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NORMANDY BEACHHEAD, France  
Tuesday, July 11, 1944

29th Inf. Div.

### ALLIES PUSH ON

In Normandy, United Kingdom and Canadian troops of the 2d Army have launched a new attack southwest of Caen and have widened and deepened their bridgehead across the river Orne. They have also captured useful high ground between the Orne and the Ome. The Germans have reacted strongly, but our troops have beaten off several counter-attacks. At the other end of the Normandy front, American forces have pushed further south along the west bank of the Vire, and have enlarged their bridgehead. Southwest of Carontan, American troops have advanced another mile and are beginning to threaten the German position around Lessay. Progress is reported on all parts of the front.

### RUSSIANS STILL ADVANCING

The Russians have now entirely surrounded Vilna, and were last night fighting in the center of the city. They have also kept up their victorious drive all along the line from the southern border of the Latvian republic down to the northern fringes of the Pripet Marshes. The Russians also report the capture of four more German

Doctor: "The best thing for you to do is give up drinking and smoking, get up early every morning, and go to bed early every night."  
Soldier Patient: "What's second best?"

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HOW TO GIVE YOUR GIRL A SURPRISE PARTY: Rush up to her, put your arms around her, draw her close and when she says, "Stop!" don't kiss her.

Generals, bringing the total captured to eighteen, since the Russian summer offensive started.

### 5TH & 8TH GAIN MORE GROUND

In Italy Fifth Army troops have pushed a few miles beyond Volterra, in the direction of the west coast port of Leghorn, and in the center of the line, Eighth Army men have gained ground east of Arezzo, in spite of fierce German resistance.

### FRONT LINE NEWS

**NORMANDY FRONT** — Cooking may be an intricate art to most of us, but to S/SGT John J. Bush of an Engineer outfit "Cooking's easy." Stovetop pan-cakes are made from "tom-in-ones" ration. You simply use ground-up "C" rations instead of flour, add eggs, salt, milk, salt, sugar and left-over dried eggs.

"Another easy recipe that makes a delicious cake," according to Bush, is made up of "C" biscuits, raisins, con-



cented milk, D-chocolate icing, skillfully blended, into a cake to tempt any hungry trooper and boasts his recipe as well." Bush has been cooking for the Army for 2 1/2 years. His home is at Woodside, Long Island, I. Y.



Charlie Schrappeuf, First Army Heavyweight Champ, lost his first bout in the Normandy beachhead by a close decision, to a small black donkey. Charlie, still in fighting trim, after his recent conquest of the Army title, went down to defeat, not in the squared arena, but in a small orchard in Normandy. It all happened when the "Champ" was coming off guard early one morning. As he reached the fox-hole which he had learned to call home, he noticed a small figure not so far away looking soleful as only a small donkey can, so being in his usual good mood, Charlie decided to share his last bit of choc-

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## (Schnappauf vs Donkey, Cont'd)

olate with his long eared friend. He held out his famous left hand, but ignoring the tempting morsel offered, the little "donk" took a firm grip with his teeth and hung on as if afraid that if he let go he'd be "floored". Charlie's yell of foul brought Don Webber to the scene, and between them they managed, with the aid of Webber's right foot, to extract the Division's most valuable piece of boxing equipment from the donkey's mouth.

The donkey retired to a neutral corner, Webber threw in the towel, and the dethroned champ retreated to the first aid tent for medical attention. Incidentally, Schnappauf's pal, Webber, is a bit of a boxer himself, being the European Theatre Featherweight champ. (Editor's Note:....At this writing, the donkey has suffered no ill effects.)

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## NEWS FLASH!

The Germans don't listen to radio news any more -- they can see they are losing the war by looking out the window.

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## "THE FIGHTING 116TH"

We'd fly along the British roads,  
Four miles in forty minutes;  
We'd always carry heavy loads,  
Our sergeants knew no limits.

Inspections, calisthenics, drill,  
In rain and wind and mud;  
Of moors we also had our fill,  
Our home was a draughty Nissen hut.

One day they put us on a boat,  
Where we'd go, they didn't say;  
They packed us down with quite a load  
French currency was our pay.

When we got to foreign land,  
The going was quite rough;  
On the beach we took our stand,  
And showed Jerry we knew our stuff.

To Col. Canham is due all praise,  
He leads when we advance;  
He trained in pre-invasion days,  
For the fight we'd have in France.

The One-sixteenth got quite a name,  
In the last war as we know;  
We'll try our best to keep that name,  
In our present show.

To those who died a hero's death,  
We owe our life and more;  
We'll never let the Jorries rest,  
Until we square the score.

-- Pvt. Ernest Pessel,  
Co. "F" 116th Inf.



## "THE MANASSA MAULERS"



Lieutenant Commander William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey, of the U. S. Coast Guard, has in operation an impressively effective and strenuous program for conditioning those many thousands who have so successfully handled that service's water transport and patrol and landing jobs of this war.

Controversial or spectacular phases of armed service sports have not figured in the Coast Guard athletic plan. Dempsey has not issued profound communiqués on sports or other physical training for fighters. He simply based his program on the Coast Guard observation that it's a hard service for hard men.

With the quick, positive development of hard men as his objective and a smart and sturdy physical training personnel, consisting mostly of former high school coaches, Jack Dempsey turned out to be the surprise find of the armed services' physical conditioning enterprises. He has none of the physical educator's background of theory and is not able to cite Shakespeare, Aristotle, or Bernard Shaw as authority for a poke in the puss in a pinch, but as a smart, rough, and tough fighter, Jack has graduated "cum laude."

Furthermore, Dempsey is the leading active sports hero today. A poll taken by the Esquire magazine disclosed that Jack is shaded by only Babe Ruth in national voting as the greatest living sports character, but the Babe, outside of a radio program, is virtually in retirement, while Dempsey at 48, is brisk and busy.

