

2,000 U.S. Planes Battle Luftwaffe to Bomb Germany

114 of Foe Downed, P47 Pilot Gets 6

LONDON, July 7—More than 2,000 American heavy bombers and fighters scored one of the biggest air victories of the war in Europe today when they raided enemy targets over a widespread area in Germany, destroying 114 Nazi aircraft in the first major daylight air attack since D-Day.

The multi-pronged assault, coordinated with an air thrust from the south against Germany by 500 Italy-based U. S. bombers, sent more than 1,000 Forts and Libs from Britain to blast at several manufacturing centers, including Leipzig, Bernberg, Oschersleben and Lutzen.

Thirty-six bombers and six of the escorting fighters are missing, according to an announcement last night by USSTAF headquarters. Hampered by bad weather and mainly used in support of Normandy operations when weather permitted, the British-based American heavies were steered clear of major raids on targets in Germany since the invasion of the continent. Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings, which contributed to the immense air cover over Normandy, also got their first opportunity since then to slug it out once more with the Luftwaffe.

For the fighters, it was one of their greatest days, with 75 of the enemy planes to their credit. Bombers accounted for the remaining 39.

During the day's operations an ETO fighter record for enemy planes shot down in the air was established by Capt. Red Christensen, a P47 pilot, who claimed six. Several fighter pilots of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces previously had been credited with four and at least two with five. Leipzig and Oschersleben have been hit heavily in previous raids. Oschersleben is one of Germany's principal aircraft manufacturing centers.

Germans in Italy Tighten Defenses Around Leghorn

ROME, July 7—German forces on the west coast of Italy tightened their defenses in the sector around the important port of Leghorn as Lt. Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth Army slowly advanced yesterday against fierce resistance at two points about 13 and 28 miles southeast of Leghorn.

It was also reported that Field Marshal Kesselring, commander of all Nazi troops in Italy, was apprehensive of new Allied landings which may be made north of Leghorn in an attempt to attack the port from two sides.

The capture of Leghorn would give the Allies their first big port since they occupied Naples, 230 miles to the south.

ADVANCE ON NOEMFOOR

ALLIED HQ, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, July 7—U. S. Marines, infantry and paratroopers, which six days ago invaded the island of Noemfoor, about 800 miles from the Philippines, are advancing further inland after capturing two airfields which can be used as bases from which to bomb Jap installations in the Philippines, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced.

Super Forts Bomb Mainland of Japan 2nd Time in Month

Steel Mills Among Targets Struck

WASHINGTON, July 7—Super Fortress bombers of the U. S. 20th Air Force struck their second blow in a month at the mainland of Japan on the seventh anniversary of the Japanese attack against China, it was announced today by the War Department.

In a terse communique, officials stated only that B29s attacked steel mills and other military targets on the southern tip of Japan as well as an enemy naval base situated on an island close to the mainland.

The steel mills may be the same target the Super Forts bombed last month when they went into operation for the first time. It was not disclosed if any of the bombers were lost, nor was the takeoff location of the bombers revealed.

The B29s, described as making B17s and B24s look like fighters in comparison, have the longest range of any bomber in the world. The size of the ship is said to be the same as a three-story building.

Russian Offensive At Pinsk Already Threatens the City

MOSCOW, July 7—The Red Army continued yesterday its swift, relentless advance in all sectors. Dispatches from the northern front reported the Germans retreating hastily and many prisoners taken as the Russians driving toward Lithuania and Latvia left 30 places behind.

The new thrust aimed at Pinsk already was threatening that city and forward elements had even entered the district centers.

Nazi remnants east of Minsk, liberated on Monday, were destroyed or captured and a general taken prisoner. One Moscow spokesman said the loss of German generals has averaged one a day.

The Third Army, sweeping from the southeast toward Vilna in Poland, reached a point only 16 miles from the Vilna-Minsk railway.

Brownie 'Flew Down the Gun Barrels' And Died — But He Got Jap Carrier

PEARL HARBOR, July 7 (UP)—Four torpedo planes, led by a skipper who threatened to fly down the gun barrels of any Jap ship he saw—and did—dove into the middle of an enemy task force and possibly sank a 27,000-ton aircraft carrier of the Hayatake class, survivors disclosed.

