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YANKS OCCUPY ST. LO IN BITTER FIGHTING

Backs Wallace, But Won't Dictate

CHICAGO, July 18—President Roosevelt told the Democratic National Convention today he would vote to renominate Vice-president Henry A Wallace if he were a delegate but that he did not "wish to appear in any way as dictating to the convention.

"Obviously the convention must do the deciding and it should," said Mr. Rocsevelt, "and I am sure it will give great consideration to the pros and cons of its shoice."

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The President gave the convention "my own personal thought in regards to the selection of a candidate for Vice-President" in a letter to Sen Samuel D. Jackson, of Indiana, permanent convention chairman.

"My Personai Friend"

"I have been associated with Henry Wallace," it said, "during his past four years as Vice-President, for eight years earlier while he was Secretary of Agriculture and well before that. I like him and I respect him and he is my personal friend. For these reasons I personally would vote for his renomination if I were a delegate."

With Wallace the principal issue before the convention, his supporters were quick to seize on the President's expression of liking and respect for their candidate, but opponents of Wallace were just as quick to emphasize Mr. Roosavetl's assertion that "the convention must do the deciding."

Stop-Wallace Activity

The effect of the letter was to spur stop-Wallace Activity especially among followers of Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky, and War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, of South Carolina.

Iowa State Chairman Jake Moore, leader of the delegation from Wallace's home state, nevertheless forecast Wallace's renomination on the second ballot. A first-ballot nomination would be unlikely, he said, because of voers for favorite sons.

Meanwhite the party's platform subcommittee with convention opening a day away waded kneedeep through proposals for more aid to agriculture and through the delicately-explosive question of racial equality for the Negro.

KNUDSEN IN NEW JOB

WASHINGTON, July 18—
Material and Service Commands
of the Army Air Force will be
merged into a single organization
headed by Lt. Gen. William S.
Knudsen, former head of General
Motors, the War Department announced today. The new unit
will be designated as Army Air
Force Material and Service with
headquarters at Patterson Fiz.d
Ohio.

Ohio.

Knudsen has been serving as production director in the office of Sec. of War Henry L. Stimson. Maj. Gen. Bennet Meyers, who has been acting head of Material Command. will be deputy commander of the new setup.

NO LOSS IN 40 CONVOYS

SOUTH AFRICA, July 18 (Reuter)—Forty big convoys—some of them with Americans—which used South African waters reached their destinations without loss of a single ship. Two million troops transported in the convoys were carried safely to their destinations

Negro Rights Up Before Conclave

CHICAGO, July 18., Spokesmen for Negro organizations claiming 6.500,000 members went before the Democratic platform committee here vesterday with demands for "the right to vote in every state, unrestricted by pell taxes, white primaries or lily-white party conventions."

Their appearance put the racial issue, sore spot among many Southern delegates at the Democratic National Convention, squarely before the party's conclave,

The statement, presented by Walter White of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, also called for the perpetuation of the Fair Employment Practice Committee and "to secure and protect the right to work without racial or religious discrimination."

Naval Base Blast Kills 650, Injures 1,000 in California

MARTINEZ, Cal., July 18—
More than 650 persons were estimated killed and nearly 1,000 injured in an explosion last night in the naval ammunition dump at Port Chicago, 25 miles northeast of San Francisco. The disaster—one of the worst in U.S. history—developed when an ammunition vessel in the naval supply depot blew up.

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Most of the dead and injured were believed to be naval personnel housed in near-by barracks, which were shattered by the bast, Two divisions of Negro satlors—each division consisting of 150 to 170 men—were loading ammunition on the docks when the blast occurred.

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Fort Chicago was virtually ieveled by the blast, which was felt in San Jose 50 miles away. Windows within a radius of 20 miles were shattered. Inhabitants of San Francisco thought at first it was an earthquake.

The port town resembled a hattlefield after the explosion. Fires and a power failure made rescue work extremely hazardous.

HUGE NEW GASOLINE PLANT CLEVELAND. July 18—The Standard Oil Company of Ohio's new \$10,000,000 100-ctane gasoline plant was dedicated here. The plant is built on the site where John D. Rockefeller erected his first oil refinery 75 years ago.

