

## Soviet Troops 30 Mi. From East Prussia Reds' Baltic Drive May Trap Two Nazi Armies

MOSCOW, July 13—Russian troops drove to a point within 30 miles of East Prussia today in a 19-mile advance in the Suwalki area of western White Russia.

Suwalki itself, only 11 miles from East Prussia, is a city of old Poland between East Prussia and Lithuania—less than 60 miles southwest of Kaunas and 90 miles from the Prussian Baltic coast.

The Russian drive to the Baltic might trap two German armies in the Russian-annexed states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. A NBC broadcast from Sweden said the Russians were within 12 miles of East Prussia after driving 20 miles from Grodno, also an old Polish city. Such proximity would mean that echoes could be heard in Germany itself.

Other Russian columns struck within 38 miles of Kaunas, old capital of Lithuania, in a seven-mile advance. Detachments were within 29 miles of Grodno after racing 27 miles in 24 hours. Yet another group was 50 miles from Bialystok strategic rail center leading into Warsaw and East Prussia.

Brest-Litovsk, on the River Bug, was within 67 miles of the forces on the north and 70 of those in the Pripet Marsh area. Warsaw itself was within 150 miles of Russian guns to the northeast. Daugavpils, gateway to the Baltic Sea, and Riga were feeling increasing pressure of two huge approaching Russian armies. Already their garrisons were like the one surrounded in Vilna in Lithuania, bracing for the coming blow.

## Guns Booming... Output Must, Too

NEW YORK, July 13—Brig. Gen. R. E. Hardy, of Army Ordnance, reported yesterday that unprecedented quantities of shells used by American forces in Italy, Normandy and the Pacific had necessitated an increase of several hundred per cent in the ammunition production program.

He said contracts for shells had been placed with 56 concerns, whose facilities were being expanded by the addition of about \$100,000,000 worth of machine tools, presses and furnaces.

The Fifth Army, he said, hurled 30,000 tons of heavy shells against the Cassino line in May.

### MODEL T PLANES

DETROIT, July 13—Henry Ford has announced that his Willow Run plant will be converted to the manufacture of passenger and cargo planes when civilian production is resumed.

### SUB LOST WITH 60

WASHINGTON, July 13—The 20-year-old submarine S-28 has been lost during training exercises in the Pacific with a crew of 60, the Navy Department announced today.

### 2,000 AA GUNS HERE

SHAEP, July 13—More than 2,000 anti-aircraft guns are already in operation with American forces in Normandy, it was revealed yesterday.

## An Apology

The Stars and Stripes bows its head in apology to the men in the foxholes today—there will be papers for only a few.

Reason: Newsprint just isn't available in France, and transport of copies printed in England is far from dependable. The Stars and Stripes has made every effort to get the necessary paper from England (tons are needed) and also has made every effort to have copies of the British edition flown from its printing plant in London. But they have not arrived.

Therefore, today no copies of the U. K. edition are available for distribution, and the number of papers published in Normandy has had to be reduced by 50 per cent.

We're hoping for better news tomorrow.

## Japanese Battle To Break Trap In New Guinea

PEARL HARBOR, July 13—Another isolated Japanese army, twice as large as the force of 21,000 wiped out on Saipan last week, today built up an all-out offensive to break free of the Allied trap on New Guinea.

Preliminaries started Monday with an attack against American troops 21 miles southeast of Aitape one of the jaws of a trap which has seized the enemy at Wewak. The attack followed Tuesday.

The other jaw is an Australian force pushing up from the southeast. A heavy Jap force, gathered for a breakthrough attempt, evidently was hoping to clear an escape path for 45,000 troops westward to Dutch New Guinea. This force, the remainder of 60,000 men who made up the Japanese 18th Army must break out or perish.

Resurgence of the southwest Pacific land action came amid an announcement of record casualty figures for the Saipan victory.

Adm. Nimitz disclosed 349 United States troops were killed, 11,481 wounded and 1,213 missing in the 25-day battle.

The Japs suffered more heavily. They lost 11,948 known dead and perhaps as many as 19,000 more.

