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# Vitebsk Falls to Russian Army Organized Resistance

# 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 en-circling 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 pincers 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 light 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

Moscow dispatches said that in the Mogilev sector 85 miles below Vitebsk the (Continued on page 4)

#### 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.

# TheWarToday

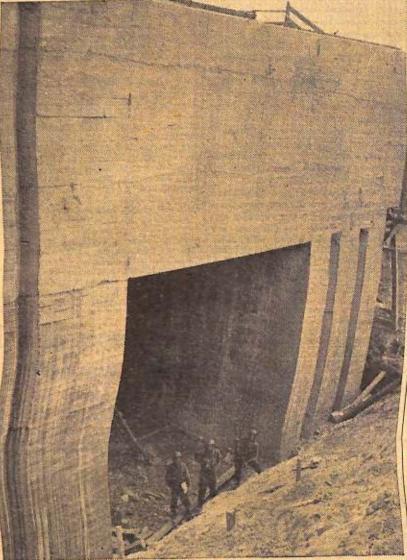
France-Americans enter Cherbourg France in force all the way to water-front all organized German resist-ance ends but defense pockets hold out in fight to death . Fort du Roule in fight to death . . . Fort du Roule taken by storm, . . . British gain in attack on Caen sector.

Russia Red Army captures Vitebsk, 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. Island reported.

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-by Italian-based U.S. heavies as weather grounds British-based Captured Flying-Bomb Site



Captured by American troops in Normandy, this incompleted huge concrete construc-tion 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 threefold job that the American people want done," he said, adding that the Republicans would do it "and we mean busi-

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 (Continued on page 4)

# Allies in Burma Gain in 2 Cities

Further progress by Allied troops at Mogaung and Myitkyina was announced by Southeast Asia Command Head-quarters 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.

# **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,

Although the Americans moved into 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.

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The satellite troops surrendered by the hundreds, however, and more than 3,400 prisoners were taken in the 24 hours up to 6 AM, 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 cap-

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

"Cherbourg today is full of the smell of war and death. The streets are littered with German bodies, severed limbs, shat-tered rifles and the scattered sheaves of

tered 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 waying a white 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 mmunition gave out, an "immense 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 (Continued on page 4)

### 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.

## 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

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 tanks before being routed in a vicious midnight battle. Eight miles northeast of Massa, before the village of Montieri,

of Massa, before the vinage of Montieri, a bitter struggle raged yesterday.

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

On the west side of the Ombrone River, French units pushed toward Siena as other Ereach contingents captured Castiglione.

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 Trasi-

## 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

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

Havoes 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 southeast 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 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.

# 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

Notes from Normanday

Here are some of the lessons we're the going gets that tough, they surrender, learning in Normandy. They come from the mouths of officers, non-coms and enlisted men who are fighting there. Your them up fast and squeeze it off in a

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 course set that tough they surrender.

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

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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. 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 (Continued on page 4)

### THE STARS AND STRIPES

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#### War of Ideas

N the bloody, bitter fighting that has ensued during the last stages of the Battle of Cherbourg, a casual observer might not readily discern, amid the clash and smoke, the distinguishing

features of the opposing forces.

Both sides have fought fiercely, unrelentingly, with little thought for their lives. Both have known the sharp pain of conflict. Both have felt the deafening blasts of artillery, and both have experi-enced the awful nightmare of having to kill human beings. It might even be said that both combatants have displayed exemplary courage, devotion to duty and great skill in battle.

But here the analogy ceases. But here the analogy ceases.

The very fact that the defenders have fought under Gen. Von Schlieben's order that "anyone failing to defend the city will be shot," has placed them at an opposite pole from the attackers, who have carried with them "the hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere," for whose security they are making, where necessary, the supreme sacrifice. sacrifice

In other words, the Cherbourg conflict has been one phase in the war of ideas. As it concludes it writes another page in the book that says that man is a creation of God instead of a cog in a machine. It is another victory for a con-cept of civilization that believes the happiness and welfare of man—not the servitude—should be the chief goal of

It cannot be argued that the Germans works of art and scientific discoveries.

Or that they are not ingenious as is indicated by their devilish robot plane, which destroys without regard to military objec-tives. But it is unalterably true that their adopted ways of living have been in direct opposition to our own from Frederick the Great to Bismarck and Wilhelm II, on

down to Hirler.

