

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Liberation Issue

NOTE to American and other Allied soldiers fighting in France: When you started off across the Channel on D-Day, you were moving so fast that The Stars and Stripes could not keep up with you. You were much too busy making news, anyway, to have had time to read it.

Copy Cat

THE ability of Herr Goebbels to distort the truth and make even the worst failures sound like a Nazi success has gained him quite a reputation as a propaganda expert. He often gets credit for having created "something new," but news analysts have unearthed some press releases of World War I vintage...

Music Makers

WAY back in January, 1942, the first pictures of American troops landing in Northern Ireland showed a lanky GI from the Mid-West strolling happily down the gangplank, a huge guitar slung over his shoulder. How, we asked, can a man loaded down with "A" bag, "B" bag, pack and whatnot, still love music enough to burden himself with such an instrument?

Hash Marks

We understand that what was D-Day for us was J-Day, or Judgment Day, for the Germans. After spending many months in the ETO a worldly-wise GI can appreciate now what they mean by the "old army."



After watching a hard-working, grizzled sergeant of many years service pound at his typewriter several hours on a special project, a WAC lieutenant in the office exclaimed, "Finished?" After hearing an affirmative response, she said, "Well, bless your little heart!" (Tis said the old sarge actually blushed.)

Signs of the Times: "For Rent. Cheap. Accommodations in West Wall Hotel.—Prop. A. Hitler."

June 6, what a day. Generations of American kids will be immensely proud of you Yanks in France, but they're gonna be kinda mad at you when they start school. Think of all the dates they will have to memorize about the history you are making.

Army nurses have landed and have the situation well in hand. Which reminds us of the GI who said, "I want to go over with the first WAVE."

Today's poetry comes from a GI who made the Channel crossing and came back, then went back for more: I think that I shall never see A boat that rocks like an LST.

As much as GIs hate red tape, it has been clearly proven they don't mind going through "Channels" to get to France.

Our spy on the Channel front tells us Yank assault troops have revised an old rhyme to go, "Humpty Hitler sat on a wall—Humpty Hitler had a great fall."

Note on gas rationing: The girl who used to walk home now walks both ways.

There was pandemonium in a certain office the other day. Nobody could open the safe. Finally the station CO came



in and pulled a perfect "safe-cracking" job while an awe-stricken shavetail and some GIs stood helplessly by. The colonel smiled and would not solve the mystery of his hitherto hidden ability except to comment, "My hobby is locks."

Two Similes for Today: "As crowded together as assault craft on the shores of Europe." "As rare as a Luftwaffe plane in the sky."

PRIVATE BREGER



"It's the only way you'll get him to detect mines!"

Ike Directs Show From Mobile HQ

He'll Move Across When the Right Time Arrives

By Stanley Burch Reuter Special Correspondent ADVANCE COMMAND POST, England, June 10 (Delayed)—Gen. Eisenhower has directed the first 100 hours of the new front from a motor-caravan bare of maps or documents. His simple personal "home" in this secluded nest of woodland is the focal point of a command post so compact and mobile that it could at any moment move over to the Continent within a few hours.

The Supreme Commander will take his personal camp across the Channel, when the time comes, because he does not want to add fresh responsibility or inconvenience to his field commanders' load by living in their bivouacs.

At midnight the general walked without an escort through the trees for a conference in the war room—a big tent with all the battle secrets mapped on screens. This is a characteristic scene in this unceremonious friendly little encampment—one of the star exhibits of the Allied camouflage units.

No special guards protect the general and one is likely to see him strolling, bare-headed and unescorted, anywhere on the twisting cinder-paths.

No War Drama

It is a 2½-ton Army truck, converted into a caravan by military railway engineers in North Africa, in which the general sleeps. When you enter, you see nothing to suggest the drama of war. A blue-and-white checkered table cloth serves as quilt on the bed. A single dun-colored leather armchair stands on the brown rug. Visitors squat on the bed to talk. Behind a screen at the end is a shower and a wash-basin—with hot running water. A decanter of water stands at the head of the bed.

There are no maps, no charts, no photographs. Gen. Eisenhower hates telephones—but loves Western thrillers. There are two black telephones on the desk, and a pile of Westerns with which the general reads himself to sleep at night and again if he awakens too early in the morning. He does not need an alarm clock and five or six hours sleep are enough for him.

