

YANKS LAUNCH NEW ATTACK ON PENINSULA

Minsk Falls Before New Soviet Drive

200,000 Germans Believed Ringed

MOSCOW, July 3—Marshat Stalin late tonight announced the liberation of Minsk, the last large Russian city held by the Germans.

The vast new Russian offensive, which in a matter of days enveloped Vitebsk and Mogilev, yesterday afternoon saw Red Army troops less than 12 miles from Minsk, and by tonight the city was overrun and liberated.

The fate of the 200,000-odd Germans encircled in the city was not revealed. Yesterday two Russian columns were reported astride the main escape routes from the city, and Russian guerillas, long waiting for a chance to meet the Germans in force, were said to be grouped along another inadequate escape route.

With the liberation of Minsk, it was announced that Russian aircraft in great force were pounding supply dumps and other vital enemy centers far behind the Minsk front.

The Russian drive continues.

No. 1 Allied Ace Bags 33rd Plane

Wing Commander James E. (Johnny) Johnson became the Allies' highest ranking ace when he shot down his 33rd German plane over Normandy last weekend. Johnson surpassed the record of 32 set during the Battle of Britain by Gr. Capt. A. G. (Sailor) Malan, of the RAF.

The English commander of the Canadian Spitfire wing has spread his 33 victories over three years of fighting in support of Ninth Air Force B26s during the last eight months.

Highest ranking American aces with 27 German planes each are Capt. Robert Johnson, of Lawton, Okla., and Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski, of Oil City, Pa. Gabreski, a P47 pilot, is still flying. Capt. Johnson has returned to the States.

Americans Who Took Crossroad 148 Lost Not a Man, Captured 300 Nazis

By Earl Mazo
CHERBOURG, July 3.—How 300 men were captured in the reduction of two strongholds by one infantry company on the road to Cherbourg—without the loss of a single American—is making the rounds of one of the liberating divisions.

It happened at Crossroad 148 near the big French port. A company commanded by 1/Lt. John A. Kulp, of Columbus, O., was spearheading one division and moving up behind tanks. As they bypassed Crossroad 148 word came forward that an American ambulance had been fired upon at that point.

Immediately Lt. Kulp sent an overstrength platoon under T/Sgt. Elbert Baldwin, of Orangeburg, S. C., to clean out the point. On reaching the crossroad, Baldwin learned quickly that he was outnumbered by about ten to one. The enemy positions included one 88 and another machine gun and mortar point. For 24 hours Baldwin and his men kept these

pinned down while Lt. Kulp moved his company back to engage the enemy.

On the second day, Kulp and his executive, 1/Lt. Earle Dooley, of St. Louis, put the strategy of platoon fire and movement into effect, and in one attack gave the enemy an eight-minute burst of fire from every available weapon.

That's when the white flags began to sprout from the German positions. About 144 officers and men marched out in columns of twos to surrender. An American patrol brought in 75 more prisoners, and after the area was thoroughly shelled by mortars and cannon another batch of Germans came out.

The score in clearing out this one crossroad: Americans no casualties; Germans, more than 300 prisoners (including everything from colonels down and some marines and airmen), an 88, an ammo dump, large and small mortars, small arms, machine guns and documents.

We Go to Press In France

History repeats itself. The Stars and Stripes, first conceived in Paris during World War I, is with this edition reborn in France. And it is right and proper that this newspaper should be produced here on July 4th for many of those it serves have shed their blood to liberate the city in which it is produced.

As the battle of liberation continues the greatest news story of all time unfolds. You who are playing on "the first team" deserve to know promptly, just how the game is progressing.

To keep you informed is our job and we plan to cover every engagement and record in the pages of this publication a full report of your courage, initiative and success.

At first we can offer you little more than a news sheet, for our plant and its equipment still carry the scars of recent battle; but as mechanical facilities are improved and news channels are established, we will begin to offer you all those features you have come to associate with the name Stars and Stripes.