As one of their ministers sums up Nazi "civilizing" ambitions: "The divine mis-sion of Germany... is to crucify humanity, hence the duty of the German soldiers is to strike ruthlessly. They must kill, they must burn, they must destroy." At Cherbourg they seem to have done

pretty well in carrying out this mission Fortunately for the world, the forces now holding the whip hand are those which believe in individual liberty based on Christian principles. As honored representatives of these forces the heroes of Cherbourg, living, wounded and dead, will take their place besides those whose contributions to civilization will live ever in the hearts of men.

#### No Support

NE of the things that an infantryman in combat learns fast is to appreciate the close support he gets. from his artillery. Though, at first, he may shy away from his own shells, he soon learns to get in close and take full advan-tage of the artillery's knock-out punch and catch the enemy while he's still

While German guns may be deadly, we have a report from Cherbourg indicating that German infantry-artillery "team-work" isn't always what it should be. Fifty Nazi artillerymen were seated in their headquarters enjoying a supper of goulash and sauerkraut. Suddenly doors and windows were flung open. American soldiers with rifles and tommy-guns inter-rupted the meal and 50 angry Germans

These captured availlerymen had two reasons to gripe. (1) They missed their meal. (2) The German infantry had cleared out without warning them. That type of "support" will make the road to Berlin just a little shorter.

#### Lesson From Rats

REPORTS are current in scientific circles that the Nazis are enabling some of their fighter pilots to fly to greater altitudes by an operation to remove part of the thyroid gland, according to a statement from New York University.

University.

The Nazis may be interested to know that the same effect may be achieved by taking small doses of the chemicals thiourea and thiouracil, experiments suggest. In laboratory tests, the scientists found that rats given thiouracil for 12 days were able to survive at atmospheric pressures comparable to those at altitudes of 32,000 feet without the aid of oxygen, while untreated animals died at such pressures. The reason is that the chemicals interfere with the production of normal thyroid hormone by the gland. This tends to slow down the body process including oxygen consumption. The assumption is that the chemical would have similar effect on persons. effect on persons.

The Nazis, we learn, may have to take

doses of thyroid extract for the rest of their lives to make up for the loss of gland tissue under their method. So, in sympathy, we are passing along this tip from the rats which we are sure the Nazis can use with the same results,

A corporal, waiting for a bus, was rather surprised to hear a little kid singing "Dark Town Stratters" Ball." The up-to-date youngster had changed the chorus to: "1'll be down to get you in a buzz-bomb, honey-

Washed ashore on a Pacific island, a pilot regained consciousness to find a gorgeous maiden clad in the usual sarong



floating toward him on a beer barrel. "Soldier boy," she murmured, "I've got "Soldier boy," she murmured, "I've got something for you that you've been dreaming about for months." The pilot gazed at her in astonishment, and cried, "Do you man the state of the state Do you mean to say there's beer in that

After nearly running over somebody's pet dachshund while cycling through an English village, Cpl. R. W. Bolls went to his hut and penned this touching

My heart goes out to the dachshund He doesn't deserve his fate. When his front end's on the sidewalk, His back end's often late.

Confoosin' but amosin'. A Sadsack walking into the lobby of a theater heard the doorman saying, "No waiting, seats on all floors," turned to his date and whispered, "Do you mind sittin' on the

GI Philosophy. Gals who give a guy the shoulder may regret it when they're

Something to think about. Riding on bus, a girl turned to her friend and iid, "My date last night was swell, but I think all men are trying sometimes, don't you?" Replied her friend bluntly, "All the time, dearie."

Crossing through the choppy waves of the Channel, an Infantryman was heard to remark, "Now I know why officers at sea sometimes throw up their com-

Sgt. C. F. Cavanaugh, seeing some kids approaching, got all set for the any gum chum barrage. One of the tots took him off guard with, "Any dough, Joe!"

\* \* \* \* Odd presents department. T/Sgt. Paul K. Dougherty just got a package from home—a box of English toffee. The little wife said that was all she could buy in the line of sweets to send.

Some GIs who were fortunate enough to be off duty were sitting at a roadside pub enjoying the mild and bitter when a



convoy would slow down; so the GIs had a bright idea—they started passing out beers to the guys who were lucky enough to have their vehicles stop near the pub. The GIs and Tommies in convoy held out their helmets and the Yanks at the pub filled them up!

And still another guy over here with ETO initials—Edwin Thomas O'Neill.