PASS ALONG YOUR  
STARS AND STRIPES

The Continental edition of the Stars and Stripes, which made its debut July 1, is being distributed free to American troops in Germany. Publication and circulation problems are numerous at this early stage. Right now we are unable to obtain sufficient papers for all. Please cooperate by sharing your paper with as many buddies as possible.

A man who had been commissioned received a wire from the medical board several days late. "Regret to inform you," it read, "that tests show you have tuberculosis and heart trouble." An hour later another wire came, saying, "Please disregard last wire. Your record confused with that of another candidate." The relieved officer wired back, "Sorry, but your correction came too late. I committed suicide 40 minutes ago."

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MONMONEY BEACHHEAD, France  
Wednesday, July 12, 1944

29th Inf. Div.

## YANKS THREE MILES FROM ST. LO

On the American sector in Normandy General Bradley's troops have captured the main height four miles east of St. Lo, and were last night reported less than three miles from the town.

There has been more fierce fighting northeast of Caen on the right bank of the river Orne. British troops attacked there early yesterday, then the Germans launched a strong counter attack and won back some of the ground. Southwest of Caen, Canadian troops command the west bank of the Orne in the open country near Louvigny. Further west, other 2d Army troops have made local gains in hard fighting in the Tilly area.

## THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE CONTINUES

The Russians have kept up their advance towards the Baltic and East Prussia. They have again completely copped up the enemy force trapped east of the city of Minsk. In all, they took more than 27,000 prisoners in the Minsk pocket.

## NEWS BRIEFS..

In Italy, the Allied armies have gain-

"At Teheran the British and the Americans fell to discussing the role which the Vatican should play in the drafting of the peace treaty and the plans for the post-war world.

Stalin, who had sat silently through the discussion, was asked to give his opinion.

"Vatican?" he said. "How many divisions have they got?"

A cynic is one who knows the price of everything—the value of nothing.

ed more ground in face of stubborn German resistance....In the central Pacific, American fighter aircraft are now operating from Saipan Island....In the southwest Pacific, Allied heavy bombers have made another attack on the Jap airfield on Biak Island in the Carolines.. In northern Burma, the Japanese have now been driven from the road be-

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## 29TH SIGNAL COMPANY

"We had to issue orders," the captain said, "to keep the men up the poles, to keep them from coming down and going out to get snipers." The speaker was Capt. Arba G. Williamson, C.O. of the Signal Co.; he was talking about his wire team, the men who string the lighting lines from Division down to the regiments, as they push forward. There



is no stopping for these guys; day and night they pull out the wire until they reach the new location, often ahead of the regimental C.P., to await its arrival. These men have accounted for their share of snipers ever since D-day, using a tool that you wouldn't ordinarily associate with the telephone company — the .50 cal. machine gun — they have done better than good as lanterns.

The pole climbers are only one of a number of sections operating as part of the Signal Company: there is the radio

crew, who are out there with the regiments, maintaining communications with portable equipment from forward C.P.'s and coming up with the heavy radios in command cars. There are the motor messengers, who travel in jeeps, and who are on the move 24 hours every day. These fellows have had their scrapes with the enemy too. There are the men who operate the telegraph and teletype machines. The maintenance men, who repair all kinds of radio and telephone equipment. The supply men, who put out

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## (News Briefs, Cont'd)

tween Moguang and Kamaing....RAF bombers made two more daylight attacks on flying bomb installations in the northern France area....London had its second successive quiet night, but there was some flying bomb activity over the southern part of England last night.

## TAKING THE BLAME

About two years ago a Rochester, N.Y. boy - a marine on duty in the Pacific - wrote a long poem and sent it to his sister. The last verse of this poem was printed in 1942 on a poster and incorporated in the "Think-American" program. It has been the outstanding poster of the war to date. Here it is:

And if our lines should form and break  
Because of things you failed to make -  
The extra tank or ship or plane  
For which we waited all in vain,  
And the supplies that never came -  
Will you then come and take the blame?

## (29th Signal Co., - Continued)

everything from a flashlight bulb to mine detectors. And last, but far from least, the telephone operators. Now they're hidden away in a blast proof dugout, and come hell or high water there will be connections to any place anywhere in this corner of the world, if there is a telephone available.

Major Gordon B. Sauble is our new Division Signal Officer, new in the sense that he is surrounded by such old standbys as First Sgt. Hyman Silverman, and H/Sgt. Swingley, not to forget Capt. Murray Little, who have all been together in the company for more than 10 years. Their business has been communications. As a body, the Signal Company has done a magnificent job.

## TECHNICAL SPECIES

A firing range 22 ft. long tests our aerial cannon for the new bombers. It was built by U.S. Ordnance at Eglin Field, Fla., and provides stratosphere temperatures down to -70 deg. F., and pressure of only 2.2 lb. per sq. inch within 12 minutes from 70 deg. F, thus matching conditions which equipment undergoes in service.

The Ford M8 armored car, just recently announced, combines the speed and maneuverability of an auto with the firepower of a light tank. It is a 6-wheel combat car carrying a 37mm. cannon and a .30 cal. machine gun on a manual turret. It carries a crew of 4. Two drivers have protected vision thru steel shutters. Gunners see thru periscopes renamed "protectoscopes". The car weighs 8 ton, has a fabricated armored hull of low silhouette, and can climb grades well.

## TOP JOCKEY

Eddie Arcaro, set down for a rough ride on Sept. 9, 1942, and denied a license until Sept. 19 of last year, lost little time recapturing his old form, being aided in his comeback by a rule under which, although not permitted to ride in races, he could exercise horses in the morning. Working here's every day and in other ways helping John Over, trainer of the Greentree stable, to which he is under contract, Arcaro did not permit himself to take on weight or become rusty.

