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## Cherbourg Defenses Entered

### Vipuri, Gate to Heart of Finland, Stormed

#### Red Smash Stirs Crisis In Helsinki

#### Seaport Falls to Russians Only Ten Days After Start of Big Drive

Red Army troops stormed their way into the Finnish seaport of Vipuri yesterday and thus, ten days after opening an offensive in the Karelian Isthmus, overwhelmed the gateway leading to the heart of Finland.

Capture of the Karelian communications center by the Leningrad forces under newly-promoted Marshal Leonid Govorov was announced by Marshal Stalin last night in an order of the day. He ordered 20 salvos from 224 guns fired in Moscow to celebrate the victory.

Vipuri, normally Finland's principal timber exporting center, is about 75 miles northwest of Leningrad and had a pre-war population of 84,000. It was the main bastion of the Mannerheim defenses

#### Wants U.S. to Step In

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—Senator Arthur Vandenberg (R-Mich.) told the Senate yesterday he hoped the U.S. would use its "great voice and power" to effect an eleven-hour armistice between Finland and Russia. Vandenberg, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, made the comment in expressing regret that the State Department had found it necessary to order Hjalmar Procopé, Finnish minister, to leave the country.

in the 1940 Russo-Finnish war. Helsinki lies 125 miles west-southwest of the port. The Red Army's swift advance through the Finns' three fortified lines appeared to have created a political crisis in Helsinki and there was a swift succession of reports from the Finnish capital that a new government would be formed.

The Stockholm Aftonbladet said Field Marshal Mannerheim, Finnish commander-in-chief, was "taking the initiative in forming a new government which will sue for peace."

Soviet front-line reports said the Finns were not offering any organized resistance. Moscow dispatches said the Finns were trying to drag out the battle by improvising miniature Mannerheim lines on the small isthmuses between the lakes. The Russians were said to be countering these tactics by keeping the Finns engaged and giving them no time to throw up new fortifications.

Soviet warships meanwhile stood off the Finnish coast pounding enemy transports and bottling up Finnish shipping in much-bombed Vipuri channel.

#### The War Today

**France**—Americans advance to within four miles of Cherbourg and storm outer defenses of port. . . . Montebourg retaken and Valognes captured as Germans fall back for final stand. . . . British recapture Tilly and take Hottot, two miles southwest.

**Air War**—More than 1,500 heavies bomb Pas de Calais, oil refineries and plants in Germany.

**Russia**—Red Army takes Finnish seaport of Vipuri by storm. . . . Loss of gateway into Finland's heart raises political crisis in Helsinki. . . . Mannerheim reported taking lead in formation of peace government.

**Pacific**—More than 300 Jap planes destroyed off Saipan in great air battle. . . . Enemy used carrier-based planes, indicating long-sought-for Jap fleet may be near.

**Italy**—Elba falls after 60-hour campaign; last Nazi stronghold gives up. . . . Eighth Army drives beyond captured Perugia toward Florence.

**Asia**—Axis reports fall of Changsha, key Chinese city on Hankow-Canton railroad. . . . Allies make gains in northern Burma.

#### 300 Jap Planes Shot Down in Saipan Battle

More than 300 Japanese planes were shot down in what Adm. Chester W. Nimitz termed "the greatest air battle in the Pacific since Midway" in an attack Sunday on an American task force standing off Saipan Island, in the Marianas, the U.S. Navy announced yesterday.

No estimate of the American aircraft losses was available, but the Navy said only one U.S. surface unit received minor damage. Tokyo Radio claimed the Americans lost 300 planes, while OWI in New York quoted Japanese Imperial Headquarters as admitting "we have suffered considerable losses."

The Navy said it believed that some of the enemy planes came from aircraft-carriers and used near-by shore bases as shuttle points. It was the first indication that the Jap fleet, which the Americans have been seeking out for a "show-

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#### Drive on Elba Now Complete

#### Last Nazi Bastion on Isle Falls; Perugia Taken on Italian Mainland

Allied troops yesterday completed the occupation of Elba after a 60-hour whirlwind campaign, while on the Italian mainland the Eighth Army drove six miles past captured Perugia, road and rail center 80 miles north of Rome on the highway to Florence.

On the Eighth Army's west flank, other Allied units reached the southern shores of Lake Trasimeno, about ten miles to the west of Perugia, and pushed northward to Castiglione, while on the Adriatic front British troops crossed the Tronto River, some 40 miles north of Pescara.

The Fifth Army, meanwhile, advanced north of the Tyrrhenian port of Grosseto in the face of stiffening German resistance.

Fall of Perugia, in the mountainous region of central Italy, came after the Eighth Army had driven the Germans back 100 miles through the mountains in ten days. Only 100 miles by road from Perugia—75 by air—lies Florence.

All organized enemy resistance on Elba collapsed Monday at 10.30 AM with the fall of Porto Longone, the last Nazi stronghold on the island.

About 500 Germans were killed in the three-day campaign and 1,800 were taken prisoner, Gen. de Lattre de Tassigny, French commander, revealed in a message informing Gen. Charles de Gaulle of Elba's occupation. Allied Headquarters in North Africa said that only a small portion of the island's German garrison had been evacuated by sea.

Capture of more than 27,000 Nazis by the Fifth and Eighth armies since the drive to take Rome began was also announced.

#### Uses Gas Tank To Bomb Nazis

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer  
A NINTH AF FIGHTER FIELD, France, June 19 (delayed)—Capt. Mozart Kaufman, of Little Rock, Ark., flew his P47 Thunderbolt back to this fighter strip yesterday to report on a newly discovered bombing technique. He uses gas tanks and incendiary bullets.

Kaufman was landing his flight on a sweep over the Cherbourg peninsula, seeking Nazi road traffic, but could find nothing for either of the two 500-pound bombs slung under his wings. Finally he spotted a big truck, loaded with German soldiers, on the highway.

"It wasn't worth a 500-pound bomb," Kaufman said, "so I made a deck-level pass, skip-bombed with my auxiliary fuel tank and when the tank hit the truck and burst, spreading gasoline over it. I fired my guns into it and set it on fire. It was burning nicely when I flew away."

#### Poison Gas Report

Algiers radio, quoting Ankara reports, said yesterday the Germans were transporting large quantities of poison gas across the Balkans for use against the Russians.

#### Calais, Reich Hit in Record Aerial Blow

#### Over 1,500 U.S. Heavies Out; Robot Runways, Nazi Factories Pasted

The Eighth Air Force yesterday struck the greatest blow of the war against German oil production, explosives from a record force of Fortresses and Liberators raining down on strategic targets in the Reich as almost every type of Allied warplane joined with the heavies in the drive to shatter the runways from which Nazi robot planes have been hurled at southern England in the last week.

More than 1,500 B17s and B24s—possibly the largest number of bombers ever sent on one mission—thundered over Europe, the bulk of them hitting 12 Nazi oil plants and a number of war factories.

Dogfights were thick over the skies of France and Germany as the Luftwaffe fought desperately to stave off the huge assault. Forty-one enemy aircraft were destroyed in the air and 13 on the ground by strong forces of escorting fighters of both the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces. The bombers reported shooting down an additional 12.

Forty-seven U.S. bombers and seven fighters were lost.

The bombing of all targets in Germany was visual, but in the Pas de Calais some bombing was done by instruments through overcast. Weather conditions were excellent at most points and crews reported good results. Most of the formations encountered no enemy interceptors.

