

Yanks Open Cherbourg Peninsula Push

Minsk Falls; Reds Storm Within 140 Mi. of East Prussia

Total of Prisoners Soaring by the Thousands

BULLETIN

Minsk, capital of White Russia, was taken by storm yesterday by two Soviet armies, Marshal Stalin announced in an order of the day last night.

Two Soviet armies striking west above and below Minsk pushed their front lines within 140 miles of the East-Prussian border yesterday as Soviet artillery stepped up its shelling of the White Russian capital's defenses.

The two outflanking drives, pushing across the pre-war boundary of Poland, cut the main escape routes from Minsk, the principal rail lines running northwest to Vilna and southwest to Brest-Litovsk.

The first was overrun at Vileyka, 48 miles northwest of Minsk, and at Krasnoye, 30 miles northwest of the city. The second was cut at Stolbsty, 45 miles southwest of Minsk, on the line to Baranovich and thence to Brest-Litovsk. From the important rail junction of Stolbsty, Baranovich was less than 25 miles away.

80-Mile Escape Gap

With the escape gap thus narrowed to less than 80 miles, the hour for the final assault on Minsk appeared to be approaching rapidly with the Russians' big guns ten miles away on the northeast and within easy shelling range of the city. Soviet cavalry and tanks were reported fighting savage battles along the Moscow-Warsaw road 28 miles east of the city.

Moscow dispatches said the Minsk garrison was staging counter-attack after counter-attack to stem the advance of Marshal Rokossovsky's troops closing in from the southeast.

Meanwhile, the Germans reported "bitter fighting" for Polotsk, the railway town 120 miles northeast of Minsk on the line from Vitebsk to Dvinsk and thence to Riga. Polotsk already had been bypassed in the south by some Russian columns.

Planes Strafe Nazi Columns

Roads leading out of Minsk were choked with German infantry falling back behind the city's defenses, and Moscow dispatches said Red Air Force fighters were creating havoc with long columns of transport.

German prisoners were reported coming in by the thousands. On the Finnish front, Helsinki's communiques reported violent battles between Lakes Ladoga and Onega. It located one center of the fighting as Salmi, on the eastern shore of Ladoga, some 80 miles north of the River Svir, where the Soviet offensive began.

Yesterday's German communiques announced that three Nazi generals had been killed on the Russian front, and German radio last night added the name of another, Lt. Gen. Werner Richter.

The War Today

France—American First Army troops begin new offensive southward in Cherbourg peninsula. . . . Rommel reported to be regrouping forces for possible major attack in Caen area.

Russia—Minsk falls to advancing Russians on 12th day of summer offensive as swift outflanking drives push Soviet lines within 140 miles of East Prussia.

Italy—French take Siena, 30 miles south of Florence. . . . Eighth pushes up Adriatic within seven miles of Ancona as Fifth meets stiffest opposition since Rome in advance on Leghorn.

Air—Eighth Air Force Fortresses, operating from bases in Italy, join with 15th Air Force heavy bombers in assault on Balkans targets. . . . Ninth P47s raid German truck convoy in Vire region of France.

Pacific—American troops press forward on Saipan, in Marianas. . . . U.S. bombers batter Noemfoor, off northern Dutch New Guinea, and Truk.

10 Days Take Russians Fourth of Way to Berlin

By Reuter

In the ten days since the Soviet offensive in White Russia started the Red Army has covered about 180 miles as the crow flies—one quarter of the distance it had to cover to Berlin.

The offensive started in the region of Chaussy, 25 miles east of Mogilev and about 180 miles from Krasnoye, capture of which was announced in Moscow last night.

The distance from Chaussy to Berlin is some 720 miles.

Nazis Threaten To Bomb Danes

Danish refugees arriving at Malmo, Sweden, reported that German occupation authorities had issued an ultimatum to leaders of the Copenhagen general strike warning them that the city would be bombed or 100 trade union leaders executed unless the strike was called off, a Reuter dispatch from Stockholm said last night.

Meanwhile, Swedish radio reported that a state of siege had been declared in the city, following the strike by nearly 400,000 Danish patriots in protest to a German curfew.

The Danish Council of Liberty appealed to the Swedish government to press four demands on Germany—abolition of the Schalburg Corps (a pro-Nazi militia), abolition of the curfew, restoration of gas, water and electricity, and no reprisals for the strike.

Unconfirmed reports from the Stockholm Aftonbladet said two big German passenger liners anchored outside Copenhagen yesterday morning, apparently to transport the Schalburg Corps to Jugoslavia.

Siena Falls; 30 Mi. Now To Florence

Communications Center Seized by French; 8th 7 Mi. From Ancona

French troops of the Fifth Army, supported by U.S. tanks and artillery, broke through the last heavily-defended German positions guarding Siena yesterday and triumphantly entered the historic city only 30 miles south of Florence.

With occupation of Siena, the Allies not only gained one of the most important communications centers north of Rome but won a base from which to drive toward the German Gothic line.

Fall of Siena, a medieval city of 32,000, came after more than a week of savage fighting and coincided with a swift advance on the Adriatic coast, which brought the Eighth Army within seven miles of the naval base of Ancona.

Fierce Battle Before Leghorn

On the Tuscan coast, Fifth Army troops, last reported 15 miles from Leghorn, pressed on toward the prized port in the face of the stiffest enemy opposition since the fall of Rome.

Marshaling their battered forces in an effort to halt the Allied drive, the Germans threw in reinforcements, supported by armor and self-propelled guns, and mounted counter-attack after counter-attack along the entire front bordering on the west coast.

In encircled Cecina, Nazi resistance was crushed only after bitter battles in the houses of the booby-trapped town, 18 miles from Leghorn. Indicating that the Germans had ended their disorderly

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Holiday Death Toll Tops 175; Traffic Takes 80 Lives

NEW YORK, July 3—The nation's holiday death toll passed the 175-mark today as Fourth of July traffic flowed from cities to resorts.

Automobile accidents took 80 lives, while 46 were lost by drowning and other causes. California headed the totals by states with 21 deaths, followed by Illinois with 20, upstate New York, Ohio and Michigan, eight each, and Indiana, seven.

The 4th—In a Foxhole, but a Memory

By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE U.S. FORCES IN NORMANDY, July 3—When he got back to base there was a message. The office wanted a piece on how the guys were spending the Fourth of July in France. He went down to the side of the road and sat on a broken German anti-tank gun frame, and he said, "What the hell."

Five or maybe ten years ago most of these guys would have gone to bed this third of July night knowing they could get up tomorrow and wake up the neighborhood with maybe a couple of cannon crackers, and put torpedoes on the trolley car rails, and tomorrow night there'd be Roman candles all over the sky, and you could watch sky rockets arc over the town.

Tonight they crawl into foxholes, if there is time, and tomorrow they'll do the same things they've been doing today, and some guy, dirty with Norman mud and red-eyed with waiting for this Fourth of July, will make a sour-crack about firecrackers before he picks up his M1 for the day.

Didn't Know Anyone

The fellow by the roadside said he didn't know of anybody who would have the gall to write a story contrasting that.