Twenty-nine years old and a native of Covington, Ky., Arcaro is regarded by many racing men as the best jockey since Warle Stone. Trainer Ben Jones goes even further and says Eddie is the best he's ever seen.

"You don't see many perfect rides," Ben says, "but you saw one the day Arcaro brought Slant Out down along the rail to beat Waldina Orphan and With Its Prds in the Arlington Classic in 1942."

Arcaro has ridden many of the great horses of recent years, for Greentree or other stables, including two Kentucky Derby winners--Laurin in 1938 and Whirlaway in 1941. He was aboard Whirlaway when the long-tailed colt from Calumet won the triple crown--the Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont. Jones who trained Whirlaway, biggest money winner in history (\$41,261), believes he would have won at least \$100,000 more if Arcaro had ridden him in all his races.

Long a story is told of Arcaro, including one about his experience with an owner who suggested him to ride a pester in a mile race.

"I want you to break nice and easy with this horse," the owner said. "Eey about fourth on the clubhouse turn and move up to third on the backstretch. Be second at the top of the stretch -- and then come on and win."

The horse broke nice and easy and, in spite of all Eddie could do, won that way from the gate to the wire, finishing last. After the race, the owner rushed up to Arcaro.

"Didn't I tell you," he roared, "to be fourth coming by home, third on the backstretch, second at the head of the stretch -- and then come in and win?"

"That!" Eddie yelled. "and leave the horse?"

A woman is an animal that wears a fur coat to be warm, and then leaves it open to be stylish

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# LET'S GO!

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NORMANDY BEACHED, France  
Thursday, July 13, 1944

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## ALLIES GAIN MORE GROUND IN NORMANDY

In Normandy, the Allies gained a little more ground yesterday at various points, after hard fighting, and the Germans lost heavily in unsuccessful counter-attacks. At the western end of the front, American troops were last reported to be within two miles of Lessay, and further east other American forces were within the same distance of St. Lo.

On the British 2d Army front, yesterday was mainly a day of consolidation, after recent advances.

## 20,000 JAPS WIPED OUT ON SAIPAN

In the central Pacific, more than 20,000 Japanese have been wiped out on Saipan Island. American casualties in the battle for the island total just over 15,000, including 2,359 killed.

In the southwest Pacific, the Jap 14th Army of about 45,000 men trapped in New Guinea between Wewak and Aitape is reported to be concentrating for a desperate effort to break out.

## NEWS BRIEFS..

The Russians have now extended their

An alert looking girl in slacks, with an exceptionally attractive figure, was walking through the gate of a southern California aeroplane plant. She showed her pass and breezed past the guard. He was about to call after her for her badge when he observed it suspended from her belt in the middle of her back. To his question as to why she wore it there, she replied: "That's where you always look!"

summer offensive northward along a front of nearly 100 miles. In a new drive towards the eastern frontier of the Latvian republic, they have advanced up to 20 miles and captured over a thousand places.....Secretary of War Stimson has arrived in England from Italy.....In Italy, the Allied Armies continue to fight their way slowly forward in face of stubborn resistance... London had its third successive quiet night - no flying bomb attacks on England reported.

## A HELRY WELCOME

On 11 July, 1944, the Commanding General authorized the attached A.I.A. Bn. to don the Division insignia. Today, the Triple A is a team proud outfit, and the 19th Infantry announces it under the Blue and Gray standard. This streamlined body, composed approximately one-third of both regular and part-timers, in equal numbers, is headed by Lt. Col. Oswald G. Farwell. It formed in September of 1942, at Camp Talon, Texas. Front Street



On one day, it moved into Louisiana for the 1943 summer maneuvers. In November, 1942, the boys of the Machine-Gun Company (that's in our own title for vehicles and equipment) landed in England. Soon afterwards they joined up with the 29th.

Because the Ladies file is more conspicuous by the absence than by the presence, the Triple A boys haven't seen such action. But they count on themselves to the fire department, and they are ready for the call should the ladies come out for the men.

For weapons they use the M1 carbine, the M1-A1, four five's mounted on a heavy turret, and a M1 half-track. When they can only fire and a certain amount of confusion, they will use the big 90's howitzer all the while. The way has only come up to the 19th.

In deployment the A.I.A. spreads over the entire division area with many separate fire units. The units are composed of either a M1 carbine, or a multiple machine gun by itself. Before deploying on the front, the Triple A covered the beach area. At that time, D-Day, there were three volunteers from the unit who took over a provisional machine gun bn., and came with the division (Cont'd on back page, Col. 1)

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ision through the West Wall. They were:  
Maj. Arthur Meyer, 1st Sgt. Norman Lorenz,  
Sgt. John Kelly.

Included on the roster of this bn. are such men as 20 year old M/Sgt. Martell, youngest M/Sgt. in the U.S. Army. He made it from private to his present

THE 29TH DIVISION SALUTES THE FOLLOWING MEN FOR HEROISM IN ACTION:

The below named officers and men have been awarded the Silver Star:

- 2d Lt. Thomas T. Henderson
- 2d Lt. Oram L. Kimbrough, Jr.
- 2d Lt. Anthony J. Kukis
- 2d Lt. George L. O'Neal
- 2d Lt. Norvin Nathan
- 2d Lt. William G. Sampson
- Tech Sgt. William T. Lemon
- S/Sgt. Vincent D. Genaro
- S/Sgt. James B. Smallwood
- Sergeant Frank E. Harr
- Sergeant John Yoder
- Private Hans K. Krommes
- Private Herbert G. Stephenson
- Private Dalton R. Vought

rank in 7 months. He edits the bn. newspaper, "Le Fighting Monkey."

Pvt. James Rudolph developed the Rudolph Sight, which is used on the multiple machine gun, the M-16, of every U. S. AAA battery. Lt. Vernon A. Welton stood eighth nationally in the U. S. Tennis rankings a few years ago.