Liberators which attacked a synthetic oil plant at Politz, in Germany, however, absorbed the heaviest attack since the

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#### 24th U.S. Sub Lost in Pacific

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—The 1,745-ton U.S. submarine Grayback has been lost in the Pacific, presumably in operations against the Japanese, the Navy announced today.

The Grayback, which carried a normal crew of 65 officers and men, was the 24th U.S. submarine lost since Pearl Harbor.

#### Yanks Helping To Bag Nazis' Robot Planes

U.S. Army ground and Air Forces units have destroyed several of Hitler's pilotless planes over southern England, it was officially announced yesterday.

Meanwhile, German Overseas News Agency said that one of the measures contemplated by the British to beat the robot was the erection of a dense balloon barrage to serve as an anti-bomb net.

Eight American soldiers, assigned to an ordnance maintenance unit, were credited with shooting down a pilotless plane last Thursday night with a 40mm. gun which they had repaired for delivery to an anti-aircraft outfit in Normandy.

The plane, believed to have been the first of its type shot down in southern England by a U.S. Army organization, was riddled by bullets from a 50-cal. machine gun fired by four members of the unit.

The men scored a direct hit on their

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#### U.K. Invasion Died in Ports

#### Churchill Declares Nazi Shipping Was Smashed, Straits Never Crossed

German plans to invade Great Britain in 1940 were smashed before heavy concentrations of Nazi ships and troops were able to leave Continental ports, Prime Minister Winston Churchill disclosed in the House of Commons yesterday.

Asked by Maj. Vyvyan Adams whether the "enemy set in motion the apparatus for a reported seaborne invasion," the Prime Minister replied:

"... I do not quite know what is meant by setting in motion. Setting in motion in the sense of crossing the Channel, 'No,' but setting in motion in the sense of making very heavy concentrations of troops and ships to cross the Channel, 'Yes.'"

Churchill said he did not believe that any of the shipping ever emerged from the ports across the Channel.

"A great deal of it was sunk in their ports and they changed their minds," he said.

Later, the Prime Minister smiled and answered "yes" to Emanuel Shinwell, Laborite MP, who suggested that "if such an invasion was made, at any rate it was unsuccessful."

#### Closing In on Cherbourg



American troops recaptured Montebourg and took Valognes yesterday and drove to within four miles of Cherbourg. They entered the outer defenses of the port.

#### Nazis Order Finish Fight For Big Port

#### Valognes and Montebourg Fall to Yanks; British Seize Tilly, Drive On

American troops stormed into the outer defenses of Cherbourg itself last night. Their all-out attack pushed to within four miles of the deep-water harbor. In its sweep, Montebourg was recaptured and Valognes taken.

At the same time the British, on the east central sector of the Normandy front, recaptured the ruins of Tilly-sur-Seuilles and drove on southwest, taking Hottot. The Germans reported that the British were "massing fresh forces in great strength between Tilly and Caen" and predicted "a major battle" there soon.

Dispatches from the U.S. front said that the Yanks made their deepest penetration at St. Martin, four miles southwest of Cherbourg, and German News Agency admitted that "the Americans have already penetrated into the fortified approaches of Cherbourg and their advance spearheads have closed battle with the German defenders." It also told of a heavy bombardment by Allied warships and heavy bombers.

And the Nazis admitted in so many

#### Profanity—He Swears By It

WITH CANADIANS IN NORMANDY, June 20 (UP)—Lt. A. C. Peck, of Vancouver, found a German rifle. He strapped it to his bicycle and rode off to the front. But it dropped off, and Peck swore loud and long.

And four Germans jumped out of a ditch and surrendered to him.

words that their hold on the important harbor was doomed and that the most they hoped to do now was to delay the Americans' entry. The news agency said: "The German garrison has received orders to fight to the last man. Marshal Rundstedt desires to withhold from the Allies the possession of a big seaport as long as possible."

The Nazi defenses, dug in on rocky high ground, were pasted by a curtain of artillery fire from 105-mm. howitzers and 155-mm. "Long Toms."

For the Nazis' part, a Berlin military spokesman claimed they had learned a lesson from the British experience at Singapore and had fixed the Cherbourg coastal batteries so that they could be used to fire inland as well as out to sea. The Germans added that these guns "laid a heavy harassing fire on the roads south of Cherbourg, where the enemy is bringing up troops and supplies."

The American onslaught of "coordinated attacks all along the north front," in the words of the SHAEF communique, swept northward both west and east of the highway junction town of Valognes. Southeast of Valognes, the

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#### Germans Shy Of Medical Aid

By William Stringer  
Reuter- Correspondent

WITH U.S. FORCES IN BRICQUEBEC, Normandy, June 20—The Germans trapped in the tightening top of this embattled peninsula, if scattered reports reaching U.S. medical officers are true, are suffering heavy casualties and are extremely short of medical supplies.

Two American medical officers who inspected two captured German hospitals—Maj. J. P. Roller, of Lucky, Ohio, and Capt. R. I. Miles, of Richmond, Va.—said most of the reports came from escaped French patriots and civilians enveloped by the Allied armies, plus wounded American soldiers who had fled German hospitals.

"Thirty-five wounded U.S. paratroops in one of the hospitals," Maj. Roller said, "told us that the Germans there claimed to have treated thousands of casualties since D-Day."

He said they reported the Germans were sadly lacking in proper surgical equipment in the peninsula and therefore were neglecting the more seriously wounded, attending only to the lighter casualties.



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**Cherbourg**

**B**ELEAGUERED Cherbourg—first-class fortress and third naval harbor of France—is reeling under the crashing blows of Allied artillery. Its siege, in effect, is underway.

As our forces pound their way deeper into the intricate fortifications around this vital port town, it is apparent that the trapped Nazis, reported to number some 30,000, will be left to their fate. This is indicated by the expressed determination of the German High Command to defend the southern flank of the Allied corridor and by the lack of news of any attempted evacuation by sea, which is not likely in view of our naval supremacy.

How long the two or three divisions can hold out, entrenched behind a network of massive concrete emplacements, tank traps, deep underground strongholds and acres of barbed wire, depends, of course, upon our preponderance of fire power. The German forces undoubtedly have great supplies of ammunition and food to withstand a long siege, and they probably have been ordered to hold out as long as possible to delay our defense inland. Hence this major prize of our forces will be taken only with heavy fighting.

The importance of Cherbourg, nestled in a bay which directly faces Britain, 70 miles distant, cannot be over-emphasized. The possession of a good port would give the Allies a vital funnel through which to supply the sinews of war to their advancing armies. It would relieve the beachhead supply forces who, although doing a valiant job, will face increasing difficulties with the approach of unseasonable weather.

In the last war Cherbourg was a key port through which supplies and men flowed to render the German positions on the Western Front untenable. It will become even more important today as a gateway for the ever-increasing influx of men and munitions from Britain and directly across the Atlantic from America.

It is an age-old maxim of war that "victory belongs to him who has the last reserves."

**On Giving Credit**

**C**HARLEY Kiley, one of our reporters in Normandy, sent back a dispatch yesterday which indicated that the Fourth Division boys felt that their heroic fighting on the Cherbourg peninsula should have had a little more attention in the paper than it got.

At the same time we heard from our boss, Lt. Col. E. M. Llewellyn, that the men of the First Division were kind of put out at our story that Caumont was taken by "Allied troops"—thought we should have said that it was the "Fighting First" that took the town.

And there may be some outfits in Normandy that we have not even mentioned at all.