More than 1,000 prisoners—a record for a single action in the Pacific—were taken in addition to 8,000 civilian internees.

## Roosevelt Seen Ready to Recommend, But Not Demand, Wallace on Ticket

WASHINGTON, July 13—President Roosevelt was reported today ready to recommend, but not to demand, a second term for Vice-President Henry A. Wallace.

Mr. Roosevelt's decision to run for a fourth term, produced conjecture that he probably would pass up a formal acceptance speech to the Democratic convention.

The selection of a vice-presidential candidate is the single major chore remaining for the convention, which will start a week from today in Chicago. The chief executive is expected to lend a hand by nudging delegates toward Wallace.

Meanwhile, Sen. Guy Gillette (D-Iowa) announced he was withdrawing as a delegate to the convention because "I couldn't conscientiously vote for the re-nomination of President Roosevelt."

Gillette, who opposed a third

## AMERICANS TIGHTEN ARC ON ST. LO; SHELLS AND BOMBS PLASTER TOWN

### Foxhole Pass From Jerry Explains Captured Runner's Five-Hour Absence

By Andy Rooney  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A German sergeant issued Pfc John R. Simpson, of Park Ridge, Ill., the only pass he has had since he's been in France. The pass was good for five hours and gave Simpson the freedom of a foxhole.

A runner with the Second Infantry Division, Simpson was forward with his CO at the company CP during an advance on a German strongpoint. The company was being held up by a small German unit dug in ahead and Simpson was sent back to bring up machine gun support for the infantrymen.

"I thought I'd take a shortcut," Simpson said. "I followed a hedgerow instead of going along

the road. I turned the corner of a field and heard voices. Over in a dugout I saw some helmets that looked like our tank helmets. One of our tanks had just been knocked out, so I figured it was them."

"I yelled and asked them if they were Americans. There wasn't any answer so I sneaked up on them."

Simpson discovered five Germans crouched in the dugout.

"I tried to fire my carbine but it was jammed. They had two machine pistols and three rifles. So I sort of got chicken and gave up."

One of the Germans spoke English.

"He told me to go down

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## Discharged GI Sues for His Job

NEWARK, N. J., July 13—A medically discharged soldier brought suit in Federal court here yesterday to compel his former employer, a New Jersey leather company, to reinstate him in his former job. This was believed to be the first legal test of the Selective Service Act's reemployment provisions.

The soldier, Joseph Grasso, 26-year-old former semi-pro football player, received a medical discharge in Oct. 1943, because he suffered from flat feet. His former employers, A. J. Crowhurst and Sons leather tanning firm, contended that Grasso failed to apply for reinstatement within the 40-day period specified in the law and that disability rendered him unfit to assume his former job of manhandling 150 pound packs of hides.

Grasso, now employed by another tannery, testified that despite his disability he was able to complete 12 and 20 mile hikes with 70 to 100 pound packs. After two doctors examined Grasso's feet in court, they said the condition would not impair his efficiency on the job.

## Allied Air Loss Less Than I.P.C.

SHAEP, July 13—The Allied air forces flew approximately 158,500 sorties and sustained losses under one per cent during the first month of operations in Normandy, it was officially announced yesterday.

From June 6 to July 6, it was reported, 1,067 enemy planes were shot down in aerial combat and many more were destroyed on the ground. Allied losses of all types, including glider tugs, totaled 1,284.

In the initial stages of the campaign, losses amounted to slightly less than one per cent, but since then they have gradually decreased to under eight-tenths of one per cent.

The number of sorties included those flown on strategic and defensive missions and reconnaissance over Germany and other parts of occupied territory as well as the battle area, but excluded the operations of the RAF Coastal Command and of Allied planes based in Italy.

Details follow:

	Sorties	Claims	Losses
U. S. 8th AF	53,000	372	433
RAF B. C.	10,500	109	216
U. S. 9th AF	38,000	207	317
RAF 2nd TAF	36,000	245	259
A. D. G. B.	21,000	134	49

### RAIL TRAVEL CURBED

WASHINGTON, July 13—The Office of Defense Transportation has stopped the use of special cars and trains for government "public relations" trips and hauling movie stars to war bond rallies.

