

Soviet Drive in South On, Berlin Says

Troops 'Probably' Using Port of Cherbourg Now

Yanks in New Push, Capture Town in Carentan Area

U.S. troops launched a new offensive southeast of Carentan yesterday, while information at SHAEF indicated that the great port of Cherbourg was now probably being used for landing troops. There were no details, however, on restored use of the harbor following Nazi demolitions.

The Yanks drove across the Vire River towards St. Jean de Daye, seven miles southeast of Carentan, and captured the village of Aireal, less than three miles from St. Jean. A late dispatch from the front said the drive across the Vire had advanced more than a mile.

Attacking at dawn behind a deafening artillery barrage, the Yanks captured Aireal in the first hour, after nearly 400 men had poured across the river within 15 minutes. They swept across the 70-foot-wide river in assault boats and were so close behind the curtain of fire that they trapped a number of Germans in foxholes on the west bank.

As they crossed, wave after wave of dive-bombers roared overhead to smash German strongpoints ahead.

La Haye Outflanked
The new drive came as German counter-attacks were beaten back further west, particularly around La Haye du Puits, which last night was completely outflanked and surrounded on three sides.

Yanks who had entered La Haye and taken the railway station still held the northern edge of the town, after being driven out twice, and the town itself was burning, an American front-line broadcast said.

To the southwest, doughboys captured Montgardon and Blemont, between 1 1/2 and 2 1/2 miles from La Haye, and to the southeast other troops took high ground in the Mont Castré forest, which they held against heavy German counter-attacks.

From St. Jores, about midway between La Haye and Carentan, the Yanks drove directly south to capture Bou Coudray
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More Hitler Woe



Stars and Stripes Maps
New Soviet advances opposite Lwow broaden the eastern front to 600 miles.

Death Toll 139 In Circus Blaze

HARTFORD, Conn., July 7—Four officials of the Ringling Circus were charged with manslaughter today after at least 139 persons, most of them children, perished in a swiftly-spreading blaze that turned the "Big Top" of "the greatest show on earth" into a smoldering ruin.

As rescue workers sifted through the rubble of the main tent hunting additional victims and distraught parents besieged this city's army to identify the bodies of children burned almost beyond recognition, unofficial reports said the death toll would climb to 200.

Two hundred others were injured in the fire and resulting panic as the matinee audience of 10,000 rushed madly to escape the inferno, the collapsing canvas and falling timber.

Believed to have been caused by a care-
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Abandon Efforts to Save 64 Trapped in Mine Fire

BELLAIRE, Ohio, July 7—Plans to rescue 64 coal miners trapped by fire in the Powhatan mine was abandoned yesterday after fresh flames drove back rescue crews. State Mine Inspector Richard McGee said there was no chance of bringing out the men alive.

The fire started when a falling rock snapped a high-voltage trolley wire and sparks ignited coal in the dead-end corridor where the victims were working.

Push Would Peril Pinsk And Lwow

Uprisings Are Reported As Reds Near 3 Big Towns in North

Russia's southern armies on the Polish front opposite Lwow were reported yesterday by Berlin to have begun their long-awaited offensive, coincident with the White Russian armies' relentless push west to the Nazis' next defense line along the Warsaw-Leningrad railroad.

German News Agency's military correspondent, Col. Ernst von Hammer, said the Russians attacked at numerous points in the areas of Kovel, Luck and Tarnopol, "throwing in particularly powerful formations backed by tanks in the region west of Kovel."

Kovel, the Russians' nearest point to Warsaw, is 170 miles from the Polish capital and 100 miles north of Lwow. Its capture was announced by Marshal Stalin Thursday night. Tarnopol, seized by the Russians after a long battle last spring, is 75 miles directly east of Lwow, and Luck is 80 miles north of Tarnopol.

Uprisings Reported
The Red Army's growing threat to the Baltic states and East Prussia was reflected in Moscow reports of uprisings in Vilna, Kaunas and Marianopol, the three largest towns of the post-1939 Soviet-Lithuanian Republic. The head of the Soviet Lithuanian government announced in Moscow that the Germans had declared martial law in Vilna, where field guns already were pounding German defenses circling the city, according to Moscow dispatches.

The reported new Russian offensive on the southern front created an immediate outflanking threat to Pinsk, bastion of the Germans' central defense line 90 miles northeast of Kovel. Pinsk has been caught between two Soviet advances above and below, and already the Russians appeared to be pinching off the town inside its 70-mile-wide salient jutting eastward into the Soviet lines.

The northern arm of the pincers was formed by Marshal Rokossovsky's armies closing in on Baranovichi, 70 miles north of Pinsk and almost an equivalent distance southwest of Minsk. Baranovichi, an important rail junction linking the Minsk-Warsaw line with the north-south line running between Vilna and Kovel,
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114 Nazi Aircraft KO'd As Heavies Batter Reich

Bulletin

WASHINGTON, July 7—U.S. B29 Super-Fortresses returned to Japan to night and bombed the naval base at Sasebo and industrial objectives at Yawata. Both cities are on Kyushu, most southerly of the greater islands of Japan proper.

The second strike against Japan by the huge bombers was announced in a brief communique from Gen. Henry H. Arnold, head of the U.S. Army Air Forces and of the 20th Air Force, under which the Super-Forts operate. No details of the raid were forthcoming immediately.

Yawata, the heart of Japan's steel industry, was a target of the B29's initial raid June 15.

2 Statesmen Go To Sea in Privy

Two Republican congressmen reached London yesterday on a first-hand inspection of the U.S. merchant marine that was really first-hand—they worked their way across the Atlantic on a tanker filled with high-octane gasoline.

"We worked like hell," related Rep. Gordon Canfield, of Paterson, N.J. "We got up each day just before six, made up 20 bunks, then swabbed galleys and rooms with slop buckets, cleaned privies and polished brass until evening. I even worked in the engine room as a wiper at 180 degrees temperature."

Canfield was aft utility man and Rep. Hugh D. Scott Jr., of Philadelphia, was midships utility man. They worked in khaki trousers and undershirts and slept in the forecabin with the seamen. No one aboard knew their identity.

In London they talked to scores of soldiers and WACs at the ARC Mostyn Club and heard first-hand accounts of the robot bombs.

Canfield, a member of the House Merchant Marine Committee, and Scott, a member of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, said they made the trip with the authorization of the Speaker to provide information on the merchant marine for Congress and the War Shipping Administration.

Nazis Attacking Fiercely in Italy

ALLIED HQ, Italy, July 7 (Reuter)—Massed on the Gothic Line after a 100-mile retreat, the Germans have launched vicious counter-attacks for the first time since the fall of Rome, slowing the three-pronged Allied drive toward Leghorn, Arezzo and Ancona.