No subtle detective stuff for the Supreme Commander. "What he likes is the sort of Western where three men die in the first paragraph and the desperado stands with his gun smoking," as one of his colleagues put it.

The general is a first-rate shot himself and keeps a revolver in his caravan, but he has not had any practise for 12 months or so.

Normally he is in bed by midnight. At seven in the morning he is brought coffee and fruit juice. He reads the London newspapers and The Stars and Stripes, and is ready for a substantial breakfast around 7.30 in the mess tent which he shares with his aides.

He likes to "chin" casually with his colleagues and callers and often sits up into the early hours in his caravan reminiscing about salmon-fishing, farming



Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower plans his strategy in a forward area, with Sir Arthur Tedder, his deputy (left), and Gen. Bernard Montgomery.

In the daytime he will settle for a talk in deck-chairs outside the door with its steep steps. The general is intensely averse to personal publicity. People who write for his

S & S Eyewitness' Story: How Rangers, Cut Off, Held On Grimly in Own 'Little Bataan'

those wounded who were too badly injured to fight—men who could still hold a gun refused to be evacuated. On the morning of the third day the Rangers were ready for a finish fight. They had radio contact with American forces coming up on the flank, but the reinforcements were having their troubles, too. There didn't seem to be much chance of their breaking through.

'Lost' Patrol Gets Back But they did get through and the Germans high-tailed it out of there. And the night after they left, the 16 men who had been sent after those four remaining enemy guns rejoined their mates. They had found the guns, which now were no longer of further use to the Vaterland. This was their story:

The guns had been moved two miles inland. Lt. George Kercher, of Baltimore, Mo., followed the fire tracks until he and his patrol saw the pieces getting into position. They drove the Germans away with rifle fire, then dashed in and threw Thermite grenades down the barrels, wrecked the breech blocks and scattered spare parts all over.

Just as the job was completed, the Germans counter-attacked the patrol, which hit a ditch and stayed there for 58 hours without moving. They had only three bars of chocolate between them, and very little ammunition. A constant watch was kept to insure that no sleeping man snored and gave their positions away. The Germans had them completely surrounded.

In addition to Lt. Kercher, men who spiked the guns included the following:

- 1/Sgt. Leonard Lomeli, Mt. Pleasant, N.J.; S/Sgt. Larry Johnson, Baltimore; Sgt. Jack Kuhn, Altoona, Pa.; Sgt. Joe Flanagan, Somerville, Mass.; S/Sgt. Lester Arthur, Akeley, Pa.; T/5 Gordon Lanning, New York; Pvt. Harry Fate, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; Pvt. Robert Cary, Los Angeles; S/Sgt. Emery Jones, Georgia; Pvt. Melvin Sweeney, Indiana; Pvt. Joe Hoover, Scranton, Pa.; Pvt. Robert Austin, North Carolina; T/5 Harley Huff, South Bend, Ind.; and Sgt. Richard McLaughlin, Peoria, Ill.



Fiddlers' Green Half-way down the trail to Hell In a shady meadow green Are the souls of all good troopers camped By a good old-time canteen, And the name of this good resting place Is known as Fiddlers' Green.

Marching on straight through to Hell, The Infantry are seen, Accompanied by the Engineers, Artillery and Marines, For none but shades of Cavalry men Dismount at Fiddlers' Green.

Winding on straight through to Hell To seek a warmer scene, No trooper ever gets to Hell Ere he's emptied his canteen, And then rides back to drink again With friends at Fiddlers' Green.

So when a man and horse go down Beneath a saber keen; In a roaring charge or fierce melee You stop a bullet clean, The hostiles come to get your scalp— Just empty your canteen, Then put your pistol to your head And go to Fiddlers' Green

A Cavalryman (Mechanized)

Cards Swamp Reds, 18-0; Bums Clip Braves

Pirates Topple Cubs, Tighten Hold on Second

Rain Curtails Major League Activity Over Weekend

NEW YORK, June 11—Rain curtailed major league activity Friday and yesterday, but the Cardinals escaped long enough to pummel the Reds, 18-0...

Six runs in the first inning off Bill Lohman started the Redbirds on their victory march as Mort Cooper checked the Reds with ease...

Until weather interfered, the nocturnal affair was a tight hill duel between Fritz Ostermueller of the Cubs and Claude Passeau...