J. C. W.

# Hash Marks Watching

### S & S Reporter Sees Cherbourg's Last Hours From Air

#### By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer IN FRONT OF CHERBOURG, June 25 (delayed)-A yellow and gray canopy of smoke drifts without end across the city, and the only breaks are splashes of flame as bombs and shells strike home on the strongpoints. The bombers drone over, spill their explosives and go home for more. Fighters turn lazily onto one wingtip, then scream down to pinpoints of concrete and steel. From the rolling orchard land to the south, big guns cough ton after ton of metal and blast into alien areas. And each bour, against bitter and almost fanatical resistance, the foot soldiers squeeze tighter the jaws which are crunching together on the city.

That is the way a fortress city dies. That is what is happening to Cherbourg. It is the nearest thing to a siege the American forces in Normandy have come up against yet.

Fifteen hundred feet above the Cherbourg Line, from which the German forces are defending Hitler's stronghold Channel port, you dodged flak in an artillery Cub, spotting for the guns behind, and watched the end come closer to Cherbourg's guarded harbor walls.

Rolling hillsides of apple orchards and oats stretch southward from the system of strongpoints which ares around the city, and from which the Germans are making their stand. Within that outer perimeter—cracked by the slugging doughboys as you fly above—there is a second line of defense, at the city's edges. Finally, there are the concrete and steel of the harbor defenses themselves, whose 210mm (and bigger) guns face two ways, according to Frenchmen who have worked on the fortifications, as a result of what the Germans learned when the British lost Singapore and its seaward-pointing artillery.

#### Ski-Shaped Sites

The Cherbourg peninsula below is streaked with long ski-shaped construction sites on the ground which are the robot-plane launching platforms the Nazis were building with forced labor before the conquest of the peninsula became fact. Sam Casey, the artillery licutenant from Jacksonville, Fla., who is piloting the Cub, picks out with trained eye the rocket-gun sites beneath their camouflage. He holds the plane steady for a picture, and Nazi flak opens up, so you go away from there. go away from there.

Below, on the slopes leading up to the ridge overlooking Cherbourg's perimeter, shell and bomb craters gouge the green countryside, and a sudden dirty mush-room of smoke and debris grows over a chateau within our lines. The Germans are using their heavy guns against positions they zeroed-in and plotted to the millibar two years ago.

Even at 2,000 feet the air above the lines is heavy with the smell of burning forests. Shells and bombs have started fires in the woods across the tip of the peninsula, and smoke drifts over the city, leaving endless dusk below it, with here and there heavy splotches as bombs throw up more dust, and streaks as ammo dumps burn black and red. To the north, the east and the northwest, green through he smoke, is the sea; American battleships and cruisers wait there for the call for their guns to take on the concrete points of the harbor defenses.

The sea and the ground are sealed—ou can see that. And although German flak splatters up through the smoke, the third dimension of war is denied the Germans, too. When clear sky was over Cherbourg, for only an hour in the morn-ing, the Marauders struck swiftly from England, and dumped 90 bays of bombs onto targets. When the clouds closed in a little the besiegers called on the Ninth Air Force fighters, and you watched the 47s wheel above the city while Fourth Division artillery marked the pinpoints



"Funny Hats"

Courtesy London Sunday Dispatch

#### Equidistant

American troops fighting in Cherbourg and the Russians fighting in Vitebsk are almost the same distance from Berlin, Robert Magidoff, U.S. broadcaster, pointed out yesterday in a broadcast from Moscow.

From Cherbourg it is about 680 miles to the German capital; from Vitebsk, 730.

with smoke shells from pre-corrected sightings; you saw the 47s scream down with half-ton bombs under each wing, the first time the fighters have carried such a load on these targets. It's no pushover, nor anything remotely like that. It's tough slugging all the way for everyone involved; easiest, perhaps, on the air force, because Cherbourg has lost its title of Flak City. Once you flew over it in a B26, and the Nazi gunners paved the sky with steel. Inis morning 12 bursts greeted the Marauders. This afternoon there have been four bursts at this Cub, and the nasty popping once in a while of machine-guns and 20mm. stuff; but that isn't Cherbourg flak the way it was. the way it was.

#### Guns Whanglin Away

All the time, within the fluid German lines below, the shells of artillery—the lines below, the shells of artillery—the Fourth Division guns, in this sector—are whanging away, their muzzle blasts drifting up faintly from the American side, their explosions coming louder from the Nazi points beneath. In another Cub, S/Sgt. Robert M. Luton, of Fort Worth, Tex., pilots his plane to watch 105s register, and to our west, 1/Lt. Harry Brown, of East Brady, Pa., hovers in search of enemy batteries.