The skipper was Lt. George P. Brown, of Rochester, N. Y., who was killed in the raid. The action took place June 19 in the Battle of the Philippines Sea off the west coast of the Marianas.

The Japs were sighted in the afternoon. The task force was in three groups and included battleships, carriers and cruisers. The four Avengers peeled off and roared down out of the sun from about 12,000 feet into the inferno of the enemy's AA guns.

Brown's plane thundered downward followed by ships flown by Lt. Benjamin Tate, of Pulaski, Va., Lt. Warren Omark, of Valley Stream, N. Y., and Ens W. D. Luton, of Lindsay, Cal. Just as Brown was making his run, his

plane faltered from the impact of ack-ack and started burning.

His crew—Radioman Ellis Babcock, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Gunner George Platz of the Bronx, N. Y., bailed out from about 1,000 feet into the Pacific.

Babcock was dropping through the air when he saw three torpedo wakes heading into the carrier then saw huge explosions.

"Brownie went right down their gun mounds like he said he would," Tate said. "I saw his fish hit the water just as close as possible—the Jap couldn't turn in any direction without being hit."

Platz and Babcock, bobbing about in the water, felt the pressure of the explosions and saw flames spread from stern to stern along the flight deck and island structure of the carrier.

"I kept looking at the carrier from time to time, then after a while didn't see it any more," Babcock said.

Platz and Babcock were picked up by rescue planes.

Yanks Cross the Vire River, Tighten Haye du Puits Noose

One 'Heil' in 400 Nazi Blue Notes

Growing despondency on the German home front over the length of the war and the failure of the German armies to win final victories is reflected in letters written to Nazi soldiers in the beachhead area according to U. S. Army officials. The same somber undertones appeared in every one of 400 letters found. They expressed concern over the steady bombing of German cities and many letters told of entire sections being wiped out in Berlin.

Only a few letters expressed hope that Germany would win and there was only one 'Heil Hitler' in the lot.

'Monty' Awards Medals to Tay'or, Nine Other Heroes

Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of Allied forces in France, yesterday stood in an open field behind American battle lines and awarded high British decorations to ten U. S. officers and enlisted men for gallantry in action. Of the seven able to be present and receive the decorations, the names of three were withheld for security reasons. Three others, unable to attend, will get their awards later.

Among those decorated was Maj. Gen. Maxwell Taylor, who jumped with his 101st Airborne Division on D-Day and personally directed the capture of Carentan by his paratroopers on June 12.

Montgomery, wearing his famed black beret, pinned ribbons on the field jackets of the seven, still wearing helmets and battle dress as they arrived individually from the front lines, while fighter planes flew overhead en route to battle only a short distance away and artillery boomed in the background.

Gen. Taylor and Capt. Sam H. Ball Jr., of Texarkana, Tex., received Distinguished Service Order medals while Sgts. Asa C. Ricks, of Pharr, Tex., and Philip Staczyk, of New Brunswick, N. J., were given British Military Medals.

Those who were unable to be present were Capt. Richard O. Malley, who gets the Military Cross; Sgt. Norman Day, Distinguished Conduct Medal, and Sgt. Leonard Lomell, of Point Pleasant, N. J., Military Medal.

Gen. Taylor was cited for gallantry in personally leading his men in the capture of Carentan and in staving off the heavy enemy counterattack that followed. He conceived and directed the river crossing which enabled the troops to flank the town while other elements of the division entered from the opposite side. The town was taken only after bitter fighting.

'DE GAULLE IN WASHINGTON'

WASHINGTON, July 7—Gen. Charles DeGaulle arrived today for a series of conferences with President Roosevelt.

Patrols Enter Town for Third Time

American troops were completing the conquest of embattled La Haye du Puits last night as forces on the east flank of the front, now 33 miles wide, fought in a bridgehead across the Vire River. Battling in mud, hedgerows and intermittent rain, the doughboys completely outflanked the road-junction town on the west and east while patrols pushed into La Haye itself for the third time in 56 hours.

Additional flanking columns threatened the road running south out of La Haye, last escape route for whatever German force remained in the town. Simultaneously with this push, made on the fourth day of the Americans' southward drive, the Yanks expanded their offensive front about eight miles by an attack on the eastern flank.