And with the publication of this edition comes our pledge to provide a daily newspaper service for the American Forces in France

Award Bronze Star Medals To 33 in Fourth Infantry

8th Army in Italy Nears Trasimone; Siena Falls to 5th

Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army yesterday entered Siena, ancient Italian city 125 miles north of Rome, after a lull in fighting during which both sides refrained from shelling the historic town.

Meanwhile, more than 500 Italy-based heavies smashed at oil wells and reservoirs in Rumania, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

Gen. Clark's headquarters revealed French troops led the march into Siena.

The BBC announced the British Eighth Army was approaching Lake Trasimone and "very heavy fighting" was reported all along the west coast.

The War department in Washington disclosed last night that Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson was now in Italy inspecting troops.

BEACHHEAD VETS IN U. S.
FORT DEVENS, Mass., July 3...More than 100 veterans of the Anzio and Cassino battles in Italy together with men from the southwest Pacific and Persian Gulf command passed through the Army receiving station today enroute home under rotation of troops plan.

U. S. FOURTH INFANTRY HQ., July 3—Lt. Col. Garlen R. Bryant, of Temple, Tex., and T/3 John W. Zvoncheck, of Keiser, Pa., who talked 165 enemy troops into captivity after being captured themselves and held for several hours, were among 33 officers and men of this division to receive Bronze Star medals for meritorious service from June 6 to 14.

Others receiving the award were Lt. Cols. Robert H. Barr, Owensboro, Ky.; James A. Bryant, Jackson, Miss.; Sewell W. Crisman, Meyersdale, Pa.; William T. Gayle, Washington; Harry F. Hansen, Mississippi City, Miss.; Parks Hunt, Atlanta, Ga.; Richard S. Marr, Oak Park, Ill.; William W. Ragland, Danville, Va.; James D. Sams, Coral Gables, Fla.; Paul W. Steinbeck, New Haven, Conn.; Dee W. Stone, Forest Hills, N. Y.; Orlando C. Troxer Jr., Memphis, Tenn., and Wittiam E. Walkup, Augusta, Ga.; Maj. Huston M. Betty, Kirkwood, Mo.; John L. Delaney, Cumberland, Me.; Guy O. DeYoung, Long Beach, Cal.; David B. Goodwin, Lookout Mountain, Tenn.; Phillip A. Hart, Detroit, and John L. Swink, Westfield, N. J.; 1/Lts. Oliver D. Appleton, Scarsdale, N. Y.; Marvin H. Schueike, Omaha, Neb., and William B. York, Salt Lake City, Utah; 2/Lt. Robert F. Long, Newman, Ill.; M/Sgts. James Chrest, Ft. Screven, Ga.; Irwin S. Cohn, Cleveland, Ohio; Hugh C. Orth, Rockville Centre, N. Y., and Julius F. Zvoncheck, Merion Heights, Pa.; Sgts. Raymond C. Dobzinski, East Hartford, Conn., and Alfred P. Tubinis, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

ACTRESS TO AID NURSES

SEATTLE, July 3—Frances Farmer plans to become a nurse's aide, her mother said yesterday. The actress will register for service either here or in Hollywood.

Curfew

Cherbourg and other liberated towns and villages in Normandy are off limits to military personnel, with the exception of those on duty, according to Military Police headquarters.

Curfew hours are from 2200 to 0500 hours. All personnel are prohibited from buying food in hotels and cafes, it was said, but wines and beer may be purchased between 1800 and 2130 hours.

Thrust Along 10 - Mile Front In Southwest Gains Despite Rain and Lack of Air Support

American forces today were stretched across a 10-mile front in the southwest sector of the Cherbourg peninsula driving ahead in a new attack launched against the enemy early yesterday morning.

The attack, coming seven days after the fall of Cherbourg, was directed in the general direction of Le Haye du Puit, about 14 miles west of Carentan and on the main trunk road running south from Cherbourg. It was announced last night that an advance of two and a half miles was made at one point.

Roosevelt Signs Bill Kiting Pay Of Infantry GIs

WASHINGTON, July 3...President Roosevelt today signed into law a bill boosting the pay of expert Army infantrymen.