Battlefields in their entirety—the way they are from a plane above them—aren't

# Nazi Fortress Die Bombs, Guns Create An Inferno of Steel Against Steel

even see—except once in a while, in a hurried sprint—the participants. Camouhurried sprint—the participants. Camouhurried sprint—the participants. Camouhurried sprint—the pround war is fought along hedge. The ground war is fought along hedge. The ground war is fought along hedge. The ground war is fought along hedge. All you and at barricaded cross roads. All you see, even at 500 feet, are lonely roads, battered farm buildings, craters, the occasional tank which strays beyond the occasional tank which strays beyond the cover of hedges or trees. Farther back you can see stuff coming up, but it melts into the natural cover of the fighting zone, You can't tell friend from foe, until flak begins to splatter. begins to splatter.

#### Truckloads of Germans

Back at the Cubs' field, commanded by Capt. James B. Gregorie Jr., Savannah, Ga., artilleryman and pilot who led his Cubs into action on D-plus-one, you watch truckloads of German

who led his Cubs into action on D-pillsone, you watch truckloads of German prisoners moving south on a near-by highway. A truck is stopped by a jam, and you learn that now the bag of prisoners begins to include some young Germans. Before this, most of the men captured defending Cherbourg have been conscripted soldiers—foreigners, led, however, by pure Nazi non-coms and officers.

The prisoners have reported that non-German soldiers in Cherbourg have been foced to fight with threats of death, and have been told that the Allies are executing all non-Germans taken captive—so they have no choice. Ask any infantryman—from the Fourth, or the Ninth, the airborne, or the 29th—and they'll tell you these men have fought stubbornly, bitterly, under good leadership from their policies. tell you these men have fought stubbornly, bitterly, under good leadership from their Nazi superiors. Even the harbor police, who have been thrown into the lines, have fought hard. The Germans have been in Cherbourg a long time, since 1940. They have learned a lot, and they are trying to hold on. But with each hour the Nazi power on the Channel stronghold grows a little weaker, and you can see they are from a plane above them—aren't what you expect. There are no regular lines of trenches, no jutting forts, no things you have expected. From 1,500 feet, battlefields are areas of ground belonging to foot soldiers for a little while, one way or the other. At the lines themselves, there is no demarcation; you can't little water, and you can see it dying.

# 20 Heroes of a Ranger Battalion Are Awarded DSC in Normandy

WITH U.S. FORCES IN NOR-MANDY, June 26-A buck sergeant who walked into a German artillery position and talked 167 men who might have held out for days into surrendering to an American patrol, and a Pfc who drove a horse and cart into the middle of an artillery barrage to rescue wounded were among 20 officers and EMs of a Ranger battalion awarded the DSC at a ceremony in France.

The presentation was made by a general officer before an entire battalion. The outfit touched down on the beaches between Vierville and Pointe de Hoe in the initial landings on D-Day, and dis-played extraordinary heroism in assault-ing the cliffs and throwing back enemy counter-attacks.

Sgt. Joseph W. Urish, a patrol leader from Ingram, Pa., moved alone into the enemy hattery, and 15 minutes later the first of the Nazis began marching out with their hands up. As they came into view, however, Urish's patrol readied their rifles, and the Germans, thinking they were to be shot, high-tailed it back to cover.

Instead of attempting to escape, and disregarding his own safety, Urish continued his efforts, and one by one the Germans laid down their arms and marched out.

wounded. Climax to his exploits came when he drove a horse and cart right into the middle of an artillery barrage to bring out three wounded men.

Others who received the award were:
L. Col. James E. Rudder, Brady, Tex.; L.
Col. Max. E. Schneider, Shenandosh, Ja.; Maj.
Richard P. Sullivan, Dorchester, Mass; Capt.
Otto Mastly, Arlington Heights, Ill.; Capt.
George P. Whittington, Washington; Capt. Edgar
L. Arnold, Shenandosh, Ja.; Capt. Edgar
L. Arnold, Shenandosh, Ja.; Capt. Ralph
E. Gorasson, Chicago; I/Lt. Francis W. Dawson, Progress, Pa.; I/Lt. Joseph R. Lacy,
Hartford, Coan; Z/Lt. George F. Kerchner,
Baltimore, Md.; I/Set. Leonard G. Lomell, Point
Pleasant, N.J.; T/Set. John W. White, Jamaica
Plains, Mass.; Set. Julius W. Belcher, Swords
Creek, Va.; Sit. William J. Courtney, Cleveland;
Set. Willie W. Moody, Porsmouth, Va.; Set.
Denzil O. Johnson, Memphis, Tenn., and Pfe
William E. Dreher, Cleveland. Others who received the award were:

#### Six Unit Citations **HonorNormandyHeroism**

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH U.S. FOURTH INFANTRY
DIVISION, France, June 23 (delayed)—
Battle honor citations for six units of,
or attached to, this division—as the result
of "extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of division ing performance of duty in action during the initial assault on the northern coast of Normandy"—have been officially

approved.

