

Savage Battle Rages for Peninsula Communication Hub

U.S. SHOCK TROOPS
WITHIN 300 YARDS
OF PUTS CENTER

Troops Closing In From 3
Sides; Garrison Threat-
ened With Trapment

Allied Supreme Headquarters, London, July 5.—(U.P.)—American shock troops drove into the French transport center of La Haye-Du Puits today, captured the railroad station, and were slashing forward in violent street fighting within 300 yards of the center of the shell-scarred town.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower's headquarters confirmed front reports of a savage battle at close quarters in the streets of La Haye-Du Puits, and said the Normandy town was invested from the northwest, northeast and southeast.

May Trap Nazis

United Press Correspondent James McGlinchey, reporting the penetration of the vital town in the west coast sector of the lower Cherbourg peninsula, said other American forces were driving in from the east and west, threatening to trap the German garrison unless it gets out quickly.

The American right flank along the coast advanced two miles, McGlinchey reported, while the fighting front spread to the area due west of Carentan where U. S. forces made limited progress yesterday before a German counter-attack nudged them back.

At the other end of the Normandy front, Canadian troops who had seized most of the Caen-Carpiquet air field were forced by German pressure to reorganize their positions. A headquarters spokesman said they now were 600 yards west of the airfield hangars, which were in enemy hands.

Air Field Holds Out

Several German tanks were knocked out and some prisoners taken in the heavy battle raging around the Carpiquet air field. A front report said the Canadians and Germans were facing each other across the ruined runways, but the town of Carpiquet was firmly in allied hands.

Although the latest reports to headquarters said only that the Americans were fighting their way through the streets of La Haye-Du Puits, some quarters felt that the town might already be in U. S. hands, since it is a market town of 1,300 through which a man normally could walk in 10 minutes.

Caen Fight Rages

In the Caen sector, heavy fighting was going on around Esquay. Violent struggles swayed back and forth over high ground a mile northeast of Esquay, eight miles southwest of Caen.

The British apparently were holding the western part of the village of Fontaine, three miles southwest of Caen, with the Germans battering back into the eastern section.

The Normandy weather closed in somewhat this afternoon. Clouds lowered to 1,500 feet and became an almost solid overcast with some drizzle.

MEDFORD FOURTH SAFE AND SANE

In contrast to the heavy toll of accidental deaths throughout the nation over the Fourth of July holiday, Jackson county citizens observed Independence Day in the quietest and safest fashion in years. Police reported there were no serious automobile accidents, and no fires were reported either in Medford or in forested areas.

Many local persons attended the program in Ashland's Lithia park yesterday, featured by a war bond auction; a number journeyed to the Rogue River celebration and some went to Klamath Falls for the "Buckaroo Days" rodeo, others went fishing and on picnics and the rest stayed home.

SIDE GLANCES

By TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Auctioneers Earl Newberry, Frank Van Dyke and Ebe Dunn, fluently selling war bonds to Ashland's Lithia Park visitors in typical double-talk style.

Bill Ziegler gallantly buying a piece of gooseberry pie for an acquaintance.

Betty Allen all atwitter over her first fishing trip and a catch of four trout.

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Weather

Forecast: Fair tonight and Thursday. Warner Thursday.
Highest yesterday 78
Lowest this morning 63
Precipitation past 24 hrs. 0

Warships Shell Saipan Capital City



Leathernecks from the Second Marine Division—the conquerors of Tarawa—tighten vise around this blazing coastal area, which was the city of Garapan, Saipan capital city. Fires caused by fleet bombardment can be seen as well as sunken Japanese shipping (arrow) in the harbor. Coast Guard photo.

Bonin and Volcano Islands Blasted as Marines Take Garapan, Mariana Capital

MEDFORD FATHER CLAIMS EX-WIFE DESERTED INFANT

Portland, Ore., July 5.—(U.P.)—Police today are still seeking the mother of the 11-month-old Luchterhand baby whom she left with a strange woman at the Central Bus depot here Sunday while she went "to make a phone call," and failed to return.

Fred Luchterhand, father of the infant, arriving here from Medford to claim the child, told police that his ex-wife left Medford en route to New York to place the child with her mother.

He said he would return the baby to his home.

Luchterhand in a telephone conversation with the police, Monday, reported that the woman was his ex-wife. He said that he had paid her passage from San Francisco to Oneida, N. Y., on the understanding that she was to take the baby to relatives in Oneida.

Police officials reported that the woman had been around the bus depot several times after she left the baby but was not apprehended.

No information concerning Luchterhand or his ex-wife could be learned here today, directories not listing either and police authorities having no knowledge of his address or occupation. It was not known how Portland police learned Luchterhand was the child's father.

