

YANKS PUSH SOUTH, SMASH COUNTER-DRIVE

On Other Fronts

Reds Isolate
30 Divisions
In the North

As Russian advance forces battled yesterday through northern, eastern and southeastern suburbs of Warsaw, clouded by a pall of smoke from fires apparently set by the Germans preparatory to abandoning the city, Moscow reported that fresh successes on the northern front had isolated some 30 Nazi divisions in Latvia and Estonia.

In announcing the capture of key rail centers, one of which was within ten miles of the Baltic coast and only 30 miles south of Riga, the Soviet capital said, all roads from the Baltic to East Prussia had been cut, and observers regarded mention of a possible Nazi evacuation by sea as indication that Red strategists were prepared to cope with that eventuality.

Within 600 Miles
Of Philippines

Leap-frogging to within some 600 miles of the southern Philippines, U. S. forces of the Southwest Pacific Command have staged surprise landings on western Dutch New Guinea. In the Marianas, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said yesterday Americans had seized the southern half of Guam including the principal town of Agaña, and Marines had launched an attack against the Japs' final defenses on Tinian, aided by bombing and naval gunfire.

Move to Cut Japs'
Burma Outlet

The main Japanese escape route from the Manipur hills into North Burma is threatened by Allied troops striking across the enemy front south of Churachandpur, 39 miles from Imphal on the Indo-Burmese border, Adm. Louis Mountbatten's HQ announced yesterday.

Five Jap divisions, more than half the foe's strength in Burma, were defeated and largely destroyed in the last three months of the allied offensive.

During this offensive the Allied Air Forces transported 54,000 men and 35,000 tons of ammunition where other means of communication were impossible. Fifteen thousand transportation sorties were flown, plus 25,000 offensive sorties in support of ground forces.

Germans Bolster
Florence Lines

Bitter fighting continued yesterday on the hill defense line south of Florence, where the Germans threw tanks and reinforcements against the northward drive of the Eighth Army. Five Nazi divisions, among them the crack Fourth Parachute Division and the Third and 29th Panzer Grenadiers, were reported packed in a semi-circular front south and southwest of the city. Some Eighth Army units won important high ground to the south in the face of fierce counter-attacks supported by Tiger tanks.

They Don't Parlay English,
But It's 'Welcome' All Right

By G. K. Hodenfield
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. ASSAULT FORCES, Avranches, July 31 (delayed)—We rode the glory road into Avranches today. We sped along streets and highways literally paved with flowers, we pushed our way through throngs of French civilians who grabbed us by the hand and around our arms ached and we were offered more wine than anyone ever guessed was left in France.

9th DIV. MARKS
4th ANNIVERSARY
WITH 66 AWARDS

By Bryce W. Burke
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
NINTH INFANTRY DIVISION HQ., Aug. 1—Sixty-six men of the "AAA-O", "Raider" and "Go-Devil" regiments were decorated by Maj. Gen. Mantion S. Eddy for "gallantry and heroism" as the Ninth Infantry Division celebrated today the fourth anniversary of its activation.

The Ninth came into being at Fort Bragg, N.C., on Aug. 1, 1940, when the United States was just beginning to prepare for war. The division was composed of selectees built around a small skeleton of regular army soldiers. Shortly after Pearl Harbor the Ninth launched its amphibious training program.

In November, 1942, the Ninth landed in North Africa, fought through the African and Sicilian campaigns and, on its third anniversary, lay off Palermo ready for its next job.

On D-Day the Ninth landed in Normandy and fought its way up the Cotentin peninsula, along with the Fourth and 79th Divisions in a drive climaxed by the capture of Cherbourg.

After the conquest of Cherbourg and the cleaning up of all resistance in the Cap de la Hague, the Ninth took part in the drive down the peninsula.

Columnist Ernie Pyle wrote: "The Ninth is one of our best divisions. . . . It performed like a beautiful machine in the Cherbourg campaign." And William Stoneman, of the Chicago Daily News, claimed that ". . . the infantry of the Ninth Division rates a mass Congressional Medal."

Curvaceous Lana Turner and pulchritudinous Hedy LaMar were among the many who sent congratulations.

It's a 30-kilometer ride from Granville to Avranches. And as thousands of American troops rolled into the market town, people came from miles around to give them the most spontaneous welcome any American troops have received in France. For all of us this was the greatest day of the Normandy campaign—this paid dividends for the weary slugging match from hedgerow, to hedgerow into Cherbourg, for the bitter hand-to-hand fighting for St. Lo, for the dreary days spent in foxholes while rain turned fields and roads into masses of mud.