Foe Retreats Before Reds' Lwow Thrust

Russian spearheads pushed within 20 miles of Brest-Litovsk and 35 miles of Lwow yesterday. While Soviet armies to the aorth struck straight west from Grodno toward the bloodied Masurian Lakes battleground of World War 1. inside the pre-war border of East Prussia.

Lakes battleground of World War

1. inside the pre-war border of
East Prussia.

Although the Germans ware
reported in Moscow dispatches to
be bringing out armor "more
reshly" and the Luftwaffe rising
"in considerable force." the enemy
row here seemed able to stem
the Red Army advance and the
German News Agency admixed
still another withcrawal east of
Lwow after fierce battles.

Newsmen in Moscow were able
to clear up for the first time
that the Russians had not yet
actually set foot in Reich territory, though they had been within a dozen miles of it since the
capture of Grodno Sunday

A Reuter dispatch from the
Soviet capital explained that the
Red Army had crossed the Niemen River west of Grodno, advencing "straight toward the East
Prussian border south of the
Suwalki area" thus the Russians
were bypassing the disputed Polish province that Adolf Hitler
annexed to the Reich in 1939—
a tiny 40-mile wide triangular
wedge between Prussia and Lithu
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On the Baltic front, Gen. Audrei Yeremenkos offensive almed at Riga captured the rail junction of Sebezh linking the Moscow-Riga and Pskov-Polish lines, routed units of two divisions, captured more than 2,000 Nazis and drove on across the Latvian berder.

GIS ON FURLOUGH TAKE JOBS

WASHINGTON, July 18—
Thousands of soldiers home on furlough are taking jobs on trucks, in steel mills and stockyards, the War Manpower Commission disclosed. In the last month over 4 000 servicemen held jobs in Chicago plants while in Southern California the U.S. Employment Service placed 6,100 sailors and soldiers in important war jobs in May and June.

BRAZILIAN TROOPS IN ITALY WASHINGTON, July 18—The War Department announced to-day the arrival in Naples of a Brazilian Expeditionary Force to participate in Allied operations in Italy

first oil reimery 75 years ag Lovett Sees Luftwaffe Rebuilding For Comeback, Assails Optimists

From Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau
WASHINGTON, July 18—The
German air force has been driven
to a kind of desperate guerila
warfare, Assistant War Secretary
Lovett said yesterday, but may
yet be able to return to full-scale
action as a first-class machine.
Stressing the recuperative power of German industry, Lovett told
a press conference he was unable
to understand "the amazing wave
of reasonless optimism of some
quarters back home."

He said: "Some people ask me
whether the war will be long
or short. I haven't the faintest
idea, but I am convinced to is

going to be a darned sight longer than anybody back home except the military command thinks it

"I don't see anything breaking apart. I don't see a non-existent German air force, but an air force working constantly to rebuild itself for a terrific fight."

Lovett attributed the absence of the Luftwaffe over the invasion beachhead to the cumulative effect of strategic bombing plus superb timing in the shift of the strategic air force's heavy bombers and fighters to assist the tactical air force in invasion preparation attacks.

Only 20 States OK War Ballot

WASHINGTON, July 18., With Election Day less than four months away, governors of only 20 states have certified that the laws of their states authorize the use of Federal ballots by servicemen and women overseas, the U. S. War Ballot Commission announced. Governors of other states said that Federal ballots were not authorized by their laws but that state absentee ballots will be mailed on application.

The 20 states authorizing Federal ballots are California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia Moirc, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New-Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Washington.

Tojo Is Removed As Army Chief; Still Jap Leader

Premier Hideki Tojo has been removed as chief of the Japanese Army general staff and has been succeeded by Gen. Yoskijiro Umezu, long one of the most powerful Jap militarists, Tokyo radio announced yesterday. It was the second drastic shakeup in top Japanese military circles in 24 hours.

The announcement followed one by Tojo himself which admitted for the first time that Saipan Island had been lost and that the entire garrison of the Marianas bastion, including the army and Navy commanders, had been willed.

Tojo apparently retained his post as Premier and War Minister however The change appeared to be equivalent to Adolf Hitler's giving up of his command of the German army in favor of one of his generals, but remaining as a fuehrer.

fuehrer.