YANKEE AIRPOWER IN DOUBLE PUNCH

London, July 5.—(U.P.)—American airpower struck a smashing double blow at Axis Europe today, sending some 500 heavy bombers and fighters against Nazi targets across a wide belt of northern France, Belgium and Holland while other four-engine raiders struck from Italy at Toulon and the Zeitzers railway yards on the French Mediterranean coast.

Another large force of Allied bombers, presumably American, streamed east coast at six o'clock this evening, heading toward the southeast and flying at a great height.

Sales to date in the Fifth War Loan Drive —

\$2,060,657

"E" Sales\$425,912.50
Quota\$600,000
Total Quota for County\$2,262,000

United Press War Correspondent

Pearl Harbor, July 5.—(U.P.)—The campaign to wrest Saipan from the Japanese entered the final phase today as new strikes were reported against the Bonin and Volcano islands, 650 miles from Tokyo, by a powerful U. S. naval task force which sank or damaged six enemy ships, including four destroyers, and knocked out 104 planes.

(A Japanese communique, broadcast by Tokyo radio and reported by FCC, acknowledged that "powerful" American forces, supported by tanks, planes and warships, steadily were penetrating the Japanese positions on Saipan and said "confused fighting is taking place here and there.")

Foe Squeezed

U. S. marines, driving up the west coast of Saipan, captured Garapan, the first Japanese city to fall to Americans in the Pacific, and Tanapag harbor while other ground forces advanced along a line all the way to the east coast to squeeze the enemy into a nine square mile area at the northern tip of the island.

Fall of the Marianas' administrative center and the important land-locked harbor came as Vice Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's carrier task force hit the Bonin and Volcano islands with waves of planes and tons of shells from the guns of cruisers and destroyers.

The task force, which struck the island groups of Japan's inner defense line for the second time in a month, opened the new attack on Sunday by raiding Iwo Jima, key island of the Volcanos.

The American fliers shot down 39 enemy planes and probably 16 others while 24 additional planes were destroyed on the ground in the initial attack.

Haha Jim Hit

On Monday the American forces, with cruisers and destroyers joining in the bombardment, again hit Iwo Jima and also attacked Haha Jim in the nearby Bonin Islands.

(Axis broadcasts yesterday acknowledged the attacks on Iwo Jima, but said the second target was Chichi Jima in the Bonins.)

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz said three Japanese destroyers were sunk or beached, a large cargo ship and a medium oiler sunk, and another destroyer left dead in the water and burning in Monday's attacks.

Several small cargo vessels also were damaged, while 25 planes were shot down and an undetermined number destroyed on the ground.

In the two days of action the carrier force lost nine planes, but all the surface vessels escaped damage.

TWO BOYS CITED IN BURGLARY TRY

Charged with attempted burglary, Earl Flaherty, 19, and Vernon C. Smith, 16, both of Dorris, Cal., were to be arraigned this afternoon, the former in justice of the peace court and the latter in juvenile court.

The sheriff's office, which arrested the two youths here Monday night, said they readily admitted trying to enter the Sunnyside store at Ruch last Friday night by forcing a window. The store owner, Chester McDonough, sleeping inside, heard the disturbance and when he shouted the two ran away.

Sheriff's office and the state police investigated the case.

SEN. HOLMAN AND LUNDEEN'S WIDOW WED IN MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, July 5.—(U.P.)—Mrs. Norma Ward Lundeen, widow of U. S. Sen. Ernest Lundeen of Minnesota, and Sen. Rufus C. Holman, R., Oregon, were married last night at the home of Judge Levi M. Hall.

Sen. Holman said today that besides Judge and Mrs. Hall, the children of Mrs. Lundeen were present for the ceremony. They are Lt. Ernest Lundeen, Jr., 22, of the U. S. army, and Joan Lundeen, 20, a junior at the University of Minnesota.

"It is our plan to proceed at once to Oregon by automobile, which will permit me to visit officially as a member of the senate committee on military affairs, a number of military establishments en route," Holman said.

Sen. Lundeen was killed in an airplane crash in 1940. Since then, Mrs. Lundeen has lived in Minneapolis and has been active in the America First movement.

GEN. EISENHOWER FLIES OVER LINES

Ninth Air Force Fighter Base, Normandy, July 5.—(U.P.)—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander, flew over the German lines on the Fourth of July in a Mustang fighter piloted by Maj. Gen. Elwood R. Quisada, head of the 9th Air Force fighter command, it was revealed today.

Pilots said Eisenhower appeared "greatly pleased" by his observations. He flew in a formation of seven planes, which was believed to have encountered little or no flak or other German opposition on its sweep over Nazi-held territory.

(NBC Correspondent Merrill Mueller, in a dispatch for the combined press, said Eisenhower had returned to his headquarters in England after the visit to France during which he twice penetrated behind German lines. Mueller reported Eisenhower had important conferences with Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of invasion assault forces, and Gen. Omar N. Bradley, head of the American 1st army group.)