If this was the great day for the Americans, it was a sad day for Hitler's legions. Germans, Poles, Russians and Mongolians came straggling back to prisoner-of-war compounds hastily set up in the fields outside Avranches. Most weren't even given the dubious honor of an escort; they walked with hands clasped behind their heads, looking for someone to take them in charge.

The prisoners were a down-hearted lot. They shook their heads sadly and predicted the end of the war in two weeks.

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Americans in 57 Days
Destroy 8 Divisions

U.S. FIRST ARMY HQ., Aug. 1 (Reuter)—A high American staff officer declared today that in 57 days of fighting in France, American forces have destroyed at least seven of the German divisions they have faced.

Included among what the officer called "the dead" were the Panzer Lehr, Fifth Parachute, and the 709th, 77th, 91st, 352nd and 243rd Infantry Divisions.

In that period the Americans had taken 69,186 prisoners, while thousands of other Germans had been killed, the officer said.

4th's 'Rough House Gang' Scores Again

By Jules B. Grad
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WEST OF PERCY, Aug. 1—The "Rough House Gang" of the Fourth Division's done it again. This time 1/Lt. David L. Rooks, of Zion, Ill., and three enlisted men clubbed and shot six Jerries to death and brought back information which led to the destruction of a complete Nazi parachute company.

Headquarters asked Rooks to find out what the Germans had in front of the Americans that was blocking their advance near St. Germain-sur-Seves. Rooks chose T/5 Harvel Kahl of Detroit, Pfc Joseph A. Connell, of Wilmington, Del., and Pvt. Ralph W. Malone, of Washington, D. C. They set out at 0230 hours and worked their way through the German lines.

"Things were going all right," Rooks said, "when suddenly a Jerry sentry spied me. I clipped him with the butt of my rifle and when he let out a yell, Connell slugged him over the head."

"By that time things were really moving and six more Jerries climbed out of their foxholes and started for us. Kahl and Malone shot them before they could bring their rifles up."

After the skirmish, Kahl and Malone skirted the enemy's flank and Connell worked his way through some hedgerows to a gun emplacement.

"I started walking toward a group of foxholes and at one place I passed so near a guard I accidentally touched the barrel of his rifle," Rooks continued.

"I was getting plenty of information about anti-tank gun em-

P51s Over Poland See
Obsolete Nazi Planes

LONDON, Aug. 1—The decimated Luftwaffe is pressing into use 200 obsolete JU87s, the Daily Herald reported yesterday. Used by the Germans against Warsaw in 1939 and against London in 1940, the JU87, with a top speed of less than 195 MPH, had become a thing of the past by the end of 1941, unable to compete in the same league with Spitfires and Russian Yaks.

Mustang pilots patrolling near Lwow in Southern Poland recently flushed 36 of the outmoded craft and shot down 23 in less than five minutes.

HOUSE MILITARY
CHIEF ASKS QUICK
DEMobilIZATION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—Chairman Andrew May of the House Military Affairs Committee recommended today that the first steps to demobilize several million American soldiers be taken on the day that Germany collapses.

He said that the cessation of hostilities in Europe would be a signal for the immediate return of millions of fighting men who had seen active duty for the longest period of time. Others, he added, would remain for an undetermined time as the U.S. Army of occupation.

"After Germany crumbles, it won't be long before Japan cracks wide open," May predicted.

"Fresh divisions from our training camps can reinforce our Pacific garrisons and will clean up the Japs in spite of their seven to ten million soldiers in China, Mongolia and island bastions."

GETS DIVORCE, MILLION

RENO, Nev., Aug. 1—Mrs. Martha Devine Dodge, former Vanities showgirl, obtained a divorce and nearly \$1,000,000 from Horace Elgin Dodge, of New York. Miss Devine said she would invest the money in property.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN PARIS

LONDON, Aug. 1—Paris is suffering a food shortage because all of the supplies coming from German-occupied Normandy are being sent direct to the Reich, the Evening News reported.

placements when all at once I brushed my hand against some dead wood and the phosphorus on the stuff lit me up like a skeleton.

"I thought I was a goner for a minute, but I stuck my hand in my pocket and got most of the phosphorus off."