The citations went to one of the regi-Pric Alexander W. Barber, of Johnstown, Pa., a medic, constantly exposed himself to enemy fire as he went along the beach administering aid to the beach administering aid to the

#### -Notes from the-Air Force

1/LT. Henry W. Brown, of Washington, D.C., a 21-year-old pilot of an Eighth Fighter Command P51 Mustang who has destroyed ten enemy planes in the air and seven more on the ground, has been awarded the DSC. The citation said that Lt. Brown, out of ammunition, dived on four German planes attacking two U.S. fighters and bluffed the Nazis into abandoning the attack.

It is the claim of its crew that Ronnie, a Liberator bearing the nickname of a member of its original crew, S/Sgt. Ronald Cannon, of Znesville, O., a waist-gunner who died in the States before he could enter combat, has set a new ETO Lib record for consecutive missions—54, two of which were on D-Day without once turning back. M/Sgt. Michael P. Zyne, of Birmingham, Ala, is the ship's crew chief.

LT. Col. Thomas L. Hayes Jr., of Portland, Oregon, and his group of Eighth Air Force fighter pilots recently blew up a German ammunition train with an explosion which he described as a "Fourth of July bigger than any that America ever held."

"First we dropped our wing tanks on about 100 box cars and 30 ammunition cars in the siding of a depot," he said, upon returning from a mission. "Then we took turns strafing the tanks and cars. Red, white and blue explosions tore through the air up to a height of more than 1,000 feet."

### -This Is-The Army

FOUR GIs stationed at a Ninth Air
Force Marauder base were irked somewhat after reading in The Stars and Stripes recently of Rosemary Karier, an 18-year-old Chicago clerk, who was "generously" rewarded first with a quarter, then later one dollar, when she returned \$1,488 which she found in a wallet on the floor of a shop. the floor of a shop.

The four pooled their financial resources and came up with 6s, 2d. (\$1.25) which they turned over to The Stars and Stripes with the request that this amount be sent as a "refund" to the owner of the wallet.

"In case the gentleman cannot be located in Chicago," said the GIs, "it is requested that the money be given Miss (or Mrs.) Rosemary Karier, after it has been held in trust by the Mayor of Chicago for 30 days, as a token from this organization (a Station Complement Squadron)."

While in London recently on a brief furlough from his duties with a Ninth Service Command unit, Sgt. Dale Smiley, of Rochester, Ind., a photography enthusiast, heard cries of "The Queen!" He pushed through the throng to the Queen's guard, and was granted permission to photograph Her Majesty at close range, taking three "shots." When the film was developed, Smiley was thoroughly disappointed, The results: A triple exposure. He had forgotten to turn the spool.

By Pap



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 Etten is playing first

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

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 the majors in homer hitting with 18. has been no con-firmation from the Cub front office, but the word is out that it cost the Cubs a three-year con-tract for \$25,000 per year to get Charley Grimm away from the away from the Milwaukee club he managed. Charley



Charley Grimm

managed. Charley
also owned a share of the club and with
the other owner, Bill Veeck, in the
Marines, he was reluctant to leave.
\$75,000 in three years can salve an awful
lot of wounds, though.

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That triple dead heat that came off in

the Carter Handicap at Acqueduct re-cently 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,

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.

International League
Jency 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)
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Albany 5, Binghamton 1 (first game)
Binghamton 3, Albany 2 (second game)
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# Cards Slap Bucs; Chisox Tal

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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 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

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

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.

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, the Phillies and the Phillies and 2—1 in ten innings, the Phillies and 2—2 intenting the Phillies and 2—2 intenting the Phil

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.

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 0 (first game)
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Louisville 11, Minneapolis 2 (second game)
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Southern Association

American Association

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,

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.

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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 Retz were the 25 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.

#### College Math Prof Solves Three-Team Baseball Problem

NEW YORK, June 26-The Yankees, Giants and Dodgers will meet in a roundrobin baseball game tonight at the Polo Grounds in connection with 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. 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.