Umezu, who is 62, has been commander-in-chief of Japan's Kwantung army stationed in Manchuria since 1939 and also Ambassador to Manchuria, Meanwhile U. 5. battleships joined cruisers and destroyers for the first time Saturday in bombarding Guam, where a U. 5. landing appeared in prospect. The next day carrier-based aircraft also attacked Guam, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced. The Japs reported, incidentally, that the U. 5 had 17 battleships operating in the Pacific.

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The battle situation on British New Guinea where the trapped Japanese 16th Army has attempted to break through the American encirclement east of Aitape remains unchanged, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported. He said three strong Jap attacks were smashed.

BIG BATTLE FOR HENGYANG CHUNGKING, July 18—Battles are in progress all around Hengyang important city on the Canton-Hankow railway where the Chinese are holding out against repeated Japanese assaults. The Chinese communique said totay. New Allied advances also were reported in the northern sector of Myitkyina in northern Burma, with local gains in other parts. Chindits continued their advance

British Gain In Big Drive In Caen Area

United States troops occupied St. Lo, eastern anchor of the Ger-man defense line on the 50-mile American front yesterday after some of the most bitter fighting

of the Mormandy campaign,
femmants of the German forces
who had stubbornly withstood a
three-week siege withdrew from
the town and the enemy line fell
back along the left half of the
American sector.

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As the Americans occupied the key power and communications center in the central sector, the British and Canadians launched a savage offensive in the Oaen acea which resulted in a breakthrough across the Orne River in the flat land beyond

The offensive was precseded by one of the greatest aerial softening up poundings since D-Day. Well over 2.000 Allied warplanes heaped tons of explosives on the German defenses, and not one enemy plane rose to challenge them Only nine of the 2.000-which included British Lancasters and Halifaxes and American Liberators Marauders and Havocs, plus fighters—were lost.

Yanks Hurled Back Twice
Occupation of St. Lo followed 24 hours of the most bitter house-to-house fighting, in which the Yanks twice were hurled back out of the city's eastern limits by German counter-attacks.

After the second succasful German thrust, the Americans struck from three new directions—the northeast, north and northwest—in a sudden advance, and the defending troops, including topnotch paratroop units, began to crock. By yesterday morning the Germans had withdrawn approximately four kilometers. An officer at First Army headquarters said there was a general withdrawal, local in depth, along the entire left flank.

German forces were observed disgning in on high ground four miles below the city.

In the area directly south and southwest of Carentan the enemy's withdrawal has thus far amounted to about three kilometers.

An Army spokesman, quoted by Continued on Back Page

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Heavies Hit Reich From Britain, Italy

LONDON, July 17—Nearly 750. Forts smashed at the flying-bomb, and 'long-range rocket experimental stations at Peenemundand near-by Zinnewitz in Germany today.

Italian-based heavies of the 15th Air Force at the same time flew to southwest Germany to hit an aircraft factory at Friederichschafen and an airdrome at Menamingen.

mingen. In other attacks, German front-In other attacks, German front-line positions were plastered by more than 1,000 Halifaxes and Lancasters, some 600 Liberators, 500 Marauders and Havecs and hundreds of fighter-bombers. Losses were six RAF heavies, one Ninth Air Force aircraft and

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Only five feet, six inches tall and armed with a weapon almost as big, Pfc Jack H. Terry, of New Orleans, a bazooka man for the Fourth Infantry Division is credited with the destruction of 90 tons of German armor. Assisted by Pvt. Ward Wately of Hale Center, Tex., he has kayoed two Mark V 45-ton tanks, even though he is admittedly "scared" when first sights enemy armor.

Terry got his first tank near a road junction by putting three rounds into its turret. Terry observed that the tank reeled like served that the tank reeled like a "drunken sailor" after his first round, which evidently killed or wounded all inside. His second kill came when a Mark V was moving in on a battalion command post. The tank wandered into an open field and Terry, firing from about 100 yards, laid his first round into the turret. He then moved in and finished the job.

Pvt. Joseph F. Munoz, of Santa Clara, Cal., looked up from the phone he was operating on the front lines in Normancy and saw Pvt. John A. Vierra. of San Jose, Cal., for the first time since they attended grammar school together in Santa Clara. It was their first meeting in 17 years.

