

## Reds Open New Push to Cut Off Baltics

### Nazi Flank From St. Lo to Sea Reels Back

#### 2 Columns Driving Into Hinge City

Lessay, Periers Thrusts Gain; Big Attack South Of Caen Readied

Two American columns, both within two miles of St. Lo, smashed ahead from the north and east yesterday vying to be the first inside the city, key point of all the roads and the railway system in central Normandy.

At the same time, First Army tanks and infantry joined in an almost solid 48-mile arc that gradually was swinging back the whole Nazi west flank like a barn door from the hinge of St. Lo to the sea.

#### The War Today

**Russia**—Red Army opens new offensive aimed at Riga, advancing 21 miles on 90-mile front . . . Germans report Russian tanks fighting southwest of Kaunas, suggesting former Lithuanian capital outflanked by thrust to within 52 miles there of pre-war East Prussian border . . . Red Army within 20 miles of Kaunas on southeast, within 25 miles of Grodno and covering last 15 miles to Volkovysk, guarding routes to Bialystok and Warsaw.

**France**—Two American columns within two miles of St. Lo on north and east . . . First Army joins in nearly solid 48-mile arc swinging back whole Nazi west flank from St. Lo to the sea . . . Further U.S. advances toward Lessay and Periers . . . British and Canadians get set for expected big attack south of Caen.

**Italy**—German attacks slow Allied progress . . . Americans within eight miles of Livorno, French capture San Donato, seven miles southwest of Poggibonsi . . . British and American bombers hit railway targets at Brescia in the north and in the Rhone valley and the Riviera . . . Germans reported moving Italian factories and workers into Germany.

**Pacific**—Jap army of 45,000 attempts to break out of trap in Aitape-Wewak area of British New Guinea . . . 19,000 Japs perish on Saipan, Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal announces . . . American casualties included 2,359 killed . . . U.S. aircraft again smash at Guam.

**Asia**—Japanese reported closing in on last Chinese-held stretches of Canton-Hankow railway . . . Allies continue mopping-up of Japs around Ukhrul . . . Small Allied gains made in southern sector of Myitkina . . . U.S. Tenth Air Force moves from Calcutta to Assam, one hour's flying time from enemy targets in north Burma.

#### 25 Heroes of the 101st Airborne Awarded DSCs

17, Including Division General, Decorated by Bradley



Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley (right) addresses 101st Airborne Division after presenting awards. At left, Lt. Col. Patrick F. Cassidy, who received DSC himself, examines the medal of Chaplain John S. Malony.

#### Germans Attest 8 Sent Back From Munich Raided 3rd Day in Row

Significant accounts of the devastating disruption caused to the Germans' military supply lines by Allied bombing came from Berlin Radio yesterday—tales of desperate improvisation forced upon the Nazis, of German truck drivers getting the same extra pay as air crews because of their constant peril.

Whatever propaganda ends the Nazis sought to serve by their broadcasts to the German people, they constituted the frankest admissions yet made by the enemy of the damage done by the Allied bombers.

Another broadcast, reported by the United Press, graphically portrayed the truck drivers' dangers and added that "on every guardpost a spotter is crouching, anxiously scanning the skies in all directions."

#### 400-Million Lag In Output Cited

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—Production of Army equipment and weapons was \$400,000,000 behind schedule in the second quarter of this year, Robert P. Patterson, acting secretary of war, told a press conference today.

#### Vet Denied Old Job Sues To Give Tannery a Hiding

NEWARK, N.J., July 13 (ANS)—Joseph Grasso, 26, discharged from the Army after four months because of flat feet, applied for his old job at A. J. Crowhurst and Sons, a leather-tanning firm in Belleville, N.J., but was told that if his feet were too bad for the Army they were too bad for the tanning plant.

#### 8 Sent Back From Munich Raided 3rd Day in Row

Germany's Munich area, rail zone through which supplies for Nazi forces in both France and Italy are funneled, became one of the most battered regions in the world yesterday as American heavies for the third straight day bombed targets around the Bavarian capital.

After a night in which well over 1,300 RAF warplanes pounded railways and flying-bomb installations in the Ruhr, more than 1,000 Fortresses and Liberators slashed to Germany to hit the Munich region and the Saarbrücken areas as well.

In contrast to the first two trips, when no combat was reported, escorting Eighth P47s, P38s and P51s drove off a number of attacks by German fighters. Two of the interceptors were destroyed by the U.S. pursuits and six more were shot down by bomber gunners.

#### Reveal Robots Used On Yanks in France

Flying bombs of the same type used against London have been sent against American troops in Normandy, two delayed Allied dispatches said yesterday. One dispatch reported that at least one flying bomb was identified by aviation ordnance officers, and parts of another found.

Later unverified reports from all parts of the beachhead said that more were falling. A few pilotless planes were reported by one U.S. division which is operating beside the British flank.

#### Worst Phase Ahead Before Victory—FDR

WASHINGTON, July 13 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt, in a welcome last night to the new Peruvian ambassador, said:

"The most terrible phase of the unparalleled struggle in which we are engaged is still before us and the United Nations must look forward to great suffering and enormous sacrifices before the inevitable victory is won."

But in another message, in connection with the French Bastille Day tomorrow, Mr. Roosevelt said that he looked forward "to the French people on July 14, 1945, celebrating their great national fête on French soil liberated alike from the invader and from the puppets of Vichy."

#### O'Connor to Head ARC

WASHINGTON, July 13—President Roosevelt today appointed Basil D. O'Connor, his former law partner and head of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, to be chairman of the American Red Cross, succeeding the late Norman H. Davis.

#### Riga Is Goal; East Prussia Drive Gains

Soviets 35 Mi. From Line; Threaten to Outflank Kaunas in Lithuania

A new Soviet offensive aimed at Riga from the Baltic front east of the Latvian border put a "squeeze" on the hard-pressed German armies in the north yesterday while the Russians to the south—within 35 miles of East Prussia at their nearest point—pushed within 20 miles of Kaunas, former Lithuanian capital, and within 25 miles of the rail junction fortress town of Grodno astride the line to Warsaw.

The Germans suggested last night that the Russians had driven even farther west—almost to the borders of the disputed Polish province of Suwalki which Adolf Hitler incorporated into East Prussia in 1939.

May Outflank Kaunas  
Col. Alfred von Olberg, Berlin military spokesman, reported fighting at Olita, southwest of Kaunas and 52 miles from the pre-war East Prussian border. If true, the enemy's report would mean that Kaunas, last Nazi hedgehog position before the Reich's borders, was in danger of being outflanked, even as Dvinsk already had been outflanked on the southwest.

The Soviet armies' new offensive was revealed in an order of the day from Marshal Stalin which announced that the Second Baltic Army under Gen. Andrei I. Gerasimov, who helped conquer the Crimea last spring, had gone over to the offensive between Dvinsk and Pskov on a 90-mile front, advanced 21 miles and recaptured 1,000 places, including the important rail junction of Idritsa, linking the east-west Mosecow-Riga line with the north-south Pskov-Polotsk line.

Dispatches from Moscow yesterday said the speed of Yermenko's advance was being maintained and his vanguards were approaching the frontier of Latvia.