This assault across the Vire by bayonet-wielding Yanks resulted in establishment of a bridgehead several hundred yards deep, one element reaching a point just east of St. Jean de Daye, approximately seven miles south of Isigny.

German resistance was stiffened along the entire line by greater use of artillery, including 150mm howitzers, 170 mm guns and nebelwerfer rocket guns, to support counterattacks.

The U. S. column striking southwest from Carentan managed to push past the marshlands in that area and reach a point at least five miles from Carentan. Meanwhile it was revealed that the intensity of the American east-flank assault was so great the Germans were pulling troops out of the Carentan area in order to plug the hole being hammered in the St. Jean area — "robbing Peter to pay Paul," as one military spokesman put it.

Small German counterattacks were reported east and west of La Haye du Puits but Yanks fighting on the town's east side managed to win more than half of important Forêt de Mont Castré which contains high ground. German counterblows also were reported southwest of Carentan but all were beaten off.

To force the Vire the Yanks struck in half darkness at 4:30 AM behind a deafening artillery barrage and poured nearly 400 men across within 15 minutes.

This sudden attack, designed to burst the German bulge in American lines southeast of Carentan and directed primarily at St. Jean, was coordinated with beating back new German counterattacks further west, particularly around La Haye.

Stimson Hails Bradley, Men

Sec. of War Henry L. Stimson, in a congratulatory message received by Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley praised American troops in France for their success in recent operations.

The message: "War Department. To Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley.

"You personally and your staff commanders and men deserve high praise for your most recent successes. You have my sincere gratitude for the careful planning and the courageous execution of these very important operations. Stimson, Secretary of War."



Previous Sunday best, war orphans of Auvers take American paratroopers to church with them in appreciation of gifts from the soldiers' ration.

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News From Home

145 Perish in Ringling Fire, Worst U.S. Circus Disaster

HARTFORD, Conn., July 7—The nation's worst circus disaster today left 145 people dead and several hundred injured after an acre of blazing canvas fell from the big-top tent of the Barnum and Bailey-Ringling Bros. circus on to 10,000 spectators.

Burned to death or killed in the stampede before the 20-ton flaming canvas fell were 80 children. Early this morning state, county and city workers combed the charred ruins for bodies while authorities were charging five officials of the circus with manslaughter.

Cause of the fire was undetermined but an investigation was started immediately under the supervision of Gov. Raymond Baldwin who arrived at the scene late last night.

More than 1,000 animals, including 40 lions, 30 tigers, 30 leopards, 20 bears and 40 elephants were in a corral just south of the big top when it flamed but none broke out.

First reports said the fire broke out on the grounds near the main entrance, a small flicker at first, but once it climbed to the tent top and leaped across the roof it spread rapidly. After only 10 minutes it was impossible to find a piece of canvas more than three inches square out of the 600 foot long and 220 foot wide tent.

A BLUNT FELLOW, LAMULA

NEW YORK, July 7. (UP)—John O. Lamula, Republican candidate for reelection from the Second Assembly District, Manhattan, said he did not get the American Labor Party endorsement this year. Asked to sign a pledge not to campaign for Thomas E. Dewey, Lamula told representatives of the ALP they could "go to hell."

HOT HORSE PLAYERS

BALTIMORE, July 7—As this city sweltered in 90-degree heat police broke into a house and found two men hovering over a hot stove. They wanted to

know why. "To take the chill off the air," said the occupants. But the cops held the pair on a charge of bookmaking, claiming betting slips had been burned in the stove.

MORE ARMS FOR TROOPS

WASHINGTON, July 7—Anglo-American armies in Normandy are approaching a point where they will hit the Nazis with four times the amount of high explosives and projectiles which the enemy is able to deliver, Acting Sec. of War Patterson said today. He said an enormous amount of small arms ammunition, artillery shells, rockets, bombs, grenades, mortars and planes is being shipped with top priority to the fighting fronts.

TOO TOUGH TO HANDLE

LOS ANGELES, July 7—Actress Betty Boyd today filed suit for divorce against her husband, Maj. Harold Coulter, whom she described as charming but too dangerous. She said he threatened to shoot her on several occasions.