A long time ago, it was a day for picnics, and the kids turned the ice-cream freezer in the morning and spilled rock salt all over the back porch. Grandma made a batch of cake, with frosting, and there were pickles from last fall's cucumbers, and fresh raspberries on the ice cream. You met a lot of aunts and uncles you only saw once a year, and one of your cousins was a wise guy who took apart some 12-gauge shotgun shells to get the powder and fire it from an iron pipe.

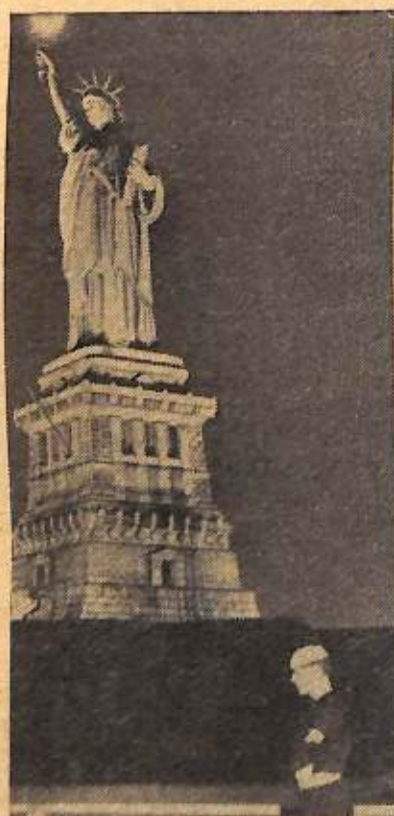
Tomorrow these guys'll have good old Ks again, or maybe in some places they'll get some Cs. Not an awful lot of ice cream in a can of Cs, nor cake in the brown wax paper marked K.

The fellow by the side of the road

figured anything anyone had to say about that was better unsaid.

Sometimes there would be a concert in the octagonal wooden bandstand in

Her Torch Relit



Torch of the Statue of Liberty, dark since Pearl Harbor, shines again now that U.S. troops are fighting in the land from which the statue came.

Thrust South Begun In Driving Rain; Big Guns Support Blow

Congressional Medal Given 2 Posthumously

WASHINGTON, July 3 (AP)—The Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded posthumously to 2/Lt. Walter E. Truemper, of Aurora, Ill., a navigator, and Sgt. Archibald Mathies, of Finleyville, Pa., an engineer-gunner, both of the Eighth Air Force, the War Department said today.

They demonstrated "unsurpassed courage," the citation said, attempting to land a shell-riddled Fortress in an effort to save an unconscious pilot wounded during a mission to Leipzig Feb. 20. The co-pilot had been killed previously by enemy fighters.

Suggest Farley For President

DALLAS, Tex., July 3—James A. Farley, former Democratic national chairman, was suggested today by anti-fourth-term Texas Democrats as a possible Presidential candidate to whom they might throw their support in opposition to Franklin D. Roosevelt at Chicago.

E. G. Germany, former Texas Democratic Committee chairman and leader of the Texas revolt against renomination of Mr. Roosevelt, said he expected Texas anti-Roosevelt delegates to support Farley against the President if they were given voting seats at the convention.

Farley, who recently resigned as Democratic chairman in the President's home state of New York, conferred at Uvalde last week with former Vice-President John Nance Garner.

Germany said Southern delegates to the national convention would caucus in Chicago July 17, two days before the convention opening, in an attempt to agree on platform planks and on resolutions to be placed before the session.

Another meeting would be held July 18, (Continued on page 4)

Rommel Regroups His Forces in Caen Area

Despite a driving rain that curbed air support, American First Army troops pushed southward down the Cherbourg peninsula in a new offensive yesterday along a 20-mile front, almost the entire width of the peninsula base, and captured St. Jores, five miles south of Pont l'Abbe.

A night-long artillery bombardment preceded the dawn attack, which started from a line stretching roughly from St. Sauveur de Pierre Point, on the west coast of the peninsula, through a point north of St. Sauveur-le-Vicomte and around in an arc to a position west of Carentan.

The sudden Yank drive southward—after the victory at Cherbourg and the capture of 35,000 prisoners—gave the Germans little time to prepare a powerful defense.

Confidence in Land Power

The decision of Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, First Army commander, to attack in heavy rain and without air support indicated his confidence in the striking power of First Army artillery and armor.

Opening at 5:30 AM on the right flank, the First Army attack headed toward La Haye du Puits, seven miles south of St. Sauveur-le-Vicomte, on the road running west from Carentan across the base of the peninsula. With every dirt road in Normandy turned into a quagmire by the rains the Yanks had to slog ahead through the worst mud they have met thus far in France.

Before the new attack started the First Army had taken a total of 43,000 German prisoners in Normandy, SHAEF announced.

On the British and Canadian front, half surrounding Caen, there were signs that Marshal Rommel was regrouping his forces for a possible major attack, but otherwise the front remained relatively quiet.

Gen. Bradley announced yesterday that capture of the northern end of the Cherbourg peninsula by the VII Corps had been completed when the Ninth Division reached the extreme northwest point. These operations were accomplished against "very strongly fortified areas," he declared.

"According to the statements of some captured German officers," Bradley said, "the enemy were very much surprised at the quickness with which we cut across the peninsula near St. Sauveur-le-Vicomte, and then at the rapidity with which we cut to the north and kept pushing up without giving him a chance properly to organize and regroup."

"All this speaks well for our state of training and morale, and is an indication to the enemy of what he can expect from now on to the end."

Meanwhile, German Radio reported that another American Army was prepared to launch an attack. It predicted (Continued on page 4)

FDR Approves Infantry Raise

WASHINGTON, July 3—President Roosevelt has signed into law a bill raising the pay of expert infantrymen in combat zones \$10 monthly and those in other districts \$5 monthly, provided they meet qualifications set up by the War Department.

Army officials said that about 75 per cent of the infantry would get the raise. Those who qualify also will receive special medals.

The legislation does not affect the pay of sailors or marines.

The date when the higher pay becomes effective was not announced but it was believed that it would be retroactive to July 1.

WPA Folds Up

WASHINGTON, July 3—After nine years of life, during which it spent more than \$10,000,000,000, the Works Progress Administration died over the weekend. Congress failed to provide WPA with new funds on the ground there were more jobs now than people to fill them.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Charter of Freedom

HE was a lanky, raw-boned, clear eyed Virginian, only recently turned 33. But his colleagues, including the venerable Benjamin Franklin and the fiery Whig, John Adams, unanimously insisted that he be the one to draft the Great Declaration.

So Thomas Jefferson, with the reputation of "a masterly pen," hid himself away to his lodgings in the house of a Philadelphia bricklayer. There he sat down at a portable desk of his own design, and proceeded to strike off in imperishable prose a document announcing the birth of a nation.

With steady hand he listed the causes which brought the nation into being. He set forth the democratic philosophy which justified the efforts of the embattled patriots of '76, and wrote the immortal words which would inspire Americans and liberty-loving peoples throughout the world to fight and die if necessary for man's "inalienable rights."

This Declaration which Jefferson drafted and which was approved by Congress on July 4, 1776, was a clear-cut statement of American Independence. The date it came into being, as one of our military leaders has pointed out, was originally celebrated to commemorate the birth of a nation conceived in the spirit of representative government—a birth requiring the cutting of ties with the Mother Country, a severance of the connection between the American colonies and the British Crown.

