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## YANKS 87 MILES FROM PARIS, NAZIS SAY

On Other Fronts

### Reds Speed Drive on Riga From 3 Sides

The Red Army's 48-day-old summer offensive, appearing to get its second wind after a week's steady punching at German lines without gaining much ground, succeeded yesterday in breaching enemy positions east and south of East Prussia and speeded up the pace of its three-way drive on Riga.

Resumption of the Soviet advance coincided with a call to the German Army from Field Marshal Walter Model to establish a "firm and impenetrable bulwark" against the Russians.

At the same time, the Germans ordered total mobilization of men and women between 18 and 65 in the Danzig and Polish Corridor areas, and announced that construction of fortifications had begun at the northern end of the Corridor and in the far western (Poznan) area of Poland.

Two Red armies meanwhile drew closer to Riga. Gen. Ivan Bagramyan, who already had one column 28 miles west of the Latvian capital and a second 20 miles south moved up another from the southeast, within 43 miles of the port. Still another army was moving toward Riga from 70 miles to the east.

There was little news of Warsaw, but in Washington Jan Ciechanowski, Polish ambassador to the U. S. announced that the underground army held 40 per cent of the city.

### Eighth Army Moves To Flank Florence

Eighth Army troops in a move designed to avert making a battlefield of Florence and aimed at outflanking the city, yesterday captured Montelupo, 11 miles to the west, and stormed heights above the Arno River to the east.

Southwest of Pontassieve on the Arno bend, British and Indian troops recaptured Monte Grillo, a 2,500-foot ridge northwest of Arezzo.

### Allied Bombers Strike Near Philippines

Allied bomber fleets striking new blows at Japan's inner fortress islands yesterday hammered Holmaha in the Moluccas, 300 miles south of the Philippines, the Carolines, Wake Island and the Marshalls.

### Draft Boss Says Boards Should Find Vets' Jobs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—The post-war operation of selective service boards to help employment agencies find jobs for returning servicemen and select men for military training as part of national security is advocated by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director.

Hershey told interviewers in Seattle that "these boards were responsible for taking millions of men out of civilian life, but until they have helped return them to civilian life their responsibility will not be over."

—Is There Anything Finah?

### A Gal in ODs Stepped on Shore — And Who Was She But DINAH Shore!

The Stars and Stripes drama editor verified last night the rumor that's been going around in the last 48 hours, told by a weary traveler from the beachhead: Dinah Shore is in France.

Dinah and her team arrived Tuesday, and so did Spike Jones with his screwball orchestra and three other USO Camp Shows, boosting to 16 the total now touring the liberated area.

Dinah and Spike will be here seven weeks, the rest indefinitely, and like the other USO shows already here they will visit all sections of the area, entertaining troops as close to the front lines as possible and in the rest camps for combat troops soon to be opened.

The five new units stepped off an LCI craft Tuesday morning, and within a half hour were giving their first show in France—an impromptu affair on the sand.

First off the boat was a gal in ODs who, at first glance, looked like a WAC or a nurse. A GI

working near the boat ogled her, then looked closer and finally sent up the howl. "It's Dinah Shore!" As men from beach operations units crowded around, musicians dug instruments from their gear, a master of ceremonies took over and a show was under way.

The group gave a second impromptu show in the afternoon, in an area further inland, and a more elaborate one Tuesday night before several thousand troops. Not until the evening performance was the Tennessee songstress able to shed her ODs in favor of the tight-fitting stage gown she brought along.

The groups branched out yesterday to perform for numerous other army installations. Besides the Shore and Jones units, the new arrivals are Sid Slate, m. c. and comedian; the Evans Family, vaudeville team, with Phyllis Colt, singer; and Jerry Shelton, accordionist, who has already toured army posts in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, the Near East and India.

### MAJ. GEN. BARTON WINS SILVER STAR

WITH U.S. FORCES IN FRANCE, Aug. 9—Maj. Gen. Raymond Barton, of Ada, Okla., Fourth Division commander who raced through a blanket of Nazi shells and machine gun fire to reach an isolated battalion near Pinabil, was awarded a Silver Star by VII Corps Headquarters yesterday.