Hats off to the Triple A. We're glad to have you with us.

WAR ROOM BLITZED!

Last night, the word "war" was certainly stressed in the Division War Room. While several of the staff officers were in the tent, discussing the events of the day, and planning future operations, there was a deafening explosion, and the tent was alive with flying steel. At that time, no one present had any doubt that the German artillery had opened fire, but later investigation tended to prove that it was a stray ack-ack shell fired at an enemy plane. Regardless of who fired the shot, the result was the same. Bits of shrapnel tore multiple holes in the canvas and the situation maps were peppered. Lt. Col. Cooper B. Rhodes had the papers which he was holding perforated, and every man in the tent was momentarily stunned by the closeness of the explosion. The only actual casualty was Liaison Officer, 1st Lt. Norman McDonnell, who was painfully, though not seriously, wounded. We can't tell you exactly where he was injured, but his Purple Heart citation may read as follows: ".....for shrapnel wounds received in the headquarters at Headquarters."

WHERE IS GERTRUDE EDERLE ?



Not long ago one of the guards at La Guardia airfield, N.Y., murmured to a young girl worker: "Know who that is ahead of you? Gertrude Ederle."

All the response he got was a blank stare. For it was 18 years ago, on August 6, 1926, that Gertrude Ederle only 19, became the first woman to swim the choppy, treacherous English Channel. She had already grabbed off four American championships and eighteen world swimming records. On her first attempt to swim the Channel she failed, but she made it on her second try in 14 hrs., 31 min., bettering by over two hours the previous male record.

In her honor, the Channel was dubbed "The Star-Spangled Channel". Paris hits were named after her. Her welcome home was riotous, but her star dimmed almost as quickly as it rose. She did not capitalize on the offers made her. Misfortune seemed to dog her - sickness, a serious accident and impaired hearing, resulting from her swimming. Her last public appearance was at the New York World's Fair where she swam across the Aqueduct Pool and attracted comparatively little attention. She is now contentedly doing skilled precision work, checking and repairing plane instruments.

Perhaps, though, she still chuckles occasionally over Heywood Brown's comment on the several men who swam the Channel soon after she did. "Yes, but Gertrude softened it up for them."

FRONT LINE NEWS

COMA BY F.A.T., July 11. - Sgt. Carl Harbin, 26, was a hard-bitten veteran with a couple of years service on his record when his kid brother Roy, 20, joined the army back in the states a year ago and Carl helped him dig his first fox hole. Their home is on Route 1, Church Hill, Pa.

Since that time, Roy, a rifleman in an infantry line company, and Carl, a public man in a Ninth Air Force detachment assigned to the 29th Infantry Division, went their separate ways. They met again today when Roy was talking along a muddy road on his way up to the front and happened to pass his brother's bivouac a few hundred yards behind the lines.

The brothers had a few minutes together in which they posed for a signal corps photographer, had some hot chow and swapped their army experiences. Carl had been training in England for about a year and landed on this beach on D-day.

After Roy went into the attack, in the Saint Lo sector, Carl was working his radio on messages from a plane directing artillery fire in support of his brother's attacking unit.

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NORMANDY BATTLEHEAD, France  
Friday, July 16, 1944

29th Inf. Div.

## RUSSIANS CAPTURE VILNA!

The Russians have completed the capture of Vilna and liberated two hundred and fifty more places in that region. They've also gained ground at other points in their drive toward East Prussia and the Baltic.

## YANKS MILE AND A HALF FROM ST. LO

In Normandy, American troops had last night cut four of the nine roads into Saint Lo and were about a mile and half from its outskirts at one point. Other American forces were within three miles of Periers.

Little change is reported from the Caen area. A German counter-attack northeast of the town retack two villages but carried the enemy less than a mile forward.

President Roosevelt has expressed the hope that this will be the last 11th of July the French will have to suffer under German domination.

## BRIG. GENERAL ROOSEVELT DIES

Brig. General Teddy Roosevelt, son of the late President Theodore Roosevelt, has died in his tent in Normandy after a heart attack.

A General, watching a young inductee labor eagerly but clumsily on a fox-hole, asked: "How long have you been in the Army, son?"

"Two months," the boy replied. "How long have you been in?" The General was taken back but he good-naturedly answered: "Thirty years." "It's hell, ain't it?" the youngster said sympathetically.

In this world there are only two tragedies. One is not getting what one wants and the other's getting it.

## NEWS BRIEFS

In New Guinea, American troops have smashed a first attempt by the Japanese 18th Army to break out of the trap between Metch and Aitape.

Very strong forces of Fortress and Liberators again attacked the Munich area yesterday and went for Saarbrücken as well.

Marines have landed on Mariagassa two miles from Siapan.

## "DAS IST ALLES SAUBER!"

It all happened in the garden of the prisoner of war enclosure. A particularly Nazi-looking kroat was being interrogated by S/Sgt. Sondheim, of the Blue and Grey interpretation team.

"Must be hell being a civilian!"



Guarding the prisoner was mild-tempered, husky Pvt. Izzy Woidel of the 29th M.P. Platoon. It turned out to be rather a trying afternoon for everyone concerned. This is what happened: The Nazi said he thought Hitler was a pretty great chunk of kroat; he said Germany was going to win the war. That was a bold statement, when you consider that Izzy Woidel was standing right there beside him, because Izzy is the 29th Division heavyweight champ, and more than that, Izzy hails from Pittsburg, and that's the home of no less a pugilist than Billy Conn, Izzy's sparring partner. Well, when Izzy heard that statement he took a firm grip on his tow-y-gur. But that was merely the beginning of events.