1/Lt. Fred J. Seeback, of Minneapois; Cpl. J. B. Sanchez, of Laredo, Tex., and Pfc Joseph Parisi, of Springfield, Mass.— Second Infantry Division—were laying wire for forward artillery observers when a zig-zag pattern of enemy mortar shells began dropping behind them, each succeeding shell closer than the previous one. The wire-laying increased in pace as the shells fell closer. Closer and closer crept the shells; faster and faster went the wire. When the barrage stopped the panting wire crew took a ped the panting wire crew took a break. "It was the fastest damn wire-laying I ever saw," said See-

Pvt. Andrew W. Hopps of Baltimore, Md., is not attached to a railway unit but regularly fives a locomotive in the course of his regular duties. Hopps is a member of a Negro engineer regiment which has been repairing railway tracks and bridges. The locomotive, acquired from French rail workers, is being used to transport ers, is being used to transport men ard supplies of the engi-neer unit along a stretch of rail lines restored to working condition by the colored engi-

Cpls. Richard C. Orcutt, of Stamford, Conn., and the Second Infantry Division, was buried by a German 83 shell, but his buddies dug him out in a hurry and he's fine now. Only a heel and one forearm remained above ground after the explosion. He waved the hand and surprised comrades quickly freed his head to prevent suffocation. It took about ten minutes to dig him out.

He was a gruff, dirty, squat German corporal, captured by the British. When interrogated, gave his name and number and then stopped. "I am not bound to tell you any more," he said. "It's in the Treaty of Ver-gailles."

The interrogating officer realized the Nazi was thinking of the Hague convention and had gotten the name wrong, but he did not point out the mistake. Instead he pointed out that Hitler long ago had repudiated the Versailles Treaty. The prisoner, completely satisfied, told, all he

Miss Colbert Fifth on U.S. Salary List

washington, July 18 – A
partial blue-ribbon salary list
issued by the Treasury revealed
yesterday that in 1942 the movie
industry and war industries
shared top honors.

Claudette Colbert, who received
\$360,000 from Paramount, placed
fiith. Fred MacMurray and Bing
Crosby were sixth and seventh.

The preliminary list did not include Louis B. Mayer, production
chief of Loew's Inc. whose \$2 000,
000 salary earned him top place
for five years.

Top man in yesterday's list—
Sidney B. Fleisher, a negotiator
for the Authors' League of America—received \$645,000 but said the
report of his riches was "Sliga ly
exaggerated." The money, he explained, was collected for play
wrights and producers whom he
represents and "doesn't stay in wrights and producers whom he represents and "doesn't stay in my bank account long enough to get warm."

ARMS OUTPUT DOWN
WASHINGTON, July 18—A
tapering off in several phases
of the nation's munitions output
was indicated today in a WPB
survey of four years' production
The report disclosed that the
April output was 20 times that
of July, 1940, when the program
was just getting underway. Production of munitions of all categories reached it's peak last
November at a level of 18 per cent
above the monthly average of the November at a level of 18 per cent above the monthly average of the 46-monh period covered by the survey. By April the figure was down to 14 per cent above the monthly average. Aircraft output reached its peak last March—53 per cent above the monthly average. April output was down to 41 per cent above the mean.

Production slumped from 19 per cent above the monthly average last November to only 10 per cent above the mean in April and manufacture of combat motor vehicles, guns and fire control instruments took an even greater drop between November and April.

PISTOL—PACKIN' MAMA
CONCORD, N. H., July 18—
New Hampshire scon—will have
its first woman sheriff. She is
Miss Helen M. Kinney, who has
been a deputy sheriff of Merrimac
Ccunty for the last 32 years.
Miss Kinney was designated by
Superior Court to take over the
job Sept 7 when Sheriff George
A Wooster retires on reaching
his 79th birthday.

WATER SYSTEM SOLD

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HOUSTON, Tex., July 18—Sale
of a \$2.500,000 water system in the
Houston area was announced by
the Federal Works Agency. Two
canals which tap the San Jacinto River compose the main part
of the system The sale gives the
city the west canal for \$878,000
and the San Jacinto Water Conservation District the east canal servation District the east canal for slightly more than \$800,000.

Yanks in St. Lo: Allies Cross Orne

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Reuter, said the general withdrawal probably is an effort to
straighten out and shorten the
defensive lines with the German supply and reserve situation bad-ly disorganized.