"My feet sunk in some mud when I started crossing a marshy island and my shoes filled with water. I sounded like a rattling freight train, so I took my shoes off and walked the rest of the way in my socks."

"We returned to the CP two hours later and reported in to the G-2."

In an Order of the Day, Gen. Raymond O. Barton awarded Bronze Stars to the four men and the next day an armored unit wiped out the Nazi camp-

Nazi Thrust
Endangered
U.S. Advance

U. S. FIRST ARMY HQ., Aug. 1 (Reuter)—American tanks and infantry, sweeping south from fallen Avranches, today seized more ground and bases for deeper assaults, and at the same time crushed a German effort to crack the United States spearhead.

Punching with force, units of Gen. Bradley's First Army surged across La Selme River at several points and conquered the towns of Ducey, Pontaubault and Montgothier, in an arc some five miles south and southeast of Avranches.

The new push, made in the seventh day of the American break-through put the Yanks at one point some 39 miles into German territory from the jump-off line along the Lessay-Periers-St. Lo axis.

As the 13-mile-wide spearhead continued to push deeper into France prisoners taken in the week-long blitzkrieg continued to pour in. During the 24-hour period ending at midnight, 7,812 German troops were taken prisoner, making a total of 18,587 captured during the offensive.

Smash Counter-Drive

While American armor probed the German lines, doughboys and tanks shattered a German attempt to crash across the Vire River and cut off the long spearhead racing down the west coast. The German push across the Vire, which reconquered Tassy-sur-Vire, once reached a depth of five miles on the river's west bank, but late this evening the Germans, who had thrown in three divisions in the counter-assault, were reported to be "definitely stopped."

The German attack, a high American staff officer admitted, might have halted the U. S. attack and "defeated the whole thing." As that assault failed, the Germans began to withdraw eastward under the pressure of Allied forces on both sides of an eight-mile-deep salient—by the British on one side and the Americans on the other.

The northern edge of the German salient was reported falling back under American pressure, and tank-supported infantrymen reached a point a little more than a mile south of Torigny-sur-Vire.

In Washington, Chairman Andrew May of the House Military Affairs committee said he saw the Allied advance in Normandy as the "beginning of the end for the Nazis." He said that he had a "hunch that Old Blood and Guts" was taking part in the American assault.)

YANK CAMERAMAN KILLED

NEW YORK, Aug. 1—S/Sgt. Peter Paris, staff correspondent and photographer for Yank, the Army weekly, was killed in action on D-Day while landing with the First Division, the War Department announced today. Paris 30 years old was from Brooklyn.

FINN CHIEF RESIGNS

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 1—Seventy-seven-year-old Marshal Mannerheim yesterday succeeded President Ryti of Finland, who resigned in the face of Allied military victories.

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'Somewhere in France...'

It was just an ordinary patrol from F Company, but before the night was over at least 18 Germans had been shot up and not one American had been hurt.

The patrol, led by S/Sgt. Roy Roop, of Bellburn, W. Va., consisted of 14 men whose mission was to find out if there were Germans in a certain area. There were—lots of them.

About 500 to 600 yards out, the infantrymen encountered nine Nazis—three groups of three men each—but since it was their duty to get information about enemy positions they didn't shoot.

It was a different story, though, 100 yards further on. Roop was examining some German stakes in the ground when Sgt. Orville Benton, of Texarkana, Tex., and Pvt. Frank Del Giorgio, of San Bernardino, Cal., ran into about 12 Nazis coming down a covered trail.

Del Giorgio opened up with his Garand as other members of the patrol came to join in the fight until the Nazis disappeared behind a hedgerow. Roop's squad took up positions on the other side.

Meanwhile, Pvt. Frank O. Morris, of Charleston, S. C., a telephone man, had hooked in on the line he was laying and communicated with the company commander, who ordered the company's mortars to support the patrol.

The mortar section had zeroed in on the area with a house and a crossroads as markers. The mortar men adjusted their fire as Roop and his men withdrew about 60 yards. Then they let go with 18 rounds, many of them tree bursts which showered shrapnel over a wide area into which the Germans had retreated.

Because there had been "too much noise," Roop ordered his men to return to their company. But before getting back to the CP, the patrol ran into ten more Nazis, whom they finished off with rifles and BARs after the mortars had shelled the area.

It was, they said, just an ordinary patrol.

The kindly group of French people solemnly placed the fresh-cut flowers on the little mound of dirt, paused for a while, and then walked away.