To all these Yanks we want to explain that it is our policy to credit specific units for the good work they do whenever we can—but sometimes we cannot, for two reasons: first, we cannot mention the presence of any outfit in France, or even in Britain for that matter, until its identity is officially released by the Allied authorities; and secondly, even after the units name is released we cannot mention its presence in a specific sector or its accomplishment of a particular task until that information, too, is officially cleared. And clearance is not forthcoming until the officials are sure the Germans already have the information.

**Yank Builders**

**T**WO Yanks who see at first-hand in France these days the brilliant work of our peerless Army and Navy engineers, a report on their equally brilliant work in the Pacific theaters may be of interest. A correspondent of The Times of London, lately returned from the Southwest Pacific, comments that "next to the strength of the American fleet, the thing which impresses most visitors to the Pacific is the tremendous constructive capacity of the Americans."

"They understand construction," he says. "They have the mechanical equipment. There is grandeur about their thinking in regard to construction."

If the Yanks decide to build an air base, he points out, they put in ten airfields, not four; if they decide they need a naval base they build accommodations for 30 Liberty ships. "The bulldozer, the tractor, the sheep's-foot roller and the jeep are quite as important weapons as the warship and airplane."

He adds that "the constructive capacity of the Americans is forcing us to recast our whole thinking about the strategic fundamentals of the Pacific"—we don't need to recapture air and sea bases from the Japs, for we can build our own. "One alternative to taking Truk is to build a bigger and better Truk elsewhere."

Yep, the engineers are building the road to Tokyo just as they are the road to Berlin.

**Hash Marks**

The younger generation of the good ole U.S.A. hasn't got anything on the ETO when it comes to fast-moving double-talk. Take this Channel port conversation: "I heard some invasion persuasion; so I put on my Channel flannel to make merry with Jerry who was bomb-batty and whirlin' from Berlin."

Overheard at Court. "My husband's



idea of taking the dog for a run is to tie him up to a rail at a bar."

Cpl. Michael Chiarottino, an electrical specialist with "Nye's Annihilators," claims there are alien mice in this fair land! Although some mice gnawed their way into his barracks bag and chewed up a map of Europe, nibbled on a new pair of chews and ate the usual candy rations, they totally ignored two packages of gum! They just couldn't be English mice, Chiarottino mutters.

There's a red-faced sarge in the ETO. A Pfc asked him for a pass. You can go, he bellowed, when you bring me your carbine good enough to pass inspection. The Pfc, who bunks next to the sarge, ran to the hut and came back a few minutes later with a sharp-looking rifle. The sarge scrutinized it very, very carefully and exclaimed, "You can go. That carbine looks perfect. I couldn't have done a better job myself!" And the sarge was right for once—the smart Pfc had brought down "his" carbine.

Famous Last Words: "Naaaaah, that ain't one of dem new pilotless planes. Dat's a Piper Cub."

Sgt. Walter Zimmerman claims he knows a WAC who's got a star on her Good Conduct Ribbon. Could be!

We like Walter Winchell's description of a friend, "He's an incurable pessimist. Always building dungeons in the air."

Fun at Home. A timid husband explained to a pal, "When I asked my wife



if I could go out for the evening and play poker, she went off like a rocket plane!"

It happened in the ETO. At a very rigid inspection, a colonel noticed one of the men out of uniform—wearing a black necktie. "Soldier," he asked, "why do you wear a black tie while all the other men have tan ones?" "It's like this, sir," replied the GI. "I just had news from home that my fiancée has gotten married and I am mourning my loss where I miss her most."

J. C. W.

**Cubs Fly From Pasture To Spot for the Big Guns**

By Bud Hutton  
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**A COW PASTURE IN FRANCE, June 18 (delayed)**—American artillerymen are flying unarmed Piper Cub monoplane from this bumpy pasture lot to the enemy lines, spotting German artillery emplacements, searching out troop movements, dodging flak and Luftwaffe fighters, and doing it two, three and four times a day.

The fliers—they're artillerymen first and airmen second, however—flew their Cubs across the Channel, landed on a beach strip on the morning of D-plus-four, and that afternoon flew their first combat mission over the lines. Since then they've been flying every time they were needed, skimming treetops to evade enemy fighters, skidding and slipping through Nazi flak and small arms fire to dig out the location of German 88s and heavier guns from their almost perfectly camouflaged positions.

Today I flew over the lines with them, between Caumont and St. Lo, and watched our guns laying fire into the German strongpoints around which the enemy line pivots, saw, too, Nazi high explosive thumping into fields from which U.S. men and vehicles already had moved. From the altitude at which the airborne observation posts operate, the war is a personal thing, wholly unlike the miles-high view from the bombers flying out from England, and with no guns and no speed and no altitude you feel a little naked, sort of like sitting in Macy's window in your underwear or less.

Flying the Maytag Messerschmitts out of this bumpy lot are Capt. Don F. Cassidy, 32, of San Jose, Cal., and 1/Lt. Thomas S. Rankin, 25, of Dallas, Tex., while Capt. James W. Byrd, of Oklahoma City, stays at the command post coordinating reports from over the lines and assigning the fliers their missions.

**Plenty Versatile**

Enlisted men—there are four in this particular section, plus the three officers—really get to be versatile: T/Sgt. Willard A. Kee, Spiritwood, N.D., is crew chief, supply man, mechanic and flies as observer; T/3 Arthur F. Weber, Dickey, N.D., is mechanic, ground-crew straw boss and observer; T/5 Chris T. Hoyme, Decorah, Iowa, is truck driver, mechanic, observer and also handles the bazooka gun with which the unit is equipped to repel breakthrough attacks when they are flying from immediately behind the lines; and, finally, Pvt. William G. Lamoreaux, of Pottstown, Pa., a one-time pro ball player, is ground crew and observer.

The artillery's air force is eligible for Air Medals, but it takes a lot of combat flying. For every 35 combat hauls—75 minutes of lines reconnaissance, directing fire, surveillance of fire or being fired upon by the enemy each constitute a mission—the fliers rate an AM and so with the clusters.

"And you get fired on when Jerry thinks

you've picked up one of his gun positions," explains Cassidy. "As long as we're over the lines, and he doesn't think we've spotted his guns, he won't fire. But when we make a couple of passes at a particular spot, you get everything from 88s to rifle fire."

He pointed silently to holes in the wings of the Cubs hidden under the foliage of trees around the pasture. The Cubs have lost planes and personnel to the Luftwaffe; Jerry likes to send Messerschmitts streaking up to the front at zero feet, where Allied detectors won't pick them up, and put five or six Me's on one Cub, so that the agile little washing machine kites can't dodge by flying between haystacks, as has happened.

**Tough Flying**

Flying from convenient pastures takes its toll in operational accidents, too. This "field" is on a hillside, and we took off downhill, downwind, and landed uphill, upwind. If the wind is too strong on the tail, the boys have to take off uphill and hope for the best in negotiating telephone wires at the end.

The section is—administratively and from the standpoint of existing in the field—a self-sufficient outfit. Beneath their shelter halves, the boys have inflated some salvaged one-man life dinghies, turned them over and made their beds on the resultant air mattress. "For bathing," explains Rankin, "we turn 'em right side up and pour in water. Better than the Dorchester." They do their cooking on a gasoline plumber's torch—inevitable piece of equipment in the field—and the C ration and ten-in-one menu is supplemented by the curious and kindly French of the neighborhood, who bring wine, bread and an occasional egg and then stand around to be astonished "that the little avions, they fly."

The section carries in its truck and Cubs spare parts for engines and air frames, and the ground crew, according to the pilots, is capable of making any repairs, major or minor.