However, as the unhappy memories of that struggle have finally faded away, Independence Day has come, in these later days, to commemorate the perpetuation of the principles of liberty for which the mighty armies of the United Nations are now fighting.

Today in Italy, in France; the Southwest Pacific, in Burma and other places, Allied patriots have launched on a worldwide scale the fight for the "self-evident truths" of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, for which the American patriots fought. And in their resolve to bring to the world a Charter of Freedom, they too are bravely pledging their lives and sacred honor.

Native Sons Speak

THE recent editorials praising Texas and California have started the native sons to sounding off. We print excerpts from a few of their letters which indicate a spirit of pride in home that is characteristically American. But, as Cpl. Merrick says, they're all home and we'd settle for any one of them right now.

From a New Yorker "About these boys bragging about their home states—where does it get them? "As for my state, New York, let me just mention the St. Lawrence river. It holds the 'Thousand Islands,' one of the world's scenic wonders, and its beautiful, blue-green waters never assume the flood state. . . . But my point is this: let's forget bragging and criticizing since all the states are home and I'd settle for any of them now. P.S.—Don't mention this, but Dodd Field, Texas, is the only place I've been where I could wade up to my armpits in mud and have dust blinding me at the same time.—Cpl. Walter E. Merrick, Special Service Company."

A Buckeye Says "Perhaps you've never heard of Ohio? It's not the largest state but what it lacks in size it makes up in personality. You can dream along the Ohio River where the stern wheelers churn up the foam; or visit the lakes where the fish are so trustful they eat out of your hand. Then there's Ohio's iron and steel and blast furnaces which contribute to the war effort. And as for culture! Our orchestras, museums and schools are legion. In other words, you could live in the Buckeye State, Home of the Presidents, all your life and never miss a thing.—Pfc C. J. Brynak, MP Battalion."

Georgia Cracker "We don't have anything unusual in my state. In fact we people can hardly ever find anything to boast about. But we're proud of our folks—good, honest and hospitable people. And we let people from other states brag about them. All the other things we leave to the course of nature. My home state? Georgia.—C. D. Erwin, Field Artillery Battalion."

The Sooner State "Oklahoma, home of Will Rogers, producer of oil and last home of the Red Man, is a state of contrasts. In the east we have the Lapland of hills, rills and stills where Arkansas laps over the border. In the west is the Panhandle country which is so flat you can climb a gopher mound and look straight ahead for two days. Besides, being next to the largest state (Texas will agree), Oklahoma is the Gateway to the scenic Southwest. It's especially noted for its dust bowl, where it's so dusty the ground logs dig their holes two feet in the air. Also, for the ingenious inhabitants. Once a farmer devised a scarecrow so frightening that the crows brought back all the corn they had stolen the previous year. Rah, Oklahoma!—Pfc Carl Partslig, Fighter Bomber Group."

Hash Marks

Pfc Gerald Miller at an Air Service Command Depot stopped a civilian to ask the whereabouts of the town clock. The civilian led Miller into a huge red-brick mansion . . . promptly introduced him to the Town "Clark."

S/Sgt. Bob Lackenbach was recently stopped by a bobby for reckless driving on his bicycle . . . he was caught thund-



dering through an English village at about 25 m.p.h. Hi, say, was there a fire about!

Sign - of - despair - on - the - Home - Front, or Let's - write - home - more - often Department—Lt. A. S. Welch recently received two rubber stamps from his wife . . . his own and his wife's name and complete address.

CWO Lee R. Lovelady, who calls himself a "Fighting Texian," observed that Wingert's Hubert cartoon "Phew! Something's beginnin' to stink around here!" was adjacent to a California editorial in a recent issue.

The Medic asked her if she was doing anything that evening and she said she wasn't. So he took her out . . . sure enough, she wasn't.

Scientists have located the windiest spot in the U.S. . . . It isn't Washington.

"I represent the Mountain Wool Company, ma'am," said the traveling salesman. "Would you be interested in some coarse yarns?" "Gosh yes, tell me a couple."

Hirohito's big stallion, 21 years old, is to be retired. About time he came down off that high horse.

Somewhere in Southern England: The buzz bombs have at last pleased some



people . . . one recently hit a road and blasted all the clothes off an English lass. P.S.—There wasn't a scratch on 'er!

Dear Adolph: We can celebrate our 4th of July very nicely without any of those fire-crackers from you, thank you. H. A. H.



"Tough, aint it, bud? Fourth o' July again and no fireworks."

Fighting Men Relate Their Stories

After Trial, Turmoil, They Re-Live Bits Of the War

This is a story of Yanks who returned from Normandy via ship, beach station, base hospital and combat-rehabilitation center—fighting men proud of the job they did, telling amazing, almost fantastic stories of turmoil, heroism, confusion and even fun. Most of them are raising diligent hell trying to get back to the outfit in France.

By Charles W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer A BASE HOSPITAL, England—"If you see Bud Hutton tell him hello. Hear he's got a horse now. We was snipe-hunting together. Yeah, he was at Ninth Air Force advance headquarters, and that girl come and told us the snipers was in the barn. I'm just a cook. . . ."

It was Pvt. Cecil W. Bullard, 28, of North Little Rock, Ark., talking from a surgical ward bed. He had his arms taped up to the elbow and was getting well. He won't get a Purple Heart because his wounds weren't exactly the result of enemy action. All he did was carry a blazing tin of gasoline some number of yards out of a cookhouse—it was splashing, and threatened the whole building. Well, he walked out with it and now he's feeling pretty good in bed, in a tent, D-plus-2 . . . tanks, trucks, jeeps, ducks . . . bivouac the first night up on the beach about two miles . . . enemy aircraft, bombing, ack ack and the guys going out at night on snipe-hunting parties, not like the ones at home where some guy holds the bag.

All of them have highest praise for the U.S. Navy, the medics and our air force. But over and over again the Navy, which protected landings, blasted pill-boxes from cliff tops, and then brought the injured home. Lots of things they agree on, these men who took the beaches, parachuted into woods and fields by night, sweated it out below decks during bombings, loaded and unloaded supplies under mortar, 88, MG and rifle fire. Jerry fire is fast and furious, but inaccurate. Lots of things they don't agree on, a weird, phantasmagoric patchwork of tales now being told in holding-unit tents as a paratrooper idly shines those precious boots, a gang that just got paid whips up a high-priced crap game outside.

Plenty of Mistakes

Plenty of mistakes. Most of the infantrymen think it was wrong to go in at low tide. "We didn't do that in Sicily or any place else," said one man. Others agreed. The German mines were on posts that, at low tide, show above water. Well, the weather was too rough on June 5 . . . they were expecting us at high tide . . . plenty of answers, arguments about this.

Too much bunching up. A fellow wants to get with somebody else, and they get both of you. Some fellows who hadn't been in combat had been told to hit the beach, lie down as soon as they started firing. That's wrong.