DIG ANEW FOR MINERS

BELLAIRE, Ohio, July 7—Emergency rescue parties today began to use new digging devices in an attempt to reach the 64 miners trapped 350 feet below in a sealed shaft of the Powhatan coal mine. Officials yesterday gave up hope of recovering the men alive.

U. S. SUBS SINK 17 MORE

WASHINGTON, July 6—The sinking of 17 more Jap ships, including a light cruiser and destroyer, by American submarines was announced last night by Sec. of the Navy James E. Forrestal. The Navy's disclosure followed a British Admiralty statement in London that British subs had sunk nine enemy ships during recent Far Eastern patrols, making a total of 26 Jap ship losses reported yesterday by the Allies.

Army Notes

Huddled together in a two-man foxhole during an enemy artillery barrage, Pfc Charles Hamilton, of Kansas City, Mo., and Pvt. James L. Sullivan, of Los Angeles, were joined by a black cocker spaniel who evidently knew from past experiences where to go during a shelling. The dog, christened "88", was adopted as company mascot when it was determined he was fox-hole broken.

Tom Henry, war correspondent for the Washington Star went into Cherbourg with the early troops and was one of the first to look in the underground quarters of a German general. He found a pair of dice on a desk and stuck them in his pocket. Back at the division CP he rolled them onto a field table. The dice were loaded.

L. T. James S. LiCalzi, of Bridge-ton, N. J., in charge of a bomb disposal unit, has a helluva time making up his mind about his men. They calmly go about their business defusing unexploded bombs without any outward signs of the jitters but when an enemy shell goes off two miles away they start running for cover.

Sign on a building near Car-enton: "This house is off limits to all civilians and military personnel." If there are any second lieutenants who do not belong in either class there is a very comfortable bed in the back room on the top floor.

Because of shots like Sgt. Edwin J. Hassett, of Worcester, Mass., the Germans are sniping less from tree tops than they were. Hassett has accounted for three tree snipers. He got one who fired on a detachment which stopped for a break while laying wire. Sgt. Howard B. Bedin, of Minneapolis, spotted the German with field glasses and Hassett poured a clip into the sniper. They found him dead in a camouflaged hammock made of American parachute cloth.

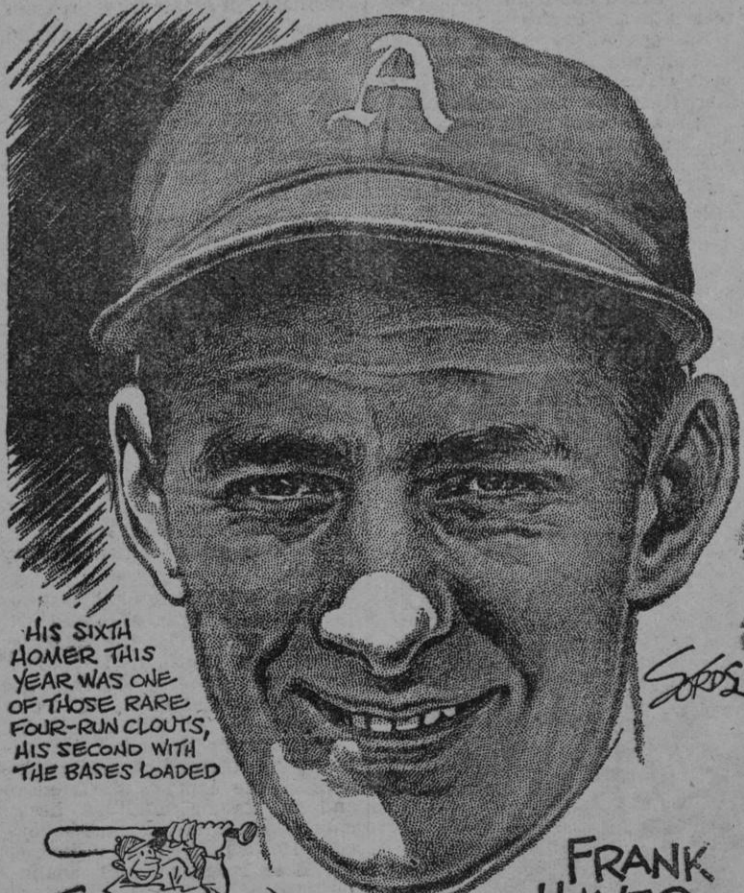
Americans who have operated against German snipers report that they have been using a long barreled .22 caliber rifle with telescopic sights. At short range the gun is almost noiseless.