Exact Position Vague  
Moscow was vague about the exact position of the nearest Soviet troops to the East Prussian border, and the situation was further complicated by the fact that Russia does not recognize the annexed province of Suwalki as part of Prussia.

Nevertheless, a Reuter Moscow dispatch reported the Russians within 35 miles of the Reich border but gave no details. It seemed apparent, however, that this closest approach was in the region west of Lida and that the distance was computed to the eastern boundary of Suwalki Province. From the front line west of Lida to the pre-war Reich border is nearer 75 miles.

Inside Vilna, bitter fighting raged in (Continued on page 4)

#### Next Week, E. Prussia



Stars and Stripes Map

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Spirit of France

GENERAL Eisenhower's recent comment on the "gallantry of the French forces of the interior," who are rendering invaluable service in the fighting partnership of the United Nations in Normandy, is clear evidence of the revival of the national vitality of France and of her rapid strides back to a place of authority in the world.

As the French commemorate their historic Bastille day—which is symbolic of the overthrow of feudalism and the birth of a new era of ideas—it is with the encouraging prospects of a restored and regenerated nation. As another July 14th passes into history, the efforts of the entire French empire, excepting Indo-China, are devoted wholeheartedly to the common cause.

The ideas which stemmed from 1789, when the Bastille fortress was stormed and overthrown by a mob of 50,000, is still alive in the breasts of the French. These ideas of the great Revolution have been tested during the past 150 years in the refining fires of three wars—always with devastation of France's soil by foreign invaders. But the ideals of 1789 have never been uprooted; in their darkest hours the French have continued to treasure them.

Having grown steadily from strength to strength today's France is becoming more and more valuable to the United Nations team and she still proclaims with undiminished fervor, Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité.

Watch Your Spending

MOST of us are much too busy at the moment to worry about economics and high finance. While the fighting is going on it is plainly up to somebody else to bother about such abstruse matters.

But it might be a good idea if soldiers would take time enough to consider a basic law of finance, according to Brig. Gen. H. H. Cobbs, Fiscal Director, ETO. The law, expressed simply, is:

"Excessive spending will push prices up; will reduce the value of the money you spend."

In other words, the more you spend the less your money will buy.

Inflation is what the experts call it. Uncontrolled inflation means financial chaos for the nation in which it exists. It also hits the soldier squarely in the pocketbook, for it means that although his pay remains the same, he can buy much less with his money.

So Gen. Cobbs and his fiscal experts are advising troops to buy with caution, to spend as far as possible only in their own canteens and PX's, to buy war bonds as often as they can and to send their surplus funds home. It is a good idea to have a financial nest-egg for after the war.

The thoughtful soldier will not buy rationed goods in Britain and France. Even if there are things which he is permitted to buy, he will buy them sparingly and only at fair prices. He will not make it more difficult for the civilians to get their essentials. He will not toss away his hard-earned dough in a sucker's market—for that is just what an inflation market is. He will know that the spend-thrift soldier drives up prices, reducing with the money he spends today the value of the money he will have to spend tomorrow.

Threats Overcome

FOR every United Nations ship sunk during the month of June, several times as many U-boats were sent to the bottom," states a joint report issued by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

The once-dreaded U-boats, like the Luftwaffe, have had their day as far as materially affecting Allied progress goes. Thus Germany has lost the effectiveness of two key weapons in her strategy for world conquest.

These were the weapons with which the Nazis hoped to prevent the Allies from ever being in a position to fight as they are now fighting in Normandy. The Luftwaffe was to have beaten into submission a Britain virtually isolated by submarine attacks on her oceanic lifelines. But their plans were foiled.

The Nazis did not foresee the courage and the ingenuity of the Allies which would make their chief weapons ineffectual. Nor did they judge rightly the strength of the Russian armies, the speed with which America could go to war and other things—like our counter measures against the robot bomb—which today's war news is bringing to light.

But when the history of the war is written, it will probably be recorded that it was the demise of the Luftwaffe and the U-boats that marked the beginning of the end of Nazi hopes. For this meant for Germany the fateful transition from offense to hopeless defense.

Hash Marks

Our spy on the beach resort front reports the girls are wearing "SHAEF" bathing suits—guaranteed to land any man on any beach.

Two soldiers were making their first overseas crossing. "Gosh," said one, "that's the most water I ever did see in



all my life. Did you ever see so much water?" "Boy," said his companion, "you ain't seen nothing yet—that's just the top of it!"

S/Sgt. James Embry has found one KP who follows orders right to the T. "Get a rag and clean those stoves," ordered the mess sergeant. Later the sergeant went back to the store-room to put on his freshly washed and ironed shirt. There was only half of a shirt there . . . the conscientious KP was busy scraping off the grease with the rest of it.

WAC Observation: All husbands are alike—they only have different faces so you can tell them apart.

Morning Report Remark from a 2nd Infantry Division battery in Normandy: "One medic attached for rations and foxhole."

And then there was the little moron who thought he could get sent back to the States from the ETO. He heard they were sending all the gold-bricks to the vaults at Ft. Knox.

If names mean anything there's a general hospital over here that's all out for our Ally. They have a Lt. England (ANC), a T/4 Brittain and a Pfc English.

It took Steve Sheehan to call us on this one. Steve writes: "Dear Hash Marks, you are forever asking your GI

readers to cry in their beer for someone—then further down in your column we read that the average GI can't tell the difference between English beer and water. Well, what with a couple of million GIs sobbing and weeping barrels of water into the beer, what do you expect?" Well, Steve, old boy, that's exactly what we expect—and usually get!

Today's Daffynition. Lt. J. E. Schano, ANC, sez a snore is "an internal combustion of the cranium."



Just a kid—but as murderous as a 'wamp adder.

Enemy Snipers Seem to Shoot Only to Wound

By Tom Hoge  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LA HAYE DU PUIITS, July 13—Nazi snipers harassing U.S. troops as they push southward from the battered heap of rubble that was once the town of La Haye du Puits are either bad shots or their object is to wound rather than kill. Since they finished mopping up La Haye, after it had been pounded beyond recognition by artillery, the Yanks have advanced through countryside concealing as heavy a concentration of snipers as has yet been encountered on this front.

Stopping off at a command post, we walked past the body of a German youth sprawled at the foot of a large tree. Coiled around his body was a length of rope, which he had apparently looped around a branch before he had been shot out of his perch. His uniform was stained with blood and grime.

"We found about 30 of them right around this headquarters," said Capt. Francis K. Kelly, of Weymouth, Mass., adjutant. "They fire at us all day long, but they usually miss. If they do hit anybody it's usually in the leg or foot. It gets to be pretty damned annoying."

Shot Through Foot

While we were talking two medics came by with a near casualty. He had been shot through the foot with a wooden bullet, a stone's throw from where we were standing. "That is the way it always is," muttered S/Sgt. Miles D. Waight, of Syracuse, N.Y., wire-crew chief, "either the foot or the leg."

"We've got a live sniper if you want to see one," a medic said. "He's over in a tent apparently wounded in the chest."

Walking over to the tent we saw a sniper stretched out on a blanket. Blond, slight of build, with downy fuzz on his chin, he looked about 16. Tense with fright and mumbling softly to himself, he made a woebegone spectacle.