Commander of the troops among the first to land on the beaches on D-Day, Barton learned the Germans had almost surrounded the First Battalion of the 22nd Regiment, leaving only a narrow dirt road over which supplies and ammunition could be carried in tanks to the besieged unit.

Warned the Germans were hurling point detonation ammunition on the trees and hedges parallel to the road, Barton rode a jeep through the rain of enemy artillery and small arms fire. Arriving unhurt at the battalion's CP, he moved forward to the front line companies.

First Army Headquarters announced that another Fourth Division officer, Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. had been awarded the DSC posthumously.

Roosevelt, who died July 13 of a heart attack, landed with the first wave on D-Day. He led soldiers from the beach, over the sea wall and established them inland.

### Building B32 Bombers Super-Fort 'Sister Ship'

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 9—The Vulbee Aircraft Corp. announced yesterday that it was building a new army bomber, the B32. Details were not disclosed, but news dispatches referred to the new bomber as a "sister ship" and a "stablemate" of the B29 super-fortress.

'IKE' MOVES TO FRANCE  
Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander, and his headquarters have been moved to France from Britain it was officially announced last night.

### CHERBOURG PORT DIRECTOR KILLED

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 (AP)—Capt. Norman S. Ives, American director of the port of Cherbourg, has been killed in action, the Navy announced tonight.

An expert on the submarine service, Ives played a large part in the development of safety devices which saved the lives of many submarine men.

He volunteered to command the submarine S-4 after she was raised from the bottom of the sea off Provincetown, Mass., and fitted her out for safety experiments. The S-4 had been sunk in 1927 in a collision.

Ives won the Navy Cross for his work and the citation said: "During his period of command he participated in all experimental escape work at great personal risk."

### ADM. MOON SUICIDE

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—Rear Adm. Don P. Moon, 50, commander of a U.S. task force in the invasion of Normandy, apparently committed suicide "as a result of combat fatigue," Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal announced yesterday.

### Leigh-Mallory Visions Air Fleets Making Nazi Retreat 'Complete Rout'

The likelihood of a German retreat in France being turned into "a complete rout" by Allied sky fleets was emphasized yesterday by Allied Air Chief Marshal Sir Stafford Leigh-Mallory in a review of the aerial role in the invasion of Normandy.

Expressing doubt that the Luftwaffe would stage a comeback, Mallory said: "We have in the Allied Air Force an instrument which, when the German break comes in France will turn the retreat into a complete rout and will, I hope, result in the complete destruction of the German Army."

Mallory stressed the use of heavy bombers in direct ground support and told of the destruction wrought upon the enemy.

"We have compelled him to detrain far from the battle; to expend his petrol and shorten the life of his tanks by traveling long distances by road; to throw his divisions into battle piecemeal short of tanks, ammunition, guns and all kind of supplies," Mallory said.

Fighter-bombers in the eight weeks of battle have limited the Germans to such an extent that they "have been unable to mount any large-scale counter-attack still less any counter offensive," he asserted.

### Tough Role Fools Movie Tough Guy

WITH THE 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION, Aug. 9—After Edward G. Robinson finished his act here the other day he asked to see a German prisoner.

There were none immediately available, so a big, burly German-speaking master sergeant, who didn't want to let Edward G. down, decided he'd act the part.

Within minutes he appeared in German uniform flanked by two of the 30th's toughest looking MPs. Every one was onto the hoax except Robinson, who asked the usual questions about Berlin bombings and food in the Nazi army. After the interrogation was over, the "prisoner" heeled, snapped to attention, saluted, then stalked out.

Robinson mumbled, "That arrogant Nazi b—d."

### BRADLEY AMONG NINE GENERALS AWARDED DSMs

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—The award of DSMs to nine generals for outstanding leadership in France and Italy was announced today by the War Department.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, of Moberly, Mo., headed the list, receiving the Oak Leaf Cluster to his DSM for training the First Army and directing its assault on Normandy and carrying out the campaign to capture Cherbourg.