## Million and Half Accused by Dies

NEW ORLEANS, July 13 (UP)—Rep. Martin Dies (D-Tex.) said yesterday that his House Committee on Un-American Activities had completed a list of 1,500,000 subversive Americans with proof of their actions and the file would be turned over to the Library of Congress.

He also said that he had been conducting an undercover investigation in New Orleans for the past eight days and had found the Crescent City the focal point of "an intensified campaign to spread communism in the Gulf war industrial area."

## Nazis Desperately Trying to Rush Reserves

American forces, driving down a series of wooded and swampy channels, yesterday tightened an arc on doomed St. Lo and threatened Lessay and Periers on the flank of a 48-mile offensive front.

While American troops closed in on St. Lo from the east, moving down the main St. Lo-Berigny highway to within a mile and a half of the city—now rendered a heap of stone and rubble by devastating air and artillery attacks—the Germans made apparently desperate efforts to reinforce and supply the sorely pressed and retreating troops on the western flank of the battle-line.

Germany's supply and reserve situation is no doubt serious after extensive dislocation of rail and road transport system from air attacks, a Reuter correspondent at First Army headquarters reported.

### 1,000-Yard Advance

With St. Lo now completely dominated from high surrounding territory by American troops and artillery and pulverized out of all strategic use by the Germans, the town's penetration by American forces is regarded as becoming imminent.

Meanwhile, on the right flank doughboys advanced 1,000 yards down the La Haye du Puits road and were about two and one-half miles from Lessay while other forces were less than four miles from Periers on the Carentan highway.

In the central sector, American forces cleared out an important highway south of Carentan, drove within one kilometer of Le Champs de Louque and were fighting in the outskirts of nearby Le Hommet d'Arthenay.

### Forest Fortifications Cleared

Pushing through swamplands, the troops made use of treacherous marshes, pinning down and isolating a pocket of German resistors who have been hindering the American drive for several days. A staff officer said that troops in this sector now are playing the swamp against the Nazis.

Extensive German fortifications in the forest Hommet were broken and cleaned out during the day.

Meanwhile, a high officer said

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## Munich Pounded 3rd Straight Day

LONDON, July 13—American heavy bombers continued their unprecedented attack on a single Nazi target today when more than 1,000 Fortresses and Liberators raided targets in the Munich area of southern Germany for the third straight day.

The escorted heavies also raided Saarbrücken on the 1,000-mile round trip. Ten bombers and five fighters were lost while eight enemy planes, from the first force of interceptors encountered by the U. S. air fleet in three days, were shot down.

The attack followed by hours a record RAF raid last night by 1,300 bombers on rail targets at Teurs, only about 150 miles south of the American front lines in Normandy, through which enemy supplies are funneled to troops in Normandy.

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## Army Notes

**PFC. G. C. Smith**, of Philadel-  
phia, Tenn., knows what it  
feels like to be in enemy territory  
some time before H-hour. Smith,  
leading scout of a rifle squad,  
took off for the German lines  
ahead of schedule when he mis-  
understood some prearranged sig-  
nals. He reached a Nazi machine  
gun position and called for his  
squad, but no one responded. It  
was then that Smith realized H-  
hour hadn't arrived so he return-  
ed to his unit in time to go out  
again according to plan.

**S/Sgt. Jack Clinton**, of Jam-  
ison, Pa., was returning to his  
CP after turning in another  
prisoner he had captured when  
he came upon a nest of seven  
Germans in foxholes on a sunk-  
en road. He jerked his rifle  
into firing position and then  
"gave them the thumb." Clin-  
ton said they knew "what I  
meant when I jerked my thumb  
up in the air and every one  
crawled out and gave up."

The first doughnuts made on  
French soil by the American  
Red Cross in this war were pre-  
pared at a Ninth Air Force fight-  
er base this week. The dough-  
nut makers were Florence L.  
Reed, of Pueblo, Colo.; Mrs. Helen  
O'Hara, of New York; Marian  
Hall, of New York and Anne E.  
Aab, of Berkeley, Cal.