"They're all kids," said Capt. A. B. Jacobs, of Brooklyn, N.Y., the medic in charge, "from 16 to 20. This one's 18, although he doesn't look it."

"They're plenty smart and plenty dangerous," broke in an airman. "They wait until there's an artillery barrage and then they pop at you. That way you can't hear their fire and locate them."

A moment later there was a sudden whine overhead.

"Drop," yelled Jacobs. We dropped fast. "There goes another one," sighed Jacobs. "There seems to be no end to them. He must have seen us grouped together."

We looked back at the wounded sniper. Just a kid—but as murderous as a 'wamp adder.

Notes from the Air Force

FLYING \$75,000 worth of airplane—the P51 Mustang Mazie R, bought by GIs of an air force depot—1/Lt. John J. Salsman, of Galesville, Wis., gave the buyers their first return on the investment when he destroyed a Me109 recently.

Four B26 crewmen who parachuted from their flak-crippled bomber, Luftwaffe's Lament, just inside the Allied battle lines in Normandy, returned the same day to their base in England. They were: 1/Lt. Ralph D. Messer, of Pikeville, Ky., and S/Sgts. Edward Montes DeOca, of Norwalk, Conn.; John L. Kuhl, of Hoboken, N.J., and Steve Krykla, of Kansas City, Mo.

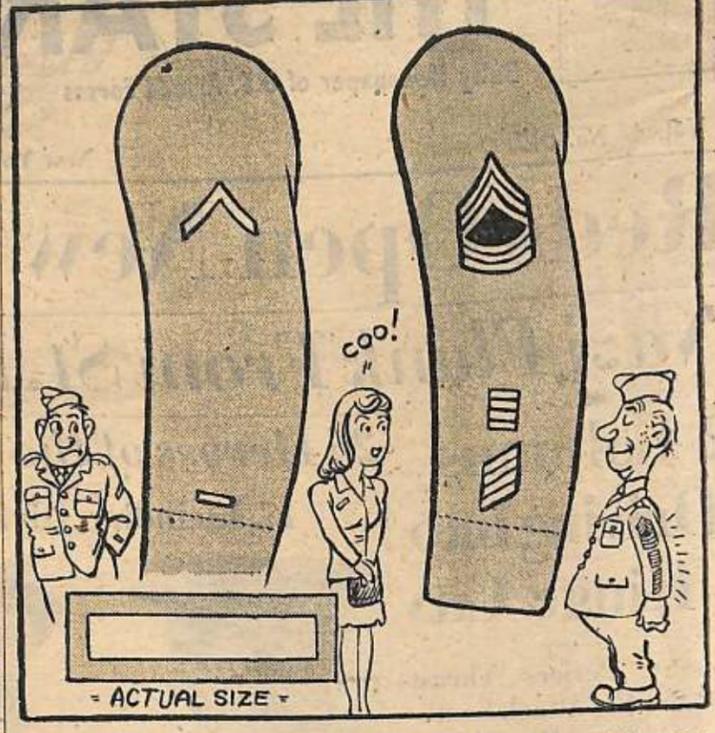
1/LT. George E. Bostwick, Thunderbolt pilot from Wausau, Wis., who had been on 65 missions over Europe without ever firing on an enemy plane, celebrated Independence Day in grand style, claiming three Me109s destroyed in aerial combat.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Good thing we were warned! They probably all got sling-shots an' pea-shooters!"

You Yanks Overseas, Here's Your Reward



Here's the new bar authorized by the War Department to denote six months' overseas service in this war, as depicted by C. D. Swan, Stars and Stripes staff artist. On the Pfc's sleeve the bar is worn four inches above end of the left sleeve. Master sergeant's sleeve shows four bars, for two years' overseas service, worn above four hashmarks, denoting 12 years in the Army. Bar is shown in lower left in its actual size—one and three-eighths inches long, one-quarter inch wide, with a one-eighth inch gold border.

Here's How It Feels to Set Off With the Infantry for a Battle

By Ernie Pyle

NORMANDY—This war in Normandy is war from hedgerow to hedgerow and when we get into a town or a city it is war from street to street.

The other day I went along—quite accidentally, I assure you—with an infantry company that had been assigned to clean out a pocket in the suburbs of a city. Since this episode was typical of the way an infantry company advances into a city held by the enemy, I would like to try to give you a picture of it. I can't do it in just one column so you'll have to read this in instalments covering several days.

I started out in the normal fashion that afternoon to go up to a battalion command post and just look around. I was traveling with Correspondent Charles Wertenbaker and Photographer Bob Capa, both of Time and Life Magazines. Well, when we got to the CP we were practically at the front lines. The post stood on a narrow street in the courtyard and across the street MPs were frisking freshly-taken prisoners. I mingled among the prisoners awhile. They were still holding their hands high in the air and you're pretty close to the front; when prisoners do that. They were obviously frightened and eager to please their captors. A soldier standing beside me asked one German kid about the insignia on his cap so the kid gave the insignia to him. The prisoners had a rank odor about them like silage.

Rustled Over Heads

Below us there were big fires in the city and piles of black smoke. Explosions were going on all around us. Our own big shells would rustle over our heads and explode on beyond with a crash. German 200mm. shells would spray over our heads and hit somewhere in the town behind us. Single rifle shots and machine-pistol blurps were constant. The whole thing made you feel tense and jumpy. The nearest Germans were only 200 yards away.

We were just hanging around absorbing all this stuff when a young lieutenant in a trench coat and wearing sunglasses—although the day was miserably dark and chill—came up and said, "Our company is starting in a few minutes to go up this road and clean out the strong-points. It's about half a mile from here. There are probably snipers in some of the houses along the way. Do you want to go along with us?"

I certainly didn't. Going into battle with an infantry company is not the way to live to a ripe old age, but when you are invited what can you do? So I said, "Sure," and so did Wertenbaker and Capa. Wert never seems nervous and Capa is notorious for his daring—fine company for me to be keeping!

We started walking. Soldiers of the company were already strung out on both sides of the road ahead of us—just lying and waiting till their officers came along and said "Go." We walked until we were at the head of the column.

Has An Odd Name

As we walked the young officer introduced himself. He was Lt. Orion Shockley, of Jefferson City, Mo. I asked him how he got the odd name Orion. He said he was named after Mark Twain's brother. Shockley was executive officer of the company. The company commander was Lt. Lawrence McLaughlin, from Boston.

One of the company officers was a

replacement who had arrived just three hours previously and had never been in battle before. I noticed that he ducked sometimes at our own shells, but he was trying his best to seem calm. The soldiers around us had two weeks' growth of beard. Their clothes were very dirty and they still wore the uncomfortable, impregnated anti-gas clothes they had come ashore in. The boys were tired—they had been fighting and moving constantly forward on foot for nearly three weeks without rest, sleeping out on the ground, wet most of the time, always tense, eating cold rations, and seeing their friends die.

One of them came up to me and said almost belligerently, "Why don't you tell the folks back home what this is like? All they hear about is victories and a lot of glory stuff. They don't know that for every hundred yards we advance somebody gets killed. Why don't you tell them how tough this life is?"

I told him that was what I tried to do all the time. This fellow was pretty fed up with it all. He said he didn't see why his outfit wasn't sent home, that they had done all the fighting. That wasn't true at all for we have other divisions that have fought more and taken heavier casualties than this one. Exhaustion will make a man feel like that, but a few days' rest usually has him smiling again.