One thing they've been having a lot of trouble with, though, in this field. The neighboring farmer's cows are as curious about the Cubs as the citizens are, and Rankin and Cassidy have had to develop a technique of bouncing their Cubs to get them off the ground over the cows' backs, or, as Rankin puts it, "of stopping the plane in the air and then landing it" to miss the cows as the planes fly back to the pasture from the front.

**Air Force Briefs**

**WHEN** the Lightning fighter-bomber Miss Georgette takes off on a mission over the Continent from a Ninth Air Force fighter base, it is strictly a family affair.

The pilot is 26-year-old Capt. Joseph Griffin, of Paul's Valley, Okla. The crew chief is his 28-year-old brother, S/Sgt. James Griffin.

"Dirty flak" was no joke to a Fortress crew piloted by 2/Lt. Aleck Bonuccelli, of Spokane, Wash., on a recent raid on the Germans. The ship returned to its base with the crew huddled in the nose and pilot's compartment in an effort to utilize the only oxygen not damaged by

enemy flak. The radio operator was killed; S/Sgt. Thomas W. Lawrence, of Chattanooga, Tenn., the ball turret gunner, was wounded in the leg by flak; S/Sgt. Bernard J. Ness, tail gunner from La Crosse, Wis., caught shattered plexi-glass, and 2/Lt. William F. Krouzer, the navigator from Milwaukee, Wis., was looking at his map when another chunk of flak tore through the middle of it—without touching him. The plane looked like a sieve when it limped home.

**FOUR** pilots of an Eighth fighter group were airborne for eight hours and two minutes last week and covered a distance estimated at several hundred miles farther than from London to Moscow. The prolonged trip occurred when the P51 Mustang pilots were assigned to escort a crippled Fort after a bomber escort mission to Bordeaux. To avoid interception, the bomber pilot chose a route which kept his plane and the Mustangs out of sight of land for more than three hours. The fighter pilots were 1/Lt. Thomas O. Meteyer, of Rochester, N.Y.; 1/Lt. Vern W. Covault, Adair, Iowa; 2/Lt. Robert M. Thompson, Topeka, Kan.; and 2/Lt. James P. Lowder Jr., Norwood, N.C.

**Lt. Earl Hertel**, a P47 Thunderbolt pilot from Omaha, Neb., was saved twice in four days by emergency landing strips in France. He crash-landed on the beachhead last Wednesday and returned to Britain by boat. Saturday he flew out over the same area again, developed engine trouble and ran out of gas. He landed at an emergency refueling base, loaded up and returned home safely.

**THE** medics at a Havoc base have rigged up an ingenious Turkish bath to steam out the cramps and fatigue experienced by the crews of the somewhat cramped A20s.

**The All-American recipe** of the year has been submitted by Cpl. Arnold E. Celka, of Milwaukee, Wis., chief switchboard operator at a P51 Mustang base. "Take one draftee, slightly green. Stir from bed at an early hour. Soak in shower daily. Dress in olive drab. Mix with others of his kind. Toughen with maneuvers. Grate on sergeant's nerves. Add liberal portion of baked beans and corned beef. Season with wind, rain, sun and snow. Sweeten from time to time with chocolate bars. Let smoke occasionally. Bake in 110 degrees summer, and let cool below zero in winter. Serves 130,000,000 people."

**APO Mailmen Keeping Busy In Normandy**

By Charles F. Kiley  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

**WITH FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION, June 17 (delayed)**—The Army's postoffices are doing a rushing business in Normandy, according to reports from several postal units now operating in full swing.

War is the big business over here, but soldiers in forward echelons as well as those in the rear still find time well as those in the rear still find time to scribble notes on every type of stationery they can find—from smooth linen paper tucked away in combat packs to GI toilet tissue.

One postal regulation station, commanded by Capt. Chester F. Niman, of Portland, Ore., is working from dawn until far into the night handling outgoing as well as incoming mail.

Most of the combat units have regular courier service from the front back to the APOs to mail letters for the men as well as pick up any incoming mail waiting for them. It's the old story of mail from home being a big factor in morale.

Niman's APO was in France with four officers and 29 EMs and was operating on June 10 in a chateau only a few miles inland from one of the beachhead areas. The first mail delivered to the troops by this APO was brought in 15 pouches.

On the same day, money orders, registered air mail, envelopes and V-mail blanks were available. This service was set up by 2/Lt. Lyman G. Johnson and the men under him.

**The Fourth Infantry Division's men** have a healthy respect for the enemy. The men openly admit it. They know how the enemy takes advantage of every opening, how he will play on an opponent's weakness. The Germans have been cunning, they say, but usually fight fair in resorting to every trick in the book.

Reports that the Germans were capturing first-aid men and forcing them to carry ammunition were news to one officer at Division Headquarters. He said the enemy may have been doing this in some sectors, but he saw medics of the Fourth carry dead and wounded to the rear without restriction from the enemy. More than a few of the aid men were casualties, but mostly from artillery fire.

**THERE** are countless stories yet untold of individual heroism. The war will not be long enough for all of them to be reported.

Around the areas where the men are sitting back on their haunches they tell of the soldier who has been a source of trouble in the outfit for a long time. They call him an "eight ball." When the chips were down over here, though, he led an attack on an enemy machine-gun post, destroyed it and enabled the outfit to move on. It was risky business, since he was trapped in a cross-fire and had to run the gauntlet in order to reach the objective.

Then there was the young lieutenant who was dug in only 25 yards from a strong enemy position. Men of the Fourth behind him were pinned down and couldn't move. Artillery was needed to clear the way and the lieutenant called on a cannon company to fire away, realizing he would probably be wounded by his own fire. He was hit, but the German post was completely knocked out and the push went on. At headquarters they said he was to be recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor.



**Observations**

Privates can work from sun to sun. And, at close of day, have nothing done.

The Pfc afraid to gripe Will never get that other stripe.

Of all the ranks the Army's got The T/5's are the meekest lot.

A woman's spite is a nasty curse But a bucking corporal's worse.

Though he work like a summer bee, A T/4 seldom makes T/3.

Buck sergeants cannot be trusted; They delight in getting busted.

The T/3 is a species rare, For what he's paid, he has true flare.

Staffs and techs and masters too, Never have hard work to do.

And top kicks (so say all the boys) Are short on brains and long on noise.

A W/O's the only rank, When not saluted, that doesn't spank.

Looeys of the second grade Quickly show of what they're made.

And those that have one silver bar Seldom make the course in par.

It seems the captains most enjoy Mixing with the hoi-polloi.

Majors—and I've found this true— Always know just what to do.

Colonels all eat raw meat lunches; These guys never pull their punches.

And generals—hooray, hooray! Keep themselves out of the way.

T/5 Peter Alfano.

**HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT**



"You fellows are going to hate me, but I thought this was another dry run and I left the tripod for that in England."



# Sports SIDELIGHTS

Racing returns to the state of Washington for the first time since the first war year. The state commission allotted the month of September to Spokane's Playfair track. Incidentally, that's an ironic name for a racetrack.

Thurman Tucker, the White Sox outfielder who has led the American League in hitting for many weeks, says he has the Navy to thank for his slugging spurge. Tucker was accepted for Navy duty when he took his physical. Right after that he started on his hitting streak. Tucker says that with a Navy call coming up, he quit worrying about his baseball future, loosened up and started to bang the ball.

Bill Johnson, the Yanks' third-sacker, was inducted into the Navy recently. Johnson joined the Maritime Service as an athletic instructor after the 1943 season, but the Navy plucked him out.