The legislation will give a monthly increase of five dollars to foot soldiers not in combat areas and ten dollars to those in combat groups. Eligible men will receive the pay hike provided they meet qualifications set up by the War Department. Complete details of those qualifications have not been released by Army officials. Those qualifying will also receive a special medal, it was announced.

Army officers told the House Military Affairs committee that approximately 70 percent of the infantrymen would qualify for the increase.

The legislation makes no reference to Navy or Marines Corps personnel.

Although legislators have not decided when the extra pay will become effective, reliable sources predicted eligible men would receive the increase as of July 1.

Strike Spreading In Danish Cities

STOCKHOLM, July 3...Reports from free Danish sources are that the general strike in Copenhagen has spread to other Danish towns. The Germans however, have said that conditions in Copenhagen have returned to normal.

One Death in 561 Army Medic Says

BOSTON, July 3—The Army's highly-developed technique for quick care of the wounded is paying dividends on the Continent. Maj. Gen. A. W. Kenner, chief medical officer of Allied Headquarters, reported to the War Department. He said among 561 wounded in two groups visited during a tour of hospitals in England, only one death had occurred.

Heavy barrages of artillery led the keynote of the drive which sent Gen. Omar N. Bradley's infantry slogging forward through rain and mud. Heavy rain, which fell Sunday night and early yesterday morning, prevented Allied air forces from lending air support to the infantry but it did not cut down the intensity of the ground attack.

The rain and low cloud kept the air support grounded through out the initial phases of the push but fighter-bombers joined the offensive when the weather cleared in the afternoon.

The identity of the units participating in the new drive was not disclosed.

The artillery forces which laid down heavy concentrations during the assault had one of their biggest days since the invasion of the continent got under way.

The British Second Army, meanwhile, was engaged in reforming its forces southwest of Caen and strengthening its bridgehead across the River Ordon following a concentrated barrage of land and naval artillery over the weekend which according to a German correspondent at Field Marshall Gerd von Rundstedt's headquarters, said had reached "an unprecedented pitch."

The shells which poured from massed artillery batteries made the ground around the River Ordon "quiver every few seconds," the German writer said in a dispatch monitored by radio and reported in London.

Another enemy report quoted the commander of the S.S. Hitler Jugend Division as saying, "We are faced with a gigantic superiority and the Americans and British are attacking ceaselessly with several divisions. At St. Lo the enemy has regrouped his forces completely. More and more Allied tanks are being thrown into the battle."

Germany is employing elements of seven panzer divisions against the British in the Tilly - Caen sector.

De Gaulle to See FDR This Week

NEW YORK, July 3... The United Press said today Gen. Charles DeGaulle is scheduled to arrive this week for conferences with President Roosevelt which he hopes will result in early recognition of his French Committee of National Liberation as the new provisional government of France.

Raymond Threw a Strike at Jerry, But He Forgot to Arm the Grenade

A U. S. INFANTRY HQ., July 3—A Pole from Erie, Pa., S/Sgt. Raymond Juniewicz, says "the damndest feeling in the world is watching a grenade you have thrown roll harmlessly among a batch of Heines."

On patrol in a Normandy cow pasture, Raymond was attacking six or seven enemy machine guns in a heggerow when one slug nipped his skull, knocking him out temporarily. When he came to he got up and went on for the

hedgerow. He had lost his rifle, so as he neared the enemy position he threw his last grenade. It landed smack in middle of the enemy gun nest—but didn't explode.

Raymond had forgotten to take the rubber band off the handle. "I just sat down and said to myself, 'this is a helluva mess' and the Germans I almost killed sent me to an aid station. They kept me 'till the Americans came and took the place."

Bosox Rap Browns Twice; Tighten A. L. Flag Race

NEW YORK, July 3.—The Boston Red Sox set off pre-holiday fireworks yesterday by walloping the pace-setting St. Louis Browns twice in a doubleheader, 1-0 and 4-3, to climb to within a half game of the American League leaders. After Tex Hughson, aided by an unearned run, out-pitched long John Kramer in the opener, the Sox came from behind in the second game to tie the score with two runs in the ninth and win out in the 11th.