"Our company lost half the men," this soldier, only slightly wounded, said. "They had a French .75 on a cliff. We were in LCVPs. They was zeroed on us. Every time a boat came up and grounded they would let down the gate and they would hit it with that .75. "We got over about a hundred yards

"Oh, Mademoiselle From —"



U.S. troops and French civilians get together for some celebrating after the Nazis are cleaned out of Cherbourg.

to a ditch and some of them new guys came along. They dropped to the ground and the Germans machine-gunned almost all of them. We was hollering to them to come ahead, but they couldn't hear us. . . .

Germans are accurate with mortars, 88s. Some fight hard, some run like rabbits. Pfc Ted Blazina, of Billings, Mont., stocky, leathernecked paratrooper with the bird on his arm, saw a German come running into the area, shooting up in the air with a pistol. "Don't know how the hell he got into our lines, but he did. He wanted to surrender, and that's why he was shooting in the air. We let him surrender, all right."

Have New Respect

They have, most of them, a new respect for "the limeys."

"Them guys are all right. They're good fighters. We had 'em on one side of us. . . ."

This was heard over and over again, along with praise of Navy, medics and air force.

"One night on the boat coming out, some Jerry planes dropped bombs near us, and there was some prisoners on the boat, and one of our guys told a prisoner who could talk English that we knocked down 15 German planes. This German laughed and he said, 'Where in the hell did we get 15 planes? It's impossible.'"

Consensus—the Luftwaffe either isn't there, or doesn't want to be.

All these stories (there are far too many to do them justice) don't come from one hospital or one provisional rehabilitation center. Here are some individuals:

Pvt. Allan Chinnock, 20, of Centuria, Wis., a coast artilleryman, who is tall, sandy haired, wears glasses and reminds you of a school teacher, although he was a farmer at home: "Went in at H-plus-60. Hit the beach. Got about 50 yards and they opened up with 88s, artillery and knocked about half the battery out. The tide was coming in, we went in on LCTs. They knocked our fellows out and we joined up with the infantry. The navy knocked the Jerry guns out and they were running."

Chinnock climbed up a hill and saw a man.

"I hollered, 'Hey, Bud, what outfit you from?' He turned round and lets loose with a machine-pistol at me. I flopped on the ground and gave him a couple with my rifle, and he went down. I crawled up around there to see if I could see him but couldn't see anything, but he went down."

The school-teacher-looking guy grinned—"I didn't want to go up there any closer." This was at Vereville. Chinnock saw a soldier get hit in the head. "He jumped up and charged the machine-gun all by himself. They got him, finally, on the barbed wire in front of it." Chinnock stayed three days, regular infantry fighting, got a slight shrapnel wound in the leg from an 88 which fired from behind him, and will be back with his outfit soon.

His Third Landing

Pfc Maurice Bly, 24, of Sandusky, Ohio, of the First Infantry Division, is in a rifle company. It was his third landing, after Africa and Sicily. He was loafing in his tent at a reception center, reading a copy of Yank, Saturday, June 24.

"This is my outfit," he said, pointing to a picture in the upper right-hand corner of the fly page, just over where it says "TWENTY-FIVE BATTLE PICTURES." The caption tells how Americans fought their way to the cliff. This, according to Bly, is an inaccuracy. "We swam."

"Our boat—British LCA—hit a mine about 200 feet from the beach on D-Day, first wave, about 7 AM. Posts in the water, with mines on top of the post. The tide covered it up. They were anti-tank mines, blowed the whole company in the water, a few boats got blowed up. They machine-gunned us in the water. I got a little pistol wound in the right hand and a nick in the right leg. We came in under that cliff. The navy covered us up with overhead fire till another wave come in and got us out of it."

Bly identified from the picture Pfc John Mantville, of Boston; Sgt. Johnny Koschakak, of Cairnbrook, Pa., flame-

thrower man, and Pvt. Jerry Kleva, from some place in Rhode Island, demolitions man.

"That photographer got shot in the arm. I saw a lot of correspondents get shot."

Old Ted Blazina, the Montana paratrooper, had a lot of fun and grins all the time about it.

He nearly wiped out a bunch of his own guys.

Night jump. Mission, to take four 155-mm. guns and an enemy command post quartering about 200 men. "We saw the aerial pictures three days before, and I knew right where I was when I jumped. The pictures showed three guns had been hit from the air, but we didn't know about one. When we got there, there wasn't any objective. It was gone, the air force got it. Nobody in this headquarters—they had all hauled out, so I seen the flare go up that we had taken the objective, so I said to a guy, 'Let's go up there, maybe they need us up there.'"

During confused night procedure along a hedge-lined road, the troopers came to a T-road crossing. A German MG at the crossing, or cul de sac, started firing.

Hit the Ditches

"We fanned out and hit the ditches on each side. We knew they was Germans because we had orders not to fire, to keep from giving us away. So one guy goes up to get them Jerries with a grenade. Right then, down the road, another gun opens up, so we figures the Germans was firing on their own men. I sneaked down there and pitched a grenade at them. It went off and the gun stopped, and I went up and some guy gives me our own challenge. He had the countersign right and everything. They was in our outfit, all right, and I got kind of mad and said, 'What the hell are you firing for, you know you're not supposed to do that; do you want to get killed?'"

"This guy laughed and he says, 'We found that out, Joe!'"

Blazina's grenade had hit the hard road, bounced to the gutter or ditch, and exploded. The paratrooper targets had flattened out, hearing the bump. Nobody hurt.

Ted heard a German officer giving orders in a field down the road.

"They always holler and roar like hell. We fixed that."

Another trooper was hiding in a barn. He was looking out the window. A German tank whipped up, and the tank commander said, "All right, Yank, come on down." The trooper dropped a British grenade into the turret, splitting the tank. He returned to his own lines.

The stories, strange and funny and terrible as they are, have a queer, garbled sameness. Men feeling fine, want to get back in. "Our navy . . . our air force . . ." Jokes. Snipers. Jim Sanders, of Maysville, Ky., of Transport, saw a barrage balloon go up in flames, then skip across the water and light on a landing barge . . . "nobody hurt in our company or battalion!" . . . men slightly hurt, like Pvt. Ray Glancy, of Detroit, T/5 Bob Vieth, medics, of St. Louis, the man who would rather be back in S. Louis.

Reason: he works in the Anhaeuser Busch brewery.

They're our guys.

ARMY POETS

Short Leave

Today war does not hurt, And fear sounds no alarms. Blood's a forgotten thing, Here in your arms. Think not of dawns to come, And their attendant ills; Nor of the rumbling guns Beyond the hills. Kiss me and hold me there, Pressed right against your heart, Let me forget the days We've spent apart. Oh, let your warm, sweet mouth Melt yesterday's sorrow, And keep my mind away From tomorrow. T/5 Peter Alfano.

Cards Annex Twin Bill; Bosox Slap Browns Twice

Redbirds Down Brooks to Take 9 1/2-Game Lead

Bucs Bow To Braves, 4-1, Then Tie; Reds, Giants Split

NEW YORK, July 3—The St. Louis Cardinals, speeding to what might very well be the earliest clinching of the National League pennant in history, widened their lead to nine and a half games over the Pirates by spanking the Brooklyn Dodgers, 2-1, in 14 innings, and 4-2, on yesterday's full slate of Sabbath double-headers.