It isn't taking the boys in the front hedgerows long to find out that the M-1 is better than any of the hundred and one gadget guns being used by both Germans and Americans. Men who go anywhere near the front with carbines are soon reporting back to see if they can't trade the little gun that carried so easily during training marches for the more high-powered M-1.

Cpl. Charles Scarborough, one of the 79th Division's front-line medics tells of a casualty who reported with his left ear shot away. The wounded soldier told Scarborough that while the German was working his bolt-action rifle for the kill he plugged the German with half a dozen slugs from his M-1.

The men at the front are just as happy to see a Piper Cub come over as they are a P47. Whenever the Cubs are in the air the German artillery lays low for fear of being spotted and the infantrymen don't have to worry about shellfire for a few minutes. At any given minute they figure that lone Cub pilot has more power than Gen. Eisenhower because he usually can call on plenty of artillery fire and he can have it laid down where he wants it.

HOMER HITTER . . . By Jack Sords



HIS SIXTH HOMER THIS YEAR WAS ONE OF THOSE RARE FOUR-RUN CLOUTS, HIS SECOND WITH THE BASES LOADED



FRANK HAYES,

VETERAN PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS' CATCHER HAVING ONE OF THE BEST OF HIS ELEVEN AMERICAN LEAGUE SEASONS

Majors & Minors

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston 13, Detroit 3
 New York 4, Cleveland 0
 St. Louis 5, Philadelphia 0
 Washington 5, Chicago 0

	W	L	PCT.
St. Louis	43	32	.573
Boston	40	32	.556
New York	36	34	.514
Washington	36	37	.494
Chicago	33	34	.493
Cleveland	35	39	.473
Detroit	35	39	.473
Philadelphia	32	41	.438

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York 10, St. Louis 1
 Chicago 11, Boston 6
 Cincinnati 10, Brooklyn 4
 Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 5

	W	L	PCT.
St. Louis	48	20	.706
Cincinnati	36	30	.545
Pittsburgh	35	31	.530
New York	35	36	.493
Brooklyn	33	40	.452
Philadelphia	30	39	.435
Chicago	26	38	.406
Boston	29	43	.403

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Jersey City 3, Syracuse 1
 Montreal 4, Rochester 2
 Newark 8, Baltimore 0
 Only games scheduled.

	W	L	PCT.
Montreal	41	31	.569
Baltimore	39	31	.556
Jersey City	40	34	.541
Buffalo	39	34	.534
Rochester	35	40	.467
Toronto	34	41	.453
Newark	33	41	.446
Syracuse	30	39	.435

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Toledo 14, Indianapolis 3
 Columbus 7, Louisville 6
 Kansas City 5, Minneapolis 3
 Milwaukee 5, St. Paul 1 (1st)
 Milwaukee 7, St. Paul 6 (2nd)

	W	L	PCT.
Milwaukee	52	24	.684
Columbus	44	26	.629
Louisville	44	29	.608
Toledo	43	28	.606
St. Paul	32	34	.485
Minneapolis	29	40	.420
Kansas City	20	43	.294
Indianapolis	18	44	.250

Shutout Record Held By Walters

CINCINNATI, July 6.—Bucky Walters, with 14 games won already and well on the way to possibly becoming the first National League 30-game winner since Dizzy Dean in 1934, is the toast of the circuit. But in all the excitement it has been generally overlooked that he has already taken over the lead in shutouts among active hurlers in the circuit.

Starting the season with 29 shutouts pitched during his major league career, Bucky has added four this year to surpass Paul Derringer's 39 and Freddie Fitzsimmons' 31. At present, Walters is concentrating on beating his best previous won-and-lost year in 1939 when he won 27 and was voted the N. L.'s most valuable player.