**Pvt. Henry C. Cox**, of Albany,  
Ga., a medic, caught himself a  
prisoner despite himself. Cox  
was helping one of his own  
wounded when a German who  
had been overlooked in terri-  
tory the infantry had already  
passed came up to Cox, who  
was unarmed, and insisted on  
surrendering.

**M/Sgt. Walter Lane**, of Phila-  
delphia, a refugee from Stutt-  
gart, now with Army Intelligence,  
figures he is close to settling an  
old score. Back in 1936, Lane and  
his family were evicted from their  
home in Stuttgart through the  
influence of a wealthy German  
beer merchant. The other day,  
Lane was interrogating a German  
prisoner who told him his Nazi CO  
was—you guessed it—the same  
lager dealer.

## Pass from Jerry Explains AWOL

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towards the end of the trench  
but I told him I wouldn't because  
he'd probably give it to me in  
the back. This German sergeant  
told me that they didn't fight  
that way, but I still didn't go.

"They offered me water and I  
offered them cigarettes. They  
took my gun and knife, but they  
were pretty good to me.

"I tried to talk the Germans  
into surrendering but they would-  
n't. After a while I convinced  
the sergeant they couldn't keep  
me prisoner because by the time  
it got dark our lines would be  
ahead of them. He told me that  
when it got dark he would go his  
way and I could go mine."

Five hours passed before Pvt.  
Roosevelt Fusilier stumbled on  
what he described as an "over-  
sized foxhole." The five Nazis  
surrendered to Fusilier without a  
fight.

Simpson was afraid that his CO  
might think that he had been  
AWOL; he realized his story  
might not sound plausible. The  
English-speaking German ser-  
geant understood his problem. He  
took a piece of paper from his  
pocket Simpson signed his name  
and underneath the German ser-  
geant wrote in English:

"I swear this man was a pris-  
oner of five soldiers of the Ger-  
man Army since eight o'clock."

## News From Home

### Induction of Men Over 30 Unlikely Barring Emergency, Hershey Says

**NEW YORK, July 13—**Major Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, yesterday reas-  
sured men over 30 years of age  
that their induction into U. S.  
armed forces would not be neces-  
sary so long as military demands  
for manpower do not increase.

He said it was his belief that  
the "pattern" established for in-  
ducting men by age groups would  
meet future demands barring war  
developments that would require  
more men. The present draft  
policies laid down by Hershey call  
for induction of all physically-fit  
men under 26 unless they qualify  
as key men in critical jobs.

Deferments are granted to those  
in the 26-29 age group who hold  
"necessary" positions in war in-  
dustries or war-supporting activi-  
ties and to men over 30 who are  
engaged in activities which local  
boards consider essential.

### CIRCUS SUED FOR MILLION

**HARTFORD, Conn., July 13—**The Ringling Brothers-Barnum  
and Bailey circus was placed in  
the hands of receivership through  
an order by Superior Court Judge  
John King as damage suits  
against the circus corporation  
steadily mounted toward the mil-  
lion dollar mark. Several new  
actions filed yesterday totaled  
\$265,000 bringing the total dam-  
ages \$893,000, with many more  
suits in the process of being filed  
by relatives of the 165 people  
burned to death in the circus fire.

### Yanks Tighten Arc on St. Lo

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a German train, set afire and de-  
stroyed by the Ninth Air Force,  
was carrying 12 tanks loaded on  
flatcars, which were badly need-  
ed by the Nazis for reinforce-  
ments.

The Germans on the western  
flank, where supplies and re-  
serves are believed the lowest, ap-  
peared to be continuing a with-  
drawal under cover.

Official totals listed 24 German  
panzer and Tiger tanks as de-  
stroyed and 30 others as driven  
off in recent battles.

On the British-Canadian front,  
Gen. Dempsey's Second Army  
was reported to be regrouping  
and consolidating communica-  
tions after the capture of Caen  
and only intermittent artillery  
fire broke what was termed "the  
quietest day since the landings"  
in that sector.

### GOLD RUSH

**CHICAGO, July 13—**Hundreds  
of people named Thompson began  
pouring into the city today to  
claim part or all of the \$1,500,000  
found in the safe deposit vaults  
of the late Mayor William Hale  
Thompson.