As we waited to start our advance the low black skies of Normandy let loose on us and we gradually became hopelessly soaked to the skin.

Yanks Are Proving To Be Deadeye Dicks With Heavy Guns

By Earl Mazo  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION, July 13—The Germans facing American artillery in France have learned the hard way that a Yank is a dead-shot with a big gun as well as an M1. Here are some of the lessons:

Sgt. James W. Byrd, a Tampa (Fla.) infantryman, noticed something moving in a tree several thousand yards in front of his line. He pointed it out to Dick Moses, a lieutenant from Brooklyn who was forward artillery observer that day. Moses decided it was a German observer, and ordered some artillery shelling. Within minutes it came, and the first battery burst ringed the target.

Capt. Ralph Slaine, of Columbus, Ohio, a battery commander, was up front looking over the situation when he noticed some enemy movement in and out of a farmhouse in the German lines. The first five shells he ordered obliterated that house. That day Capt. Slaine's battery also accounted for an enemy ammunition dump.

The little incidents of artillery accuracy add up, and German prisoners attest to that fact. One captured German officer asked if the Americans had sniper sights on their big guns.

He might have known about a Tiger tank which Capt. Slaine's battery knocked out. After the tank was hit, some Germans came forward to bed the remains down as a pillbox. A battery burst killed them all. Then some more came forward, and they, too, were blown to bits. That went on for half a day until the Germans decided to abandon that particular pillbox idea.

# Sports SIDELIGHTS

According to recent reports, Joe DiMaggio still has the old batting eye after two years in the Army. After announcing that he thought he might be too busy for baseball when he arrived in Hawaii, Joe hit four homers in the four games that he played and one of them went better than 450 feet.

The No. 1 umpire heckler at Camp Ellis, Ill., is S/Sgt. Sam Friedman, better known as "Brooklyn." When asked where he developed his talent, Friedman produced evidence to show that he had the same seat in section 7, row 14, at Ebbets Field for 12 consecutive seasons. That's the best umpire-baiting school anywhere.

Pvt. Lou Brissie, the former Presbyterian College southpaw, later the property of the Philadelphia Athletics, took a day off from duties at Camp Croft and pitched for a semi-pro team from Greenville. Brissie fanned 22 men in nine innings but lost the game 2-0 on a home run. The papers gave his feat quite a play and didn't even mention the guy who threw the shutout for the other club. Such is the fame of being owned by a major league club.

Brig. Gen. Blondie Saunders, who led the initial B29 raid on Japan, had never seen a lacrosse game until he entered West Point, but he made the first team three years in a row and at the same time made All-American in football.

Charley Ellis, the crack back who was enrolled at Alabama a year or so ago, then was drafted by the Army, will be at Virginia next football season. Discharged because of asthma, Ellis will be the mainspring in Virginia's new "T" formation attack.

They have a picture show running in the States called "Back Home in Indiana," and in it is featured a very thrilling trotting horse race. A nag named Miss Sarah Abbey is the star performer in the race and comes home with the bacon. The same horse was racing at Cleveland recently and when it was learned that it was the horse featured in the movie, the bettors layed off, figuring that a movie horse wasn't much of a race horse. Miss Abbey copped both heats of an important trotting race and paid 20-1. In the first heat she lowered the track record for the distance. There's one of the few movie heroines to make good off the screen.

Old Satchel Paige, the greatest of the Negro baseball pitchers and probably one of the greatest of all, can produce a draft card that shows he's only 38. And Satch will argue with Washington's Gil Torres about who has the thinnest legs in baseball, too. Satch wears the same long pants affected by Torres and then wears two pairs of socks to add padding.

Ike Williams, the Trenton, N.J., lightweight, uses a 16-ounce pillow in all his training bouts and still knocks his spar mates kicking. A lot of the old timers say that if he could develop a rushing attack like Terrence Terry McGovern's he might be one of the all-time lightweight fighters.

When tennis' chief screwball Pvt. Frankie Kovacs returned from 14 months' service in the South Pacific and was granted permission to play in the New York War Bond exhibition game, the reporters hustled down to see Frank, wondering whether Army life had toned him down or if he was the Kovacs of old. Just as soon as they got in to see him they found the answer. Kovacs said in part, "I feel in such perfect shape I could play ten men. I don't expect to lose a single match and if I do, I'll be very surprised. I'm being my usual modest self in not saying definitely that I can beat anyone here."

## Help Wanted - AND GIVEN

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### Reunions

THE following towns and districts will hold reunions at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, Edgware Rd., London, W.1: Tuesday, July 18, 7:15, Plymouth, Nanticoke, Pittston, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Wednesday, July 19, 7:15, Gloucester, Salem, Chelsea, Plymouth, Northampton, New Bedford, Lancaster, York, Bridgwater, Thursday, July 20, Friday, July 21: Norristown, Doylestown, Tintsville, Pa. Oil City, Meadville, Pa.

Ohio Wesleyan Reunion THERE will be a reunion dinner for students and graduates at Rainbow Corner, London, C. 7 PM, July 24. Please contact S/Sgt. Elmer C. Brown.

## Even Insults Don't Help



Cieslak of the Phillies sticks his tongue out at Dodger Catcher Mickey Owen in a vain attempt to beat the ball to the plate in second inning of a game at Ebbets Field. Peacock's hit to right field started the play and Outfielder Dixie Walker got the ball down to Owen in time for the out. The Brooks won, 4-1.

## Red Sox' Current Road Trip Key to American League Flag Bid

NEW YORK, July 13—Boston's startling Red Sox hit the road today on a trip that will make or break their pennant chances. Now two and a half games behind the Browns, Boston's "hit and run" practitioners have been knocking down fences all around the American League in an attempt to gain the top spot.

It seems ironical in view of all the cash laid out by Owner Tom Yawkey that the Red Sox should have their best chance at the flag in a year when almost anyone can get into a big league ball game. Three of the four top batters in the American League are Soxmen—Bobby Doerr, their scrappy second baseman, and two outfielders, Bob Johnson and Pete Fox, aged 37 and 35, respectively. The Red Sox are leading the league in team batting with a respectable .260. Doerr's .340 average paces the circuit, but tells only part of the story. He is leading in hits with 100, second in runs with 57, second in doubles with 22 and is tied for the homer lead with ten. Fox is the second leading hitter with .333, while Johnson is fourth with .318. In addition, the club has the leading hitman in Tex Hughson, who has won 13 and lost four.