Rounding out the National League docket, the Dodgers shaded the Braves, 3-2, under the mazdas at Brooklyn Friday night...

Rain throughout the circuit kept American Leaguers in their hotels yesterday, while only two night games were booked for Friday...

A three-run uprising in the seventh erased a 2-1 St. Louis advantage and rewarded Allie Reynolds with his sixth conquest of the season...

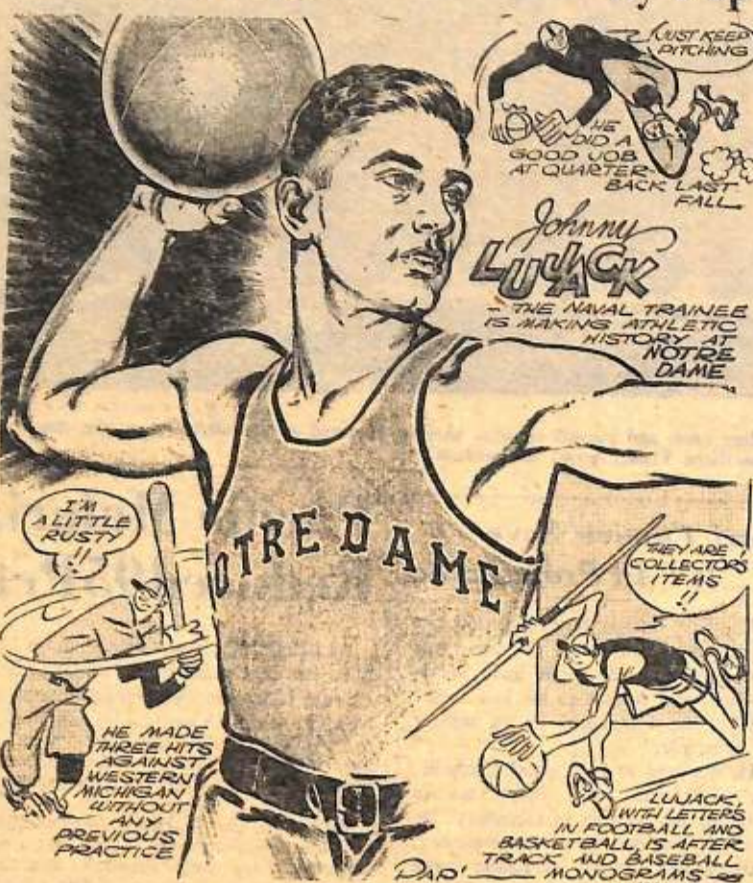
Early Wynn continued his mastery over the Athletics—he hasn't dropped a decision to the Mackmen since entering the league...

Byrd, who opened with a 66 Thursday and followed with a 67 Friday, slogged around the rain-soaked Torressdale Frankford Country Club in 69 yesterday...

Byrd's consistent sub-par performance is attributed to remarkable work with his putter...

Man of Letters

By Pap



Johnny Lujack - The Naval Trainee is making athletic history at Notre Dame.

HOW THEY STAND.

Table showing baseball standings for American League, National League, and International League.

Table showing league performance metrics such as W, L, Pct., AB, R, H, etc.

Illi Capture NCAA Crown

Young Stars as Trackmen Sweep to Easy Victory

MILWAUKEE, June 11—Claude "Buddy" Young, sensational freshman sprinter, sparked his Illinois team to victory in the 23rd annual NCAA track and field championships...

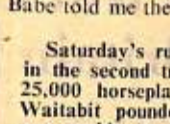
The Illini scored in ten of 14 events, other individual winners being Bob Kelley in the half-mile and Dave Nichols in the high hurdles...

Minor League Roundup

Table detailing minor league game results and scores across various leagues.

Sports Highlights

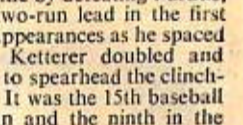
Columbia bowled over Cornell, 7-1 and 1-0, in a double-header at Ithaca, N.Y., Saturday to capture the Eastern Intercollegiate baseball championship...



Babe Ruth

"hasn't given it any thought," but Jack Schaefer, a New York hotelman who has been Ruth's official adviser for years, has a different view of the subject...

Saturday's running of the \$10,000 added Carter Handicap at Aqueduct resulted in the second triple-dead heat in history...