However, Fifth Army troops, fighting their way forward from house to house, occupied two-thirds of Rosignano, 12 1/2 miles southeast of Leghorn.

Eighth Army forces made small gains toward Poggibonsi, 13 miles north of Siena and 23 miles south of Florence.

Along the west coast, the Fifth Army's push toward Leghorn was halted abruptly in the last 24 hours. The Germans made repeated attempts to infiltrate into Allied positions below the port.

In central Italy, British troops advanced to within less than three miles of Arezzo, road and rail junction 37 miles southeast of Florence.

Biggest Sky Battle Since D-Day Hits Luftwaffe Hard

One hundred and fourteen Nazi aircraft were shot out of the sky yesterday as more than 1,100 escorted U.S. heavy bombers flew through swarms of German interceptors to batter more than seven vital targets deep in the Reich.

After a day in which more than 6,000 tons of explosives were dropped on robot nests in France in five savage Allied assaults, a near-record force of Fortresses and Liberators thundered to Germany itself to smash at Nazi aircraft and oil production.

The skies over Germany were alive with battling fighters in the first major battle since D-Day. Escorting P47s, 38s and 51s knocked down 75 German planes; 39 fell to the guns of the heavies.

36 Heavies are Lost
Cost of the shattering blow was 36 bombers and eight pursuits.

At the same time, in another clear demonstration of Allied air superiority, up to 500 Italian-based heavy bombers, presumably American, attacked oil installations at Odertal, in German Silesia, 67 miles southeast of Breslau.

The brunt of Luftwaffe opposition yesterday was borne by Liberator formations, the Fortresses meeting only slight resistance. One B24 combat wing was attacked by more than 100 German fighters, and other Liberator formations reported savage attacks by up to 75 interceptors.

Targets of the bombers were fighter-components assembly plants at Mookau, near Leipzig; bomber-assembly plants at Mallo, Bernburg and Aschersleben, and synthetic oil plants at Lutzendorf and Bohlen, as well as an oil refinery at Morseburg.

Hundreds of enemy planes rose to pro-
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Here's Statement By Gen. Ike After Visit to Normandy

General Eisenhower, on his return to Britain from the Normandy front, issued a statement praising the friendship of the British and the cooperative spirit found among the Allies. The text follows:

I have just returned from a visit of several days' duration in the battle area, where I found the fighting men of air, sea and land in good heart and exceedingly fit for the difficult tasks they face. Upon arriving back in England I had the pleasant experience of reading in the British papers of July 4 many generous and understanding comments concerning U.S. forces in this theater. For those expressions, Americans here are particularly grateful because of a keen realization that our presence in this country has, for many months, necessarily caused to large numbers of citizens great inconveniences and real sacrifices.

Spirit No Different
The spirit that inspired these American Independence Day sentiments in the British press and radio is no different from that existing on the fighting front. Within the area of the Second British Army there is constantly evidenced an admiration for the work of U.S. forces, while throughout the American flank there is universal and grateful appreciation of the vital and important tasks the British troops have been so brilliantly performing. This fighting partnership expresses itself also in a similar admiration for the brilliant exploits of the great Red Army, for the gallantry of the French forces of the interior and for the devoted services of all combat contingents from the United Nations that are now engaged alongside of us in the battle.

I do not presume to speak for any individual except those that I have the honor to command. But I feel certain that the complete confidence that the American soldiers, sailors and airmen of this theater have in the courage, skill and singleness of purpose of their comrades of the British Empire and of other United Nations is representative of a similar conviction throughout public and private life within the U.S.

By sea, air and land we are waging this campaign as a single combat team. Credit for every foot of ground we gain and every advantage we obtain over the enemy is justly shared by all.

The War Today

France—Americans in new drive southeast of Carentan cross the Vire River and take Aireal. . . . British and Canadians throw back German counter-attacks in Carpiquet area and extend salient within a mile of Caen. . . . Cherbourg now probably being used for landing troops.

Air War—More than 1,100 escorted U.S. heavies attack seven aircraft and oil targets deep in Germany. . . . 114 Nazi interceptors shot down in greatest air battle since D-Day. . . . 36 bombers, eight fighters lost.

Russia—Germans report Russian offensive on front opposite Lwow. . . . Attack catches Pinsk in salient between two advancing Red Army groups. . . . Red Army 16 miles from Baranovichi. . . . Van-guards 31 miles from Vilna, key to Kaunas, Lithuania, and Konigsberg, East Prussia.

Italy—German counter-attacks slow Allied drives. . . . Fifth Army occupies two-thirds of Rosignano, 12 1/2 miles southeast of Leghorn. . . . Eighth Army makes small gains toward Poggibonsi, 13 miles north of Siena. . . . British advance to within three miles of Arezzo.

Pacific—Americans occupy Mami-m Island, off Dutch New Guinea. . . . U.S. carrier planes sink five more Jap ships. . . . American troops bottle up Japs on Saipan.

Asia—President Roosevelt tells press conference China war is not going well. . . . However, latest dispatches report enemy in retreat on Honan, Hunan fronts.

Bill Approving Raise For Glider Hops OK'd

WASHINGTON, July 7—A bill authorizing issuance of an executive order which would grant a pay increase to all enlisted men, officers, warrant officers and nurses who "participate in regular and frequent glider flights" has been signed by President Roosevelt. The bill would provide a 50 per cent increase, but not to exceed \$50 monthly for enlisted men or \$100 monthly for officers and warrant officers.

Details of the pay increase will not be known until an executive order, defining terms of the raise, is issued by the President, a War Department spokesman said.

U.S. Reaction to Robot Revelations:

Shock, Anger Sweep Entire Nation

NEW YORK, July 7—The U.S. discovered with amazement that London was being blitzed again—and had been for three weeks—by the Germans' new robot bomb.

Prime Minister Churchill's disclosure that the British capital was bearing the brunt of the flying bomb attacks came as a complete eye-opener to most Americans.

The censors' purposely-vague reference to "southern England" as the scene of the attacks had suggested to most persons that the robots were dropping harmlessly in rural areas, only occasionally causing damage. This impression was furthered by tersely-worded official announcements that "some damage and casualties" were caused.

The Prime Minister's disclosure that 2,752 persons had been killed in three weeks and 8,000 injured won banner headlines and gave most people their first hint that London was in the thick of the battle again. The impact was even greater than in 1940-41, many Americans having relatives serving in London and the U.K.

Amazement marked the faces of the crowd watching The New York Times' electric news sign in Times Square. More than one commented, "Why, it's as bad as the blitz."

U.S. press comment voiced the indignation that was roused throughout all Americans after Churchill's description of the robot as a weapon "essentially indiscriminate in nature, purpose and effect."