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



#### Bill Hulse Does Mile in 4:14.2

NEW YORK, June 26—In his fare well appearance before entering the Navy Bill Hulse yesterday scampered the middistance in 4:14.2 in the New Yorl Athletic Club's spring games at Randall Island Stadium. It was the fastest milperformance of the current outdoo season.

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Birmingham 2, Atlanta 0 (second game)
Nashville 12, Little Rock 2 (second game)
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Hitler's vaunted defenses in White Russia crack and split with Vitebsk captured, Orsha, Mogilev and Zhlobin threatened.

### Vitebsk Falls To Red Army

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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 amantities of equip-

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 headmarters describe them as "luxury diviquarters describe them as 'luxury divi-

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 para-troops "landed right on top of German high command posts in Normandy," forcing German generals and staff office;s 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.

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1815 Albert Sandler's Palm Court Orchestra.

1830 - Saludos Arnisos. 2015 - Bandstand - BBC Revise Orchestra. 2200 - Burns and Ailen. 2230 - Waltz Tine with Abe Lyman Orchestra Frank Munn, Tenor

· Indicates programs heard on both networks.

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 mainfand, 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 admirals figures increased to 402

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

U.S. planes struck at 15 Jap points, including Yap, southwest of the Marianas.

Other key targets were Woleai, Truk and

#### 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 were of Germans.

Pesnel, 24 miles southeast of Tilly-sur-Sculles 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

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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

Villers Bocage road after a violent battle and said that "Gen. Montgomery is try ing to enlarge his beachhead on this sector create a springboard for a new big

drive. It was disclosed, meanwhile, that a 70mile-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 lult. "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.

# Nazi Line Cracks | Japanese Lose | Some Tips From Normandy That May Save Your Life

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respect for them. They don't expose themsleves 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

#### 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

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 them come to you. Once in a while —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 and 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 in the state of the country in the state of the country is locating in the country in the state of the country is locating in the country in the state of the country is locating in the country in the state of the country is locating in the state of the country in the state of the country is locating in the state of the country in the state of the country in the state of the country is locating in the state of the country in the state of the country is locating in the state of the country in the state of the country is locating in the state of the country in the state of the country is locating in the state of the country in the state of the country is locating in the state of the country in the state of the country is locating in the state of the country in the state of the country is locating in the state of the country in the state of the country is locating in the state of the country in the state of the c 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.

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 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.

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

## Williams Now Major General

AN EIGHTH HEAVY BOMBARD-MENT 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.

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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.

### 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

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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.

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DAYTON, Ohio, June 26—Capt, Don Gentile, of Piqua, Ohio, one of the topranking 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 pre-fabricated 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.

# 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 anke 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-forgetful-ness that will hearten 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

Returning servicemen, Warren emphasized, will want "money-making jobs in private industry" and not "government-made jobs." Republicans, he declared, 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 acknow-ledge it "if it is good" and would build

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Among the states swinging to the New Yorker's support were Pennsylvania, which threw its big block of 70 votes solidly behind the Dewey banner, and Illinois, which gave 50 of its 59 votes to Dewey. With 529 votes needed for the nomination, the New Yorker's pledged and claimed delegate strength in advance of the voting had mounted to at least 537.

The Illinois delegation, headed by Gov. Dwight H. Green, was the first to mount the bandwagon in the weekend caucuses, and later there was some conjecture over the possibility of a Dewey-Green ticket.

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The name of Gov. Warren, however, continued to be mentioned most frequently in connection with the vice-presentational nomination, although he continued to insist that he sought no place on the national ticket.

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Meanwhile, Wendell L. Willkie, the 1940 nominee, said in New York that he did not plan to come to Chicago, and indicated that he would disclose his future course of political action only after the 1944 ticket was named. He added that he wanted "to remain flexible for the time being."

By Milton Caniff

#### Terry and the Pirates

HE'AH'S YOAH HELMET

YOU UNDUH TH' WING!

FROM SNIPUHS.

THANKS,

CAROOCHEE

AN' WEAPON RIGHT HANDY, SUH!.. WE PUT

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DON'T YOU WORRY YOAH HEAD, SUH ... MEBBE THE OTHUH OFFICURS WILL BE ENVIOUS ... AN' WE CAN LICK THE OTHUH CREWS IF THEY SOUND OFF .. JUST YOU GET YOAH REST. WE GOT A MESS O' TALL AVIATIN' T' DO TOMORROY



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