The early tilt was a thrilling pitchers' duel between Rube Melton, of the Dodgers, and Lefty Max Lanier, both hurlers twirling shutout ball for 13 frames. Then in the 14th Dixie Walker's triple and Frenchy Bordagaray's long fly shoved the Bums out front. But Melton failed to hang onto his advantage in the home half, walking Ken O'Dea, after which Danny Litwiler and Marty Marion clubbed singles to knot the count. Relief Pitcher Les Webber replaced Melton and Johnny Hopp drove a shot over Center Fielder Luis Ilmo's head to end the game, Melton being the official victim.

Little time was wasted by the Redbirds in the windup as they chased three runs across in the second inning off Cal McLish and added another in the fifth. Ted Wilks turned the Dodgers aside with six hits and was in complete command except in the eighth, when Lippy Durocher's pupils counted their two futile runs.

Andrews Mound Victor

It was a sad afternoon for the Pirates in their quest to overhaul the leaders. The Bucs bowed to the Braves, 4-1, in their inaugural, then had to settle for a 5-5 deadlock in the finale, called at the end of the eighth because of Pittsburgh's Sunday Blue law.

Nate Andrews celebrated his nomination to the All-Star team by holding the Bucs to six hits in the first game, while his mates got to Preacher Roe for two runs in the fourth, another in the eighth and their fourth in the ninth. The Braves provided Al Javery with a four-run working margin in the nightcap, but the Pirates whittled it down, then battled on even terms until the umpires called it a day.

After the Reds bumped the Giants, 4-1, in their opener, Johnny Allen carried the New Yorkers to their first shutout triumph of the campaign, handcuffing the Redlegs with three carefully spaced blows for a 7-0 verdict. In the first game, hard-luck Bill Voiselle suffered his ninth setback, although he again cruised along without yielding an earned run. Jim Konstanty was the victor.

Allen in Top Form

Veteran Allen never was in better form than yesterday as he mowed down the Cincy batsmen. Clyde Shoun matched strides with his 39-year-old opponent for six frames, but he was shelved to the clubhouse in the seventh when the Ottmen clustered six runs.

The Cubs and Phillies traded victories yesterday, the Bruins capturing the first contest, 8-1, and the Phils grabbing the finale, 4-2. Bob Chipman, the southpaw acquired from the Dodgers recently, registered his sixth conquest by holding the Phillies to five hits in the first game and would have had a shutout except for an error by Stan Hack in the eighth. Charley Schanz suffered the loss.

There was plenty of hitting in the second game but little scoring. The Phils collected 13 safeties off Hank Wyse and Paul Derringer, while the Cubs were getting to Ken Raffensberger for 11. All runs came in pairs, the Chicagoans tallying their two in the third and the Phils scoring two in the fifth and two more in the seventh.

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Lost SMALL gold cigarette case belonging to Red Cross worker at Rainbow Corner June 30—Finder please contact this department.

SAE Fraternity SAE fraternity meeting, London Mostyn ARC club, Edgware Rd., 7:15 PM, Friday.

Golf's Grand Slammer in Normandy



Former golfer Bobby Jones, now a lieutenant colonel in the Ninth Air Force, joins a chow line in the field in Normandy.

McSpaden Ties Hogan in Open

CHICAGO, July 3—Jug McSpaden uncorked one of the most phenomenal rallies in history to climb into a tie with Lt. Ben Hogan at the end of the 72-hole Chicago Victory Open Golf tournament here yesterday, both finishing in 202.

Hogan and McSpaden will play off for the crown and a major slice of the \$10,000 prize money in an 18-hole match. Hogan finished his final round before McSpaden and seemed to have the title in the proverbial bag. But Jug turned on the steam and toured the course in 65-six strokes below par—to erase a six-stroke deficit.

McSpaden had slumped slightly before yesterday's performance after a brilliant string of victories around the winter circuit.

Portland Eleven Seeking Brill for Coach's Berth

PORTLAND, Ore., July 3—Officials of Portland's entry in the newly organized American (pro) Football League revealed today that they are negotiating with Marty Brill, former Notre Dame star, to serve as coach.

Brill, at present a Marine lieutenant at Camp Pendleton, Cal., is reported to be in line for an average discharge.

'Big Bill' Beaten by Kovacs, But Displays Old Technique

NEW YORK, July 3—Big Bill Tilden, gaunt and gray, returned to the scene of his former triumphs and showed that neither the flesh nor spirit was weak as he lost to Pvt. Frank Kovacs, 6-4, 6-4, in the singles feature of a Red Cross exhibition affair at Forest Hills.

The 42-year-old veteran scored 15 service aces, while Kovacs made only eight. Ten of Tilden's perfect placements occurred within a span of four games.

Big Bill later returned to the court with his protege of 20 years ago, Winnie Richards, and brought resounding cheers, while they lost to Kovacs and Welby Van Horn, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.

In other matches, Doris Hart, of Miami, defeated Mrs. Frank Kovacs, of Oakland, Cal., 6-2, 6-0; Van Horn trounced John O'Grady, of New York, 7-5, 6-2, and Ladislav Hecht, of New York, and Miss Hart, 6-1, 6-2.

Mrs. Kovacs thumped Sidney Wood, of New York, and Miss Hart, 6-1, 6-2.

90-Day Deferment for DiMaggio

PITTSBURGH, July 3—A 90-day deferment because of ulcers has been granted to Vince DiMaggio of the Pirates.



American League

Cleveland 4, Washington 3 (first game, 10 innings)	W L Pct.	Washington 33 36 .478
Cleveland 6, Washington 3 (second game)	W L Pct.	Washington 33 37 .471
Chicago 7, New York 3 (first game, 10 innings)	W L Pct.	Washington 33 37 .471
New York 7, Chicago 6 (second game)	W L Pct.	Washington 33 37 .471
Detroit 8, Philadelphia 0 (first game)	W L Pct.	Washington 33 37 .471
Philadelphia 2, Detroit 0 (second game)	W L Pct.	Washington 33 37 .471
Boston 1, St. Louis 0 (first game)	W L Pct.	Washington 33 37 .471
Boston 4, St. Louis 3 (second game, 11 innings)	W L Pct.	Washington 33 37 .471

National League

St. Louis 2, Brooklyn 1 (first game, 14 innings)	W L Pct.	Brooklyn 33 36 .478
St. Louis 4, Brooklyn 2 (second game)	W L Pct.	Brooklyn 33 37 .471
Boston 4, Pittsburgh 1 (first game)	W L Pct.	Brooklyn 33 37 .471
Boston 5, Pittsburgh 5 (second game, called end of 8th, Sunday law)	W L Pct.	Brooklyn 33 37 .471
Chicago 8, Philadelphia 1 (first game)	W L Pct.	Brooklyn 33 37 .471
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 2 (second game)	W L Pct.	Brooklyn 33 37 .471
Cincinnati 4, New York 1 (first game)	W L Pct.	Brooklyn 33 37 .471
New York 7, Cincinnati 0 (second game)	W L Pct.	Brooklyn 33 37 .471

Leading Hitters

American League					
Tucker, Chicago	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Fox, Boston	48	193	31	65	.337
Doerr, Boston	70	266	51	86	.323
Siebert, Philadelphia	65	236	28	75	.318
Moses, Chicago	56	211	34	67	.318