Peanuts Lowry, formerly with the Cubs, is knocking the fences down as member of the Camp Custer baseball team.

Coach Hub McQuillan of Texas Christian has a Garden date this year for his basketball team and has just discovered that he won't have a varsity man back from last year.

Chuck Hostetler, the Detroit rookie who has been in the top ten in hitting all year, is 39 years old and yet they claim that he is the fastest man in the league. They have a story about him running down a live fox, but you can take that for what most of those stories about major league newcomers are worth.



Chuck Hostetler

Little Johnny Lipon, the kid sensation at shortstop for Detroit in 1942, before he entered the Navy, has qualified as a Naval air gunner, and now is in action overseas. While at Yellow Water Gunnery School in Florida, Lipon set a firing record that stood for many months.

The word is out since the Vern Kennedy suspension that another first-class blowoff is brewing in Cleveland. One guy very close to the club was quoted as saying that "If Boudreau suspended everybody guilty of insubordination, he couldn't field nine men" after Kennedy was giggered for an attitude that Lou didn't like.

Brooklyn's fans are screaming for Rickey to get some ball players and for Arky Vaughan to come back to shortstop, but they're still packing the ball park. And that's what Rickey is most interested in.

Capt. Torchy Torrance and Bill Veeck, both of the Marines, worked out one of baseball's strangest deals at a Pacific base. . . . Torchy is vice-president of the Seattle Rainiers and Veeck owns the Milwaukee Brewers. . . . Torrance was wailing about the Rainiers' lack of a shortstop, so Veeck wrote back to Charlie Grimm, then at the helm, and arranged a deal between Seattle and Milwaukee.

## Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 887, U.S. Army. Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131. Unless otherwise stated in the ad, direct all correspondence c/o Help Wanted.

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PVT. William BANNICK, Lt. Alberta BERNARD, ANG; Capt. Mary Sue COLEMAN, N. 703565; Capt. John DeMARCO, Camden, N.J.; Lt. Robert D. DALRYMPLE, Trenton, N.J.; T/5 D. H. FRANKS (Fin. Det.), Ohio; Lt. Julius J. FINGENHUT, Capt. James R. Fred GIESBERT, Chicago; Capt. Jack HANLEY, GARAGHAN, Whitehall, Wis.; Jack HANLEY, Forest Mobile, Ala.; Cpl. Clarence JOHNSON, Forest Mobile, Ala.; Lt. Jerome KUPCHAN, New York; Lt. Merion A. KAMMERLOHR, Hastings, N.Y.; Lt. Arthur KOWALKS, Lt. Barbara McFADDEN, Rose City, Mich.; Lt. James Warren MORRIS, Lt. R. G. MUELLER, Pfc. Robert MARCHANT, Atkinson, Conn.; Cpl. Delvin MICHLIN, Greenwich, Ill.; Lt. Warren MILLER, Pa.; Pfc. Oliver R. NEAL, Jena, La.; Cpl. Ted L. O'SULLIVAN, Kansas City, Mo.; Cpl. James S. O'CONNOR, Bronx, N.Y.; Lt. Richard Peterson, Alexandria, Minn.; Cpl. John Bradley H. PARKER, Richmond, Va.; Cpl. Arthur W. PROCTOR, Lewiston, Me.; Lt. Preston PHILPAYNE, ANG, Tenn.; Sgt. Dean PATTON, HOWER, San Francisco; Capt. Dorothy PARSONS, ANG; Lt. Capt. Dorothy PARSONS, ANG; Lt. William T. PITTS, Minneapolis, Minn.; Lt. Fred ROBERTS, Long Beach, Cal.; Lt. Warren RUBIN, Boston; Lt. Grace SCHAEFFER, Car-Hyndman, Pa.; Lt. William L. SWANSON, Car-Hyndman, Pa.; Lt. Leroy WESSERY, Williston, N. Dak.; Lt. Robert W. WHITE, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Cpl. Robert W. WILLIAMS, A.C.; William H. Thomas Cole WILLIAMS, A.C.; Lt. Joseph ZERMICK, WATTS, Harrison, Ark.; Lt. Joseph ZERMICK.

**Found**  
RING, signet, 14 carat, engraved as follows: "To Guy & Marry, 1942, May 24th." Mr. Vaughan, c/o The Express Laundry, St. George St., Norwich.

**Wanted**  
RADIO, preferably portable. Capt. Leisure, Ex. 1743, Etoussa.

**Film Exchange**  
HELP Wanted? Film Exchange has dozens of "customers" who want to exchange their film for other sizes. We have listings of practically every size. Let us know what you have to exchange.

## Base Theft Fails



New York Times Photo

Milt Byrnes' slide into second was to no avail in the eighth inning of the opener of a twin bill between the Browns and the Yankees at the Yankee Stadium. Mike Milosevich has the ball and is waiting to put it on the Brownie.

## Service Command Cindermen Take 9th AF Track Laurels

Winning six individual events and the 880-yard relay, the Service Command yesterday walked off with the Ninth AF track and field championship to culminate a two-day program at Chiswick Stadium. The Service entrants amassed 49 points, Troop Carrier was second with 22 and the Bombers collected 20 for third honors.

Cpl. Albert Snyder, sprint star from Philadelphia wearing the Service Command colors, broke the tape ahead of his rivals in the 100-yard dash and in the 220-yard romp, being clocked in :10.3 and :24.7, respectively. Cpl. Curtis Giddings, Service contestant from New York, contributed another victory to his team's score when he propelled the half-mile in 2:15.2, one of the best performances on the day's docket.

Other Service champions were T/5 Paul Collins, of Bayside, N.Y., who won the 440-yard grind in :57.3; Lt. Paul Wexler, of Boston, whose 45ft. 2in. heave was best in the shot put, and Pfc Leon Dunn, discus king from Shreveport, La., after pitching the plate 135ft. 7in. The victorious relay squad was comprised of Cpl. Robert Nusbaun, Norfolk, Va.; Pvt. Edward Fisher, Seattle; Lt. William Melton, Hollywood, Cal., and Pfc Oscar Gallego, Los Angeles. The quartet's time was 1:44.9.

**Two Firsts for Benford**  
Sgt. James Benford, of Mt. Pleasant, Mich., captured two first prizes for the Bomber squad, taking the low hurdles in :29.1 and the high hurdles in :16.8. Lt. William Grigaroene, Bomber entrant from Manchester, N.H., annexed the broad jump with a leap of 21 feet, and T/Sgt. Hezekiah Mathews, of Hampstead, Tex., netted a title for Headquarters when he tossed the javelin 152 ft., 8in.

The mile test was copied by Pvt. Dana Wallace, Troop Carrier candidate from Lisbon, Me., in 5:13.7, and Sgt. Jimmy Fobes, TAC runner from New Hampshire, grabbed the two-mile in 11:20.5. T/4 Hubert Smith, of Redwood City, Cal., brought home the high jump crown for the TAC with an effort of 6ft. 2in.

The TAC group won the 440-yard relay in :50.7. The team consisted of Cpl. Myron Osborn, Toledo, Ohio; T/5 Stanley Cartwright, St. Louis; Pfc Ray Hughes, Brooklyn, and Cpl. Phillip Polese, Long Island, N.Y.

## Murray Beats Sheppard, Seeks Contest With Baki

BALTIMORE, June 20 — Lee Q. Murray, veteran Negro slugger, boxed and punched his way to a unanimous 12-round decision over Curtis "Hatchetman" Sheppard, of Philadelphia, here last night to retain his "Maryland duration heavy-weight title."