### NAVY NO CUPID

**MIAMI, Fla., July 13—**A post-  
poned honeymoon was in prospect  
for screen actress Gail Patrick  
and Lt. Arnold White when it was  
revealed last night that the naval  
officer had been confined to his  
barracks for 10 days. Lt. Cmdr.  
H. F. Webster, acting command-  
ing officer of the naval air trans-  
port base where White is station-  
ed, said the officer was punished  
for going to Jacksonville to get  
married without leave. He wed  
Miss Patrick last Tuesday.

### BETTY COMPTON DEAD

**NEW YORK, July 13—**Betty  
Compton, 37, actress and former  
wife of ex-Mayor James J. Walk-  
er, died here today following an  
illness of several months.

### WASHINGTON PICKS LANDLE

**SEATTLE, Wash., July 13—**Re-  
turns today unofficially gave Re-  
publican Gov. Arthur B. Landle  
renomination far in excess of the  
aggregate cast for his three rivals  
and for the unopposed Demo-  
cratic gubernatorial candidate, U.  
S. Sen. Mon C. Wallgren.

### URGES STANDING AIR FORCE

**WASHINGTON, July 13—**Rob-  
ert P. Patterson, Under Sec-  
retary of War, proposed today that  
a formidable post-war military  
air force be maintained, with  
stand-by production plants for any  
emergency, and that civilian fly-  
ing should be vastly expanded.

### Creighton Miller Signs With Pros

**BROOKLYN, July 13—**Creigh-  
ton Miller, Notre Dame's All-  
American halfback of last year,  
signed to play with the Brooklyn  
Tigers of the National Football  
League next season. The club  
announced that Miller would re-  
ceive \$7,500 for his services. Four  
other college players were also  
signed including Rudy Sickik,  
Minnesota tackle and Dale Car-  
moody, Southern California back.

### BASTILLE DAY TODAY

For the first time since 1939,  
descendants of Frenchmen who  
stormed that symbol of tyranny,  
the Bastille de Paris, in the cause  
of liberty 155 years ago, will cele-  
brate today their most important  
national holiday, "la quatorze  
juillet." Bright-hued tricolors  
will line the bomb-torn streets of  
Treviers, Carentan, Montebourg,  
Valognes, Cherbourg, Isigny and  
Caen to commemorate Bastille  
Day.

### ADD UNIMPORTANT FACTS

**NEWARK, N. J., July 13—**It  
looks as if the price of yo-yos may  
soar to the skies as far as the  
OPA is concerned. The Newark,  
N. J., district office announced it  
considered them relatively unim-  
portant in the cost of living.

## AEF Radio Programs

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News Every Hour on the Hour  
Friday, July 14

- 1000 Victory Parade - Vaughn Moneoe
- 1015 Personal Album - The Smart Set
- 1030 Music While You Work
- 1100 Morning After - Bing Crosby
- 1130 Duffie Bag
- 1215 Dance Music
- 1300 News
- 1315 Theatre Orchestra
- 1400 Old Town Hall
- 1500 Strike a Home Note
- 1530 Music While You Work
- 1630 Combat Diary
- 1645 On the Record
- 1630 Scottish Orchestra
- 1700 Music by Harry James
- 1730 French Music
- 1755 American Sports
- 1815 Glenn Miller Sextet
- 1905 Fred Allen
- 1930 News
- 1930 GI Journal
- 1930 News
- 1935 RCAF Dance Orchestra
- 2000 Home News from the USA
- 2030 Grenadiers Band
- 2100 News
- 2110 Canadian Home News
- 2115 Songs from the Shows
- 2200 Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge
- 2230 One Night Stand
- 2300 Sign Off