"The flying bomb is in effect a cheap air force for the murder of civilians. . . ." said the New York Times. "By resorting to indiscriminate murder of civilian populations, Germany has forfeited the right to complain about anything the world inflicts on her in retribution and atonement."

The New York Herald-Tribune said, "The Second Battle of London is under way. But no one doubts that the people of London will win it."

MADRID, July 8 (UP)—The flying bomb costs \$3,000 to make, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Madrid Alcazar, quoting Joseph Breeg, described as one of its inventors.

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Gen. Ike Reports

GENERAL Eisenhower, back from several days in the Normandy battle area, gives us a glowing account of conditions across the Channel, where he "found the fighting men of air, sea and land in good heart and exceedingly fit for the difficult tasks that lie ahead."

Like the rest of us here in Britain, the General noted and appreciated the friendly comments the British made on July 4 about the U.S. troops in this theater, whose presence has "necessarily caused to large numbers of citizens great inconvenience and real sacrifices."

Every American soldier feels with the General that our great Ally has endured with astonishing good spirits and patience the influx of American troops who, during the past two years, have overrun her already congested cities, billeted by the thousands in everything from castles to colleges and racecourse stables to cricket fields; choked her country lanes with jeeps and tanks and trucks and leveled her misty moors to build aerial highways to Berlin.

It will never be forgotten how Britain has opened her heart and hands to our Army; how she deluged us with enough construction materials, equipment and supplies to fill 1,000 Liberty ships; and how her army of workers came from the farms, factories and mines to work shoulder to shoulder with our soldiers.

General Eisenhower speaks of this spirit of partnership which has been carried over to the fighting front. There, he says, the Second British Army and the troops on the American flank have a mutual admiration and gratitude for the vital tasks each is performing.

In other words, Gen. Ike sees heartening evidence of the "team-work" he knows is essential to reach the goal posts in Berlin, and that is encouragement enough for the one who is calling the signals.

Who Was First?

AMERICAN soldiers like their Chaplains and what is more they stick up for them. For proof we list a few repercussions that arose when a recent claim was published in The Stars and Stripes that a certain Chaplain was first to land on French soil.

Members of a Parachute Infantry outfit write: "How about a little notice to these 'sky pilots' who entered France out of the blue, sweated out flak, machine guns and rifle fire even before their feet touched the soil? Prior to 65 minutes past H-Hour, when the Chaplain in question landed, Capt. Raymond S. Hall, of Lowell, Mass., and Capt. Joseph A. Andrejewski, Baltimore, Md., had already spent four to six hours in France."

From an Infantry Battalion: "Our Chaplain, Charles D. Reed, of Ohio, landed at H-plus 30 minutes and we want this matter justified and published." Two paratroopers contend that "Capt. George Wood, Protestant, and Capt. Matthew Connley, Catholic, were in France three hours before H-Hour and, take it from us, they saw plenty of action."

Well, boys, your letters have paid a high tribute to the Chaplain Service and they show that in the U.S. Army religion plays a vital part. But does it really matter which Chaplain was first in France? Jesus said (Matthew 19:30): "But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first." Regardless of when the Chaplains landed, it will be gratifying to them to know they are first in your esteem and loyalty.

Life-Savers

IT always pays to help a soldier. At least it reaped dividends for one ARC field director who helped a GI obtain leave to see his brother who is a merchant seaman.

The seaman had been torpedoed and was in an English port. His ship had been carrying athletic equipment. Before jumping into the sea he thoughtfully filled a sack with ping pong balls for buoyancy. Now he's presented them

Hash Marks

Sign in an English pub: "In case of air raid this pub remains open . . . in case of direct hit, closes instantly."

A lieutenant instructing recruits faced a problem when six Indians arrived in his camp. None could speak English, so using



sign language he did his best to explain that the Indians could keep their blankets, toilet articles and shaving equipment. At the next roll call his new recruits were missing . . . he discovered them doing what they believed they had been ordered to do . . . all six were brushing their teeth and shaving, their blankets fastened securely round their necks.

No, no, Seedy. A marshalling area is not the Chief of Staff's parade ground!

Then there is the one about the GI who came sailing out of the Nissen hut when he heard the American Red Cross pub-mobile was there.

A young lieutenant fresh out of OCS lined up a group of recruits from the States to pitch tents. After giving them the correct interval and after several minutes of hesitation, he forgot the next command and called out loudly: "Build little houses . . . build!"

The Jerries may fight to the last but the Yanks will take the last trick . . . in spades.

Right on the Button Department: The June 5 issue of "Newsweek" stated flatly that "The (liberation) operation will positively take place this summer."

This ad. appeared in the Kansas City Star: "Farm hand—no work to do, must be able to sit in rocking chair on cool



south porch and come to meals unassisted. . . The job: Watching a gate to see that it was kept closed.

Today's Gum Chum story.

In one of London's underground stations a woman borrowed a stick of gum from a captain for her little boy who was too shy to ask for it himself.

H. A. H.

Said a Pvt. to a Princess—Not Much

Brass Wall Comes Between the S & S And Royalty

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, July 7—Princess Elizabeth and I inspected some U.S. bomber stations yesterday—and some other people were there too, including her mother and father and a general or so and innumerable aides and custodians.

That last part is important, because somehow they seemed to put a crimp in conversation between a princess and a private, although there were no barriers to conversation with King George VI and Queen Elizabeth themselves.

Shortly after the royal party arrived, Princess Elizabeth was standing in front of a fireplace, looking at pictures on the wall and occasionally glancing around to study faces in the room.

She Enjoys Visit

"Is this your first visit to an American camp?" I began.

"Yes, it is," she replied, "and I'm enjoying it very much."

"Do you ever have American guests at your house . . . er, palace?"

"Not unless they attend state parties or are being decorated by Daddy," the pretty but shyly-alooof young lady replied. "If you mean at my parties and dances, Americans never have attended—probably only because I haven't met any."

Further conversation was interrupted when a British general edged purposefully between us.

Three hours and two Fortress stations later, Princess Elizabeth was eating ice cream with three American Red Cross girls while the rest of the party was off discussing aeronautic engineering or something. It looked like a perfect opportunity to renew the brief acquaintance.

"Does a trip like this tire you?" was the opening shot. One eye noticed that

—But Stars Don't Faze the Stripes Here



Cpl. (that's right, CORPORAL) Edward Novak, of Winthrop, Mass., cuts in on Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, commander of the U.S. 14th Air Force, dancing with a Chinese partner.

Elizabeth was a pretty girl with effervescent expression. The other, of course, was peeled for interrupting officials.

"I've been enjoying myself too much to think of being tired," the Princess said with a pleasant smile. "You know, I don't get to meet so many people very often."