After the bout, Tex Sullivan, Murray's manager, announced that negotiations are under way for a summer match between his meaticket and Joe Baki, the current white hope.

## Sailors Slap Bosox, 5-2

BAINBRIDGE, Md., June 20 — Teeing off on Emmett O'Neill for five runs in the seventh inning, the Naval Training Station team here yesterday whipped the Boston Red Sox, 5-2. A homer by Sherry Robertson, former Washington infielder, featured Bainbridge's deciding rally.

## Li'l Abner



## Minor League Results

International League, Eastern League, American Association, Southern Association, Pacific Coast League. Includes win-loss records and percentages for various teams.

## Babe Didrikson's 77 Wins Western Open Medal Play

CHICAGO, June 20 — Babe Didrikson Zaharias clubbed a two-over-par 77 to clinch medalist honors in the qualifying round of the Women's Western Open Golf Tournament here yesterday.

The Babe was so long on her tee shots she frequently used irons for second shots, while most of her competitors used their woods against the stiff wind. Dorothy Germain, of Philadelphia, slipped over par on the last three holes to finish with 79, while Lt. Patty Berg, of the Marines, carded an 81.

## Fair Grounds' Stewards Suspend Two Jockeys

DETROIT, June 20 — Stewards at the Detroit Fair Grounds continued their campaign to discipline unruly jockeys last week by handing out two more five-day suspensions.

Cornelio Mojena was set down for rough riding aboard Good Queen in the fourth heat Thursday, after C. L. Martin had been penalized for a similar offense astride Maechance in the first race. These suspensions increased to eight the number handed down in the past four weeks.

## St. Louis' Year?

# Draft Has Scrambled Usual Diamond Setup

NEW YORK, June 20 — Compared to last year's standings at this date, the current American League scramble, with a few minor changes, looks as though officials took the '43 figures and turned them upside down.

At this time last season the Browns were in last place, but today they are on top, a half-game above the Red Sox, who were nestled in sixth a year ago. There is no room for the Bosox in sixth now, however, because that lowly berth is occupied by the world champion Yankees, who seem to be going nowhere very fast.

One year ago the Yanks were first in June and, more important, were still there in October, then trounced the Cardinals in the world series. A couple more games like they've been playing against the Athletics the past few days and the Bombers will supplant Connie Mack's worthies in the cellar. Just one game separates them now.

The fifth place Senators were second last season, Cleveland, now seventh, ranked third and the A's were enjoying the lofty air in fifth place.

**Yanks No Surprise**  
Nobody is surprised at the Yankee decline because the club lost one decision after another to the nation's draft boards during the winter. Not so with the Griffs, though, as they were generally selected as the best team in the American League before the opening bell.

"We need help," Washington Manager Ossie Bluege said yesterday while watching raindrops wash out their game at Yankee Stadium. "We haven't power to keep up in the race, and although we have good pitching, we haven't enough of it. With only eight men on the mound staff we're the shortest-handed club in the league and we have to take an occasional beating to allow our old timers to rest up. I don't see any immediate improvement because those double-headers will be catching up with us shortly."

The National League race also is topsy turvy, although the Cardinals are riding along far above the rest of the mob as expected.

**Giants Hitting Counts**  
The Giants continue to climb and they are now reclining in third place, a mere game behind the runner-up Pirates. Long ball hitters are what make the Giants tick, with Manager Mel Ott leading the way to prove he still can terrorize pitchers after 19 years in the big top. Phil Weintraub and Joe Medwick also are pounding outfield fences.

The weak-hitting Pirates may soon be replaced by the Giants, but when the Ottmen train their guns on the Cards they'll be confronted with a more formidable obstacle. Practically the same cast that won the pennant last year again is showing the way, and the Redbirds are lucky to have some top flight players with just enough wrong with them physically to keep 'em out of the army.

For example, Martin Marion and Walker Cooper, considered in some quarters the major leagues' best shortstop and catcher respectively, are classified for limited service and nobody knows when they'll leave. Every indication points to them remaining at least until the Cardinals sew up their third straight National League flag.

The biggest of a long chain of surprises is the inability of the Cubs to climb as they move along. They are gaining ground steadily and now lag behind the seventh place Phillies by two games, but that early slump buried them so deeply the standings fail to show the improvement.

A long home stand faces the Bruins and if they can't make it this time there's not much hope for Charlie Grimm's pupils in 1944.

## Getting To Be a Habit

SOUTH BEND, Ind., June 20 — The Great Lakes Naval baseball team racked up its 16th straight victory, thumping Notre Dame, 13-7, here. The Irish plastered Schoolboy Rowe and Bill Brandt for 13 hits, but the Bluejackets enjoyed three big innings.

## Orlando Bond Forfeited When He Fails to Appear

DETROIT, June 20 — A \$4,000 bond posted for Jimmy Orlando, former Detroit Red Wing hockey player, was forfeited yesterday when he failed to appear to begin serving a four-year sentence for violating the Selective Service law.

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American League standings table with columns for team, W, L, Pct., and rank.

National League standings table with columns for team, W, L, Pct., and rank.

Leading Hitters American League table with columns for player, G, AB, R, H, Pct.

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Home Run Hitters American League table with columns for player, G, AB, R, H, Pct.

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## Ottmen Subdue Dodgers, 10-2

NEW YORK, June 20 — The Dodgers played their game with the Giants last night despite intermittent showers and thus saved the gate—25,140 patrons paid—but lost the ball game to Mel Ott's proteges, 10-2. The only other scheduled game, an American League tilt between the Yankees and Senators, was rained out.

The Giant-Dodger contest was decided when the Giants clustered four hits and capitalized on errors by Pitcher Hal Gregg, Dixie Walker and Bobby Bragan in the second inning to score six runs, five of which came after the side should have been retired. Gregg made a wild throw, Walker muffed a fly and Bragan, catcher-turned shortstop, flubbed a double-play grounder.

Harry Feldman traveled the distance for the Giants to win his sixth verdict against one defeat. Gregg, who departed in the third, was charged with his seventh reversal.

A shutout was averted by the Bums in the sixth when Paul Waner, batting for Bragan, singled home Augie Galan and Walker.

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By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



# Berlin Reports Changsha's Fall To Jap Armies

## Chungking Admits Enemy Has 'Entered' City on Important Rail Line

The fall of Changsha, important Chinese city on the Hankow-Canton railroad which strong Japanese forces have been attacking for some time, was reported yesterday by the German Radio.

The report, as quoted by the Associated Press, said that the Japanese took the city Sunday, wiping out the 90th Chungking Division and capturing 27 of the Chinese Army's precious artillery pieces.

Chungking said the Japanese had "entered" Changsha, but did not concede its capture.

At Chungking it was announced also that Allied troops in northern Burma took Tiangzup, Japanese base in the Fort Hertz valley, 40 miles north of Myitkyina, after a six-week siege. The Allies also advanced five miles south of captured Kamaing, 30 miles northwest of Myitkyina, and exerted heavy pressure around the key town of Mogaung, 30 miles southwest of Myitkyina.

At Myitkyina itself, where the Japs are deeply dug in, there was no important change.

### Wallace in Chungking

CHUNGKING, June 20 (Reuter)—Vice President Henry A. Wallace arrived today and soon afterward began conferences with Generalissimo and Mme. Chiang Kai-shek.