Jack Dempsey

Pitched headlong from the horse he was riding in the second race at Suffolk Downs Saturday, Jockey Robert Wholey is reported to be "resting easily" in the Massachusetts General Hospital...

Cadet Thomas Lombardo of West Point and Sam Vacanti, a Marine V-12 student at Purdue, were declared co-winners of a nation-wide poll...

Jake Mooley, Tiger right-hand pitcher, has been rejected for military service. He formerly twirled for the Reds and Cubs...

Eddie Mayo, Tiger second baseman, has been fined \$25 by Will Harridge, president of the American League, for fighting with Skeeter Newsome, Red Sox shortstop...

Major League Roundup

Table detailing major league game results and scores.

Pictorial Review of Drive That Breached West Wall



Ike Watches—Gen. Eisenhower, from the deck of a warship somewhere in the Channel, watched landing operations in France.



D-Day Tuesday, June 6, 1944
Allies Land in France

Part of World's Greatest Armada—Flying in a Royal Navy Aircraft, a British photographer snapped the best picture of the D-Day Armada. The gigantic fleet of warships, transports, landing craft, supply ships was en route to northern France when the picture was taken.



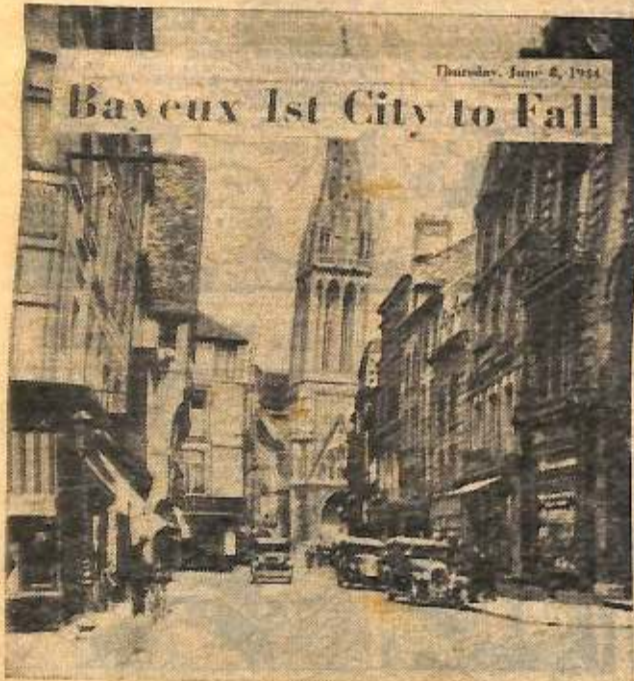
Leads Yanks—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, one of America's foremost infantry experts, is leading the U.S. ground forces now assaulting northern France.

Wednesday, June 7, 1944

Beaches Clear of Enemy

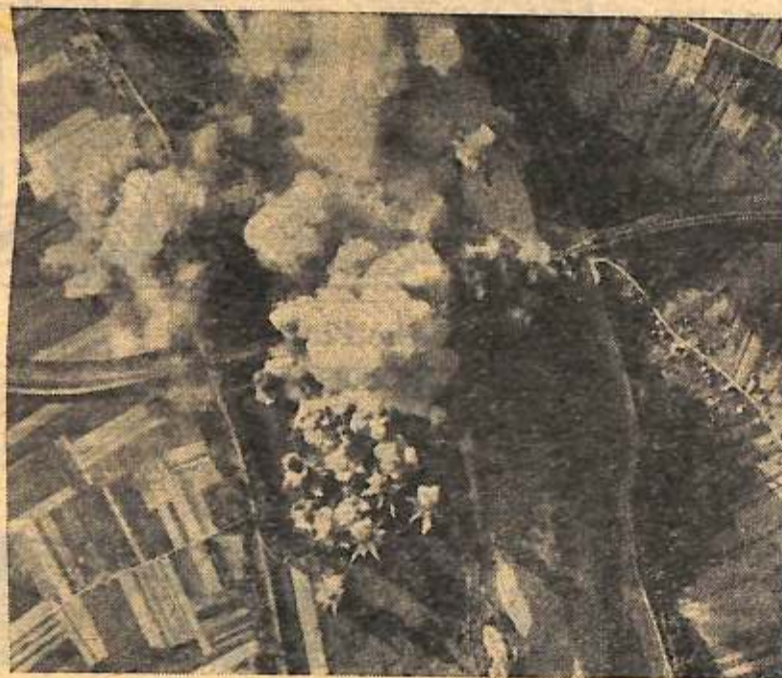


First Picture of Landings in France—American infantrymen wade through the surf to the shore, while to the right are transports from which they disembarked.