Saturday, July 15

- 0920 Great Music
- 0935 Dance Band
- 1000 Victory Parade with Boyd Raeburn orchestra
- 1015 Personal Album with The Smart Set
- 1030 Music While You Work
- 1100 Morning After (Fred Allen)
- 1130 Duffie Bag
- 1215 Dance Music
- 1245 RCAF Blackout
- 1300 News
- 1315 Starlight
- 1330 By way of Music
- 1400 Hello GI's - Jimmy Durante, Gary Moore, Dinah Shore
- 1430 Music of Royal Horse Guards
- 1500 Music While You Work
- 1530 Combat Diary
- 1645 On the Record
- 1630 Amos 'N' Andy
- 1700 John Charles Thomas
- 1730 Tommy Dorsey Orchestra
- 1755 American Sports News
- 1800 News
- 1815 Glenn Miller Sextet
- 1830 Atlantic Spotlight
- 1900 News
- 1905 Dinah Shore Show
- 1935 Conducted by Faith - Percy Faith Orchestra
- 2005 Cornfield Serenade
- 2015 Music from the Movies
- 2100 News
- 2110 Home News from Canada
- 2115 Theatre Orchestra
- 2145 Top of the Evening
- 2200 Johnny Cannuck's Revue
- 2230 Xavier Cugat
- 2300 Sign Off

## Majors & Minors

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
No games scheduled.				
	W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Louis	45	34	.570	—
Boston	42	36	.536	2 1/2
New York	39	35	.521	2 1/2
Washington	38	39	.491	6
Chicago	34	37	.479	7
Cleveland	37	41	.474	7 1/2
Detroit	36	42	.462	8 1/2
Philadelphia	35	42	.455	9

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
No games scheduled.				
	W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Louis	51	21	.708	—
Pittsburgh	39	30	.565	10 1/2
Cincinnati	42	33	.560	10 1/2
New York	37	39	.487	16
Philadelphia	32	41	.438	19 1/2
Brooklyn	33	43	.431	20
Chicago	29	40	.420	20 1/2
Boston	30	46	.395	23

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION				
Toledo 4, Louisville 3				
Milwaukee 6, Minneapolis 0				
St. Paul 3, Kansas City 1 (1st)				
St. Paul 11, Kansas City 4 (2nd)				
Indianapolis-Columbus (rain)				
	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	58	25	.699	—
Columbus	47	29	.618	6 1/2
Toledo	47	31	.603	7 1/2
Louisville	48	33	.593	9
St. Paul	36	36	.500	16 1/2
Minneapolis	29	48	.377	26
Kansas City	24	51	.327	30
Indianapolis	21	57	.269	34 1/2

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE				
Jersey City 11, Baltimore 3				
Newark 7, Syracuse 0				
Rochester 4, Toronto 0 (1st)				
Toronto 5, Rochester 4 (2nd)				
Only games scheduled				
	W	L	PCT.	GB
Jersey City	45	35	.563	—
Montreal	42	35	.545	1 1/2
Buffalo	42	36	.538	2
Baltimore	40	36	.526	3
Newark	40	42	.488	6
Toronto	39	42	.481	3 1/2
Rochester	38	44	.463	8
Syracuse	31	46	.402	12 1/2

### Yanks' Barrow Hits As Increase Of Night Tilts

**NEW YORK, July 13—**The an-  
nouncement by the St. Louis Car-  
dinals that all of their remaining  
weekday games would be played  
at night and the statement by the  
Browns that they intended to do  
the same thing has brought some  
salty comment from those who  
cling to the view that baseball  
was meant to be played in the  
day time and that night ball will  
eventually alienate more fans  
than it will attract.

Perhaps the most outspoken foe  
of night baseball is Edward Grant  
Barrow, president of the New  
York Yankees, who incidentally  
promoted the first night game  
before the turn of the century.

"I have done everything I can  
to dissuade them from adding  
more night games to their sched-  
ules," Barrow said. "In fact, some  
baseball people thought I had  
gone too far."

Barrow claims that the night  
baseball craze is strictly a war-  
time innovation and that the  
public will want to see their  
games in daylight when war is  
over.

### 5th Army Moves To Flank Leghorn

**ROME, July 13—**American  
troops of Gen. Mark Clark's Fifth  
Army, breaking through German  
defenses in the Upper Era Valley  
some 17 miles inland from Italy's  
west coast in a flanking move  
against Leghorn, have captured  
the town of La Jatico in the bit-  
terest fighting Italy has seen in  
recent weeks.