CAPONE PAL DIES

San Quentin, July 5.—(U.P.)—Ralph Sheldon, 45, former henchman of Al Capone on Chicago's South Side, who was serving a life sentence for kidnapping, died Monday at San Quentin prison of a heart attack, Warden Clinton Duffy announced today. Sheldon was sentenced in Los Angeles in 1930 for the kidnapping of Zeke Caross and his wife.

26 JAP SHIPS SUNK BY SUBS

GERMAN CIVILIANS FLEE PATHWAY OF ON-COMING REDS

Parts of East Prussia Evacuated—High Command Admits Loss of Kowl

London, July 5.—(U.P.)—Premier Josef Stalin announced tonight that the Red army had captured Molodechno, 45 miles northwest of Minsk, where street fighting had been going on for three days.

London, July 5.—(U.P.)—Berlin reported today that the Germans had pulled out of the Kowl area of Old Poland 175 miles southeast of Warsaw, and Stockholm dispatches said German civilians were being evacuated from parts of East Prussia toward which the Red army was rolling at a rate of a mile an hour.

The German high command acknowledged the loss of Kowl, the last strong point east of its Bug river defense line in that sector, and supplementary Berlin comment indicated a sizeable piece of territory had been yielded to the Russians, giving them a springboard for the lower arm of a pincers push against Warsaw.

15,000 Moved

A Bern dispatch to the Stockholm newspaper Dagbladet said the Nazis had begun removing civilians from the border region of East Prussia, and 15,000 already had moved westward out of the immediate path of the Russian forces some 150 miles to the east.

Many East Prussian families have arrived in Austria, the Stockholm dispatch said, but a majority of the evacuees were going into eastern Germany because of transportation difficulties.

Another Swiss report relayed through Stockholm said 40,000 evacuees from Poland and the Baltics—mostly German farmers and officials—were hurrying toward Konigsberg, capital of East Prussia. By the same accounts, the Germans began the evacuation of Latvia, with many engineers and technical experts already out of the country from whose border the Russians were only 10 miles away.

German quarters in Stockholm were described reliably as counting on the likelihood that the Nazis would have to give up all the Baltic states.

More Gasoline For Servicemen Enjoying Leave

Kansas City, Kan., July 5.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration will liberalize its gasoline rationing policy toward servicemen on furlough within the next two weeks, Rep. Errett L. Scrivener, R., Kan., said today.

Scrivener said he had been notified by his Washington office that furloughed servicemen will receive five gallons of gasoline for the first three days of a leave and one gallon per day for each day thereafter, under the new plan.

Servicemen have received five gallons for their entire furlough up to the present time. The representative said he had been informed that men on furlough would receive "leave slips" showing the length of their furloughs. Those slips would be presented to ration boards, which would then issue gasoline for the number of days indicated.

HITLER DELIVERS GRIM SPEECH ON MUNITIONS NEED

Allies Have Far Outstripped Reich in Production, Der Fuehrer Warns Workers

London, July 5.—(U.P.)—Adolf Hitler, in the grimmest speech of his career, warned today that Germany was fighting for its very existence and acknowledged that the Allies have far outstripped the Reich in war production.

He told German arms and other war production leaders at his headquarters that "this gigantic struggle for the fate of the German nation is deciding the future of many generations to come."

Won't Capitulate

"I know that unheard-of strength, nerves and determination are necessary to survive in such times as the present," he said. "But I also know that the guiding star of all our actions is the one unchangeable principle that we will not capitulate, however great the difficulties that face us."

In what amounted to a desperate appeal to his people to keep fighting despite defeats and overwhelming odds, Hitler called on everyone to emulate his forces at the front, where "our gallant soldiers are accomplishing what seems impossible and do not shrink from tasks which seem impossible to carry out."

Gloomiest Yet

The speech, reported by the German Transocean and DNB News agencies, was regarded here as the gloomiest and most foreboding ever made by Hitler, exceeding even that following Italy's capitulation last year.

Though he did not mention the Allied invasion of France, the Anglo-American victories in Italy and the Red army's breakthroughs on the eastern front, Hitler acknowledged that a "magnitude of difficulties" was confronting Germany.

The pessimistic tone of the speech, coupled with the fact he chose to make it before German war production leaders, led to the conclusion that he was making a final effort to squeeze out still greater efforts from German workers already laboring to the limit of their endurance.

BASEBALL

National

Brooklyn	1	3	2
Cincinnati	4	8	1
Head, King and Owen; Heuser and Mueller.			
(Playoff of unfinished eighth inning game of May 21)			
Philadelphia	9	15	2
Pittsburgh	4	9	1
Lee, R. Barrett and Finley; Cuccurullo, Gee, Rescigno, Butcher and Camelli, Davis.			

American

Cleveland	2	7	2
New York	6	11	0
Smith, Calvert and Schlueter; Donald and Garbart.			

