

Col. Gabreski Top-Scoring Yankee Ace

A US EIGHTH AIR FORCE FIGHTER BASE IN BRITAIN, July 5—(AP)—Lt. Col. Francis Gabreski, 25-year-old Thunderbolt pilot who wanted to shoot down a 28th German plane before going home to get married, got his wish today when he knocked down a Messerschmitt 109 near Evreux, France, and became the top-scoring ace in the entire US air force.

In addition to the 28 German planes he has shot down in aerial combat, Gabreski is also credited with destroying two on the ground for a total of 30 planes.

Capt. Don S. Gentile, 23, of Piqua, Ohio, also is credited with 30 German planes—23 shot down in the air and seven destroyed on the ground.

Just when he will go home is not definite. In joking conversation with fellow fliers tonight after dinner, Gabreski said, "I'm going to stay on until the first of August."

"And get 35 or so as to get ahead of Johnston?" a friend asked, not knowing that wing Commander J. E. (Johnny) Johnston, leader of a Canadian Spitfire wing, had got two more Germans today for a score of 35.

Counting up the days left in his life, Gabreski grinned and shook his head, "Aw, no, that'd mean too much."

Gabreski got his 27th last week, tying Maj. Robert S. Johnson of Lawton, Okla., and Maj. Richard I. Bong of Poplar, Wis. He had been pressing ever since for the 28th, but returned disconsolately yesterday, exclaiming:

"We didn't see a thing—not a damned thing. It's a sa-a-a-a-sack."

Gabreski, an Oil City, Pa., boy, went out again today and promptly got his German. During his 30-day leave he said he intended to marry Kay Cochran of Grand Rapids, Mich., a girl he met in Hawaii three years ago.

Gen. Bradley Opens July 4 'Celebration'



Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of American ground forces in France, pulls the lanyard of a "long tom" 155mm gun at noon to commemorate the July 4th opening of a heavy barrage on German forces in France where American troops were plunging ahead on a new offensive. (AP Wirephoto from signal corps radiophoto.)

Jap Attacks Cost 6000 In 10 Days

CHUNGKING, July 5—(AP)—The Japanese attacking the strategic Hunan province railway town of Hengyang have lost more than 6000 men killed in 10 days of heavy fighting, the Chinese high command said tonight, and the Chinese defenders are striking hard with air and artillery support.

P. H. Chang, a government spokesman, told a press conference that the bitterness of the fighting should dissolve "suspicions and rumors" that the Chinese were not holding up their end of the resistance to the Japanese.

An American 14th air force communique said the Chinese in Hengyang had received many tons of ammunition dropped to them by low-flying B-25 Mitchell bombers, indicating close support of the Hengyang defenders. The communique reported widespread fighter and bomber sweeps over Hunan province battle areas and said heavy damage was done July 2 in a raid on Hengshan, north of Hengyang.

The Chinese command said Chinese troops had routed the Japanese from a town 34 miles south-southeast by an outflanking maneuver, and that the Chinese had taken "a large number" of enemy strong points on both sides of the Ssang river in that area.



HALSEY—This is a new official Navy photograph of Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., who was recently appointed commander of the Third U. S. fleet operating in Pacific.

Report Says Hitler Decides On Reserves

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already were much farther westward—some reports said within 30 miles of Wilno—and also were striking within a few miles of the Baltic states of Latvia and Lithuania on the north and Baranowicz in old Poland on the southern sector of the central front.

More than 350 pieces were captured in the day's widespread fighting, including the district center of Szamli on the Finnish front.

The evacuation of Kowel, big German communications center 100 miles north of Lwow in central Poland, was announced by DNB, German official news agency. Moscow made no comment, but the city had been two-thirds encircled for months and lying open to conquest whenever the Russians decided to resume their advance on the southern sector of the sprawling 2,000-mile eastern front.

Polio Group Has 50 Million Contributors

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during the fund drive go to the national foundation, the remaining stays in the county to be spent by the local committee in taking care of the medically indigent infantile paralysis patients of the county.

O'Connor expressed a special desire to meet Al Lightner, Statesman sports editor, who organized a series of sports events during the winter which netted many hundreds of dollars to the national foundation, and arranged a press conference just prior to the luncheon, to talk with local newsmen.