They couldn't read the lettering on the pasteboard and wooden cross: "Old Latrine, July 8, 1944."

Here's a good example of why guys from the "front line" laugh when you mention "the front line"—that fluid area where you might be in American territory—or might not.

It was as dark as pitch when a convoy of jeeps started traveling south of Canisy. After an hour the vehicles halted for a break and the drivers began talking among themselves. Suddenly Capt. Joe Samuels, of Orange, Va., a Fourth Infantry Division officer, saw a Mark V tank break out of line and run over

of joy in his eyes, "Thank you for coming; thank you for coming. We have waited so long."

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The Germans retreated from Granville almost as fast as the Americans pushed forward. Almost—but not quite. There are few shell holes in the road and very few mines were found. This was the freeway to Avranches.

At Granville, virtually untouched by the war, natives turned out en masse this morning to welcome the first Yanks and late this evening they were still standing on street corners, leaning from windows throwing flowers, cheering and waving.

You wonder where all the American and British flags could have come from, but you understand when an old man runs up to the jeep and says, with tears

a jeep ahead. The Nazis had mistaken the motor line for their own, and didn't learn differently until they heard the Americans talking

1/Lt. Lawrence L. Hughes, of Christman, Ill., member of an armored unit, was at division forward echelon on business when he was mistaken twice for another Hughes, stationed at rear echelon.

Said one Pfc: "Sorry, sir, I thought you were Cpl. Hughes; you look so much alike."

The lieutenant hot-footed it to rear echelon and found his brother, Norman, of Indianapolis. It was the first time they'd met in over a year.

An enterprising GI-T/5 Roy Swisher, of Washington, D. C.—has set up a front line jewelry store. With equipment he brought with him from England, Swisher turns out rings and necklaces from British, German and French coins

Two ambulance drivers Pfc Ralph Simon, of Stacyville, Ia. and Pfc Gilbert Chanti, of Roebing, N. J., standing near their parked vehicles, noticed some four-leaf clovers. They started picking and within an hour had 467.

From S/Sgt. P. J. Papile and the cooks of the — Med. Coll. Co. comes this mouth-watering missive:

"We are writing in reference to repeated articles in the Stars and Stripes concerning the honor of making the first doughnuts in Normandy, a distinction which was first claimed for the ARC and later disputed by various military outfits.

"We made our first doughnuts July 3, which is some sort of record according to the dates claimed so far.

"However, our claim to fame lies not in our doughnut manufacture, as any cook can make them when provided with the proper ingredients. We think we deserve credit for making pies, cakes, cookies and puddings from the material furnished in the 10-in-1 ration, without lard or flour.

"On our fourth day in France we produced our first cake, and on each day since we have made some sort of baked goods, to the amazement and appreciation of everyone in the outfit. Recipes on request.

"P. S.: Our source of eggs is secret."

(Okay, send in a recipe or two; maybe they'll pep up some other messes.—Ed.)

They Couldn't Parlay English, But — Yanks Compreed What They Meant

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All their men, they said, were deserting and either taking off for Germany or surrendering themselves to the Americans.

One of them asked sadly "Why do we fight the Americans?"

"You shoulda thought about that a long time ago," was a GI's answer.

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LUCE TO RUN AGAIN

GREENWICH, Conn., Aug. 1 —Rep. Clare Boothe Luce, Republican, announced last night that she would run for re-election to Congress.

Private Breger



"Shhh! I think I can hear enemy tanks approaching!"

News From Home

Distillers Start One-Month Output Of Whiskey, First Since Oct. 8, 1942

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—Beverage alcohol began flowing from distilleries today for the first time since Oct. 8, 1942, and industry sources estimated that about 50,000,000 gallons would be made before the month-long whiskey holiday ends.

WPB Chairman Donald Nelson last month approved the distilling of beverage alcohol when it became apparent that the stockpiles of industrial alcohol for war uses were big enough to dispense with the August production.

The effect of Nelson's action was reflected almost immediately in retail stores, where whiskey stocks appeared from warehouses and from under the counters, the industry apparently believing it would get another fur-rough from war production early next year.

UNRRA PLANS

NEW YORK, Aug. 1—Herbert H. Lehman, director of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, declared yesterday that France, Belgium, Holland and Norway would draw "only lightly" on UNRRA's services because they possessed foreign exchange resources.