Singles by Jimmy Bucher and Mike Kreevich, together with an error by Red Hayworth, Browns' backstop, on a throw to the plate, decided the first game. First sacker Lou Finney, who replaced Manager Joe Cronin after the Red Sox pilot was tossed out of the game in the sixth, was the hero of the nightcap when he doubled home a run and scored the equalizer on Hal Wagner's single in the ninth before driving home the winner in the 11th with another safety.

The third-place Yankees and fourth-place White Sox split a pair with the Sox taking the first game, 7-3, in 10 innings and the Bombers the afterpiece, 7-6. Three errors by Second Baseman Oscar Grimes gave the athletes of Jimmy Dykes their big opening to push across four runs in the 10th of the opener. Vince Castinos, Sox catcher, returned the when his wild throw enabled the compliment in the second game. McCarthymen to score their winning run.

Bud Metheny and Nick Eiten clubbed in three runs with homers for the Yanks in the second game.

The Tigers and Athletics shared shutout victories with Detroit copping the first game of a twin bill, 8-0, behind Dizzy Trout, and the A's the nightcap, 2-0 behind big Jess Flores who held the Bengals to four scattered hits, the second game.

Manager Lou Boudreau instilled enough spirit into his faltering Indians to lead them to a double victory over the Senators, 4-3 and 6-3. Righthander Steve Gromek held the Senators hitless for seven innings of the second game before Catcher Mike Guerra ruined his bid for a no-hitter with a single to center. Gromek weakened in the ninth and yielded two runs before Joe Heving relieved him and quelled the Senator uprising. The first game went 10 innings before Boudreau's double and Keltner's single pushed across the deciding run. Keltner also homered in the fourth with none aboard.

In the National League the high-flying Cardinals whipped the Dodgers twice, 2-1 and 4-2, to increase their lead to nine games over the second-place Pirates. Southpaw Max Lanier and Righthander Rube Melton staged a scoreless duel for 13 innings until Dixie Watter's triple and a scoring fly by Frenchy Bordagaray gave the Bums a run in the top half of the 14th. The Cards won in their half when Ken O'Dea walked and scored on singles by Danny Litwiler and Marty Marion. Les Webber replaced Melton and gave up a pass to Debs Garms and a single to Johnny Hopp.

The Cards went to work on Cal McLish early in the second contest, scoring three runs in the second and another in the fifth.

Johnny Allen, 39-year old veteran, gave the Giants their first shutout win of the campaign when he stopped the Reds, 7-0, in the second game of a doubleheader after the Redlegs took the opener, 4-1. Bill Voiselle, Giant rookie and hard luck hurler of the majors, lost his ninth game of the season without allowing an earned run when errors in the second gave the Reds three runs.

The Braves whipped the Pirates, 4-1, behind the masterful

Baseball Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Chicago 7, New York 6 (1st).
New York 7, Chicago 6 (2nd).
Cleveland 8, Philadelphia 7 (1st).
Philadelphia 2, Detroit 0 (2nd).
Boston 1, St. Louis 0 (1st).
Boston 4, St. Louis 3 (2nd).
Cleveland 4, Washington 3 (1st).
Cleveland 6, Washington 3 (2nd).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Boston 4, Pittsburgh 0 (1st).
Boston 5, Pittsburgh 5 (2nd).
Cincinnati 4, New York 1 (1st).
New York 7, Cincinnati 0 (2nd).
Chicago 8, Philadelphia 1 (1st).
Philadelphia 4, Chicago 2 (2nd).
St. Louis 2, Brooklyn 1 (1st).
St. Louis 4, Brooklyn 2 (2nd).

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Jersey City 4, Newark 0 (1st).
Jersey City 3, Newark 2 (2nd).
Syracuse 5, Baltimore 4 (1st).
Syracuse 2, Baltimore 1 (2nd).
Buffalo 12, Montreal 6 (1st).
Montreal 8, Buffalo 1 (2nd).
Toronto 5, Rochester 4.