With 33 shutouts in all to his credit, Bucky needs only one to tie Carl Hubbell's lifetime mark of 34 and four to equal Larry French's 37. Hubbell is on the retired list and French is in the Navy.

Holder of the all-time record of shutouts is Grover Alexander, who tossed 16 in one season alone, and has a total of 90.

Foxx Now Cubs' Bullpen Catcher

CHICAGO, July 6 — Jimmy Foxx, who once made pitchers quiver and shake when he waved his big bat, has just about reached the end of the line as a player. Foxx was put on the Cubs' inactive list, and made a bullpen catcher yesterday to make room for Japhet Lynn, a pitcher who won 21 games last year for Los Angeles. Foxx stayed out of baseball last year and after essaying a comeback this season got only one hit in 22 trips to the plate.

EAGLES SIGN HINKLE
 PHILADELPHIA, July 7 — Halfback Jack Hinkle, who last year lost the National Football League's ground-gaining title by one yard to the N.Y. Giants' Bill Pascal, has signed for another season with the Eagles. Hinkle came out of Syracuse U., played one season with the Giants' American Football Association arm in Jersey City and was sold to the Eagles.

Red Sox May Upset Dope In A.L. Race

NEW YORK, July 7—When the baseball brethren start talking about permanent winners they skip right over the National League by conceding the flag to the Cardinals. In the American League they see strong possibilities of the St. Louis Browns maintaining their league-leading pace and going on to win their first pennant, with the Yankees always a dangerous threat.

Generally overlooked are the Boston Red Sox, currently in second place only two and a half games behind the Browns and swinging alone in excellent form. For some reason the experts have little confidence in the Sox, probably because they have disappointed on too many occasions when they had everything necessary for a pennant winner.

Joe Cronin, boss of the Fenway Millionaires, however, has the pitching and power to grasp the flag this year and he may still do it.

The Sox displayed their power yesterday when they thumped three pitchers for 20 hits in beating the Tigers, 13-3. It was Tex Hughson's 13th mound victory and the only solid blow off his delivery was Jimmy Outlaw's two-run homer in the eighth.

Bob Johnson, with a homer triple, double and single, together with Bobby Doerr who belted two triples and a pair of singles, led the assault against Rufus Gentry. Jake Mooty and Walter Beck.

Browns Blank Athletics

The Browns, meanwhile, safeguarded their lead, by whipping the Athletics, 4-0, behind Bob Muncie's four hits. Vern Stephens' circuit drive with two aboard in the first inning was the damaging blow against the A's rookie southpaw, Woody Wheaton.

Hank Borowy's four-hit shutout hurling gave the Yankees their second straight over the Indians, 4-0, and enabled the third-place Bombers to stay a game and a half ahead of the White Sox. George Stinnett, Yankee second baseman, stole his 19th base in 21 attempts.

In a night game at Washington the Senators made it three straight over the White Sox, 5-0, with Mickey Haefner tossing the third shutout of the day in the A. L. Haefner yielded only two hits and two passes in turning in his best effort of the season.

Walters Wins 14th

Bucky Walters won his 14th game of the campaign and the Brooklyn Dodgers dropped their 10th straight in another night game won by the Cincinnati Reds, 10-4.

Leo Durocher tried to beat Walters with inexperienced pitchers by using Ralph Branca, 18-year-old N. Y. U. athlete, and Clyde King, out of the U. of North Carolina. Gee Walker rapped the rookies for four hits. Catcher Ray Mueller set a new major league record for consecutive games behind the plate by catching his 133rd in a row.

The Cardinals dropped a game from their lead by losing to the Giants, 10-1, while the second-place Pirates were making life miserable for the Phillies, 6-5.

Bill Voiselle, Giant right hander, outlasted two Cardinals hurlers, Al Jurisch and Mike Nymnick, to check the Redbird winning streak at seven. Buddy Kerr and Hugh Luby spearheaded the Giant attack with a double and two singles each.

Six runs in the sixth inning gave the Pirates their edge over the Phils.

The Cubs and Braves exchanged last place for the third straight day, the Bruins climbing out of the cellar again by winning, 11-6, on the strength of a 14-hit attack led by Phil Cavaretta who collected a triple and two singles.