Sgt. Sondheim asked the Nazi his name. The German answered that his surname was Solomon. Now that's not a very Aryan handle. And Izzy realized it too, for he was following the proceedings very closely - being a non-Aryan, Izzy naturally could understand the German, since his Jewish was very similar to the German language. Anyhow, Sgt. Sondheim himself was a bit disturbed. Here was a dyed-in-the-wool Nazi who was a Jew, at least his name was Jewish. What about it? A little further on in the proceedings Sgt. Sondheim tried to cross up his Nazi.

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Last night men from the 29th, without solicitation, entertained the patients at the 4th Convalescent Hospital. A six-piece jive band under the leadership of Tech Sgt. Percy Warfield, roamed up and down the tent streets, and stopped before the various wards, to play hot swing numbers for the men. Nothing like it has afforded pleasure to the hospitalized over here before:

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The below named officers and enlisted men have been awarded the Silver Star:

Capt.	Elmer	N.	Carter
Capt.	Harry	L.	Yerby
1st Lt.	Allen		Walker
2d Lt.	Stanley	H.	Schwartz
1st Sgt.	William	M.	Presley
1st Sgt.	Clay	S.	Purvis
S/Sgt.	Eugene		Mowery
Sgt.	Ralph	E.	Pierce
Pfc	James	J.	Jordan
Pfc	Dewitt		Lively
Pfc	Homer	E.	Tabor
Pvt.	Roy	E.	Messinger

guy's looked up from their beds, and there was satisfaction in their eyes. Out in the streets small crowds of pajama clad G.I.'s gathered around the band and kept time with their feet. T/5 Jack Behrend beat the drums. Percy Warfield blew a hot trumpet. T/4 Frank Maccioli strummed a warm guitar. Pvt. Harry Kay, T/5 John Fischer, and T/4 Robert Mascia played sax, bass fiddle, and clarinet respectively.

And while the jive band played in one area, M/Sgt. Melvin Sheer played violin accompanied by S/Sgt. Frank Menaguzzo in another.

To complete the show, Pvt. Marty McKenna sang some old favorites and got a big hand. T/5 Steve Fazekas was on hand with his squeeze box, and did his "Uncle Sam you made the pants too long". One and all received salvos of applause.

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**BASTILLE DAY**

Liberte! Egalite! Fraternite! Symbol of French independence. Bastille is a prison. In 1789 it housed political prisoners who carried on activities against the monarchy, Louis XVI. On this day French workers and peasants rose up against the despotic monarch, fought in the streets of Paris, assaulted the hideous bastille, and freed those who had valiantly carried on in the name of French democracy. Today the French workers and peasants are on the move again side by side with the armies of the United Nations marching for the liberation of France!

(Das ist alles sauber - continued) and fired the same question at him. "Is your name Solomon?" he asked. "Yes", was the snappy reply. "Are you a Jew?" The prisoner was shocked, "Das ist alles sauber!" he barked, meaning; "I am all clean. I have no Jewish blood".

Izzy Moidel swallowed hard. And Izzy Moidel's face tightened. His blood boiled up in him. But Izzy just took a firmer grip on his gun, and then on himself. He could lick the Nazi guy to a pulp and know it. But Izzy was an American.

The abuse continued. The Nazi said he could trace his clean blood all the way back to the Middle Ages. No, emphatically, he was no Jew.

And Sgt. Sondheim continued to question Herr Solomon, while Pvt. Izzy Moidel, U.S.A., cooled off. Maybe some day he'd take it out on Billy Conn back in Pittsburg.

That was good sportsmanship and it all happened in the garden of the prisoner of war enclosure.

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**THE IRON HORSE**

Lou Gehrig, former captain and first baseman for the Yankees, and holder of the record of 2,130 consecutive games played as a member of that club, died June 2, 1941, at the age of 37. He was forced to end his career with the Yanks when an ailment that impeded his efforts was diagnosed as paralysis. He suffered from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a rare type of illness that involves the motor pathways and cells of the central nervous system, and is characterized by hardening of the spinal cord, causing muscles to shrivel. In lay terms, it is known as a form of poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis.

On his retirement in June 1939, Lou was appointed a member of the New York Municipal Parole Commission and he held that office at the time of his death. In his career with the Yankees, it is estimated that Gehrig received in salary \$361,500 from the club. Since he participated in seven world series, it is estimated that his total income from 16 years in baseball approximated \$400,000.

A monument to Gehrig was dedicated in Yankee Stadium. The inscription reads: "June 19, 1903 - Henry Louis Gehrig - June 2, 1941. A man, gentleman, and a great player, whose amazing record of 2,130 consecutive games played should stand for all time. This memorial is a tribute from the Yankee players to their beloved captain and former teammate."

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NORMANDY BEACHHEAD, France  
Saturday, July 15, 1944

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## YANKS COMMAND HEIGHTS ROUND ST. LO

In Normandy, American troops have kept up steady pressure all along their front, and last night were just a little over a mile from Lessay. German resistance has stiffened around St. Lo, but American troops hold all the surrounding heights commanding the town. There has been little change in the Caen sector. All German attempts to break through the British lines have been repelled. Allied aircraft yesterday gave German communications one of the heaviest hammerings they have had in the last fortnight.

## RUSSIANS STILL ROLLING

The Russians have pushed closer to the German defense line covering Warsaw, East Prussia, and the Baltic coast. They have captured Pinsk, in the Pripet Marshes, and the big junction of Volkovysk further north.

## FRENCH ADVANCE IN ITALY

In Italy, French troops of the Fifth Army have taken Poggibonsi, about 20 miles south of Florence. Heavy bombers

Wife: "The couple next door seem to be very devoted. He kisses her every time they meet. Why don't you do that?"

Hubby: "I don't know her well enough yet."

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Mother: "Where have you been until three o'clock in the morning?"

Isabel: "Walking, mother."

Mother: "For goodness sake."