American troops mopped up all  
enemy soldiers remaining in the  
town, taking 150 to 200 prisoners,  
and surged on northward. By  
noon they were only 12 miles from  
the Arno River Valley, key to the  
outer strongpoints of the German  
Gothic Line—last strong natural  
barrier left to the enemy, short  
of the Fo River line in Northern  
Italy.

At the same time Allied troops  
on the right captured San Donato  
astride a secondary highway in  
mountainous area 25 miles south-  
west of Florence.

## Red Sox Gird For Spirited Pennant Bid

**PITTSBURGH, July 13—**The  
National League was still cele-  
brating its All Star victory of last  
night in Pittsburgh while the  
American loop remained silent  
without alibi, but both turned  
their attention to the more se-  
rious business of pennant races  
which got under way today after  
a three-day lapse.

From Boston came word that  
the ferocious Red Sox, moving  
along at a dangerous clip only  
two and a half games behind the  
American League-leading Browns  
of St. Louis, hit the road for a  
trip that will make or break their  
flag chances. The first stop was  
New York to oppose the Yankees.  
The Sox have been knocking  
down the fences all around the  
circuit, and given a little better  
pitching, may reach the rainbow  
they have been chasing these  
many years.

### Irony of Fate

It seems ironic, in view of all  
the cash laid out by Owner Tom  
Yawkey, that the Sox should have  
their best chance at the pennant  
in a year when almost anyone can  
get into the big leagues.

Three of the top four batters  
in the A. L. are in the Sox line-  
up. Second Baseman Bobby Doerr  
is the leader with .340, followed  
by 37-year-old Pete Fox and 35-  
year-old Bob Johnson, a pair of  
topflight outfielders in their  
old age. Doerr also leads the  
league in hits, runs scored, is tied  
for the lead in homers with ten  
and ranks second in doubles.

### Yanks Threaten

The Yankees, in third place  
only a half game behind the Sox  
and two in arrears of the Browns,  
also are lent in boosting their  
stock.

The National League race is  
sewed up as far as the pennant  
goes. Nobody is going to catch  
the Cardinals, presently resting on  
a 10 1/2-game advantage. But the  
fight for second place is likely  
to develop into an interesting  
struggle as the season wears on.  
Only five percentage points sepa-  
rate the second-place Pirates and  
third-place Reds with the Giants  
five and a half games back in  
fourth place.

### ALL STAR SIDELIGHTS—

Proceeds of the 12th annual clas-  
sic was \$106,275 which went to  
the Bat and Ball Fund for U. S.  
armed services. . . Pittsburgh's  
Mayor Cornelius D. Scully show-  
ed commendable optimism when  
he told the fans over the loud  
speaker that he hoped he could  
welcome them back in October for  
the World Series. . . Frenchy  
Bordagaray, Dodger outfielder  
snubbed in the All Star selections,  
at least had his name and record  
published in the souvenir pro-  
gram. . . Clark Griffith Sena-  
tors' 70-year-old president, took  
his first plane ride to get to the  
game. . . The American League  
tried its old psychology before  
the game by having its sluggers  
pound fat pitches into the stands  
during batting practice but the  
Nationals refused to be frighten-  
ed and won going away, 7-1. . .  
Billy Southworth said he kept Mel  
Ott, Bill Nicholson and Vince Di-  
Maggio on the bench because he  
wanted to use line-drive hitters  
like Dixie Walker, Stan Musial  
and Arnie Galan to hit in the  
spacious Pirate playing field. . .  
The best fielding plays were Stan  
Spence's great throw from the  
outfield to nab Phil Cavaretta  
at the plate and Vern Stephens'  
grab on Walker's lazy fly.

### WYOMING BACK ON COURT

**LARAMIE, Wyo., July 13—**The  
U. of Wyoming is bringing bas-  
ketball back on its athletic pro-  
gram after a two-year absence.  
Everett Shelton, who coached  
Wyoming to the National cham-  
pionship in 1942 when it defeat-  
ed St. John's of Brooklyn at Mad-  
ison Square Garden, will return  
under a 10 year contract.