Yank Advance Near Livorno

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ly fire into advancing Yank armor and infantry, which was reported to have reached the outskirts of the fortress-town.

Casale D. Elsa, upon which American troops made six attacks Monday, was the scene of bitter house-to-house fighting as it changed hands several times. Doughboys at last report had penetrated the town "in some strength" and were bracing to meet expected German counterattacks.

Flying Bombs Hit Hospitals In England

LONDON, July 5—(AP)—Dozens of babies were carried to safety tonight by nurses—some holding three or four infants in their arms at a time—when a flying bomb struck a hospital in southern England as the Germans' blind attacks were stepped up on the eve of Prime Minister Churchill's appearance in commons to make a promised statement on the robots.

All of the babies were saved and the casualties were small with only one fatality—a nurse.

The blast of the bomb damaged both the hospital and an adjoining nurses' home.

Later a second hospital was damaged, a woman nurse was killed in the maternity ward. The bomb landed in an unoccupied wing of the hospital but the blast broke windows and smashed walls throughout the building. A number of patients were cut by flying glass.

Famous pilots, who participated in the battle of Britain, now are taking a leading part in the fight against the flying bombs, it was disclosed tonight. They are led by Air Marshal Sir Roderick Hill, commanding the entire defense scheme against the robots, who took to the air himself today for the second time and joined a fighter patrol.

Officer Killed Near Astoria

ASTORIA, July 5—(AP)—State Policeman George R. Cameron was crushed to death near West Lake today between a passing automobile and a truck he had halted to question the driver.

State Policeman Jack Olds said he and Cameron were talking to the driver when a car, approaching on the wrong side of the highway, smashed against the truck. Olds leaped to safety.

The 21-year-old driver of the car, Harley Oscar Clark, Astoria, was held for questioning by the Clatsop county sheriff, but no charges were filed.

Dewey Calls Conference For Monday

ALBANY, N.Y., July 5—(AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey dealt members of congress and candidates in on the republican presidential campaign today with an invitation to the 11-member Massachusetts delegation and Gov. Leverett Saltonstall to confer with him here Monday.

Announcing at a news conference that he planned further similar meetings to assess the issues of the campaign, Dewey said he had asked Rep. Joseph Martin, house minority leader, to bring with him Saltonstall, and Sen. Sinclair Weeks along with as many of the members of the Massachusetts group as could come.

Although reporters attempted to attach particular attention to Week's visit, since the latter is a long-time friend and supporter of Wendell L. Willkie, Dewey denied there was any significance. Weeks is filling the unexpired term caused by the resignation of Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., to enter the army and Saltonstall is a candidate for the post, to which Weeks did not seek election.

RAF Planes Block Traffic In Kiel Canal

LONDON, July 5—(AP)—A dardanel squadron of RAF Mosquito planes braved the world's most heavily defended waterway on the moonlit night of May 12, sowing mines that blocked traffic in the Kiel canal for 10 days, in a spectacular pre-invasion preparation, it was disclosed today.

Timed to catch shipping on the vital German artery at its peak, the attack was estimated by the air ministry to have held up to at least 1,000,000 tons of cargo, including coal and military supplies that the nazis urgently needed to meet the invasion.

The canal was closed for seven days, reopened for three days, then closed for three days more, it was disclosed.

The Mosquitos, which had not previously been used in mine-laying, were chosen for the special job because the low-level accuracy that was required would have been too great a risk for the usual four-engined minelayer.

Chinese Close Junction Gap

CHUNGKING, July 5—(AP)—The Chinese, fighting along the Yunan-Burma border toward a junction with Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's American and Chinese forces in north Burma, have reduced the gap between them to 26 miles, the Chinese high command announced today, but the wild, mountainous terrain threatens to delay an eventual meeting.

The Chinese announced they had captured Chanhsu, 22 miles west of the Japanese base of Tangchung and 26 miles east of Stilwell's advance units at Sadon in Burma. Sadon is 31 miles east of Myitkyina, embattled Japanese north Burma base.

Big Air Fleets Slug Germans

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impressive offensive since D-day yesterday with at least five strong daylight bomber forces and thousands of fighters blasting the Germans from the channel to the Mediterranean and American heavy bombers returning to their English bases after shuttle-bombing the nazis from England to Russia to Italy.

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Yank Troops Crash Into Le Haye City

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amid the wreckage of Carpiquet village itself, three miles west of Caen, and beat off several counterattacks there.