6 Cards Picked On N. L. All-Stars

NEW YORK, July 3.—The St. Louis Cards with six men placed on the National League squad will be the leading representative club in the leading major leagues' All Star classic in Pittsburgh on the night of July 11.

When the managers' selections were announced today there were fireworks in several cities where diamond enthusiasts decided favorite sons were overlooked, Boston, in particular, squawked loud and long because No-Hit Jim Tobin and Outfielder Tommy Holmes were omitted from the N.L. team.

In the American League the Tigers, Indians and Senators each placed four men on the team.

Joe McCarthy, manager of the Yanks, was picked to pilot the A.L. team with Billy Southworth named to guide the National Leaguers who lost the 1943 game in Philadelphia, 5-3.

The National League squad: Pitchers—George Mungler and Max Lanier, Cards; Bucky Walters, Reds; Al Javery and Nate Andrews, Braves; Rip Sewell, Pirates, and Ken Raffensberger, Phillies. Catchers—Walker Cooper, Cards; Mickey Owen, Dodgers; and Ray Mueller, Reds. Infielders—Martin Marion and Whitey Kurowski, Cards; Eddie Miller and Frank McCormick, Reds; Phil Cavaretta and Johnson, Cubs; Bob Elliott, Pirates, and Connie Ryan, Braves. Outfielders—el Ott and Joe Medwick, Giants; Bill Nicholson, Cubs; Augie Galan, Dodgers; Vince Cimaggio, Pirates.

The American League squad: Pitchers—Hank Borowy and Joe Page, Yanks; Hal Newhouse and Dizzy Trout, Tigers; Tex Hughson, Red Sox; Orval Grove, White Sox; Dutch Leonard, Senators; Bob Munerich, Browns, and Bobo Newcom Athletics. Catchers—Rick Ferrell, Senators, and Frankie Hayes, Athletics. Infielders—Lou Boudreau and Ken Keltner, Indians; George McQuinn and Vern Stephens, Browns; Pinky Higgins and Rudy York, Tigers, and Bobby Doerr, Red Sox. Outfielders—George Case and Stan Spence, Senators; Roy Cullenbine and Oris Hockett, Indians; Bob Johnson, ed Sox, and Thurman Tucker, White Sox.

hurling of Nate Andrews but the second game was called at the end of eight innings because of Sunday curfew with the count tied at 5-5.

The Cubs and Phillies took turns walking off with victories in their double bill, the Cubs capturing the opener, 8-1, and dropping the afterpiece, 4-2. Bob Chipman was the winner in the first game after allowing only five hits. Lefty Ken Raffensberger scattered 11 hits in taking the second

A Hot Idea Cools Off



Lt. Elizabeth O'Hara (left) of Janesville, Wis., and Lt. Marjorie Water, U. S. Army nurses, poo-pooed the idea of taking a warm water bath provided by their portable shower at Camp Carson, Colo., but it look's as though they're regretting their decision.

Army Notes

CAPT. Julien Ellenberg, of Greenwood, S.C., who was perhaps the first chaplain to land with troops on the Normandy beaches, has been awarded the Silver Star for his work in the initial operations. According to the citation, Capt. Ellenberg came in with his unit about 39 minutes after the first landing craft touched and immediately began to aid the wounded. At one point, Capt. Ellenberg stuck with his men at an aid station while it was almost completely demolished by German 88s.

AN American artillery unit, with four Zanesville, Ohio, men as gun-crew chiefs, celebrated its first anniversary on July 2 by sending several thousand pounds of screaming missiles at some isolated German detachments in the hills north of La Haye du Puits. Army Air Force planes bombed the area simultaneously.

The gun-crew chiefs, S/Sgt. DeForrest Chambers, Sgt. Robert A. Dale, James E. Norman and Joe F. Bennett, all veterans of fighting in the South Pacific, were stimulated in their accuracy by the threat of Sgt. Don Hay, mess sergeant, also from Zanesville, who said, "when they aren't good they don't get good chow, so they better be good."