Isabel: "Yes, mother".

from Italy yesterday attacked some oil plants in Hungary and rail yards in Budapest.

## NEWS BRIEFS...

In New Guinea, American forces are checking Japanese attempts to break out of the trap between Mewak and Aitapo. Further up the New Guinea coast, Allied troops have captured the airfield at Sawa. American carrier-based aircraft  
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## VAR'S LITTLE LUCKY

The Commanding General was anxious to get Isigny in the bag. The town was ablaze. A wind beside a bridge was holding up forward movement of the combat team that was ready to enter and take the place. At this juncture of things, Lt. Col. Stuart G. Fries of our Tank Co. volunteered to walk into Isigny to find out the lay of the land. Along the Colonel proceeded past the mine, across



the bridge, and into the burning inferno. Upon his return Lt. Col. Fries was captured - not by the Japs but by a crew of doughboys who took him for a German spy because they thought no American would possibly be coming out of the town. The doughboys, fired in their belief, frisked the Colonel and removed his weapon from the holster by his side.

Five minutes later Col. Fries had convinced his captors that he was no spy. He was on the fringe of Isigny talking with a Blue and Gray company commander. Suddenly, someone tapped the colonel on the back. Col. Fries whirled around.

"Kamerads!"

It was a German this time. Col. Fries reached for his automatic. Ironically enough, it was gone. The doughboys still had it in their possession. Get the kraut was swabbing for the air.

The anti-climax of this episode was that the German could speak fairly good English. He wanted to give himself up, and when he found out that the Americans would take him prisoner he turned around to the building across the street, yelling "Hey, Heins!" And  
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(News Briefs, Cont'd.)

have again bombed Guam and Rota Islands in the Marianas.....RAF bombers were out over enemy occupied territory again last night, and Mosquitoes were over Germany. More flying bombs have been over southern England. Some of those launched in daylight yesterday reached the London area.

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(War's Little Irony, Cont'd)

three more Germans filed out to surrender themselves to the Colonel.

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LEGION OF MERIT AWARDED

The laurels are gathering around the Blue and Gray as it goes forward to victory. To T/5 William C. Kiessling of the 29th Engineers has been given one of the most coveted awards, the Legion of Merit.

Acting in the capacity of angledozer driver in his company, T/5 Kiessling noted that the power control unit of his tractor was unprotected and as a consequence it always became wet while he was operating in the rain. This caused grabbing and slipping of the clutch and subsequent poor control of the angledozer blade.

To eliminate this fault he designed and installed a rain shield from salvage material, which covered the clutch and prevented its becoming wet, as well as protecting it from outside dirt.

The performance of the shield has been noted in tests and it has been found to be indispensable to the good operation of the machine. Facts about the idea have been disseminated to all engineer units of 1st Army. The initiative, ingenuity, and devotion to duty displayed by T/5 Kiessling reflects great credit upon himself and the 29th Division.

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ATTENTION ALL SOLDIERS!!

This little sheet is for you men. We want to carry any and all items of interest to you. We need news of happenings at the front. If you know of some incident that warrants recognition throughout the division, jot it down and sent it to "29LETS GO", c/o G-2 Section. The item may be of any type, such as deeds of heroism, humor, or human interest stories. Keep all submissions short and mention names and rank of all persons. Let the news start rolling now!

S P O R T S

WILLIAM (BUCKY) WALTERS

The head man of Bill McKechnie's Cincinnati Reds, "Bucky" Walters, is making National League batsmen jump thru hoops, roll over and otherwise play dead.

Ever since Jimmy Wilson got his best idea in eight years as a National League manager, and decided that "Bucky" might be more valuable to the former loyal Phillies on the mound than as a .250 hitting outfielder, Walters has been a shining star of the pitching craft. He has led the National League in both earned runs and winning percentages, contributed 49 victories to the Red Champion of 1939-'41, and was his league's most valuable player in 1939.

Old Pop Time seemed creeping up on Walters in 1943. Bucky was a hero at night, not so hot in daytime. He didn't lose a night game at Crosley Field last season until his final start, but it was another story when the sun was shining. Walters didn't win a single daylight game in his home park last season, and rarely was on the job when the contest was over. He barely hit .500 on the nose with a second-place club--15 runs and 15 runs. A year before, 26 and 15 and 14.

Before theater ended 4-10-44. Cub's their losing streak of 13 straight, they managed to beat Walters, 3 to 0, in the opening game of the season, in a contest in which Bucky gave up three hits and walked one. Since then Bucky has clicked off five straight victories and in only two of his six games has he yielded more than four hits. In six complete games, including one of 13 innings, Walters has given up six runs and 26 hits, or one run and four and one-third hits per each game. Some boy, that Bucky!

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\* THE 29TH DIVISION SALUTES THE FOLLOWING \*  
\* LOGIC THE PURSUE IN ACTION \*  
\* The below named officers and men \*  
\* have been awarded the Silver Star: \*  
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- \* Lt. Col. Louis G. Smith \*
- \* Capt. Myron H. Clark \*
- \* Capt. Arthur D. Larson \*
- \* Capt. Harry J. Hattness, Jr. \*
- \* 1st Lt. Charles R. Jordan \*
- \* 1st Lt. Westmore Milburn III \*
- \* S/Sgt. Carl T. Condit \*
- \* S/Sgt. John S. Antinovich \*
- \* S/Sgt. Robert A. Hanna \*
- \* Sgt. James E. Schaffan \*
- \* Pvt. Carroll J. Hane \*

No doubt some of the German secret agents who have been spying on the French still remain to spy on you. Keep a close mouth!

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29th Inf. Div.

## AMERICANS LESS THAN MILE FROM ST. LO!

American forces have pushed their way to within less than a mile of St. Lo in the face of very heavy German gunfire.

British tanks and infantry are reported on the move again after consolidating their positions. German counter attacks with armor have been broken up.