"Those hats (canvas caps with jockey-like brims worn by ground crews) certainly are funny. And I never realized a pilot has to wear so much equipment." She seemed to grow more cordial at this point and was about to volunteer

further information about the mental ponderings of a Princess when an RAF uniform, housing a wing commander, loomed.

Some day here I'd like to complete the interview, because there won't be any princesses in Chicago. But when the RAF officer politely asked, "How long have you been in England?" I launched a strategic withdrawal in nothing flat.

That was the way a general opened his dissertation the day I breezed by without saluting. And what I heard then convinced me I didn't want to hear it again.

Air Force Briefs

IT happened in a pay-as-you-enter officers' mess at a Ninth Troop Carrier Command base. Presiding at the table where officers plank down their coins before chowing up, 1/Lt. Meyer Glick, mess officer, innocently placed a letter in one corner of the table, intending to mail it later. The power of suggestion spread like a wildfire. Now Glick finds himself toting a stack of letters to the postoffice every morning.

A full-view, working model of the Gyro Flux-Gate compass used on Eighth Air Force bombers has been constructed by S/Sgt. Nowell K. Davis, of Hartford,

Conn., and Sgt. Furman D. Elletson, of Greenville, S.C., at an Eighth ASC station. Building it took 100 hours of the GIs' spare time.

Normally encased in metal, the working parts of the compass are enclosed in plexiglass in the model and the complete operation may be seen easily.

AN embarrassing situation recently arose at a transatlantic terminal base of the ATC in England, when a group of Russian ferry pilots arrived a day ahead of their interpreter. One of the Russians spoke German, as did one of the officers on the base. So, until a representative from the Russian Embassy in London could arrive on the scene, all negotiations and conversation had to be carried on in German.

There may be longer short snorter bills than his own five-foot 20-dollar specimen, but Maj. Gerrit Roelof, of Hollywood, Cal., ATC traffic officer, claims to have the most imposing list of signatures of anyone in the U.K. Included on the bill are the names of Eleanor Roosevelt, Ambassador John Winant, Bob Hope, Yehudi Menuhin, Archbishop Spellman and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley.

ITS crew chief, T/Sgt. Calvin McMahon, of Woodbridge, Cal., believes You've Had It is one of the oldest P38 Lightnings in the ETO. The plane put in 294 combat hours on 62 missions before D-Day, and is now on its second set of engines.

This Is The Army

AN Army civil-affairs detachment has arrived in Cherbourg to assist local authorities to maintain law and order and help organize the port.

The Cherbourg unit is one of the larger-type civil-affairs detachments, including specialists in economics, fire-fighting, relief, civil defense and public safety.

Under a lieutenant colonel, Capt. Gerard M. Lambert, of Los Angeles, is the detachment's liaison officer, while Capt. Harry W. Proctor, of Washington, D.C., is in charge of supply. 1/Lt. William R. Davis, of Columbus, Ohio, is fire officer. A naval officer, Lt. W. Howard Dawe, of Milwaukee, also has been assigned to the Cherbourg detachment.

The names of five members of a crash-alert crew at an ATC base in southern England, who recently gave their lives in a vain effort to rescue the crew of a crashed Navy Liberator bomber, have been revealed. They were: T/Sgt. John E. Bigelow, of North Beach, Hampton, N.H.; Sgt. Louis F. Attena, of Suffern, N.Y.; Cpl. Eddie A. Jackson, of Fort Worth, Tex.; Cpl. Ray S. Underwood, of West Union, W. Va., and Pfc Edward A. DuPere, of Chicago.

"THE Little Corporal," a GI Charlie McCarthy, is the latest handiwork of Sgt. Lewis R. Wilson, of El Paso, Tex., a carpenter at a combat crew replacement center. It took four months' spare time to construct the dummy, whose head alone contains some 86 parts.

Radio Highlights

AFN in the United Kingdom—0800 hours—2300 hours

1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Sunday, July 9

- 0800—Hymns from Home. 0935—Hour of Charm—Phil Spitalney's All-Girl Orchestra. 1000—Radio Chapel. 1100—Morning After. 1130—Duffie Bag. 1130—Bob Crosby. 1400—Information Please. 1430—National Barn Dance. 1530—Combat Diary. 1600—Take Your Choice. 1700—All Time Hit Parade. 1805—GI Supper Club. 1905—Jack Benny with Rochester, Mary Livingstone, Phil Harris Orchestra. 2005—Family Hour—Al Goodman's Orchestra. 2030—Aldrich Family. 2130—Charlie McCarthy. 2200—Philadelphia Symphony.

AEF on the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours

0600—Music for Soops. 1050 kc. 285m.

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Saturday, July 8

- 1000—Victory Parade. 1015—Personal Album. 1100—Morning After (Fred Allen). 1130—Duffie Bag. 1130—Yank's Radio Edition. 1400—Calling You. 1430—On the Record. 1630—Amos and Andy. 1700—Music From America. 1730—Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. 1805—Your State. 1935—Conducted by Faith—Percy Faith Orchestra. 2000—Home News from the U.S.A. 2015—Fanny Brice, with Frank Morgan, Hanley Stafford. 2045—Raymond Scott Orchestra. 2145—Show Time. 2200—Ten O'clock Special.

AEF on the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours

0600—Music for Soops. 1050 kc. 285m.

Sports SIDELIGHTS

Creighton Miller, the Notre Dame ace back, has been awarded a letter by Creighton University though he never attended the school. The scroll presenting the numeral said, "For contribution in bringing fame to Creighton on the gridiron throughout the land." Harry Miller, Creighton's pop, was coach at Creighton University when the son was born and named him after the school.

While Cleo Shans was doing his fighting in the Madison Square Garden ring the other night, his brother, J. D. Shans, was also doing a little scrapping for the Navy off the shore of France. And it's even money that nothing could have hit J. D. much harder than Ike Williams hit Cleo.

On a recent off day the Giants took time to play Camp Thomas and Camp Endicott, two Seabee camps, in an exhibition double-header. The Jints won both, but the big smile of happiness on Ott's face wasn't from that effort even though old Johnny Allen did look good in his first appearance as a Giant. What had the Giant boss smiling was a wire he'd received from the manager of the Giant's Bristol farm. A 17-year-old Giant farmhand, one Marion Picone, had fanned 28 men as he tossed the Bristol club to a 3-2 win over the Card-owned Johnson City club in the Appalachian League. It was a 19-inning contest, and the kid looked like a million dollars. And best of all, the Giants got him right out of Brooklyn's back yard along the Gowanus Canal.

The Giants' batboy is toying with the idea of giving Mel Ott an imperfect bat each time Mel takes his first trip to the plate in a game. Mel has broken only three bats so far this year, and on each occasion has picked out a new one and hit a home run the next time at the platter.

Pro scouts are on the trail of Penn State's Mike Wardrop who gave up only five earned runs in five full games pitched for the Lions.