National League

American League—Cullerbine, Cleveland, 9;					
Hayes, Philadelphia	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Stephens, St. Louis, and York, Detroit, 8	69	266	40	101	.380
National League—Ott, New York, 18; Nicholson, Chicago; 14; Weintraub, New York, and Kurovski, St. Louis, 11.	66	253	53	93	.368
Walker, Brooklyn	58	196	39	66	.337
Musial, St. Louis	57	217	36	72	.332
Weintraub, New York	50	201	35	66	.328

Home Run Hitters

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Minor League Results

International League				
Jersey City 4, Newark 3 (first game)	W L Pct.	Newark 33 36 .478		
Jersey City 3, Newark 2 (second game)	W L Pct.	Newark 33 37 .471		
Syracuse 5, Baltimore 4 (first game)	W L Pct.	Newark 33 37 .471		
Syracuse 2, Baltimore 1 (second game)	W L Pct.	Newark 33 37 .471		
Toronto 5, Rochester 4	W L Pct.	Newark 33 37 .471		
Buffalo 12, Montreal 7 (first game)	W L Pct.	Newark 33 37 .471		
Montreal 8, Buffalo 1 (second game)	W L Pct.	Newark 33 37 .471		

Eastern League

Elmira 8, Wilkes-Barre 1 (first game)	W L Pct.	Wilkes-Barre 33 36 .478
Elmira 8, Wilkes-Barre 2 (second game)	W L Pct.	Wilkes-Barre 33 37 .471
Williamsport 5, Scranton 2 (first game)	W L Pct.	Wilkes-Barre 33 37 .471
Williamsport 9, Scranton 3 (second game)	W L Pct.	Wilkes-Barre 33 37 .471
Albany 6, Binghamton 3 (first game)	W L Pct.	Wilkes-Barre 33 37 .471
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Utica 8, Hartford 5 (first game)	W L Pct.	Wilkes-Barre 33 37 .471
Hartford 5, Utica 3 (second game)	W L Pct.	Wilkes-Barre 33 37 .471

American Association

Columbus 8, Toledo 4 (first game)	W L Pct.	Toledo 33 36 .478
Columbus 8, Toledo 2 (second game)	W L Pct.	Toledo 33 37 .471
Louisville 8, Indianapolis 2 (first game)	W L Pct.	Toledo 33 37 .471
Louisville 3, Indianapolis 2 (second game)	W L Pct.	Toledo 33 37 .471
Milwaukee 25, Kansas City 7 (first game)	W L Pct.	Toledo 33 37 .471

Pacific Coast League

Oakland 2, Portland 1 (first game)	W L Pct.	Portland 33 36 .478
Oakland 2, Portland 1 (second game)	W L Pct.	Portland 33 37 .471
San Francisco 9, San Diego 4 (first game)	W L Pct.	Portland 33 37 .471
San Francisco 3, San Diego 3 (second game, called end of 8th)	W L Pct.	Portland 33 37 .471
Sacramento 3, Hollywood 0 (first game)	W L Pct.	Portland 33 37 .471
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Boston Narrows Margin With 1-0 And 4-3 Victories

Yankees, White Sox Break Even; Tribe Counts Twice Over Nats

NEW YORK, July 3—The traveling Brownies of St. Louis gave further evidence of their dislike for playing on the road yesterday when they fell twice before the Red Sox, 1-0 and 4-3 in 11 innings. The twin loss halted the front-running Browns to within a game and a half of the Bosox.

Tex Hughson blanked the Browns in the opener, shading Jack Kramer with the help of an unearned run in the sixth. Jim Bucher opened the frame with a single, moved to second on a sacrifice, tried to score on a single by Pete Fox and succeeded when Catcher Red Hayworth muffed Mike Kreevich's perfect throw to the plate.

When Manager Joe Cronin was ejected in the second game for protesting his strikeout in the seventh, Veteran Lou Finney replaced the boss and became the star of the game, doubling home a run in the ninth, personally scoring the tying marker a moment later and driving in Bobby Doerr with the clincher in the 11th. Mike Ryba was the winning chucker, Bob Muncrief the loser.

Errors Aid Dykesmen

Another display of wholesale errors enabled the White Sox to thump the Yankees, 7-3 in ten innings, but then the Chicago defense crumbled in the second game and the Bombers triumphed, 7-6. The Dykesmen brought home the opener when Oscar Grimes committed three fielding miscues in the tenth, paving the way for four runs and giving the nod to Gordon Maltzberger over Walt Dubiel.

Although Nick Etten and Bud Metheny powdered home runs for the Yanks in the finale, the score was tied until the ninth when Chisox Catcher Vince Castino threw wild to second, permitting Metheny to scamper home with the winning counter. Ex-Yankee Jake Wade absorbed the setback; Atley Donald was the winner.

The Indians outlasted the Senators, 4-3, in ten heats, and followed up with an easy 6-3 success in the windup. Joe Heving stifled a Griff rally in the tenth and emerged with the decision when Lou Boudreau doubled and Ken Keltner singled to produce the winning margin. Keltner got a fluke homer in the fourth when George Case injured his shoulder chasing his drive in left field and Keltner rounded the bases before Gil Torres or Johnny Sullivan could retrieve the ball.

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Jap Resistance On Saipan Is Bitterest Yet

Americans Making Steady But Slow Progress; Isle's Capital Is Captured

American troops on Saipan, in the Marianas, continued to make slow progress yesterday, with the official U.S. communique disclosing that marines and infantrymen on the right flank had advanced within 5 1/2 miles of the island's northern tip.

Latest gains, the announcement said, ranged from 500 yards to a mile in the wake of what United Press called the most bitter opposition Americans have encountered in the Pacific.

On the left flank, the U.S. forces penetrated Garapan, the island's capital, and seized the heights overlooking the town and Tanapag Harbor. Charan Tabute, a mountain village in the center of the island, also was captured.

Japanese dead on Saipan since fighting began there two weeks ago now number 6,015, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' headquarters announced.

Meantime, U.S. land-based bombers again smashed at Noemfoor, off northern Dutch New Guinea. A few hours before, Allied PT boats had sneaked up the coast and shelled Jap positions.

American Liberators also blasted Truk atoll.

Smash Assault By Burma Japs

CHUNGKING, July 3—American troops yesterday surrounded and wiped out a Japanese column which attempted to recapture the main airfield of Myitkyina, in north Burma, from the west, Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters announced.

Jap efforts southwest of the city also were repulsed, the enemy being tossed back three times by the Chinese. South of Myitkyina, the Chinese strengthened their positions north of the Wainmaw Ferry road.

Meantime, British troops closed in on Ukhrul, mountain fortress village 35 miles northeast of Imphal and an important point in the Japanese supply system along the Indo-Burma border. Advance parties yesterday were reported to have reached the village limits.

Medic Chief Praises Care Of Wounded in France

WASHINGTON, July 3 (Reuter)—Not one of a group of 561 Americans wounded on D-Day succumbed, and in another batch of casualties none was suffering from shock, according to a report made by Maj. Gen. A. W. Kenner, U.S. Army chief medical officer, SHAEF, after he visited a general hospital in England. The report, just released by the War Department, stressed the effectiveness of medical care given to men wounded in France.