Thursday, June 8, 1944
Bayeux 1st City to Fall

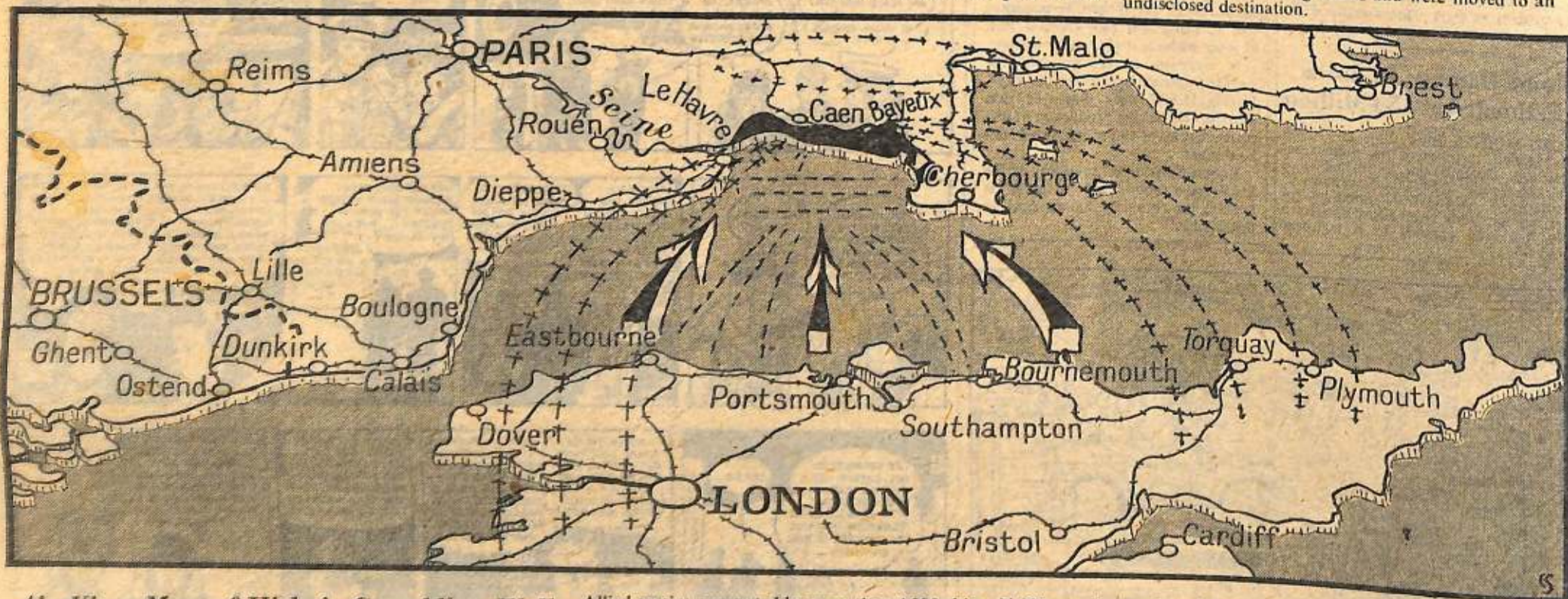
Allies Take Over—Bayeux was the first city to fall in France. Bayeux is on the railroad and main highway between Cherbourg and Paris. A street scene of Bayeux is shown here.



Blast Bridge—Smoke and bomb bursts mingle in area of wrecked bridge east of Tours, France. The damage was done by Eighth Air Force heavies. Yesterday 2,000 American planes launched another great attack.



Bewildered—German prisoners, displaying every emotion from arrogance to bewilderment, march to waiting trucks and were moved to an undisclosed destination.



Air View Map of Hitler's Crumbling Wall—Allied armies, supported by more than 4,000 ships, 11,000 warplanes, pierced Hitler's wall in northern France last Tuesday morning. The black area is the coast territory now occupied by the Allies after six days of battling.

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