Lt. Joe Stydahar, commander of a gun crew on a tanker, is a little put out over the report that he was awarded the Silver Star. Stydahar, who played a lot of tackle for the Chicago Bears, wrote that it wasn't so. Anyone who saw him, he said, would know it wasn't so because if he ever won the Silver Star he would even wear it pinned to his pajamas when he was sleeping.

The sports writers made such a thing over Mel Harder pitching his 200th victory that the figure fibbers took a dive into the record books and came up with these near-misses. Bullet Joe Bush of the Yanks took 198 victories, Larry French of the Dodgers, Dazzy Vance of the Brooks, Rube Waddell of the A's and Al Orth of the Yanks all got 197; Babe Adams, the old Pirate star, won 196, and Adolfo Luque of the Giants and Bob Shawkey of the Yanks each won 195. If Al Orth is beyond your memory, think nothing of it. He was with the Senators and Yanks some 40 years ago.

Also delving into the books—Uncle Willie Robinson, the old Brooklyn boss, caught for the Baltimore Orioles in four different leagues. He was with the Orioles in the American Association when it was a major league in 1890-91, Ned Hanlon's National League Orioles in 1900, John McGraw's American League Orioles in 1901-02 and the Eastern League Orioles of 1903.

Minor League Results

| International League | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Jersey City 3, Syracuse 1 | Montreal 4, Rochester 2 | Newark 8, Baltimore 0 | Other teams not scheduled. |
| W L Pct. | W L Pct. | W L Pct. | |
| Montreal 41 33 .569 | Rochester 35 40 .467 | Baltimore 39 31 .557 | Toronto 34 41 .453 |
| Jersey City 40 34 .541 | Newark 33 41 .446 | Buffalo 39 34 .534 | Syracuse 30 39 .435 |
| Eastern League | | | |
| Utica 3, Binghamton 2 (first game) | Binghamton 2, Utica 0 (second game) | Albany 3, Hartford 2 | Elmira 11, Williamsport 4 |
| W L Pct. | W L Pct. | W L Pct. | W L Pct. |
| Hartford 46 18 .719 | Elmira 27 30 .400 | Albany 42 27 .646 | Williamsport 26 39 .420 |
| Williamsport 36 27 .571 | Binghamton 26 39 .420 | Utica 31 36 .464 | Scranton 25 44 .362 |

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Draft Pushes Tobin Into All-Star Game

NEW YORK, July 7—It took draft officials to "cancel" the mistake made by National League managers when they ignored Jim Tobin, Boston's double-no-hit pitcher, in selecting their team for the 12th annual All-Star clash at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, next Monday night. George Munger, Cardinal ace, will be too busy being drafted Monday to appear on the field, so Tobin has been named in his place.

Skokie Handicap To Twilight Tear

Calumet Entry Annexes Ninth Straight; Pensive Home Fifth

CHICAGO, July 7—Twilight Tear, queen of the American turf, scampared to her ninth straight victory yesterday, capturing the \$10,000 added Arlington Park Skokie Handicap in record time at Washington Park where the meeting is being held because of Chicagoland travel restrictions. With Buddy Haas in the saddle, the three-year-old daughter of Bull Lea and Lady Lark covered the seven furlongs in 1:22.6, knocking three-fifths of a second off the former record established in '37. George Drumheller's Sir D finished second, a length and a half behind and Brollite Farm's Challenge Me was third. Pensive, the Derby-Preakness victor making his second start in three days, never was a factor and finished fifth. But win tickets on Pensive were just as good as those on Twilight Tear because the Calumet Farm stablemates were coupled in the betting. Twilight Tear returned \$2.60 and \$2.20, and Sir D paid \$2.40. There was no show betting.

Nelson, McSpaden Post 61 in Best-Ball Golden Valley Play

MINNEAPOLIS, July 7—The nation's top-winning pair of golfers, Jug McSpaden and Byron Nelson, shattered par yesterday and turned in a combined score of 61 in the best-ball competition which gave them a point total of plus-four and a tie for the lead at the end of the first round of the Golden Valley Invitational Tournament. McSpaden and Nelson were 12 under par as they polished off Pvt. Chick Harbert, of Battle Creek, Mich., and Mike Turnesa, of White Plains, N.Y., 4-up. Bob Hamilton, of Evansville, Ind., and Bill Kaiser, of Louisville, matched strides with McSpaden and Nelson by finishing with 61 and notching a 4-up romp over Les Bolstad and Joe Coria, of Minneapolis. The team of Jimmy Hines, of Amsterdam, N.Y., and Willie Goggin, of White Plains, defeated Sammy Byrd and Johnny Revolta, 1-up. Lt. Ben Hogan, now in the AAF, and Tony Penna, of Dayton, Ohio, subdued Harry Cooper, professional at the host club, and Ellsworth Vines, former tennis king, 1-up.

Giants Subdue Cardinals, 10-1; Brownies Win

Whitewash A's, 5-0, as Red Sox Wallop Tigers; Yankees Triumph

NEW YORK, July 7—Bucky Walters, shooting for 30 victories this year, chalked up No. 14 last night as the Reds trounced the floundering Dodgers, 10-4, under the mazdas at Cincinnati for Bucky's eighth nocturnal success and the tenth straight defeat suffered by Lippy Durocher's Bums.

Unexperienced twirlers were given to the wolves by Lippy last night and the Redlegs bombarded Ralph Branca, 18-year-old NYU pitcher, for one run in the first and seven more in the second, then continued their shelling when another collegian, Clyde King, of North Carolina, took over. Ray Mueller, Reds catcher, was honored for having set a record by catching his 134th consecutive game, and he responded to the cheers by collecting two hits, driving home two runs and stealing a base. More than 600 persons named Mueller were admitted to the park gratis.

The Giants' hard-luck hurler, Bill Voiselle, received perfect support yesterday which, combined with his eight-hit effort, gave the New Yorkers a 10-1 romp over the Cardinals, reducing the champions' lead to 9½ games and halting their current victory string at seven in a row. The Giants chased Al Jurisich with three runs in the initial frame, then added three in the third and three in the seventh against Freddie Schmidt and Blix Donnelly. Mike Naymick, making his debut with the Redbirds, yielded the final run in the eighth.

Cubs Dump Braves, 11-6
For the third straight day the Cubs and Braves exchanged last place, the Bruins gaining seventh place this time by dumping the Bostonians, 11-6. The Chicagoans belted Al Javery to the showers in the fourth and continued their 14-hit offensive against Stan Klopp, Jim Hickey and Ira Hutchinson. Phil Cavarretta paced Charlie Grimm's pupils with a triple and two singles, chased across three tallies and scored two personally. Chet Ross homered for the Braves in the eighth.