Pleads Guilty to Sending Star Threatening Letters

NEW YORK, July 3—John Marsh was placed on probation in Special Sessions Court after pleading guilty to sending threatening letters to film actress Kathryn Grayson.

Cambridge, Oxford Courses

Special Service Headquarters announced yesterday that six-day courses at Cambridge and Oxford Universities were available now to U.S. military personnel on leave or furlough. Details are available from Special Service officers.

Radio Highlights

- AFN in the United Kingdom—1000 hours—2300 hours
- On Your Dial
- 1375 kc 1402 kc 1411 kc 1420 kc 1447 kc
- 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Tuesday, July 4
- 1005—Victory Parade, with Jan Savitt.*
- 1015—Personal Album, with Kate Smith.*
- 1100—Morning After (Command Performance).*
- 1130—Duffie Bag.*
- 1310—Sportsline
- 1315—John Charles Thomas.*
- 1345—Harry James.*
- 1400—Visiting Hour.
- 1530—On the Record.*
- 1700—Grand Old Opry.*
- 1730—GI Varieties.
- 1755—American Sports Roundup.*
- 1805—GI Supper Club.
- 1905—Saludos Amigos.
- 1930—GI Journal.
- 2015—July Fourth Program.
- 2115—Anglo-American Report.
- 2145—Fred Waring.
- 2200—AFN Birthday Program—Bing Crosby, Dinah Shore, Rochester and other stars in Special Hollywood broadcast commemorating AFN 1st Anniversary.
- 2300—Final Edition.
- AEF—On the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours
- On Your Dial
- 1050kc. 285m.
- 0600—Rise and Shine.
- 0815—Starlight with Jean Colin.
- 1030—Music While You Work.*
- 1215—Navy Mixture.
- 1400—Canadian Navy Concert.
- 1500—Music While You Work.
- 1630—Variety Band Box.
- 1815—Saludos Amigos.
- 2200—AFN Anniversary Program.
- 2230—Waltz Time.

* Indicates programs heard on both networks.

U.S. Doubts Women Will Go Back to Sinks

WASHINGTON, July 3—While women may be tossed out of war jobs when peace comes, many of them won't return to their kitchen sinks—they'll gain some kind of employment, the Labor Department predicted.

Every third woman now is a paid worker and around 15,000,000 will remain at work after the war, the department said. It added that millions of women would find it financially necessary to work, since even before the war women were the principal wage earners in one-tenth to one-third of the families in the major manufacturing areas.

8th AF Heavies Strike in South

Augmented by a contingent of Eighth Air Force B17s operating from Italian bases an armada of more than 500 American heavy bombers yesterday plastered strategic targets in three Nazi-dominated nations as weather curtailed air operations from Britain.

The British-based Forts, which landed in Italy after a bombing mission from Russia, battered rail yards in Arad, Rumanian city 18 miles from the Hungarian border, as 15th Air Force warplanes hit oil refineries and storage and transportation facilities in Rumania, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

Escorted by the same Mustang force which flew with them to Russia and Italy, the Eighth heavies met little German fighter opposition as they bombed the rail center between Ploesti and Budapest. There was no immediate announcement of losses.

Although bad weather held activity over France to a minimum, Ninth Air Force Thunderbolts operating in the region around Vire, road and rail junction some 15 miles behind the German lines, battered a convoy of trucks loaded with gasoline and ammunition.

Fierce battles raged over Budapest Sunday when 135 German interceptors rose to combat American heavies assaulting nine targets near the Hungarian capital and elsewhere in the Balkans. At least 57 of the German fighters were shot down.

As a night follow-up to the U.S. blow, the RAF bombed the Prahova oil refinery on the outskirts of Bucharest, capital of Rumania.

France - - -

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that "Gen. Patton will bring his troops now stationed in southeastern England into action in the second invasion phase." As First Army troops pushed through country studded with small hills and woodlands, past hedgerows that gave the Nazis good screens for sniping, they were supported by artillery that included some of the most powerful guns yet used in the Normandy campaign.

American troops have been holding a line just south of St. Lo D'Ourville eastward to Carentan, according to one dispatch from the front. A renewed American drive southward from the Cherbourg peninsula toward Avranches, on the Bay of St. Malo, has been forecast frequently by German sources in the last few days.

Caen Attack Repulsed

The Germans, who have made more than 24 unsuccessful attacks on the Allied salient across the Odon River southwest of Caen, attacked again yesterday morning. The small German force—200 infantry troops without tanks—was cut to pieces by artillery fire before reaching Allied outposts, a front-line dispatch said.

American, British and Canadian patrols were active in all battle areas, searching out German outposts and jockeying for improved jumping-off positions. British patrols re-entered Bretteville, on the northwest edge of the Odon salient, and found it heavily booby-trapped by departed Germans.

Eleven roads leading into Caen have been cut by British and Canadian operations, SHAEF announced. German divisions in the Caen area now total 11, according to SHAEF estimates. There are five SS panzer divisions, two regular panzer divisions, and four infantry divisions. One of the Germans' crack panzer corps has been transferred from Russia to hold the Allied thrust southwest of Caen, SHAEF said.

Terry and the Pirates



NEWS FROM HOME Nation Warned Arms Output Is Falling Behind

War Department Appeals For Greater Effort by Labor, Management

WASHINGTON, July 3—The War Department announced today that its monthly goals of deliveries of essential materials were not being met and called upon management and labor to exert "even more efforts" to increase the output of badly-needed goods and equipment.

The department said that June production was three per cent under the April total. Most notable shortages were in trucks and radio and construction equipment needed to build airports, roads and docks in Europe.

Though production of four-engined bombers remained ahead of schedule in June, total output of all types of aircraft slumped 9.5 per cent from 8,902 in May to 8,048 in June. WPB Chairman Charles E. Wilson ascribed the drop to the failure of three companies to meet their quotas.

Tire manufacture also was below schedule, the War Department summary said. Steel plate and castings shortages were attributed to lack of man-power.

The Army said that monthly production, which aggregated \$1,855,000,000 in May, must be increased to \$2,270,000,000 by autumn if 1944 requirements were to be realized.

Meantime, the Navy reported only one immediate production worry—an 11 per cent June deficit in naval aircraft.

Autry Seeks to End Contract

LOS ANGELES, July 3—Sgt. Gene Autry, the nation's former No. 1 cowboy singer, has filed suit to terminate his contract with Republic Pictures. Autry said military duties prevent him from carrying out the contract.

Boom for Reno

RENO, Nev., July 3—The divorce rate in Reno is up considerably, County Clerk Elwood H. Beemer disclosed. To date this year 3,046 cases have been filed, compared with 2,391 in the same period last year.

First Woman Official Dies

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 3—Mrs. Annie White Baxter, said to have been the first woman elected to a public office in the U.S., died here. She became clerk of Jasper County, Mo., in 1890.

Stars Become Mothers

HOLLYWOOD, July 3—Film actress Maureen O'Hara gave birth to a daughter, and Rise Stevens, of the Metropolitan Opera, became the mother of a son the same day.

Definitely Not

INDIANAPOLIS, July 3—Landlords cannot evict families with children on the ground that the children are nuisances, a Superior Court judge ruled.