### HOW THEY STAND.

American League							
No games scheduled Wednesday.							
	W	L	Pct.				
St. Louis	45	34	.570	Chicago	34	37	.479
Boston	42	36	.538	Cleveland	37	41	.474
New York	39	35	.527	Detroit	36	42	.462
Washington	38	39	.494	Philadelphia	35	42	.455

National League							
No games scheduled Wednesday.							
	W	L	Pct.				
St. Louis	51	21	.708	Philadelphia	32	41	.438
Pittsburgh	39	30	.565	Brooklyn	33	43	.434
Cincinnati	42	33	.560	Chicago	29	40	.420
New York	37	39	.487	Boston	30	46	.395

### Leading Hitters

American League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Doerr, Boston	78	284	57	100	.340
Fox, Boston	56	228	38	76	.333
Tucker, Chicago	56	223	35	73	.327
Johnson, Boston	68	239	59	76	.318
Siebert, Philadelphia	65	236	28	75	.318

National League					
	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Musial, St. Louis	74	284	59	104	.366
Walker, Brooklyn	77	293	41	103	.352
Weintraub, New York	64	209	39	70	.335
Medwick, New York	66	255	41	85	.333
Hopp, St. Louis	61	217	46	70	.323

### Home Run Hitters

American League—Doerr, Boston, and Hayes, Philadelphia, 10; Cullenbine, Cleveland, Stephens, St. Louis, Metheny, New York, and Johnson, Boston, 9.				
National League—Ott, New York, 20; Nicholson, Chicago, 15; Kuroski, St. Louis, and Weintraub, New York, 11.				

### Runs Batted In

American League—Stephens, St. Louis, 54; Doerr, Boston, 52; Spence, Washington, 46.				
National League—Kuroski, St. Louis, 51; Ott, New York, Walker, Brooklyn, and Nicholson, Chicago, 50.				

**Nat Fleischer Raps Use Of Round Boxing Ring**  
NEW YORK, July 13—Nat Fleischer, editor of boxing's bible, "The Ring," disapproves the use of a round ring, a recent San Francisco innovation claiming that it will bewilder and confuse boxers who have trained for years in the square ring.

He continues: "The square ring has been a regular thing in the fistic art since bare-knuckle days. In the name of common sense what advantage could be derived from turning the time-honored ring into a circle?"

"And what would become of the neutral corner to which a pugilist is supposed to retire after knocking down an opponent?"

**Phillies Lose Hamrick**  
PHILADELPHIA, July 13—Ray Hamrick, Phillies shortstop, has been ordered to report for induction into the Navy tomorrow.

## Louis Winding Up Tour; Mediterranean Next Stop

By Tony Cordaro  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Heavyweight boxing champion S/Sgt. Joe Louis concludes his ETO tour this week, and will depart within a few days for the Mediterranean theater, where he will continue to entertain members of the armed forces with his million-dollar fists.

The Bomber's ETO excursion has been a success in every way. One Special Service officer said the heavyweight ruler entertained more GIs than either James Cagney or Bob Hope.

Joe did most of his sparring with two members of his entourage imported from the United States, M/Sgt. George Nicholson, an old standby in the Louis stable, and Sgt. Bob Smith. Joe occasionally mixed with camp favorites, including the corpulent Cpl. Elza Thompson, of Indianapolis, and Cpl. Leo Matricianni, Air Force titlist.

The champion worked from ten to 12 hours a day. He visited hospitals, airfields and camps. He boxed three times a week and gave an average of three to four skits a day.

During his stay, Joe renewed his acquaintance with two former opponents, Tommy Farr and Cpl. Billy Conn. The latter also is on an ETO fistic tour.

Louis and Conn are slated to meet in a return bout after the war in a match the experts claim will draw more than a million dollars.

Several times Louis appeared on the same exhibition bill with Freddie Mills, England's present heavyweight challenger who has post-war plans of pursuing the Detroit Negro to America for a title battle.

### Not in Same League

English writers who have seen Joe in action have hinted that Freddie does not belong in the same league with the Bomber. The British pen pushers were amazed at the speed with which Joe pitches his punches. The Bomber, once in firing range, tosses blows with reckless abundance. Joe labors under the belief that his opponent may successfully evade one, two or three of his punches in one flurry, but the fourth, fifth or sixth will connect. His record supports the theory.

Conn, who refereed one of Joe's exhibitions recently, thinks Father Time is on his side, and although the Bomber may retain his punching prowess, he's bound to lose some of his speed.

Has Joe slowed up?  
The general belief is that he has, but not enough to impair his boxing ability to a great extent.

Accompanying the champion to the Mediterranean will be Nicholson, Smith, S/Sgt. Jimmy Edgar, a middleweight; Sgt. Jackie Wilson, high ranking welterweight, and Trainer Bob Payne, in addition to Capt. Fred Maly and 1/Lt. Jack Crawford.

## Feud or No, Bagby Plans To Play With Cleveland

CLEVELAND, July 13—Jim Bagby, former Cleveland right-hander who resigned from the Maritime Service and takes his Army physical today, said he will rejoin the Indians regardless of what GI medics decide.

At first Bagby said he wasn't free to discuss his plans, then reversed himself and said, "I'm through being bull headed and from now on I'm going to do all the listening. I'm sorry I had all that trouble with Manager Lou Boudreau last year, but it won't happen again because I've learned to keep my mouth shut."

**Wakefield Back With Tigers**  
DETROIT, July 13—The Tigers announced today that Dick Wakefield, their freshman hitting ace last year, is coming back to the fold. Wakefield was honorably discharged from the Navy this week and will play tonight in a twilight game with the Chicago White Sox.

**Brooklyn Signs Miller**  
BROOKLYN, July 13—Creighton Miller, All-American halfback at Notre Dame last year, has signed a contract to play with the Brooklyn Tigers of the National Football League. Club officials disclosed that Miller will receive \$7,500.

## Minor League Results

International League							
Jersey City 11, Baltimore 3							
Newark 7, Syracuse 0							
Rochester 4, Toronto 0 (first game)							
Toronto 5, Rochester 4 (second game)							
Other teams not scheduled.							
	W	L	Pct.				
Jersey City	45	35	.563	Newark	40	42	.488
Montreal	42	35	.545	Toronto	39	43	.476
Buffalo	32	46	.410	Rochester	38	44	.463
Baltimore	40	36	.526	Syracuse	31	46	.403

Eastern League							
Hartford 13, Williamsport 1 (first game)							
Hartford 5, Williamsport 0 (second game)							
Other teams not scheduled.							
	W	L	Pct.				
Hartford	51	20	.718	Elmira	29	36	.446
Albany	44	26	.629	Wilkes-Barre	31	42	.425
Williamsport	38	31	.551	Binghamton	29	40	.420
Utica	34	38	.472	Scranton	25	48	.342

American Association				
Toledo 4, Louisville 3				
Milwaukee 6, Minneapolis 0 (first game)				
Milwaukee 7, Minneapolis 5 (second game, called end of eighth when lights failed, to be completed at later date)				
St. Paul 3, Kansas City 1 (first game)				

St. Paul 11, Kansas City 4 (second game)							
Indianapolis at Columbus postponed, rain.							
	W	L	Pct.				
Milwaukee	58	24	.706	St. Paul	36	36	.500
Columbus	47	29	.618	Minneapolis	29	48	.377
Toledo	47	31	.603	Kansas City	24	51	.320
Louisville	48	33	.593	Indianapolis	21	57	.269

Southern Association							
No games scheduled.							
	W	L	Pct.				
Nashville	5	2	.714	Little Rock	3	4	.429
Atlanta	4	3	.571	N. Orleans	3	4	.429
Birmingham	4	3	.571	Chattanooga	3	4	.429
Memphis	4	3	.571	Mobile	2	5	.286

Pacific Coast League							
Oakland 2, San Diego 0							
Portland 4, San Francisco 0							
Hollywood 3, Seattle 2 (first game)							
Hollywood 1, Seattle 0 (second game)							
Sacramento 6, Los Angeles 1 (first game)							
Sacramento 3, Los Angeles 1 (second game)							
	W	L	Pct.				
Oakland	49	45	.521	Los Angeles	48	48	.500
S. Francisco	49	46	.516	Portland	47	48	.495
Seattle	48	47	.505	Hollywood	47	50	.485
San Diego	49	49	.500	Sacramento	45	49	.479

## Grid Powers Coming Back This Season

NEW YORK, July 13—With a possible termination of the European war and a slackening of manpower demands in sight, colleges which abandoned football "for the duration" are flirting with the idea of replenishing their bankrolls during the oncoming campaign.