In a night affair at Pittsburgh, the Pirates registered six times in the sixth inning to shade the Phillies, 6-5. Nick Strincevich held the Phils to a lone safety in six frames, while his mates were equally as helpless against Ken Raffensberger. The Phils blasted Strincevich for four runs in the eighth but Preacher Roe arrived in time to quell the uprising before Pittsburgh's margin was gone. The Browns, Red Sox and Yankees marked time in that order atop the American League scramble by winning their assignments yesterday. St. Louis protected its two and a half game edge over the Sox by whitewashing the Athletics, 5-0, while the Red Sox walloped the Tigers, 13-3, to remain two games in front of the Yankees.

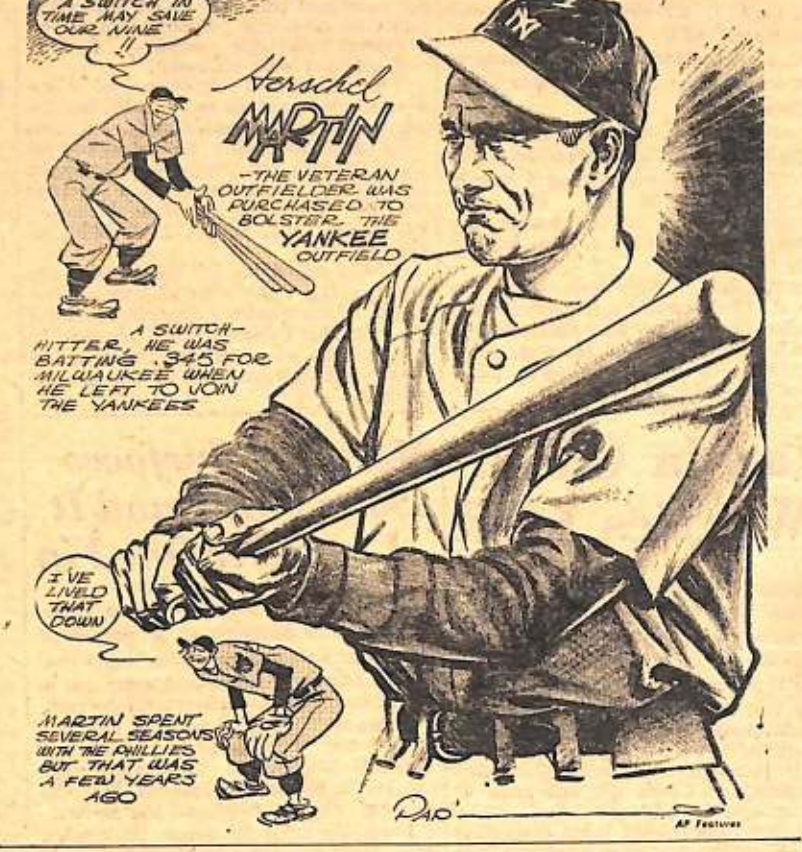
Stephens Gets Ninth Homer
Vern Stephens' ninth homer of the season, coming in the first inning with two men on base, was plenty for Bob Muncief, who handcuffed the A's with four carefully spaced bingles. The Brownies, meanwhile, peppered Woody Wheaton, rookie southpaw making his first start, for ten hits.

A powerful barrage of 20 hits off Ruffus Gentry, Jake Mooty and Walter "Boom Boom" Beck eased the burden on Boston's Tex Hughson, who fashioned his 13th success of the year. The Tigers didn't have a chance as Hughson collaborated with Bob Johnson, who hit for the cycle—a homer, triple, double and single—and Bobby Doerr, whose pair of three-baggers and two singles drove in five runs. Jimmy Outlaw slapped a homer for the Bengals.

Four-hit chugging by Hank Borowy paraded the Yankees to a 4-0 verdict over the Indians, Veteran Mel Harder being the victim. The only Tribe batters to get to Borowy were Mickey Rocco, Lou Boudreau, Roy Cullenbine and Norm Schlueter, all hits being singles. George "Snuffy" Stirmweiss, New York speedster, pilfered his 19th base in 21 attempts.

The Senators racked up their third straight over the White Sox as Mickey Haefner shackled the Chicagoans with four hits last night at Washington for a 5-0 triumph. The Griffs picked up two counters in the first off Orval Grove on singles by George Myatt, Joe Kuhel and Bobby Ortiz, a sacrifice by Jake Powell, plus a walk and an error by Catcher Tom Turner.

Herschel Helps By Pap



Further Boost in Arc Light Tilts Opposed by Yanks' Ed Barrow

NEW YORK, July 7—Further major league migration into the shadows of night-time baseball is regarded as a virtual certainty when officials hold a meeting before the annual All-Star inter-league classic at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, next Monday night.

Both St. Louis clubs are expected to request permission to play all their remaining home games under the arc lights, with the exception of Sunday and holiday obligations, as the Senators are doing now.

Only five of the 16 teams are expected to continue their seasons in daylight. There are no lighting facilities where the Yanks, Braves, Red Sox, Tigers and Cubs transact their business, and although all may ask for illumination in 1945 it's too late to construct the plants this year.

Ed Barrow, president of the Yankees and an uncompromising foe of night games, has warned his colleagues that they "are overlooking dollars ahead of them in favor of pennies in front of their noses." Barrow will not attend Monday's confab because he is convinced that nothing he might say would alter the situation.

Barrow feels that if the trend toward night baseball continues the game will lose its greatest group of potential customers—the 14- and 15-year-old kids. "Their folks won't let them out for night games," Barrow said, "and when they grow older they won't be very enthusiastic fans. If the kids don't see enough high-class baseball so they'll want to participate, they will surely turn to other sports or no sports at all."

As a point in his argument that night ball is ruining daytime attendance, Barrow cited attendance figures for the Fourth of July. "The largest crowds were in parks where there aren't any lights, while in other places the fans apparently didn't want to get sunburned," Barrow declared.

Philadelphia Eagle Eleven Signs Hinkle and Cabrelli

PHILADELPHIA, July 7—The Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League have signed two veterans, Halfback Jack Hinkle and End Larry Cabrelli, for the oncoming campaign.

Hinkle, a former Syracuse University star, lost the circuit ground-gaining title in '43 to Bill Paschal of the New York Giants by one yard when he gained 571 yards in 116 tries to Paschal's 572 yards in 147 carries. This will be Cabrelli's fourth season with the Eagles.

Flick Goes to Yankees

PHILADELPHIA, July 7—Widely-traveled Outfielder Larry Rosenthal has been shipped by the Yankees to the Athletics in exchange for Outfielder Lew Flick and an unannounced sum of cash, it has been announced. Connie Mack also disclosed that Infielder Joe Rullo has been sent to the A's Lancaster club of the Inter-State League.