## Shout of 'Hey, Pop' Reunites a Father, Son on Beachhead

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NORMANDY BEACHHEAD, June 19 (delayed)—A week after he had dropped in his parachute to help blaze the way for the glider and paratrooper assault in the darkness before H-hour, Lt. Don Driver Jr., of El Paso, Tex., got a few hours off and bummed a ride down to the beach to look for his father, Don Sr., a captain in one of the combat beach units.

In a tent just off the water Don found his father and hollered:

"Hey, pop, come out of there."

Without any undue excitement, Capt. Driver replied, "Don't shoot," and went out to learn how Don and the rest of his outfit had slugged their way into Caen in the face of terrific casualties and had held it against Nazi counter-attacks.

## U.S. Provided All Beach Maps

SHAEF, June 20 (AP)—The Allied Supreme Command revealed today that the beach intelligence division of the U.S. Army engineers provided all the landing maps for American, British and Canadian forces in the invasion of Normandy, after two years' work on the problem.

An American sergeant solved one of the knottiest problems puzzling the intelligence command in having some easy means of making exact spots on the beaches recognizable to the landing craft skippers. He drew detailed pictures of every landing point, complete with local landmarks.

Every bush and foot of the beach was shown from material gathered by aerial photographs and commando party raids.

The engineers not only provided information about how deep the water was over each obstacle along the beaches but also revealed what time the surf would be three feet high or over so as to break the silhouettes of men rushing onto the beaches.

### Radio Highlights

- AFN—In the United Kingdom—1000 hours-2300 hours
- On Your Dial
- 1175 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
  - 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
- Wednesday, June 21
- 1005—Personal Album with Yvette\*
  - 1015—Victory Parade with Louis Armstrong\*
  - 1100—Morning After with Dinah Shore\*
  - 1130—Duffie Bag\*
  - 1215—From the USO—Eddie Booth.
  - 1345—Melody Roundup.
  - 1400—Visiting Hour—Your Radio Theater.
  - 1530—On the Record\*
  - 1630—Report from the 9th Air Force.
  - 1700—Downbeat\*
  - 1730—Abbott and Costello\*
  - 1810—GI Supper Club.
  - 1905—Kate Smith.
  - 1935—Carnival of Music—Alec Templeton.
  - 2000—Home News from the U.S.A.\*
  - 2005—Mail Call\*
  - 2035—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
  - 2115—Bob Hope with Frances Langford, Vera Vague and Jerry Colonna.
  - 2145—Fred Waring\*
  - 2230—Gay Nineties Revue\*
- AEF—On the Continent—0555 hours-2300 hours
- On Your Dial
- 1050kc. 225m.
- 0600—Blue and Shine.
  - 0815—GI Jive.
  - 0915—Yank Swing Session.
  - 1030—Music While You Work—Falkman and his Apache Band\*
  - 1215—Gardulo Orchestra.
  - 1400—Jack Leon Orchestra.
  - 1430—Calling You—Jimmy Durante, Gary Moore, Dinah Shore.
  - 1815—Harry James.
  - 1830—Kate Smith.
  - 2000—Stanley Black Orchestra\*
- \*Indicates programs heard on both networks.

## Patched Up



Associated Press Photo  
Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, commander of U.S. ground forces in France, stops on a tour of Normandy battle areas. Note patch on the general's nose, reason for which was not detailed.

## 300 Jap Planes KO'd Off Saipan

### Air Battle Called Biggest Since Midway; Clash of Fleets May Develop

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down" battle, might be in the neighborhood of Saipan, which lies 1,300 miles from Yokohama.

While the Jap attack was taking place a force of American planes shot up airfields on the adjacent Marianas islands of Guam and Rota. The damage made it impossible for returning enemy aircraft to land and added to the ineffectiveness of the assault, William Tyree, of the United Press, reported.

Meantime, American land troops on Saipan captured Aslito airport, about six hours' flying time from Tokyo, and drove eastward across the island to Magicienne Bay, cutting the island in two. The Americans hold the western shore of the bay and have beaten down enemy counter-blows from the east.

The German Official News Agency quoted Tokyo military circles as saying the Americans already held a fourth of Saipan and that the Allies had brought up the major proportion of their Pacific fleets for the battles in the Marianas.

The agency admitted the capture of Saipan would bring the Allies within easy bombing distance of Tokyo, and added, "Japanese fighters and ground forces are battling to rob the enemy of that possibility."

Continued progress, highlighted by the seizure of an important ridge north of Mokmer airfield, marked the fighting on Biak Island, off northwestern Dutch New Guinea.

## Allies Drop Bogus Cards And Snafu Nazi Rationing

WASHINGTON, June 20 (AP)—Counterfeit German ration cards for food and clothing dropped by the Allied air forces over Germany have been an "outstanding success" as a weapon of economic warfare, official circles reported today.

While details were not disclosed, it was intimated they caused riots in extreme cases and serious discontent in many parts of the Reich.

### A Little Late

CHARLESTON, S.C., June 20—Visitors to the maternity ward in one of Charleston's hospitals found a new sign: "No children allowed."

## Pay Check is Made Out \$99,999,895 Too Much

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 20—There was a slight mistake in the two-week pay check which Mrs. Elizabeth Korby, an oil-refinery worker, received. So she took it back and the accounting department admitted its error.

The figures on the check read: \$99,999,994.41. What Mrs. Korby should have gotten—and eventually did—was \$99.41.

## Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

THE TROOP CARRIER TRANSPORT BEARING TERRY AND A DETAIL OF INDIAN SAPPERS PUTS DOWN AT AN AMERICAN FIELD BEHIND THE JAPANESE LINES...

BLUE SEVEN TO TOWER... WHERE DO I PARK?...  
TOWER TO BLUE SEVEN... YOU DON'T PARK, SPORT! YOU GET THE DING DING OUT OF HERE AS SOON AS YOU UNLOAD. FOLLOW THE JEEP WITH THE WHITE MARKER... OUT

WHATCHA GOT IN THE BACK END, CAPTAIN?  
NOTHING! WE HAD AN OVERLOAD OF TROOPS AND GAS...  
GEE—NO MAIL—OR NOTHIN'!

THEY MAY WANT US OUT OF HERE... BUT MY CREW HAS TO EAT AND CHECK THAT AIRCRAFT BEFORE WE BUDGE...

## NEWS FROM HOME Group to Plot A U.S. Science High Command

### Aims at Creation of Council To Keep Abreast of Warfare Changes

WASHINGTON, June 20—A 12-man committee, composed of Army, Navy and scientific experts, will start work this week on a proposal to create a post-war Scientific High Command, which would rank with the Command Staffs of the Army and Navy.

The project has the support of Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, who were said to have given it top place in their plans to prevent scrapping of the nation's naval, land and air power after the war.

One of the main objectives is the formation of a group responsive to new ideas in warfare and not open to the charge of "brass hat" conservatism. Charles E. Wilson, WPB vice-chairman, will head a committee to plot the Command's policy.

Scientists appointed to the committee include Dr. J. E. Hunsaker, of the National Advisory Council for Aeronautics; F. B. Jewett, Bell Telephone research chief, and Karl T. Compton, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

## Miners Give Up Vacations

HAZLETON, Pa., June 20—More than 71,000 Pennsylvania anthracite miners have agreed to forgo annual vacations next month in response to a plea by Harold L. Ickes, solid fuels administrator. Ickes said that war industries could not afford to lose the coal. Each miner will collect \$50 extra in addition to his regular pay during the vacation period.

