-bomb nests in less than 48 hours.

At the same time, Ninth Air Force Marauders and Havocs mounted one of their heaviest front-line raids since the Normandy landings, and a contingent of up to 250 Liberators hit the German naval base at Kiel.

Fighters' Field Day

With clear weather over Europe after a week of cloud and rain the Allies flung the full fury of their air power against the Continent, and preliminary reports indicated that it was one of the heaviest 24 hours of air activity since D-Day.

U.S. fighters had a field day, ranging over France in countless attacks on targets of opportunity. In addition to escorting the bombers, Eighth pursuits shot down 17 German planes.

Cost of the day's Eighth Air Force operations was five Eighth fighters and three Liberators. Not one interceptor was encountered by the bombers even over Germany.

Storming over the front line in Normandy, more than 300 Marauders and Havocs virtually isolated Caen by cutting five main rail lines running into the battle area and smashing two bridges within the city itself. They also hit the ten-span railway viaduct at Maintenon, 15 miles southeast of Dreux, and a three-span bridge at Cloyes, southwest of Chartres.

Wednesday evening, Marauders and Havocs dropped more than 150 tons of explosives on four Pas de Calais military objectives, presumably buzz-bomb sites. No bombers were lost. The A20s, which flew in greater strength than the B26s, were escorted by P47s.

Later in the night RAF heavies went out in strength to attack robot nests, while Lancasters bombed marshalling yards at Dijon, 160 miles southeast of Paris, and Mosquitoes struck industrial objectives in Germany.

Other Mosquito task forces, providing a tight umbrella for American troops, pounded supply dumps, bridges and highway and rail transport lines at the base of the Cherbourg peninsula.

Money-Confab Hitch Arising?

BRETTON WOODS, N.H., July 6 (UP)—Suggestions of a hitch in the international monetary conference were made yesterday by Harry White, spokesman for the U.S. delegation.

He said it was possible that the conference might adjourn without an agreement on an international monetary fund and an international bank for reconstruction.

While discussions had been going on, he said, snags had developed over the quotas which each nation is to deposit with the fund, and nothing had so far been done to fix the quotas.

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we are making against special targets in Germany to suffer. They come first and we must fit our own domestic arrangements into the general scheme of war operations."

"There can be no question of allowing the slightest weakening in the battle," he asserted. "London will never be conquered and will never fail in her renown. Triumphant over every ordeal, her light will long shine among men."

Although admitting that blast damage had been extensive, Churchill said that it could not be compared with the "terrific destruction by fire and high explosive with which we have been assaulting Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne and scores of other German cities and war-manufacturing points."

Declining to make any predictions for the future, Churchill said: "What of the future? Is this attack going to get worse? Will the rocket bomb come? Will more destructive explosives come? Will there be greater ranges? I can give no guarantee that any of these evils will be finally prevented before the time comes when the soil from which these attacks come has been finally liberated."

Churchill revealed that a "very-high proportion" of the bomb casualties had been in London, whose area of 18 by 20 miles he called "the unique target of the world for the use of a weapon of such inaccuracy."

Persons doing essential work must remain at their posts, the Prime Minister stressed.

Paying tribute to Americans in Britain, Churchill said that from the highest official to the lowest soldier they had "in every way made common cause with us in assistance of every kind."

Find Oil in Wyoming

PONCA CITY, Okla., July 6—Discovery of oil in a wildcat well in Niobrara County in Wyoming was announced by the Continental Oil Co.