Oak Leaf Clusters also were awarded to Maj. Gen. Clarence Huebner, of Washington, D.C., commanding the First Division; Maj. Gen. Lawton Collins, of New Orleans, commander of the VII Corps; and Maj. Gen. Leonard Gerow, of Washington, D.C., invasion commander of the V Corps.

DSMs were awarded Maj. Gen. Raymond Barton, of Ada, Okla., Fourth Division commander; Maj. Gen. John Coulter, of El Paso, Tex., commander of the 85th Division in its march on Rome; Maj. Gen. William Eagles, of San Antonio, Tex., who led the 45th Division in southern Italy; Maj. Gen. John O'Daniel, of Atlanta, Ga., commander of the Third Division at Anzio; and Maj. Gen. John Sloan, of San Antonio, Tex., commander of the 85th Division in Italy.

### Le Mans, Rail Key, Seized; St. Malo Falls

German reports last night placed American troops less than 87 miles from Paris after advancing U.S. elements had occupied the important rail centers of Le Mans, 45 miles from liberated Laval, and Angers, which lies 60 miles southwest of Le Mans and has served as an anchor in the Nazis' Loire River line.

Meanwhile, the beleaguered Nazi garrison at the port of St. Malo, on the northeast end of the Brittany peninsula, surrendered. The German bastion at Brest, however, turned down a demand that it surrender, although a German general who had commanded an infantry division had been captured near the key port.

Le Mans was the most important capture made thus far in the new breakout in France. The town is the hub of two railways and 14 roads.

At the northern end of the Allied front in France, the Canadian First Army smashed ahead to gain four more miles and secure positions within five miles of Falaise and 110 miles of the former French capital.

Canadians Break Line  
All the American movements toward Paris and along the north bank of the Loire were still generally masked in silence, but it was apparent that the American, British and Canadian armies had formed a wedge of enormous pressure that was steadily pushing the Germans back between the Seine and the Loire.

In Brittany, two forces of U.S. armor were reported covering on Lorient and French resistance forces were said to be continuing their sabotage of Nazi defense materials.

German attempts to evacuate troops and material from southern France were harassed by Frenchmen of the Maquis, who machine-gunned and blew up several trains carrying troops and supplies to the Spanish frontier station at Irun.

American troops in the Avanches corridor, where the Germans had tried to split the Brittany and Normandy fronts in an unsuccessful mass assault made some progress against bitter resistance. There was fierce fighting in the outskirts around Mortain, focal point of the German attempt. The town changed hands more than once and a Reuter dispatch from the front said that the Germans again were in Mortain last night.

The Canadian advance broke through the second powerful German defense line south of Caen after reaching Cintheaux

### Forts and Libs Pound Rail Yards, Airfields

Five hundred Britain-based Fortresses and Liberators bombed railroad marshalling yards at Saarbrucker and airfields in the Stuttgart area yesterday while RAF Halifaxes attacked enemy fuel depots in northern France.

Sixty-three enemy planes were destroyed in the American raid over Germany. Eighteen U.S. Eighth Air Force bombers and two fighters failed to return from the mission.

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'Somewhere in France...

THE best prescription for catching Nazis is liberal doses of candy plus water and lots of talk...

Sgt. Dale Messamore, 26, former Bloomington, Ill., hospital worker...

tion on the 13th, started his basic training on a 3rd, finished his basic on a 3rd...

AN AMERICAN medic who went AWOL from his service unit in England...

A couple of weeks ago, he said, he became fed up with sitting around...

It happened to be Canadian, so he went into action with the Canadians...

Then somehow, he was found out. Regulations being what they are—battle or no battle, an AWOL is an AWOL.

S/Sgt. Charlie Bryant a Fourth Division squad leader, raised too many cows on his North Carolina farm...

THE men of a cannon company in the 30th Infantry Division point to Lt. Jerald H. Jansen...

You don't need a rifle to nab a German sniper, according to William Ferguson...