## RUSSIANS CAPTURE GRODNO!

Two Russian armies have taken part in the capture of Grodno, forty-five miles from the German territory of East Prussia. The Red Army is making rapid progress on all fronts.

## NEWS BRIEFS.....

In Italy, Fifth Army troops are steadily closing in on Leghorn. The British 8th Army has captured Arezzo..... In the Pacific, American troops have cut off some of the Japanese 18th Army trying to escape from encirclement in New Guinea..... On the Indo-Burmese frontier the Japanese are abandoning large quantities of heavy matériel in their retreat from Ukhrul..... A British Government housing committee has produced detailed plans for post-war homes, largely based on what the housewife desires at a price to fit the average pocket-book.

It was June in the park. The moon shone on the bench nestled among the rose bushes. The fragrance of the flowers filled the air. Music drifted across the small lake from the casino. On the bench sat a couple entwined in tight embrace: "Corporal," she sighed, "where did you learn to kiss like that?"  
"Siphoning gas."

## BIG BOMBER FORCE HITS GERMANY!

More than a thousand American bombers from Britain, escorted by many Allied fighters, attacked the Munich and Saarbrücken area of Germany yesterday.

A smaller force of Allied heavies from Italy attacked targets in the Vienna area. RAF bombers from England were out again last night over enemy occupied territory.

## THE TANK DESTROYER

The T. D. outfit now attached to the Blue and Grey is composed of men from every corner of the U.S.A. It received its initial training in Colorado, and eventually wound up at Camp Hood, Texas. From there, in April 1944, the men who wear the snarling-tiger-with-the-tank-in-its-mouth, came to England as Corps troops. In Normandy they joined up with the 29th.



The Tank Destroyers have a secondary mission: that of field artillery, and they have functioned in that capacity ever since coming to France.

"We haven't seen any enemy tanks as yet," says Major Robert E. Vollandorff, "but, God yes! we're anxious to tangle with them." Major Vollandorff is the Bn. S-3. "That's what we're here for, to slaughter panzers. It's a dire existence just sitting waiting."

This is the general temper of all the Tank Destroyer men; we got the same comment from the En. Sergeant Major, George Wyatt: "We're waiting to close with the Boche."

The Battalion is commanded by Lt. Col. Howard H. Arbury. At its inception it was cadred by the SO3rd, an old friend of the 29th Division.

Whereas the 803rd is self-propelled, this Battalion tows its equipment with half-tracks. For fire power our T.D.'s use a 3 in. gun mounted on the equivalent of a 105mm chassis. The gun is comparable to the three-inch used by anti-aircraft units. The information we obtained is that it'll put a crimp in the best of Rommel's armour. The T.D.'s are ready for the fox.

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ZIP YOUR LIP - YA DON'T KNOW NUTTER!

## FRONT LINE NEWS

NORMANDY FRONT - July 16, 1944 - -  
The Blue and Gray was on the air

Following is the text of a letter received by the Commanding General, this Division:

My dear General:

We have been watching your progress with much interest and are very proud to have been associated with your command in the preparation for and the conduct of the initial phases of the attack.

I see occasionally some of your old friends and associates in the U.K. You and your division have left behind you a most enviable reputation.

With kindest regards and all good wishes for your continued success, believe me,

Cordially yours,

/s/ J. L. Hall, Jr.  
Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy

... last Saturday night in a broadcast to the States. Harry H. Noonan of

Go. told the story of hedge row fighting in an interview with Bill Shadel of CBS. Noonan, a private until his promotion to grade of Tech Sgt last Saturday, has been leading a platoon in aggressive fighting which has helped his battalion gain more successes than any other battalion in the division, according to a general officer. In one escapade, Noonan directed artillery fire which was successful in knocking out five German tanks.

## NOTES FROM THE FRONT

Can any GI tell us the name of the man who played dead so successfully when the Germans overran his position (so that he could escape later), but took his watch from his wrist without realizing that he was very much alive?

The Browning twins, Pvts. Ivan H. and Ira S., 19 years old, are runners in the same line company currently engaged in the St. Lo assault. They are separated only by their fox holes, each having his own, instead of holding up together as other GIs often pair up. We went at least one of us to get home, they explained, "in case of an accident."

Pvt. Neil G. Lyle, of Richmond, Va., is one of the few Army clerks that landed with the first wave. He hit the beach in the thick of heavy fighting.

Since Pearl Harbor, some 40,000 Americans have sent a total of \$5,300,000 to Washington to help pay for the war, feeling that such outright gifts are more patriotic than investment in War Bonds. Many individuals and groups send checks regularly, among them being the employees of a California factory who contribute \$1,000 a month.

THE FOUR-MINUTE MILE  
(By Col. A. Strode-Jackson)

The fastest that a human has ever run a mile is 4 minutes 2.6 seconds — the record made in Sweden last July by Arne Andersson, great rival of Gunder Hagg. There are experts, men of science and sports followers who maintain that the mile will never be run in 4 minutes flat. I say it is not only possible but inevitable. It will not require a special sort of oxygen mask or a new form of elixir; it will not necessarily be done by a superman or on an electrically charged track. It will probably be done by men now actively engaged in the sport.

Why am I so confident that this is true? Because races just short of a mile are being run today on what is practically a 4-minute-mile basis. Last August, the same Arne Andersson ran 1,500 meters in 3:45 flat. A mile is 1,760 yards; fifteen hundred meters are 1,641 yards. If Andersson had run the race in 3:44, it would have been on the 4-minute basis. Runners of the quality of Andersson, Gunder Hagg, Bill Halse and Gil Dodds are quite capable of sustaining a mean speed of 7.33 yards a second, which would be required for the 119 yards difference between the 1,500-meter distance and the mile.