Fewer Hedgerows, Swamps Further to the south, American forces approached better fighting ground, with German forces withdrawing into country less marked by extensive swamplands, high hedges and small hedged fields.

But one range of high ridges still remained as a formidable obstacle.

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Meanwhile, along the center and right flank, the German lines appeared to be thinner.

As the Germans fell back, reports were received of the evacuation of French civilians far to the south on the west coast—possibly a punitive action by the fleeing German troops. German atrocities on entire towns for acts of individual cooperation with the Allies have been reported, and one case of the burning of a church full of French civilians has been authenticated

Crosetti May Be Answer to Yanks' Quest For Punch

NEW YORK. July 18—War plants, farms and the armed serv-ices are pouring a steady stream of reinforcements into the American League this year, and considering the torrid scramble at present it's highly possible one of the re-turning favorite sons may provide the impetus to parade his club to the pennant.

Far past his prime but still one of the steadlest money-players in the business, Frankie Crosetti is bringing his ageing limbs back to the Yankee lineup. He reported today, having received draft-board permission to leave his Cal-ifornia war plant job, but whether he will replace Mike Milosevich at shortstop or play third base is undecided.

Oscar Grimes and Don Savage have been sharing the hot corner but Grimes is on the injured list

but Grimes is on the injured list and Savage, considered a fixture at third base when the season opened, suffers from diabetes and hasu't been able to play every day. In this case, Crosetti may well be the punch needed to carry the Bombers to another flag.

Despite power at the plate, the Red Sox are woefully deficient in the pitching department. They've gotten some help from Frank Barrett relief twirler purchased from Cotumbus, and plenty of slugging from Lou Finney, who rejoined the Bosox just as soon as his crops were harvested in Alabama. But apparently there's still some-But apparently there's still some-thing missing to bring home a pennant for owner Tom Yawkey.

Wakefield On Spree

Until his draft board gives the come-hither signal, Dick Wake-field can continue to support Decome-nither signal, Dick Wakefield can continue to support Detroit pitchers with his sensational batting since luring a discharge from the Navy. His booming bathas been jeopardizing outfield fences and presenting enemy pitchers with headaches since he returned to the fold last week.

The Incians greeted three former players—Pitcher Jim Bagby, Second Baseman Ray Mack and Catcher Buddy Rosar—this week which means the Tribe should soon begin climbing upward in the standings

Bill McGhee, Little Rock first baseman, was brought up by Connie Mack to fill a gap in the Athletics lineup when Dick Siebert was in tured. To the delight of Connie, McGhee started peppering pitchers consistently.

Majors & Minors

AMERICAN LEAGUE No games scheduled

	W	L	PCT.	GB
S'. Louis	48	37	.565	-
New York	43	36	.544	2
Boston	43	40	.518	4
Washington	41	41	.500	5 1/2
Cleveland	40	44	.476	7 1/2
Detroit	40	44	.476	71/2
Chicago	- 36	41	.468	8
Philadelphia	37	45	.451	9 1/2
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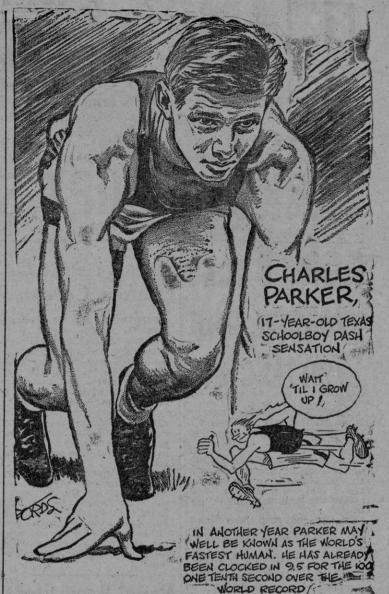
St. Louis	53	23	.697	
Circinnati	44	35	.557	10 1/2
Pittsburgh	41	33	.554	11
New York	39	41	.488	15 1/2
Philadelphia	34	43	.442	19 1/2
Chicago	32	42	.432	20
Brooklyn	34	45	.430	20 1/2
Boston	32	47	.405	22 3
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INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Only games s			100	-1455
	W	L	PCT.	GB
Montreal	46	37	.554	-
Baltimore	44	38	.537	11/2
Jersey City	45	39	.536	1 1/2
Buffalo	45	39	.536	1 %
Newark	44	43	.506	4
Toronto	43	45	.489	5 1/2
Rochester	39	49	.443	9 1/2
Syracuse	34	50	.405	12 1/2