Britain Given a Key Task At Monetary Conference

BRETTON WOODS, N.H., July 3 (AP)—Britain was awarded the chairmanship of one of the most important commissions in the current international monetary conference here—the commission to draft plans for a world reconstruction bank.

The U.S. was awarded the chairmanship of the steering committee and the commission to outline plans for a national stabilization fund.

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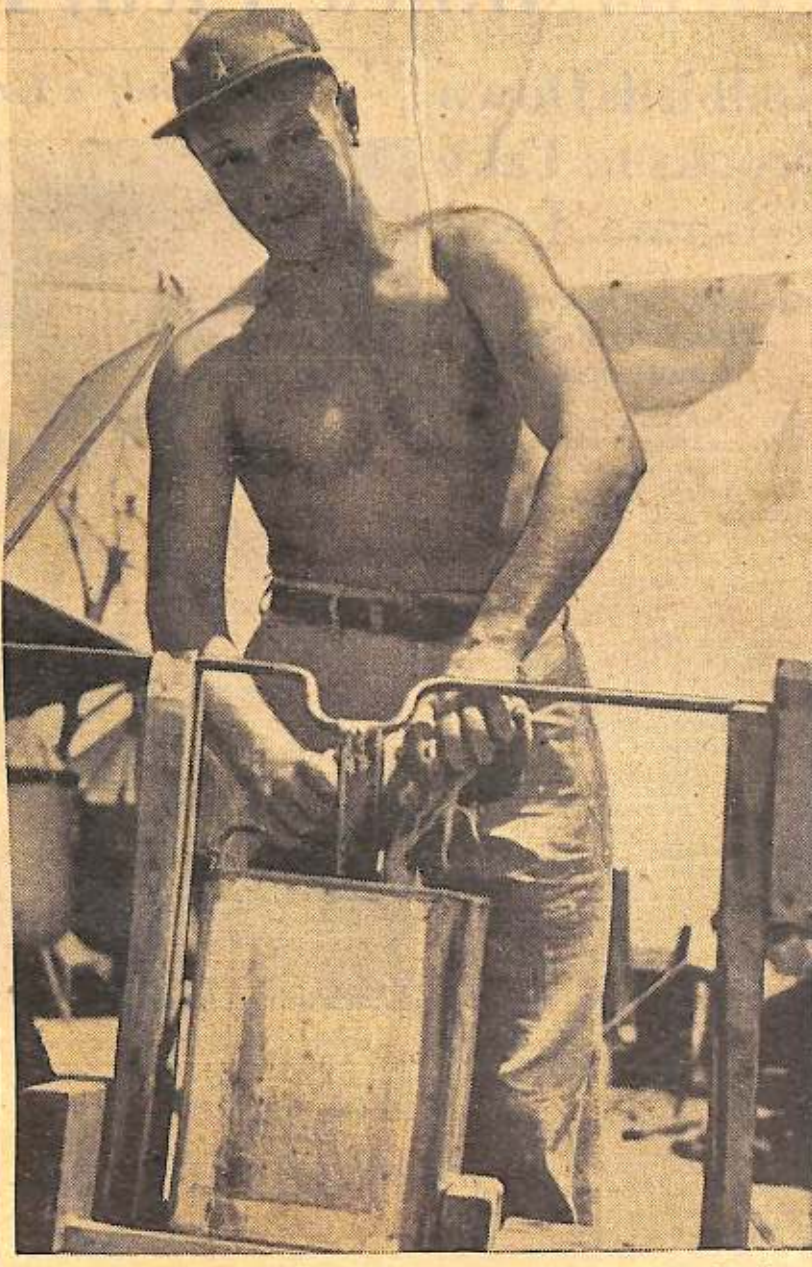
retreat to the north, prisoners reported they had been ordered to hold Cecina at all costs.

Meanwhile, in central Italy, after dislodging the Germans from positions east and west of Lake Trasimeno, British troops launched a push toward Arezzo, 20 miles up the Chiana valley.

On the Adriatic coast an advance of 12 miles brought the Eighth Army to Osimo, a village seven miles from Ancona.

A hint that the Allied offensive in Italy had resulted in the removal of Gen. Von Mackensen, commander of the German 14th Army, was given by a captured document signed by a Gen. Lemensen, who designated himself commander of the 14th Army.

It's Rough in the PTO, Too



Brig. Gen. T. H. Landon, of Los Angeles, commander of Seventh AF Bomber Command, does his washing at a home-made tub in the South Pacific, even as you and you.

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he said, to consider what candidates for President and vice-president could be supported in the event the convention failed to adopt the Texas anti-Roosevelt group's program.

This program, Germany said, demands restoration of the two-thirds nominating rule, deplores efforts to nullify state laws for segregation of white and Negro children in public schools, criticizes the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision admitting Negroes to the Texas Democratic primaries, and denies Congress' right to prescribe the qualifications of participants in party or state elections.

The question of seating the delegation arose when it became almost certain Texas would have two delegations to the national convention, one representing anti-Roosevelt forces and the other pro-Roosevelt. It will be up to the convention credentials committee to decide which will be seated.

The pro-Roosevelt group withdrew from the state convention at Austin last May, organized a rump convention and named electors pledged to support the President if he were renominated for a fourth term.

The electors named by the regular convention were not pledged to support the party's nominee.

Air-Cargo Line Spans Country

CINCINNATI, July 3—The Army has opened a trans-continental air-cargo service between Newark, N.J., and Los Angeles to expedite delivery of war products from overseas and move finished goods more swiftly to embarkation points, Brig. Gen. William Burnee, head of Air Transport Command, announced.

The operation is the first of its kind in the nation's aviation history. Intermediary stops will be made at Middletown and Dayton, Ohio; Nashville and Memphis, Tenn.; Dallas and Midland, Tex.; Tucson, Ariz., and San Bernardino, Cal.

Uncle Sam Cuts Down Civilian Payroll 163,672

WASHINGTON, July 3—The number of civilians employed by the Government declined 163,672 in the fiscal year which ended June 30, the Budget Bureau announced. The bureau said there now were 2,839,366 civilians on the Government's payroll.

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spend the Fourth of July." He watched a truckload of sober-faced men going toward the place where the sound of guns had been in the air all day. "I bet a lot of guys will make a lot of speeches over on the other side."

The fellow said, "Yeah," and walked away, down to a stretch of sandy shore where there was no work. At a place where the Channel had left a scum of oil on the sand there was a piece of khaki webbing, part of a soldier's gear. There was salt rime on it and the water had run the purple of an indelibly penciled ASN into a blur.

The fellow looked at it awhile and remembered he had to do a piece on the Fourth of July, which used to be a holiday a long time ago.

Nation's War-Time Health Called 'Better Than Ever'

CHICAGO, July 3—Despite the strain of war-time living, the nation's health is "better than ever," according to Dr. Herman L. Kretschmer, president of the American Medical Association. He said the nation had overcome problems resulting from induction of many doctors into the armed forces.

Kretschmer said that venereal diseases were "almost completely controlled," and that "the combined use of sulfonamide drugs, penicillin, heat and new techniques for using these agents may eliminate venereal diseases entirely within a few generations."

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