

Speed Is Keynote On New Allied Push In Normandy

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WITH THE U. S. FORCES,
Normandy — U.P. — This man's
army from the general down to
the private, is in a helluva hurry
to get where it was going.
Everywhere along the front
there was the spirit of drive,
drive, drive.
From the fox holes at the front
to the rest areas at the rear,
everyone kept asking "How're

we doing? Are we through yet?"
At headquarters, knots of an-
xious officers clustered around
situation maps scanning them for
the latest developments. As the
reports filtered in, you could hear,
"They're getting close to Mar-
igny," or "They're in St. Gilles,"
and murmurs of approval would
run through the groups.
Generals, Privates Seen
I saw them all, from generals
to privates, from army headquar-
ters to a battalion command post
where the fighting was just a
matter of yards away. If ever
there was a bunch of men sick
of sitting still and glad to get go-
ing, they were it.

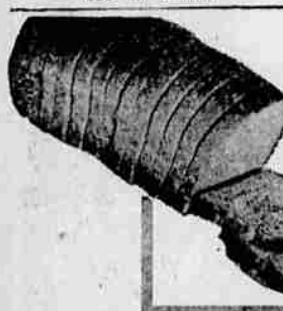
Outside, German prisoners lay
along the hedgerows, cringing un-
der our artillery barrage while
our men trotted back and forth,
stooped, to avoid the fire of snip-
ers and other nazis who had been
by-passed. But for once, there
wasn't any of that German artill-
ery hounding us into the hedges.
Somebody came in and said glee-
fully:
"There's a whole bunch of pris-
oners coming up the road—about
50 of them."
Mud Becomes Dust
On the roads, yesterday's mud
was today's dust. It swirled from
beneath hundreds of wheels and
tank treads, billowing up in
clouds that hung over the roads
and settled on everything. It
covered the soldiers and got into
their eyes and dried their mouths.
You could follow the advance
by watching those dust clouds. On
the main roads, convoys of tanks,
half-tracks, and self-propelled
guns started and stopped like
holiday traffic along a highway

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to the seashore. On the side roads, jeep drivers, ignoring signs which warned against fast driving be-
cause the dust brings on enemy shelling, sped madly when they got to a free stretch of road.
You just can't tell the Ameri-
can kids not to speed.

Ellsworth Coming For Rotary Talk

Rep. Harris Ellsworth, Rose-
burg, congressman from Oregon's
fourth district, will be guest speak-
er for the Eugene Rotary club
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Carl Webb, program chairman this
month. Ellsworth has been a mem-
ber of the Roseburg Rotary club.

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Deacon Has Hangover

NEW YORK—U.P.—The deacon
has an 18-karat hangover but
even worse he couldn't poke his
head under his wing to hide his
shame because several of the key
feathers were missing after a
fight with an alley cat.

The deacon, a beer-drinking
crow at the Bronx zoo who lists
"bow-wow" in his extensive vo-
cabulary, had no one but himself
to blame.

After closing time, the feathered
rascal gave his keeper the bird, so
to speak, flew the coop and went
on a search for beer. Where he
found it, no one will ever know
but when the deacon finally did
come home "he smelt beer all over
the place."

What happened to the ornery
critter between 5 and 11 p. m.
remains a mystery but at the lat-
ter hour Antony Tantillo, 13, of
the Bronx, was awakened by a
noisy ruckus outside his house.

A crowd of boys had gathered
under a street light, Tony said,
and the night was rent with the
furious spitting of a cat and a
salvo of gravel-voiced "bow-
wows."

There was the deacon, getting
the living daylight's clawed out of
him by a cat.

No one knows what might have
happened to the deacon if Tony
hadn't rushed out in his pajamas
and scared the cat away. He
picked up the crow, took him into
the house and offered him some
milk, but the deacon only turned
up his beak.

The deacon leads a rather un-
happy life, since beer-drinking
isn't his only vice. His keepers
say he's an expert pick-pocket
and has a habit of pecking away
at women's stockings—about gar-
ter high.

Boy's Food Cheap, But Not So Good

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voice, sounding like that of a
boy about 10-years-old, called
police radio announcer Dick Hal-
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