A coast to coast survey reveals that at least 18 schools are returning to intercollegiate competition despite transportation and manpower difficulties. Still others are undecided at present, while only three definitely have announced they will remain on the sidelines.

From Dixieland comes the greatest enthusiasm for a back-to-the-grid movement. Seven schools south of the Mason-Dixon line have decided to take their helmets off hooks and their jerseys out of moth balls. The perennials this fall will welcome back such former football powers as Alabama, Mississippi State, Auburn, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee and Florida.

This means that the Southeastern Conference, one of the most fearsome circuits in the land during peace-time, will be returning to action. Seven clubs in the loop—Georgia Tech, Georgia, Duke, North Carolina, Louisiana State, North Carolina State and Tulane—have been conducting business as usual during the past two bleak semesters.

**Michigan State Leads in Midwest**  
Michigan State leads midwestern schools on the road back, followed by a host of lesser satellites, which include Southern Illinois State Normal, Peru State Teachers and Doane. On the "undecided" list are Ball State, Rose Poly and Wayne State Teachers.

In the east three former big league elevens—NYU, Boston College and Syracuse—will try again, and there is a determined effort by Carnegie Tech to return to formal competition. The only school falling by the wayside is Princeton, while Union and Hobart may field squads.

Only on the west coast is there pessimism, but California Tech and the Utah State Aggies will endeavour to make a reappearance. The bigger powers, however, are silent about their chances of collecting enough healthy huskies for a team.

Good talent or no, the '44 season promises to have its share of thrills and excitement, with the south looming as the power of the nation.

## Cowboys Returning To Cage Competition

LARAMIE, Wyo., July 13—After a season of inactivity, the University of Wyoming will return to basketball competition this year and Everett Shelton, their old coach, is back with a ten-year contract.

Wyoming's last team won the NCAA crown at the end of the 1942-43 season and went on to defeat St. John's of Brooklyn, 52-47, in the Invitation tourney.

## Talbert in Quarter-Finals; Injury Sidelines Segura

CHICAGO, July 13—Bill Talbert, Indianapolis netman who has been playing second fiddle to Ecuadorean Pancho Segura this season, moved a step closer the title in the River Forest tennis tournament by reaching the quarter-finals with a 6-4, 6-2 romp over Howland Fold, of Chicago. Segura was forced out of the meet by a severely sprained ankle.

## Oriole Fined \$100

JERSEY CITY, N.J., July 13—Frank Shaughnessy, president of the International League, has suspended Stan Benjamin, Baltimore outfielder, indefinitely and fined him \$100 for attacking spectators at Roosevelt Stadium, Jersey City. Frank Skaff, Oriole third baseman, and Shortstop Ab Tiedeman were fined \$50 and \$25, respectively, for their part in the fracas.



# Doubt Roosevelt Plans Full-Scale Vote Drive

WASHINGTON, July 13 (ANS)—President Roosevelt's announcement a week in advance of the Democratic National Convention that he would accept a fourth-term nomination aroused conjecture today that he probably would pass up a formal acceptance speech to the convention, either in person or by radio.

Politicians were busy trying to figure out just what the President meant when he said he "would not run in the usual partisan political sense."

The Associated Press said that "apparently both Democrats and Republicans are not counting on lengthy stumping trips around the country in this war year. Perhaps Mr. Roosevelt may busy himself with his tasks as commander-in-chief and, with little personal participation in the campaign, leave it, as he said, to the people."

"Or he might have in mind a 'front porch campaign' from his Hudson Valley home at Hyde Park. In that event, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican nominee, might be sitting on another front porch only 25 miles away directing his own campaign. The GOP candidate's home is a farm in Pawling, N.Y., in Roosevelt's home county."

At Albany, N.Y., Republican National Chairman Herbert Brownell Jr. declared Mr. Roosevelt was using the title of commander-in-chief as a "pretext to perpetuate himself in political office."

Brownell, an overnight guest of Gov. Dewey, was asked at a press conference for comment on the President's statement that he would "as a good soldier" accept a fourth-term nomination.

"Mr. Roosevelt is the first of 32 Presidents of the U.S. to claim that the title of commander-in-chief makes him a soldier and to use the title as a pretext to perpetuate himself in political office," the national chairman declared.

Dewey himself had no comment. Primary digest in six states:

### New Hampshire

U.S. Senate—Sen. Charles Tobey, former isolationist, defeated Rep. Foster Stearns for Republican nomination; Attorney Joseph Betley, of Manchester, unopposed for Democratic nomination.

Governor—Gov. Robert O. Blood, seeking re-nomination, lost to Mayor Charles Dale, of Portsmouth, 28,888 to 20,060, in Republican primary; Democratic nomination won by Col. James Powers, Medical Corps, unopposed.

### Massachusetts

U.S. Senate—Gov. Leverett Saltonstall unopposed for Republican nomination; Mayor John E. Corcoran, of Cambridge, leading former U.S. Rep. Richard M. Russell for Democratic nomination in early returns, 7,000 to 4,500.

Governor—State Treasurer Francis X. Hurley, opposed by CIO Political Action Committee as "militantly anti-Roosevelt," conceded Democratic nomination to Mayor Maurice J. Tobin, of Boston, victor by more than 54,000 votes.

### Michigan

Governor—Former State Racing Commissioner Edward J. Fry, strong Roosevelt supporter, won Democratic nomination, his victory conceded by William J. Cody, nearest rival; Gov. Harry F. Kelly unopposed for Republican nomination.

Lieutenant Governor—Auditor General Vernon J. Brown defeated Lt. Gov. Eugene C. Keyes for Republican nomination.

Congress—No upset indicated among 13 Congressmen whose nominations contested.

### Oklahoma

U.S. Senate—Sen. Elmer Thomas, seeking fourth term, led Rep. Wesley Disney and Lt. Gov. James E. Berry for Democratic nomination, 3,283 precincts out of 3,670 giving Thomas 77,917, Disney 58,501 and Berry 56,126; Republicans nominated William J. O'Dell, Tulsa, 38-year-old grandson of Cherokee Indian chief, nominated by Democrats for Disney's seat in First District; Republicans named George B. Schwabe, Tulsa, to oppose him. Five Democratic Congressmen re-nominated: Paul Stewart, Third District; Lyle H. Bowen, Fourth; A. S. Mike Monroney, Fifth; Jod Johnson, Sixth; Victor Wickensham, Seventh.

### Utah

U.S. Senate—Adam S. Bennion, who resigned as assistant to president of Utah Power & Light Co. to make first bid for public office, won Republican nomination in four-man race, defeating Davis J. Wilson, Ogden attorney, his nearest opponent; Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, seeking third term, unopposed for Democratic nomination.