A 4-minute mile means running 1,760 yards in 240 seconds; an average speed of 60 seconds each quarter mile; a mean speed of 7.33 yards per second; a pace of 15 miles an hour.

In my opinion, the 4-minute mile when it comes, can be run at a rate of 58 seconds for the first quarter; 60 seconds for the second quarter; 61 seconds for the third quarter; and 62 seconds for the last quarter. The steadfast training of a miler produces an uncanny judgment of pace — which is as essential as strong tendons.

The chart below presents a detailed timetable for each portion of the 4-minute mile.

Figuring it in stretches of 110 yards, you will see that our man runs the first 110 yards in 13 seconds, possibly possible for a champion, which he will be. He can then slow up progressively one second for each 110 yards until he has run 550 yards, nearly one third of the distance. He then picks up a steady pace of 30 seconds for each of the next 220 yard stretches, or a quarter mile. He drops his pace one second when he has run 1,000 yards. He then resumes his 30-second pace for each 220 yards until he has gone 1,540, leaving only 220 yards to go. He picks up the next 110 yards in 14 seconds and comes down the homestretch in 15 seconds.

A mile in four minutes!  
And about time, too. Then we stop this nonsense of running like a metronome and with the watch always in mind, we will get back to real racing, the triumph of one runner over another. That is what racing was meant to be and that it will be when we get the 4-minute myth out of the way.

Extra

# 29 LET'S GO!

CENTERS

SPECIAL EDITION!!

NORMANDY BEACHHEAD, France  
Tuesday Evening, July 18, 1944

SPECIAL EDITION!!

## ST. LO HAS FALLEN!!

TROOPS OF THE 29TH INFANTRY DIVISION  
HAVE CAPTURED THE STRATEGIC RAIL AND  
ROAD JUNCTION OF ST. LO AFTER MANY DAYS  
OF FIERCE AND BITTER FIGHTING!

At 1030 hours this evening the telephone in the "editorial room" of "29 Let's Go" rang sharply. It was the Commanding General speaking: "Stop press!" was the command received. "St. Lo has fallen! Get out a special edition of the paper immediately". Here is the official announcement, as received from the Commanding General: "I HAVE THE HONOR TO ANNOUNCE TO THE CORPS COMMANDER THAT THE TASK FORCE, "C FOR CHARLIE", OF THE 29TH INFANTRY DIVISION HAS SECURED THE CITY OF ST. LO AFTER FORTY-TWO DAYS OF CONTINUOUS COMBAT FROM CAHUL BEACH TO ST. LO. 29 LET'S GO!"

THE FINAL STORMING OF THE CITY OF ST. LO WAS MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE 115TH INFANTRY. THEIR EFFORT WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE COMBINED PRESSURE AND ASSAULT OF BRATE INFANTRY, ELEMENTS OF WHICH WERE CONTINUALLY UNDER PROTECTION OF THE 29TH INFANTRY.

Every man in these regiments is a hero in his own, and all members of the democratic world owe a debt of gratitude to these aforementioned gallant infantrymen, whose every step forward shortens the road to complete and unconditional victory, and the return of a war-mad world to normalcy.

### I SAW IT HAPPEN

Today this correspondent had the good fortune to see part of history in the making. For several days, a task force conceived by the Commanding General, and under the able and inspiring leadership of the Assistant Division Commander has been standing by, on three hour call, to clinch a noble and historic effort given by every infantryman in the Division. The task force, composed of elements of the Reconnaissance Troop, Engineers, one platoon of the attached tank battalion, tank destroyer units, members of Headquarters Company, Military Police, Signal Company, even down to several C.I.C. and Civil Affairs men, with a scattering of infantrymen, formed an impressive battle formation. They were in truth a mailed fist aimed at the chin of the bastion of St. Lo, staggering from repeated body blows by the infantry and artillery. This was to be the knock-out

punch, and at 1600 hours, they started grinding by in front of the Division Command Post. Many a well-known war correspondent and news-reel cameraman stood in the entrance wishing the men God-speed, as they rolled by in their various type vehicles, ranging in size from medium tanks to the new model M-29 "Weasels".

As I stood there, a small lump formed in my throat, as before my eyes, the cream of American manhood, from every walk of life and every area of our beloved country, passed by with but one single purpose in mind, the finishing of a job started many days ago. They had been chosen to finish a task so gallantly carried to this point by their comrades in arms, many of whom made the supreme sacrifice in a foreign land, fighting to disprove the adage that might makes right.

This task force started down the road, a road littered with burnt-out German vehicles, and lined on both sides with fields showing the aftermath of battle. In many of the fields were the carcasses of dead cattle, to remind one that not only soldiers suffer in this type of warfare, but also innocent creatures of nature. The force rolled on, and one was only conscious of enemy resistance by the sporadic firing of the German machine pistols, the occasional crack of a sniper's rifle, or the whine of single bullets in the general vicinity.

As we rounded a turn in the road, several newly-captured prisoners made their bedraggled appearance, looking for all the world like cast-off rag dolls, with a fixed expression on their emaciated faces. (If these men are members of the super race, the world is really in a hell of a fix). These were snipers who had been left behind as a suicide rear guard, and if cooler heads had not prevailed, they would have fulfilled the suicide par anyway, (with the help of American bullets) but here they were, prisoners with only their dreams of world conquest to be buried in the rubble of St. Lo. I hadn't gone many yards further when an M.P. officer drove by in his jeep, telling anxious listeners that St. Lo, the thorn in the side of the American advance, had fallen to the 29th Division. That announcement brought a thrill to the hearts of all that heard, and I hurried back to verify the report and to let the Division mouthpiece, "29 Let's Go" be the first news-sheet to report to the battle-scarred veterans of the Blue and Gray, that their triumph was complete, and that their children will read of this history as we read of the House of Burgesses victory in World War I. — The Editor.