Now Estimated One-Third to One-Half of Shipping Destroyed—Cleanup Near

AMMUNITION SHIP MAKES BIG BLAST IN DANISH HARBOR

Stockholm, July 5.—(U.P.)—The Danish press service reported today that the explosion of a German ammunition ship in the Aarhus harbor of Denmark's Jutland peninsula yesterday killed an estimated 80 persons, injured 300 others, destroyed or damaged more than 1,000 buildings and sank several nearby ships.

Confirming earlier reports that the terrific detonation in the harbor was caused by the blowing up of an ammunition ship, the news agency said that so far only Danish casualties were known and that the German casualties were believed to be still higher.

Danish circles here emphatically denied the explosion was due to Danish sabotage, and said it was caused by German anti-Nazi sabotage or carelessness. The extent of the disaster was explained by the fact that the blast caused several explosions among large German ammunition stores along the Quay.

GEN. DE GAULLE LEAVES FOR ROOSEVELT VISIT

Algiers, July 5.—(U.P.)—Gen. Charles De Gaulle, president of the French Committee of National Liberation, left Algiers this morning en route to Washington, where he will confer with President Roosevelt.

RELIEF ACT SIGNED

Washington, July 5.—(U.P.)—President Roosevelt today signed a bill amending the soldiers and sailors relief act of 1940 to provide that no service personnel moving from one state to another shall be subjected to double taxation on personal property.

U.S. Casualties Now 261,541 Total In Last War 259,735

Washington, July 5.—(U.P.)—American casualties in World War II have surpassed those of World War I, an analysis of the latest official reports disclosed today.

In this war, 31 months of global fighting have produced 261,541 casualties as compared to the 259,735 casualties accumulated during the 19 months of United States participation in the last conflict.

A breakdown of categories shows: This war—56,772 dead, 107,938 wounded, 55,903 missing and 40,928 prisoners of war. Last war—53,878 dead, 201,377 wounded and 4480 prisoners.

The World War II figures were taken from four non-conflicting, non-duplicating announcements:

World War II To Date		World War I To Date		Total	
Dead	Wounded	Missing	Prisoners	Dead	Wounded
Army	35,289	87,812	45,776	36,467	205,344
Marines	5,851	14,333	1,688	1,944	23,816
Navy & Coast Guard	15,632	5,793	8,439	2,517	32,381
Totals	56,771	107,938	55,903	40,928	261,541

YANKEES GET 17 AND BRITISH 9 IN RECENT DAYS

Washington, July 5.—(U.P.)—The sinking of 17 more Japanese ships, including a light cruiser and destroyer, by American submarines, was announced today by Secretary of Navy James Forrestal who said the campaign against enemy shipping would be accelerated by the U. S. advance into the Marianas Islands.

The navy disclosure followed an admiralty announcement in London that British submarines had sunk nine Japanese supply ships during recent far eastern patrols, making a total of 26 Japanese ship losses reported today by the allies.

Jap Losses Heavy

Forrestal estimated that between one-third and one-half of an estimated 7,000,000 tons of shipping possessed by the Japanese at the start of the war has been destroyed by American armed forces.

At the same time, Forrestal told a news conference that "completion of the Saipan operation may be expected with confidence" and that there is evidence of disorganization among the Japanese defenders. He warned, however, that the "main battles are still to come" in the Pacific. But U. S. forces have, he added, approached the point where they can force the enemy "to stand up and fight."

4 DIE IN WRECK OF STREAMLINER

Williams, Ariz., July 5.—(U.P.)—A pile of crumpled coaches today marked the spot where the Santa Fe railroad's Chief, one of the nation's best-known luxury streamliners, cracked up early yesterday, spilling the locomotive and 12 of its 14 coaches along the right-of-way.

The speedy streamliner, en route from Chicago to Los Angeles, was heading into a 15-mile straightaway when it lurched from the tracks, piling its coaches up like jackstraws. Four persons were killed and more than 50 injured in the crash.

Those killed were listed as J. S. McLeod, New York, national head of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Film Exchanges; Fireman J. E. Edwards, Winslow, Ariz.; Mrs. Ann Brady Hammond, Ind.; and Harold H. Helper, manager of the Linde Air Products Co., Los Angeles.

June Marriages Lowest Since '42

Marriage licenses issued by the county clerk's office during June totaled 33, the lowest in any month since April, 1942, when the romance boom started in this county with the construction of Camp White and the arrival of soldiers. For more than a year the marriage license issuance averaged 85 to 90 monthly and at the height of the Camp White era one month exceeded the 100 mark.

YANKS CELEBRATE

Eighth Fighter Command Headquarters London, July 5.—(U.P.)—Thirteen American pilots celebrated the Fourth of July by bagging more than a dozen planes over France, it was announced today.