Governor—Gov. Herbert B. Maw re-nominated by Democrats over State Sen. Stanley Child, of Salt Lake City; Mayor J. Bracken Lee, of Price, won Republican nomination over Police Chief Reed Vetterli, of Salt Lake City.

### Washington

U.S. Senate—Maj. Harry Cain, mayor of Tacoma, now with Gen. Eisenhower's staff, appeared assured of Republican nomination in 11-man race, despite eastern returns cutting down his lead over Attorney Cameron Sherwood, of Walla Walla; Rep. Warren G. Magnuson Democratic choice for post to be vacated when Sen. Homer T. Bone takes federal judgeship this fall.

Governor—Gov. Arthur B. Langlie re-nominated by Republicans, polling vote far in excess of three rivals' aggregate; U.S. Sen. Mons. C. Wagner unopposed for Democratic nomination. Congress—Virtually complete returns in First District showed tight race between former Mayor Robert H. Harlin, of Seattle, and Fred J. Wetrick in ten-man race for Magnuson's seat.

## Radio Highlights

AEN in the United Kingdom—1000 hours—2300 hours—On Your Dial  
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.  
218.Lm. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

### Friday, July 14

1915—Personal Album with the Smart Set.\*  
1100—Morning After with Bing Crosby.  
1130—Duffie Bag.\*  
1310—News From Home.  
1400—Visiting Hours—Front Line Theater.  
1545—On the Record.\*  
1700—Music by Harry James.\*  
1745—Hawaiian Serenade.\*  
1755—American Sports Roundup.\*  
1805—GI Supper Club.  
1905—Fred Allen.\*  
2000—Home News from the U.S.A.\*  
2005—Duffy's Tavern.\*  
2115—Paul Whiteman Presents.  
2145—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.\*  
2200—Kay Kyser.\*  
2230—Suspense.\*

AET on the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours—On Your Dial  
1050kc. 285m.

0600—Rise and Shine.  
0935—Ray McKinley Orchestra.  
1100—Morning After (Glen Miller).  
1215—Mantovani and his Orchestra.  
1315—Theater Orchestra.  
1630—Scottish Orchestra.  
1935—RCAF Dance Orchestra.  
2115—Songs from the Shows.  
2230—One Night Stand.  
\*Indicates Programs Heard on Both Networks.

## NEWS FROM HOME Spain Grants Landing Rights To U.S. Planes

### State Department Effects Pact for Commercial Airline Ships

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—An agreement giving U.S. commercial planes landing rights in Spain has been reached between the State Department and the Spanish Government, it was announced today.

Two Civil Aeronautics Board officials, Charles Stanton and Oswald Ryan, have been sent to Madrid to examine facilities and work out details.

The negotiations had been under way for many months. No decision has been made yet on what airline will fly the route.

The agreement represents a new development in U.S. post-war aviation, since the negotiations were conducted by the State Department rather than by a private company as in the past, notably when Pan-American Airlines secured landing rights in Portugal.

It was reported that the U.S. Government may now begin negotiations with Portugal on behalf of all American airlines.

The Spanish rights give the U.S. an important link with Italy and the Middle East, as well as a terminal for general transatlantic traffic.

### Water Shortage in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, July 13 (ANS)—Residents of Cleveland and 12 suburban Cuyahoga County towns have been ordered to cease sprinkling their lawns and gardens because of an acute water shortage. Violators will have their water supply shut off, officials said.

### Polio Threat in Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 13 (ANS)—With infantile paralysis cases continuing to mount, swimming pools and movies have been closed to children under 14. Two deaths already have resulted from the 13 cases reported.

### Dead Law Stays Buried

PIERRE, S.D., July 13 (ANS)—An attempt to revive South Dakota's net income-tax law, which was repealed last year, failed this week when the State Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee tabled the measure.

### An Aid for Veterans

WASHINGTON, July 13 (ANS)—Identification cards shortly will be issued to discharged servicemen to make it easier for them to obtain jobs, the U.S. employment Service announced.

### Dope Hoard Seized

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 13 (ANS)—Federal narcotics agents have seized opium and heroin valued at between \$150,000 and \$200,000 imported by auto from Mexico, it was announced here.

### New Prexy Named

LUBBOCK, Tex., July 13 (ANS)—William M. Whyburn, formerly head of the mathematics department at the University of California, has been named president of Texas Technological College.

### Betty Compton Dies

NEW YORK, July 13 (ANS)—Betty Compton, stage and screen star and former wife of Jimmy Walker, one-time mayor of New York, died today.

## Germans Slow Allies in Italy

German counter-attacks yesterday slowed the Allies in Italy, while reports from the North indicated the Nazis were dismantling Italian factories and moving them into Germany.

American units moved beyond Castiglione on the west coast to within eight miles of Livorno and French elements captured San Donato, seven miles southwest of Poggibonsi. But German opposition in the mountains east of the Tiber valley near Pietralungo forced the British back two miles.

An Italian resistance headquarters' communique from Rome reported that Italian workers had struck at Turin following German attempts to compel workers to dismount machinery in factories for transfer to Germany. More than 3,000 workers have been sent to Germany, the communique said, as well as prison inmates in Milan and Turin.

## All Letters for Yanks in France Now Flown Across Channel

By Arthur W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

All letters to and from American troops in France now are being transported across the Channel by air, the Postal Division, ETOUSA, announced yesterday.

It said that the average time taken by letters from home, from the time of mailing to delivery in Normandy, was about 11 days and that letters going the other way took about the same. Packages go by boat.

Yanks in France now may send letters free to civilian as well as service addresses in the U.K., and British soldiers on the Continent have a similar free delivery to the U.S., under a reciprocal agreement between the U.S. Army and the British government, officials added. U.S. ser-

vicemen in Britain, however, still must pay British postage on mail to civilians.

V-mail for Normandy still comes to London for processing after arrival from the U.S. in roll form, and then is flown across the Channel. V-mail from Normandy comes to London for processing and then sent on.

Postal officials in London who predicted on D-Day that there would be a mighty increase in mail from the U.S. knew what they were talking about. Letters have been pouring in, many improperly addressed.

A Washington announcement yesterday said that of the 25,000,000 pieces of overseas mail dealt with in the U.S. every week no fewer than 3,000,000 were incorrectly or insufficiently addressed. Yet 97 per cent finally reach their destinations.

## Final Arguments Near in Esquire's Row With Mailman

WASHINGTON, July 13 (ANS)—The voluptuous Varga Girl rested today. So did her battery of lawyers who waged a two-day battle in District of Columbia Federal Court to prove that the seductive lass and Esquire Magazine were neither salacious nor lascivious and thus were entitled to travel in the second-class mails.

The government counsel also rested after extravagantly describing the contents of Esquire as "cheesecake literature" and veil-draped pictures of the Varga Girl as "cheesecake art."

Concluding arguments on each side are expected to hinge on the question of freedom of the press and its application to Postmaster Gen. Frank Walker's order, which would deprive the periodical of its second-class mailing rights.

Meantime, Benedict S. Deinhard, a Justice Department attorney, hinted that many magazines might lose their mailing privileges if Walker's ban on Esquire were upheld by the courts.