Once a dozen German tanks infiltrated into the village, but were cleared out after running into intense fire from anti-tank guns and Vickers machineguns. One Nazi assault before dawn was made with tanks, followed by German infantrymen "shouting their heads off," a field dispatch said. Canadians dug into improvised trenches and also, utilizing captured German positions, some of which are 20 to 30 feet underground, broke up that storming wave.

British troops on the Canadian flank also were locked in a swaying vicious fight on heights between Baron and Esquay, five miles south of Carpiquet.

The fall of La Haye, regarded as imminent, is expected to force the Germans into a five-mile retreat toward Lessay. A front dispatch from Associated Press Correspondent Don Whitehead said American troops broke into the city on the northern side while other units were engaged in an enveloping movement from the east and west, thereby avoiding two costly frontal attacks.

An allied communique issued at 11:30 p. m., and trailing by some hours the actual events in the field, told of the capture of St. Nicholas de Pierre, three miles northwest of La Haye, and Neufmesnil, one and a half miles north of the German hinge town.

"Weasel" New Cargo Carrier For Military

SOUTH BEND, Ind., July 5—(AP)—The "weasel" was born here nearly two years ago, but the army only today permitted a birth announcement.

The "weasel" is a military personnel and supply carrier designed either for Arctic reconnaissance or commando raids. It is known officially as "cargo carrier M-29," but GI Joe calls it the "weasel" because of its ability to strike swiftly and stealthily.

H. S. Vance, chairman of the board of the Studebaker corporation, with the army's approval, disclosed the new type vehicle had been in secret production at automobile factories here for two years.

It will operate in snow, deep mud, swamp lands, sand or on paved highways.

"The key to the 'weasel's' ability to negotiate ground surfaces impassable to convention-wheeled or track-laying vehicles is light weight combined with broad tracks," Vance explained. "The vehicle seemingly skims along the ground like its animal namesake."

Soviet Attitude Toward World Money Good

BRETTON WOODS, N.H., July 5—(AP)—The Russian attitude toward the projected world stabilization fund and international bank was characterized as highly sympathetic today by an informed US government official.

"The Russians are eager to cooperate in a field in which they previously had taken little part," said this official, who declined to be quoted by name.

"It is not easy to know what the Russian are thinking," he continued, "partly because of the difficulties of language and partly because they are more deliberate and formal in their discussions. On the whole, however, we have been favorably surprised at the attitude they have displayed on world problems."

The Russian attitude was disclosed as the first definite progress of the United Nations monetary conference was reported through the acceptance of a number of minor alternative proposals in the fund. The proposals had to do with the purchase of foreign exchange from the fund and would not alter the general operation as outlined in the joint statement of principles under which the conference is working.

At the same time, Dr. Harry D. White, official conference spokesman, disclosed that a committee considering a proposal relating to blocked balances had been unable to reach an agreement and had decided to report the matter to the full commission. It will be up to the commission to decide whether the proposal, aimed at unblocking Great Britain's war balances, will be made a part of the fund.

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Heart Attack Kills Godfrey Hoffman

A heart attack early Wednesday afternoon was fatal to Godfrey Hoffman, 2440 Lee street.

Survivors include the widow, Joseph A. Hoffman, Salem; several nieces and nephews, including Mrs. Birdie Dowd, Mrs. Violet Hoffman and Harvey Hoffman, all of Salem.

Arrangements for services, in care of the Clough-Barrick company, had not been completed Wednesday night.

Diver Locates Ring In Columbia River

PORTLAND, July 5—(AP)—Mrs. Walter Elliott, wife of the port captain of the Portland Yacht club, tried a long shot to recover the topaz ring she dropped in the Columbia river one night.

She hired a diver. He plunged into 12 feet of water and emerged with the ring.

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ON the HOME FRONT

By ISABEL CHILDS

Down Salem streets the US agents crept—
'Twas broad daylight, but more than night workers slept!
—V—
Here a car, there a car
Minus a stamp they sped.
Here a slip, there a slip
Until the whole town was pied
With white paper notices
Looking like louses
But costing real dough to us
Who couldn't hide.
—V—
Sad tales are told by motorists of
Ten bucks now bereft
How almost hub to hub, un-
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But one was taken and the other
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