Newly-Acquired Hurlers Farmed Out by Red Sox

BOSTON, July 7—The Red Sox have announced the acquisition of two school-boy pitchers for immediate assignment to minor league farms for seasoning. Johnny Dineen, of Springfield, Mass., has been shipped to Roanoke, Va., of the Piedmont League, and Bill Hays, of Newton, Mass., has been sent to Scranton of the Eastern League.

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THAT NAIVE PAN LETTER FROM THAT SIMPLE LITTLE MOUNTAIN GIRL GAVE ME THE GREATEST, MOST TERRIFYING IDEA OF MY CAREER! I'LL HAVE "FEARLESS FOSDICK" FALL IN LOVE, ALL RIGHT, BUT THE HORRIBLE WAY THAT LITTLE ROMANCE WILL TURN OUT WILL MAKE LOVE FOREVER HIDEOUS TO MY FANS!!

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Planes 'Merge' to Free Bomb; Flier Bags 6 Nazis in 1 Fight

AN EIGHTH P47 BASE, July 7—Capt. Fred J. Christensen, 22-year-old Thunderbolt pilot from Watertown, Mass., made history today by shooting down six German aircraft in one aerial engagement.

A member of Col. Hubert Zemke's Wolfpack Outfit, Christensen destroyed six Ju52s as they were circling a base in France preparing to land. His score shattered the mark of five enemy kills set May 8 by Lt. Carl J. Luksie, of Joliet, Ill.

Christensen's victims were part of a force of 12 German craft sighted over the field. Three others were shot down by 2/Lt. Billy G. Edens, of Tyrone, Ark., and another by Capt. Michael J. Jackson, of Plainfield, N.J.

A NINTH P47 BASE, July 7—It took the combined efforts of two Thunderbolt pilots to drop one 500-pound bomb on a French rail target yesterday. Gravity was credited with an assist.

2/Lt. Gordon T. Spinhirne, of Winslow, Ill., released his two bombs, but the quarter-tonner suspended under his right wing failed to drop. He whipped his plane through fancy snap rolls to shake the bomb loose, and such strange behavior caught the attention of another P47 pilot, 1/Lt. Robert E. O'Neill, of New Orleans.

O'Neill edged his left wing under the other craft's right wing, dislodging the bomb, which suddenly dropped from the shackles onto O'Neill's wing. He quickly dropped the wing and the bomb halted its inboard roll and fell to the ground for good.

NEWS FROM HOME 15 Killed, 250 Injured in Train Wreck in South

Engine, 2 Cars Derailed in Tennessee; 4 Dead in Arizona Accident

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 7—At least 15 persons, including the engineer and fireman, were killed and 250 injured when the engine and two coaches of a Louisville-Nashville troop train jumped the rails and plunged over the Jellico Gorge bridge 72 miles northwest of here.

WILLIAMS, Ariz., July 7—Officials investigating the wreck of the Santa Fe streamliner "The Chief," which overturned early Tuesday while rounding a curve east of here, today waited for the recovery of the engineer to determine what caused the wreck.

Four persons were killed and more than 50 injured. Railroad officials denied the track might have given way, asserting both rails were in good condition.

Ship to Bear Hero's Name
WASHINGTON, July 7—A new destroyer will be named after Marine Pvt. Henry Gurke, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously, the Navy announced.

Gurke flung himself on a Japanese grenade to smother the explosion and permit more powerfully armed companions to continue battling on Bougainville.

Camp Dodge Folds Up
DES MOINES, Ia., July 7—With the assignment of 16 draftees to basic-training stations, Camp Dodge closed as an induction and reception center this week.

More than 75,000 men entered the Army through the camp, while an undisclosed number went into the Navy.

Meals at Factories
LOS ANGELES, July 7—A plan to have the nation's war workers eat healthy meals in the factories where they are employed has been announced by Paul J. Messer, area supervisor of the War Food Administration.

Messer's goal is to have 60 per cent of the workers eating at the plants.

Commercial Airline Boom
WASHINGTON, July 7—Commercial airlines will be operating more planes than at any time in history by the end of 1944, providing manpower is available, a War Department spokesman said.

Around 300 planes will be in service, he said, compared with the present 257.

Pianist's Elopement Bared
BERKELEY, Cal., July 7—Ruth Julia Slenczynski, 19-year-old concert pianist, eloped last month to Reno, Nev., and married George Born, an advertising man, her father announced.

Seize New Isle Off N. Guinea
U.S. forces under Gen. Douglas MacArthur have occupied Mamim Island, off already-invaded Noemfoor, 100 miles west of Biak and northwest of Dutch New Guinea, to outflank the one remaining Jap-held airfield on Noemfoor.

Meantime, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz revealed that American carrier planes sank five more Jap ships and possibly destroyed six others in their latest attack on the Volcano and Bonin Islands, less than 600 miles south of Japan.

Nimitz' communique said that between June 10 and July 3, 41 Jap ships were sunk, four others probably were sunk and 62 damaged. He said 835 enemy planes were destroyed and 35 probably shot down.

American losses were four ships superficially damaged, 168 planes lost and 107 crew members missing.

On Saipan, in the Marianas, Americans have bottled up the battered Jap garrison in an area about two miles square.

Nazis' Cherbourg Looting Was Easy, Thanks to Vichy
CHERBOURG, July 7 (AP)—Vichy made it easy for the Nazis to loot the Cherbourg Museum.

In the early days of the occupation, Vichy ordered city officials to pack the museum's art treasures for removal to the interior of France. The Germans waited until the packing was completed. Then they changed the destination to Germany.

Aided Children at Circus Fire



Ernestine Clark, bareback rider, was among the Ringling circus performers who aided children to escape from the fire. Here she practices a handstand on her horse while Arturo Kunjot, ringmaster, gives pointers.

Death Toll 139 In Circus Blaze

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lessly discarded cigarette, the fire spread in seconds, setting the entire roof of the huge tent—called the largest in the world—ablaze.

Eyewitnesses, reporting that everyone seemed to become aware of the blaze at the same time, told of hearing hysterical shrieks of terror, a frightening stampede for exits in which many were crushed, and the piteous search of husbands for missing wives and women for their lost children. Even more horrible, they said, were the cries of burning people.

The fire broke out at the end of an animal act, and trainers were forced to shoot several lions. Other wild beasts were removed from an adjoining menagerie before the flames spread.

Circus performers did their utmost to calm the crowds. Many of the entertainers carried children to safety.

News of the catastrophe spread quickly and the State Guard was called out to patrol the area.

France - - -

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and reached La Plessis Canal, three miles from St. Jores.

Troops driving southwest from Carentan in the general direction of the road to Periers, 11 miles from Carentan, captured Le Mesnil and Culot, both approximately five miles from Carentan.