THE CHAIRBORNE troops of a headquarters platoon threw down their pencils and shoved their typewriters aside...

Pvt. Fred Williams, of Sneads, Fla., a Fourth Division doughboy, is taking bets the war will be over...

Private Breyer



'I think the brakes need tightening, too!'

News From Home

Kilgore Assails Army Mismanagement in Acquiring Hotels as Rest Centers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D.-W. Va.) who succeeded Sen. Harry S. Truman...

(Combat troops from other theaters have been returning to the U.S. for rest and recuperation...

Meanwhile, the War Department announced that it expected to take over as a rest home the luxurious Lake Placid N.Y. Club...

Kilgore said that "we have been told that the Army is trying to get large hotels in resort areas while at the same time trying to dispose of some luxury hotels...

QUICK ORIENTATION DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Aug. 9—Dr. and Mrs. William Hendricks wondered how Trix, their...

Yanks Drive For Paris As St. Malo Is Seized

Continued from Page 1 keypoint of the whole defense system in the Caen sector, and continued astride the Caen-Falaise road.

At Falaise, the Canadians would be only 30 miles from an American spearhead at Domfront...

Canadian First Army troops, backed by British elements, reached Cintheaux after their forward line had smashed ahead...

three-year-old Doberman Pinscher, would readjust himself to civilian life after 15 months as an army dog.

U.S.-BRITISH OIL PACT

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—Signing of a U.S.-British agreement covering international trade in petroleum...

N. Y. TIMES TO EXPAND

NEW YORK, Aug. 9—To provide additional facilities, an 11-story building will be erected on 44th Street...

NO WATER—BLACK GOLD

BUTLER, Pa., Aug. 9—The well which Cooney Ball, of nearby Greece City, hoped would produce water and instead produced oil...

Allied heavy bombers—more than 1,600 of them bombed German defending forces in a period of just over 12 hours...

Cintheaux was described as a graveyard of German tanks, 88-mm guns and field AA guns...

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Giants Defeat Pirates, 8 to 4, Behind Voiselle

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 9—The Giants strengthened their slim hold on fourth place in the National League yesterday by subduing the Pirates, 8-4...

Two runs in the second inning chased Max Butcher after the New Yorkers had picked up two in the first when Joe Medwick tripled with one aboard...

Xavier Rensigno followed Butcher to the mound for the Pirates but Butcher was charged with the defeat...

Dodgers Turn Back Great Lakes Nine

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Aug. 9—After shading the White Sox, 1-0, Monday for the 39th triumph in 40 games, the Blue-jackets of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station dropped their first game to major league opposition here yesterday...

Three runs in the seventh erased a 3-2 deficit yesterday and assured the Bums of victory. With two outs, Goodie Rosen, Howard Schultz and Paul Wamer singled, loading the bases...

Jim Trexler, former Indianapolis hurler and now the property of the Braves, was the loser after replacing Bob Klingler...

Majors & Minors

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, PCT, GB. Includes St. Louis, Boston, New York, Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Washington.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York 8, Pittsburgh 4 Others not scheduled

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, PCT, GB. Includes St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Rochester 5, Baltimore 2 (1st) Rochester 6, Baltimore 5 (2nd) Syracuse 8, Montreal 0 (1st) Montreal 10, Syracuse 3 (2nd) Newark 5, Toronto 0 (1st) Newark 6, Toronto 3 (2nd) Buffalo 9, Jersey City 6

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, PCT, GB. Includes Baltimore, Newark, Buffalo, Jersey City, Montreal, Toronto, Syracuse, Rochester.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Toledo 6, Minneapolis 4 (1st) Toledo 7, Minneapolis 4 (2nd) Columbus 9, St. Paul 6 (1st) St. Paul 8, Columbus 2 (2nd) Louisville 2, Kansas City 1 (1st) Louisville 3, Kansas City 3 (2nd) Milwaukee 17, Indianapolis 8

Table with 5 columns: Team, W, L, PCT, GB. Includes Milwaukee, Louisville, Toledo, Columbus, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Kansas City.

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