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION Tokedo 12, Columbus 5 Indianapolis 11, Louisville 9 Milwaukee 4. Kansas City 3 St. Paul 1, Minneapolis 3

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	62	27	.697	-
Columbus	50	32	.610	8 1/2
Toledo	51	33	.607	8 1/2
Louisville	49	38	.563	12
St. Paul	42	38	.525	18 32
Minneapolis	32	53	.376	28
Kansas City	25	56	.309	33
Indianapolis	25	59	.298	34 1/2



Cherbourg ARC Opens Tomorrow

The Club Victoire, first major American Red Cross club in France opens in Cherbourg to morrow for enlisted men and women only A formal ceremony will be held at 1800 hours.

The club will be equipped with a snack bar, fable tennis and card tables. Doughnuts and coffee will be served from 1830 to 2130 hours tomorrow night.

In charge of the club is a staff of Louisa Farrand, New York, who in 1942 opened the first Red Cross club in the British Isles in Londonderry; sally Elting, Brookline, Mass., formerly at Rainbow Corner, Lendon; Barbara Will, Rochester N. Y., and Janet Tyson, Manhattan Kas.

French classes under Elmire Villere, of New Orleans, La., soon will begin at the club.

The first ARC in France was in Carentan last month but remained open only four days.

Girl Teases Bear, Loses Her Arm

NEW YORK, July 18—Catherine Searles, attractive 24-year-old daughter of zinc magnate Henr M. Searles, today had a better-than-even chance to live after her right arm was clawed off by a maddened polar bear in Central Park's zoo.

Accompanied by three society boy friends, Miss Searles went

boy friends, Miss Searles went looking for fun after a night at the Stork Club. In Central Park the Stork Club. In Central Park she climbed over a guard rail, put her arm through the cage housing two sleeping bears and waved a hankerchief.

One of the bear's caught her arm below the elbow in his jaws and fell back with it when Miss Searles companions threw flaming newspapers in his face. At Root

newspapers in his face. At Roo-sevelt Hospital the rest of her arm was amputated below the shoulder.

CHINESE 'HABEAS CORPUS'

CHUNKING, July 18 (AP)—A "habeas corpus" law enacted by the Chinese Supreme National Defense Council will take effect Aug. 1. This will be the greatest singl. legal right ever conferred upon the Chinese, who have always been liable to detention and punishment without trial.

Movies for Troops Open in Cherbourg

A motion picture theater free to Allied troops was opened by the Special Service Division last night in Cherbourg.

There will be two performances nightly, at 1730 and 1930 hours and programs will change Sundays and Wednesdays. The current attraction is "Hello Frisco Hello"

The theater, called the Eldorado, was turned over by Maj. J. G. Doyle of Peeksville, N. Y., zone Special Service officer, to Capt. Harold Rice, of New York, for operation

8th Army Reaches Nazis' Gothic Line

British infantry and tank units of the Eighth Army, in a spectacular advance on the road to Florence, yesterday broke through string German positions at Quarata and captured a bridge acloss the Arno river northwest of Arezzo to reach the Germans Cothic Line. American troops at the same time took Pontedera, on the river 12 miles east and slightly south of Pisa.

Ancona faced imminent cap-ture by Polish and Italian forces advancing from the southways. while at Leghorn Americans widened their front four miles from the port.

In the mountains between Arne zo and Leghorn, French troops repulsed two more counter-a-tacks against Poggibonsi and fought their way three miles east of San Gemignano.

41 SERVICE WOMEN DEAD

WASHINGTON, July 18—Forty-one women members of the nation's aimed forces have died in the line of duty since the start of the war according to an Associated Press tabulation. The cead include 29 Army nurses, seven women Marines, four Navy nurses and one WAC, the victim of a jeep accident in North Africa. The AP report also lists 60 Army and 16 Navy nurses captured in the Philippines and now prisoners of war. oners of war.