Rounding out the Zanesville act in this outfit are 1st Sgt. William (Red) Billman and S/Sgt. Charles R. Gray, supply sergeant.

One anti-aircraft battery, almost inactive because of the lack of air opposition compressed its big guns and went to mopping up German positions left by the infantry during a lull in the battle for Cherbourg. In one day this battery captured 17 prisoners.

MAJ. Sidney F. Brody, of Des Moines, Ia., former Ninth AF reconnaissance squadron commander, dug his first slit trench on D-Day when he was attached to the Fourth Infantry Division as an Air-support liaison officer. Like other air-support officers, Maj. Brody does not get flight pay while he is slogging along with the infantry.

Brooklyn Tigers Sign Kubale as a Coach

BROOKLYN, July 3.—Ed Kubale, former coach of Centre College of Kentucky has been signed as line coach of the Brooklyn Tigers in the National Football League, succeeding Buff Donelli, who decided to remain with his government job.

Kubale was a member of the famous "Prayin' Colonels" back in 1921, and was line coach at Texas Christian four years before returning to his alma mater as head coach.

VICTORY OPEN TIE

CHICAGO, July 3.—Harold "Jug" McSpaden treated a crowded gallery to an almost phenomenal golf rally by shooting a sub-par 65 in the final round of the Victory Open to tie Ben Hogan for first place. McSpaden climaxed a sensational round with a 40-foot putt on the last hole. The leaders will play off tomorrow.

The Major's a Judge

Maj. Benjamin J. Scheinman has been looking for a judge advocate to swear him in as superior court judge in California. The major, legal officer for the Civil Affairs team in Cherbourg, successfully ran for office from England last month.

Texan Democrat Boosts Jim Farley As South's Choice for Nomination

DALLAS, TEX., July 3.—E. G. Germany, former Texas Democratic committee chairman and leader in the Texas revolt against the nomination of President Roosevelt, said today he expected Texas and other southern states' delegates to support James A. Farley for President if given voting seats at the party's convention, the Associated Press reported.

If barred from the convention, Germany asserted, southern Democrats have indicated they would favor Sen. Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, as their candidate.

He said a caucus of southern delegates to the national convention would be held in Chicago July 17, at which time the various groups would attempt to agree on platform planks and resolutions.

Germany deplored efforts to nullify state laws and regulations for segregating white and Negro children in public schools.

the presidency. The Associated Press quoted Jackson as saying, "I presume Roosevelt will be our nominee but as far as I know it's still in his lap."

HOLLYWOOD, July 3.—Charles McCarthy has been awarded a medal—via his voice, Edgar Bergen, King Gustav of Sweden sent the medal to Bergen for furthering American-Swedish relations, and Bergen said a miniature medal would be made immediately for Charlie.

NEW YORK, July 3.—For the first time in United States naval history, a combat vessel will be named after a woman. The Navy announced the destroyer, Higbee, has been named in honor of the late Mrs. Lenah S. Higbee, first superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps. She died in 1941.

PHILADELPHIA, July 3.—Don Ameche, 20th Century Fox film star was paid a salary of \$247,667 last year, company officials revealed today. Ameche's salary was slightly less than that of the company president, Spyros Skourros.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., July 3.—Norman H. Davis, 66-year-old chairman of the American Red Cross and former diplomat, died of cerebral hemorrhage.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—The Army disclosed today that Col. Gen. Jurgen von Arnim, Nazi commander who was captured in Tunisia, is a prisoner of war in the United States.

NEW YORK, July 3.—The OPA said only 36,000 new automobiles remain to meet all the requirements until automobile production can be resumed in normal times.

S & S French War Orphan Fund Founded Aboard U.S. Invasion Ship

A war orphan fund for French children was recently initiated aboard a Liberty Ship by the merchant marine and naval gun crew of that ship and soldiers aboard enroute to France.

The ship's captain opened the drive on suggestion of S/Sgt.

Ralph Noel of New York, and within a few hours well over \$1,000 was collected.

The fund will be sponsored by Stars and Stripes and like the British War Orphan fund will be administered by the American Red Cross.

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