## \$27,000 Error

NEW YORK, June 20—Frank Costello, slot-machine king and ex-convict, has been identified by a taxi driver as the absent-minded passenger who left \$27,000 in cash in his cab recently. Costello may have a job getting his money back. Mayor LaGuardia and police officials contend the bankroll should go into the police pension fund on the grounds the cash is "outlaw money."

## More Merchant Ships

WASHINGTON, June 20—Construction of merchant ships will be increased shortly, Adm. Emory S. Land, chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission, announced. The statement was issued to refute "an epidemic of irresponsible rumors" that cargo-ship construction soon would be curtailed.

## Radiophones for Trains

CHICAGO, June 20—A mile-long freight train, equipped with radio transmitters in the engineer's cab and caboose, arrived from California yesterday. It was the first comprehensive test of radiophones for intercommunications on a train, and railroad officials hailed it as "most successful."

## Lucky

WINNFIELD, La., June 20—A truck loaded with 204 cases of dynamite left the road, plowed through a cemetery, clipped five wire fences and a pine tree ten inches in diameter before it stopped. In spite of everything the dynamite did not explode and the driver suffered only minor injuries.

## Flip to Your Heart's Content

NEW YORK, June 20—Flipping coins is no crime and men have a "constitutional right to do so," Magistrate Charles Solomon ruled in Staten Island court after eight longshoremen were arrested for engaging in some heads-and-tails activity on a ferry.

## Parents Learn of Death Of Brig. Gen. Don Pratt

LINNEUS, Mo., June 20 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Don F. Pratt, 51, was killed in action on D-day, his parents, Judge and Mrs. F. L. Pratt, have been notified. He was born at Brookfield, Mo., within a few miles of Gen. John J. Pershing's birthplace. He leaves a widow.

Gen. Pratt was attached to the staff of the 101st Airborne Division. A Reuter dispatch dated June 20 said "Somewhere in France" told Monday of an American general killed when the glider in which he was leading airborne troops into action struck a tree.

## Johnston Says Reds Plan Vast Purchases in U.S.

MOSCOW, June 20—Russia wishes to buy "enormous quantities of goods" from the U.S. after the war—purchases running "into many billions of dollars," Eric Johnston, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said today.

Johnston said he had been authorized to quote the Soviet foreign trade commissar to that effect, adding that the commissar desired "terms of purchase mutually advantageous to both countries."

## Declares Dewey Will Attend Conclave, Accept Nomination

CHICAGO, June 20—J. Russell Sprague, Republican national committeeman from New York, announced that his state's party organization was convinced that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey would accept the GOP nomination for President and would come here next week, when the party convention opens, to accept it.

Explaining that he was speaking for State Chairman Edwin Jaeckel, a Dewey supporter and one of the leading contenders for the post of national party chairman, Sprague said his delegation, representing New York's GOP organization, was in Chicago "to draft Gov. Dewey and nominate him."

Meanwhile, a group of 75 delegates from 28 states which calls itself the American Democratic National Committee opened a two-day convention here to oppose a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

## Air - - - -

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French landings. Between 60 and 75 enemy aircraft of varied types singled out the B24s and pressed home repeated assaults from the coast to the target and back again. Liberators also ran into intense flak.

Targets of the raiders were other synthetic oil plants at Hamburg, Magdeburg and Ostermoor, as well as at Politz, an ordnance tank depot at Konigsborn and an aircraft wing repair factory at Sallersleben. From one to five combat wings of varying sizes hit each of the installations.

For the first time the Eighth, Ninth and RAF joined in the attack on the robot plane bases, heavy, medium and dive-bombers whipping across the Channel in a steady stream.

More than 200 Marauders and Havocs yesterday morning flew through intense flak to bomb several launching platforms running roughly in a line from 30 miles south of Calais to seven miles north of Abbeville.

Mustangs meanwhile pursued the craft as they cleared the French coast and cut some of them off over the Channel.

No enemy aircraft were seen over Calais. All of the raiders returned.

Later in the day, another force of Marauders and Havocs struck four more of the launching ramps without loss.

Other runways for the lethal missiles were pounded to rubble in the morning by bomb-carrying Mustangs of the RAF's Second Tactical Air Force. Several direct hits were scored on catapults hidden in a forest in the Pas de Calais.

## France - - - -

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resistance pocket at Montebourg was overcome after U.S. troops had outflanked the town and artillery and warships had reduced it to rubble, front-line dispatches said. The Yanks originally took Montebourg one week ago yesterday but had to give ground later under counter-attacks.

The Yanks captured Valognes at noon as the Germans fell back from there into the Cherbourg defense perimeter without attempting to make a stand for the town.

## Robot - - - -

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second round with the 40-mm gun after Capt. Albert E. Reuning, of Jackson, Miss., had spied the projectile hurtling toward the area in which they are stationed.

Ninth Air Force Headquarters reported that 1/Lt. Lewis W. Powers, of Albuquerque, N.M., shot down two flying bombs and joined an RAF fighter in destroying a third Monday night. He had downed another on Sunday night for a total of 31.

Also credited with destroying a number of "buzz bombs" were three ack-ack batteries of the Ninth Air Defense Command, a component of the Ninth Air Force.

## Get 1st Awards Made in France

SHAEF, June 20—Seventeen U.S. Army officers and NCOs recently were presented the first awards to be given American soldiers in France. The ceremony took place on a field which was a battle scene several days before.

The men, members of a headquarters, received the Bronze Star for "meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy" from Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of U.S. ground forces in Normandy.

Those receiving awards included:

Lt. Col. Charles B. Brownson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Harry F. Gooles, Columbus, Ohio; John Ray, Aurora, Ill., and La. Porte, Ind.; John Wilson Jr., Camden, Me.; Maj. Delbert L. Bristol, Kansas City, Mo., and Stanton, Neb.; Maj. Arthur H. Jones, Hartford, Conn., and Newark, N.J.; Maj. Stanley Mitzen, Orlando and Trenton, N.J.

W/O James J. Meaney, of Plainfield, N.J.; Demsey E. Alphin, Madisonville, Tenn.; Dana E. Keys, Jonesboro, Tenn.; M/Sgt. Gordon G. Bennett, Fitchburg, Mass.; and Thomas B. Colbeck, Washington, D.C.; T/Sgt. David Altman, Bronx, N.Y.; David L. Chamberlin, New York; Winifred H. Overstreet, of Paducah, Ky.; Minard C. Utis, Aurora, Ill., and Sgt. Walter S. Elliott, Millville, N.J.

## Push Nearer St. Lo

Developments on the mainland sector included not only the retaking of Tilly but the clearing of the Germans from the wooded area of Fontenay le Pesnel near there and a push by Allied patrols to within two miles of St. Lo, important communications center southwest of Tilly.

Relatively small-scale but continuous Allied tank thrusts in the central and eastern sectors forced the Germans to use their four panzer divisions there in the uneconomic role of defense, rather than the offense for which armor is designed.

The weather continued to be one of the Allies' biggest concerns. A 25-mile wind pushed up five-foot waves on the Normandy beaches and unloading had to be suspended for periods. On the credit side of the transport ledger, however, a SHAEF official said that no Nazi E-boat activity had been reported in the last few days, following the air attack on the E-boat pens at Le Havre and Boulogne and the naval bombardment of Le Havre.

Tough, kilted Scottish Highlanders of the British 51st Division—called by the Germans in the last war the "Ladies from Hell"—were reported by the Nazis yesterday to be in Normandy. The 51st fought a brilliant rearguard action in the retreat to Dunkirk four years ago.

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