American staff officers said that initial progress of the new drive toward St. Jean de Daye was "excellent," as doughboys plowed through knee-deep marshes and cleaned out hedgerow strongpoints.

If U.S. forces southeast and southwest of La Haye retain the high ground they have won against furious German attacks, artillery mounted on these heights could make both the town and the valley leading south of it too hot for the Germans to hold.

In the Caen sector, British and Canadian troops north of Carpiquet pushed their line almost within a mile of the western outskirts of Caen and threatened to outflank German strongpoints in the hangars of Carpiquet airfield. Two German counter-attacks in the Carpiquet area were thrown back.

South of Carpiquet, a German armored attack pushed Allied forces back to the western end of Verson. Farther south, the British held the western end of the town of Fontaine Eteoupefour, while the Germans held the eastern end.

Only one of Rommel's escape bridges across the Orne River, south of Caen, was left, Allied fighter-bombers having wrecked the others. Meanwhile, fire from hundreds of guns continued to pour into German positions all around the Allied salient across the Orne River and indicated a possible Allied advance eastward to the Orne.

Tie Down Nazis in Aegean
CAIRO, July 7 (AP)—A small force of highly-trained British and Greek raiders is forcing the Germans to maintain strong garrisons in the Aegean Islands.

War in China Worries FDR

President Roosevelt expressed concern yesterday over China's military position when he told his press conference that the war there was not going well.

The President tempered his remarks by saying that the Japanese were in a poor strategic position in China because of their extended supply lines, now threatened by Allied action, but he added that the fighting in China did not seem to halt the Japanese advances.

However, yesterday's latest dispatches from Chungking said that repeated Chinese counter-attacks had forced a general Japanese retreat on the Honan and Hunan fronts, and Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault announced that his 14th Air Force in China had killed 1,500 enemy troops in offensive actions in the last two days. The blows included attacks on two big airfields at Canton.

Other dispatches said that Jap forces were abandoning the Ukhrul area, 35 miles northeast of Imphal on the India-Burma border.

NEW YORK, July 7 (UP)—Gen. Shang Chen, head of the Chinese military mission to the U.S., said last night he would ask the U.S. to supply China with poison gas for potential use against the Japanese in retaliation for reported use of gas by the Japs in the Hengyang theater last week.

Freed France Raising Army

CHERBOURG, July 7 (UP)—Liberated France is raising a new army to fight the Germans.

Recruiting has started, but no men who served in the French Army which surrendered to the Germans will be accepted. This means that nearly everyone who enlists will have reached military age since the fall of France four years ago, although recruiting is technically open to men between 20 and 40.

The old French Army men presumably are being excluded because the French Army, bound by the oath of the old French Republic, has technically surrendered, and legally cannot fight in this war again.

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test the vital plants, and fighting raged from 25,000 feet in the air down to treetop level mostly in the vicinity of Leipzig.

A P38 group led by Maj. Wendell J. Keller, of Lexington, Okla., had a field day, destroying 18 Nazis without losing a plane. Four of the fighters took on more than 20 Me410s, and in a 20-minute fight blew apart seven of them. Maj. John D. Landers, of Joshua, Tex., leading the squadron, got three.

Another Lightning squadron, led by Capt. Orville E. Goodman, of Alhambra, Tex., mixed it up with hordes of Me109s and FW190s and shot down 11 of the enemy without loss to themselves.

A Mustang group led by Lt. Col. Claiborne H. Kinnard, of Franklin, Tenn., destroyed 14 Germans and broke up a heavy attack against the bombers.

Honduras Demonstration Quelled by Machine Guns

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, July 7 (Reuter)—Many people were killed or wounded when forces of Gen. Tiburcio Carias, president of Honduras, machine-gunned a demonstration yesterday in the city of Ocotepeque, near the Honduras frontier with El Salvador.

Survivors fled across the border under the protection of Salvador soldiers. Earlier, a general strike had started in Honduras. Authorities in Tegucigalpa, the capital, used tear gas and arms to break up a demonstration against Carias earlier in the week.

Bellhops Admit Holdup

DETROIT, July 7—Two former bellhops at Dearborn Inn confessed to holding up the hotel's night clerk and taking between \$200 and \$300, police said. They were arrested in Cincinnati and returned here.

Mermaid Surfaces Sans Pants, and It Costs Her One Fin

NEW YORK, July 7—Marion Hans, 26, attractive daughter of a prominent Baltimore lawyer, went in for a dip near Coney Island yesterday and came out at Manhattan Beach—embarrassed no end.

It wasn't the fact that the tide had carried her a mile and a half that bothered Miss Hans. During the swim she lost a pair of silk panties, her only garment when she entered the water.

Emerging from the ocean, stark nude, Miss Hans ran for a house and grabbed a sheet from a clothes line. She then knocked on the door of a bungalow where an unidentified man served her tea and gave her some clothes.

The gentleman also called the police, who arrested Miss Hans for violating a local ordinance which doesn't recognize panties as sufficient bathing attire. She was fined \$5.

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was besieged yesterday by two wings of Rokossovsky's armies—one 16 miles to the northeast, the other 11 miles southeast.

The fighting on the White Russian front continued "with undiminished violence," the Germans admitted. At the northern end, the Soviet advance down the valley of the Dvina was slowed by terrain, a series of lakes standing in the way of the river port at Dvinsk. Nearest Red Army vanguards were some 40 miles away.

They were closer at Vilna, about 31 miles northeast of the city after the capture of Nazi positions west of the Viliya river. Moscow dispatches last night said the Russians had stepped up the pace of their advance so that the next 48 hours would see the Red Army at the city's gates. A breakthrough here would turn the whole Nazi defense line based on the Warsaw-Leningrad railroad and put the Russians on the road to Kaunas and Konigsberg in East Prussia.

Moscow continued to paint a picture of routed Nazis, confused, beaten and helpless. The Soviet communique said that in some sectors individual units were surrendering with all their arms and equipment. The same bulletin reported 2,800 Germans were wiped out attempting to break out of an encirclement west of Minsk.

Glenn Miller and Band Will Broadcast Sunday

Glenn Miller will make his first appearance as a bandleader in the ETO over the Allied Expeditionary Force program from 7.15 to 8 PM tomorrow.

Miller, who arrived here recently as an Air Forces captain, will lead his "American Band of the Supreme Allied Command," which includes 50 of the foremost musicians in the Allied forces.

Sgt. Broderick Crawford of the stage and screen will be MC.

AMA Raps Draft Policy, Fears Doctor Shortage

CHICAGO, July 7—Present policies of the armed forces and Selective Service will result in an annual deficit of 2,000 doctors after the war, the Journal of the American Medical Association declared yesterday, criticizing an order banning occupational draft deferments for pre-medical students after July 1.