## Snafu - - -

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either in the past or present, in Russia and Italy," Imhorn continued.

"Hitherto our Supreme Command has been able to deploy, concentrate and send up reinforcements on relatively secure supply lines and communications. But for a month now, ever since the Allies landed and secured a relatively narrow front in Normandy, all military rules and laws of the past have gone by the board.

"Our hinterland has been under perpetual bombardment of an intensity never before matched or even dreamed of, by the enemy's air forces, artillery, and even naval guns.

"Under such conditions no German concentrations could be built up within striking distance of the front.

### Couldn't Use Highways

"Our command could not use the highways and railways which it had counted on. Our marching columns were banned from the roads.

"We had anticipated a terrific battle of material on the model of the Eastern Front, but the new Allied strategy confronted us with an absolutely novel situation.

"Our fighting men were exposed to the peril of being cut off from their supplies, isolated and thus destroyed.

"It has required all the organizing talent of the German High Command for an improvisation on the grandest scale, for even the smallest paths and byways receive constant attention from the enemy.

"Hundreds upon hundreds of roads are being pounded continuously.

"The German High Command is therefore abstaining from concentrating striking forces behind the front and sending columns along the roads.

"Our operational reserves are, as it were, swallowed up by the earth, moving invisibly by devious ways to reach critical points in good time.

"By day our forces go to death, by night they move. This is a great achievement by the German Supreme Command."

## 66 Trapped Ohio Miners Are Given Up for Dead

BELLAIRE, O., July 13 (ANS)—The 66 men entombed since last Wednesday, when a fire broke out in the Powhatan mine, have been given up for dead. Tests through two holes drilled to the sealed-off shaft revealed a high carbon-monoxide content in the air.

## German Flank Reeling Back

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miles northeast of Lessay, said that U.S. infantrymen captured the ruins of the hilltop town, after some of the deadliest German sniping of the Normandy campaign, and pushed on to within two miles of Lessay.

American troops have now cleared the whole of the La Haye du Puits-Carentan highway and railway, SHAEF announced, and the First Army has thereby gained an important new east-west communication line in the Cherbourg peninsula.

On the eastern flank of the 100-mile Allied front, British and Canadian forces south of Caen had another day of comparative quiet, as they regrouped for the great assault they are expected to launch toward good tank-fighting country across the Orne River.

### Words and Music—of Guns

A tremendous artillery barrage preceded a new attack on St. Lo yesterday morning. Some battalions were supported by 1,000 rounds from 105mm. guns concentrated solely on the front they were attacking. Before the guns roared psychological warfare experts sent a propaganda barrage advising German soldiers to lie down in the grass and to surrender after U.S. forces had passed.

Although the Germans were fighting stubbornly to hold St. Lo they were falling back so fast in some sectors that they abandoned dead and wounded. Roads in the hills before St. Lo were littered with German bodies.

Yanks advancing due south down the St. Jores-Periers road captured Le Plessis, St. Germain and Gorges—the latter two villages about five miles north of Periers—and almost completely encircled swamplands in the Gorges area.

East of the Carentan-Periers road, doughboys took St. Andre de Bohon, eight miles northeast of Periers, and linked drives southwest and southeast of Carentan into a solid front. West of the Carentan-Periers road, other troops reached the Seves River near Nay, 3 1/2 miles northeast of Periers.

U.S. forces pushing south below La Haye toward Lessay reached a point 2 1/2 miles northeast of the town, after capturing Vesly.

## 'Bathing Beauties' Told to Bathe, Not Parade, the Beauty

LONG BRANCH, N.J., July 13—Police have started a drive to enforce an ordinance which makes it illegal for women to appear on the streets clad only in shorts, bathing suits or beach robes. More than 100 women already have been warned about their lack of clothes.

"We are tired of seeing 200-pound 40-year-old mamas trying to make themselves pinup girls by walking around in shorts and sarong outfits," said Frank A. Brazo, public-safety commissioner.

## Three Destroyers Lost Off France, Navy Reveals

The U.S. Navy last night announced the loss of three destroyers, one transport, a minesweeper, a destroyer escort and a fleet tug in Allied operations against the Germans in France.

The destroyers were the Corry, Meredith and Glennon. The transport was the Susan B. Anthony, formerly the Grace liner Santa Clara.

### Naples Waits Brazilians

AIR FORCE HQ, North Africa, July 13 (UP)—Brazilian troops soon will arrive at Naples, it was officially disclosed today. Brazilian nurses already have landed in North Africa.

## Pocketed Japs Seek to Escape

### Set for Last Big Attack In N. Guinea; Foe Loses 19,000 Killed at Saipan

The Japanese 18th Army of 45,000 men, trapped in the Aitape-Wewak area of British New Guinea, is concentrating for a last desperate effort to break through American lines to the west, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced yesterday. MacArthur said the battle lines were drawn 21 miles east of Aitape and that the first skirmishes began Monday. The Japs are the remains of 60,000 troops cut off when Americans landed in Hollandia last April, pocketing the enemy between U.S. troops to the west and Australian forces to the east.

In Washington, meanwhile, Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal disclosed that 19,000 Japs—95 per cent of the enemy garrison—perished on Saipan Island. The other 1,000 were captured. American casualties numbered 2,359 killed, 11,481 wounded and 1,213 missing, Forrestal said.

Forrestal, describing the taking of Saipan as a "prize of the first magnitude," said that in June American aircraft shot down 1,000 Jap planes around the Marianas island.

American planes continued their bombing of Guam. Other U.S. bombers attacked enemy shipping off Rabaul, New Britain.

## Russians Open Push for Riga

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the center of the city for the fifth day and the German garrison held out doggedly. Moscow Radio said the Germans were dropping paratroops to reinforce the defense but that half of them were shot as they came down, a quarter became entangled on telegraph wires and cables "and the remainder are wiped out in street fighting."

Berlin said the Russians had begun their attack on Dvinsk, the river port commanding the Dvina valley leading to Riga, launching their assault from the south with five divisions and an armored brigade.

Nearly 200 miles to the south, the Red Army drive toward Warsaw picked up fresh ground and tank spearheads were reported 50 miles beyond captured Baranovichi, within 15 miles of Volkovysk, chief Nazi defense position standing in front of Bialystok, the fortress junction where the Germans' defense line swings south to Brest-Litovsk.

## American Veterans Of French Battles Visited by Stimson

A BRITISH PORT, July 13—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson talked to American troops today who had gone through 30 days of bitter fighting in France.

"We're ready to go again," they assured him.

Stimson asked to be shown how the men were being fed as they passed through the marshalling area. He walked through the field kitchen and talked with the mess officers, cooks and KPs, also with the men as they passed the serving tables. He was pleased with the appetite of the troops enjoying their first meal in England for over a month.

## 3 Honored for Rescuing Flier From Wrecked P38

A NINTH TROOP CARRIER BASE, July 13—An officer and two enlisted men received the Soldier's Medal in ceremonies here.

Capt. Maurice L. Malins, of New York, T/Sgt. James B. Wallace, of Philadelphia, and Sgt. Alvin K. Becker, of Erie, Pa., rushed to the scene of a P38 Lightning crash near their field and, despite the imminent danger of an explosion, freed the trapped pilot.