Describing the organization as a "means of pooling the resources of all nations to balance the supplies and opportunities fairly and squarely," Lehman said that other liberated nations looted by the Nazis of their own exchange resources would draw most heavily on UNRRA.

"If the rest of the United Nations don't come to their aid, such nations would get less than their fair share of the imported tools they need to start on the road back," Lehman said.

WARD WORKERS STRIKE

DETROIT, Aug. 1—Montgomery Ward and Co., subject of national headlines in May when Sewell Avery was ejected from his Chicago offices, bounced back into the labor picture when three of Ward's stores closed after union protests charged the company had violated the wage and hour provisions. More than 2,000 employees walked out because of the company's alleged firing of 250 workers, said to have refused to work overtime without pay.

ARMY DENIES 'CODDLING'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—The War Department denied reports yesterday that it is "coddling" German or Italian Fascist prisoners, but said it has assigned some pro-Allied Italians into special volunteer units which have removed a heavy load from the Army Service Forces.

WAC REACHES QUOTA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—The first sharp increases in WAC and WAVE enlistments have brought the strength of those women military units to author-

ized quotas. OWI announced today. The WAC had 77,000 members on active duty on July 1 while the WAVES had an enrollment of more than 70,000.

CALL TO EUROPE'S FARMERS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard today urged the farmers of southeastern Europe to withhold their harvests from the Germans, who "know that this is the last European harvest they can hope to confiscate." Wickard said the Nazis had become so desperate that "the Serbian puppets and Hungarian quislings have openly urged farmers to harvest their grain before it is fully matured."

JOB FOR KELLY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—The president of the American Trucking Association said today T/Sgt. Charles (Commando) Kelly can have a job in the trucking industry anytime he wants it.

Kelly, now an instructor at the Fort Benning, Ga., infantry school, expressed his hope to get into trucking after the war in a magazine article. The company's president wired him "immediate arrangements will be made for your post-war future."

DAUGHTER TO CHAPLINS

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 1—Cona O'Neill Chaplin, wife of the comedian, gave birth to a six-pound girl. Mother and daughter were reported to be doing well.

Another Hollywood birth was a son to Lt. Tom Lewis and Loretta Young.

NICKEL COFFEE BACK

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1—The five cent cup of coffee, an old American institution which the war ended in some restaurants, will be back nearly everywhere today. The Office of Price Administration has ruled that all increases to six, seven or more cents per cup must be abolished.

German Ships May Be Used Against Japanese

LONDON, Aug. 1—If Germany is defeated before Japan, units of the German Navy and everything else that we can get will be turned against the Japs in the Pacific Vice Adm. William A. Glassford, of the U. S. Navy, said here yesterday.

He is here to administer U. S. naval affairs in liberated Europe, under Adm. Harold R. Stark, ETO naval commander, and will work with naval representatives of Britain and Russia to consider the demobilization of enemy naval forces, disposal of German material, and problems expected to arise as the Allies move into enemy ports.

ORIOLES HEADING FOR FIRST INT'L FLAG IN 19 YEARS

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 1—There is a big baseball boom going on in this city which in years gone by developed pennant-winning material for Connie Mack and his Philadelphia Athletics—material like Lefty Grove, George Earnshaw, Max Bishop, Joe Boley.

The boom surrounds the Orioles' pennant drive in the International League which looks as if it might bring home the first flag since 1925.

The Orioles split a double-header with the Rochester Red Wings yesterday, and led the circuit by seven and a half games.

After their famous "band box" park burned down July 4th, the Orioles moved into the city-owned Municipal Stadium settled in fourth place, but the new scenery was just what they needed for a spurt and they won 18 of their next 19 games spoiled one of the tightest I. L. races in history and moved out to a safe lead.

The new stadium now is colored with Brooklynesque atmosphere Umbrellas, noisemakers, cowbells, horns and rattles are part of every home game. To circumvent a city ordinance and add another dash of color the fans are lugging jugs and growlers of beer into the park and having their best enjoyment since Jack Dunn turned out pennant-winners with monotonous regularity in Baltimore during the 20's.

During a recent 12-game winning streak the Orioles played before 95,000 paid admissions, figures that would be welcome in any major league park.

Majors & Minors

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GREAT LAKES WINS 35TH DETROIT, Aug. 1—The Great Lakes Naval Training team won its 35th baseball victory in 39 games when it defeated the Grosse Ile Naval Base nine, 10-0, behind the eight-inn pitching of Bill Brandt together with home runs by Al Glessop and Dick West.