

# SIXTH ARMY MEN CAPTURE JAP AIRDROME

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In the first few hours of fighting, Douglas MacArthur in an independence Day communique said: "Our forces landed with practically no loss, either ground, naval or air, and promptly secured the airfield, our main objective, without a struggle."  
The seizure of this base will have added breadth and depth to our air deployment and will further dislocate the enemy's South Sea defenses already seriously shaken by our previous advances.

**Strong Base**  
Noemfoor, 100 miles west of the American-occupied Schouten islands where two airfields already are in operation, is only 20 miles from Manokwari, 200 miles from Dutch New Guinea, and 300 miles from the entrance to the Philippine bay, it is closer to Darwin, Australia, Celebes, Davao, Timor, Palau, and all less than 1,000 miles away.  
Noemfoor is 1400 miles southwest of the Marianas, where other American soldiers and two divisions of marines have taken almost two-thirds of Saipan, and have killed more than 20,000 Japanese and more than 2,000 American dead or missing—the heaviest casualties in the Pacific war.  
The Americans have surrounded Saipan's principal city, Garapan, on three sides, and have squeezed the remaining Japanese defenders into the narrow northern end of the island.

# THREE KILLED IN MAY BOMBER CRASH

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Mrs. Ann Hoffman Weinberg, Cascade apartments, Klamath Falls. He was pilot of the plane.  
Stephen Warnick, 23, Whitney, Pa. Half-brother, John Warnick, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Joseph P. Gasterot, 20, Bakersfield, Calif. Sister, Mrs. A. P. Grumm, San Francisco.  
The bomber crashed on the shore line of the reservoir while engaged in glide bombing practice. Wreckage of the plane was brought to the air station today by truck, and a board was named to investigate the cause of the accident.  
Drew's reservoir is an established bombing practice area for planes from the local station, two targets having been set up in the water.

# Police Seek Mother of Baby

PORTLAND, July 4 (AP)—Police today sought the mother of an 11-month-old boy who was abandoned in the bus station two days ago.  
Fred Lucherhand, Medford, yesterday claimed the baby as his son. He said his ex-wife left Medford Sunday en route to New York to place the child with her mother. The baby was left with a bus passenger by a woman who said she wanted to make a telephone call, but never returned.

# Stars and Stripes Prints First French Issue

IN NORMANDY, July 4 (AP)—The Stars and Stripes, daily newspaper of U. S. armed forces, published its first issue in France today after its issue stayed up most of the night wrestling with French typesetting machines and presses.  
The two-page sheet is a forerunner of the four-page continental edition to be published six times a week in the same country where the Stars and Stripes won journalistic fame in the last war.

# Woman Marine to Christen Ship

WASHINGTON, July 4 (AP)—The secretary of the navy has designated Capt. Barbara S. Wolf, marine corps women's reserve, of route 1, Lake Grove, Ore., as the sponsor to christen the USS Donald W. Wolf, a destroyer escort vessel named in honor of her husband, the late Sergeant Donald William Wolf, U. S. marine corps.  
The vessel is to be launched this week at the Defoe Shipbuilding company, Bay City, Mich.

# BOARD MEETS PORTLAND, July 4 (AP)—The executive board of the state AFL will meet here tomorrow evening to select a successor to D. E. Nickerson, late executive secretary.

The new secretary will serve until September, 1945, when members will elect a permanent officer.

### WEATHER

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| Seaside       | 81 | 50 | .00   |
| Astoria       | 80 | 54 | .00   |
| Clatskanie    | 81 | 54 | .00   |
| San Francisco | 75 | 52 | trace |
| Seattle       | 78 | 52 | .00   |

# The Hitler Gang



"Four heads ache worse than one" might be the title of this new photo, just received from neutral sources, showing Adolf Hitler with military, naval and civilian chieftains during recent inspection at the Fuehrer's headquarters. Left to right are Hitler, Field Marshal Keitel, chief of staff, Admiral Donitz, navy commander, and Heinrich Himmler, head of the Gestapo.

# Dynamite Explosion Rocks Homes, Shatters Glass

BEDFORD, N. H., July 4 (AP)—The terrific blast which shattered thousands of windows within a 70-mile radius, rocked scores of homes and created panic in many communities late last night was caused by the explosion of seven and one-half tons of dynamite, George E. McClintock, manager of the John B. Varreck company, said today.  
At the same time the Boston office of the federal bureau of investigation announced that agents already were at the scene attempting to determine what set off the stored explosives. McClintock said the dynamite was a "40-60" mixture and was kept in a long one-story warehouse. The dynamite was owned by the DuPont company and distributed by the Varreck organization.  
The warehouse went up in a sudden spurt of flame followed by a terrific concussion, witnesses said.  
Many persons in Bedford and nearby Manchester were cut by flying glass and at least a dozen people received hospital treatment. No one was reported injured fatally.  
Among the injured were ten persons, most of them girls, who were in a Bedford dance hall at the time. They were treated at hospitals for cuts and bruises about the arms and legs. One girl suffered an eye injury and was held for further treatment at Sacred Heart hospital.  
Manchester Police Chief James F. O'Neil estimated glass damage in that city alone at more than \$25,000.

# NO INQUEST SE FOR JAP STABBING

Deputy Coroner Buck Server of Astoria said at Tulelake today that no inquest will be held in the Jap camp murder of Yazo Hitomi, slain by an unknown assassin Sunday night.  
Server told WRA officials that Hitomi died of a knife wound inflicted under mysterious circumstances.  
Hitomi was head of the cooperative stores in the project. Officials probed the possibility that internal politics could have had a part in the slaying.

# EDITORIALS ON NEWS

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now, while the fighting is hottest and the destruction greatest, is when our home front factories must TURN OUT THE MOST WEAPONS.  
He adds that recent good news has persuaded some of us that the war is as good as won and so we can throw up our war jobs and go back to civilian life. Then he concludes:  
"No doubt most of the men at the front would also like easier and better-paid peacetime jobs, but they are sticking to the jobs they have now."  
That's a good thing for us to remember.

# Winds Whip Range Fire In California

TRACY, Calif., July 4 (AP)—Brisk winds whipped a huge rangland fire out of control in the hills southwest of here today and the blaze was spreading on a 12-mile front.  
T. J. Sanguinetti, county fire warden, estimated 12,000 acres of grazing and brush land had been blackened. There have been no reports of livestock lost.  
Between 400 and 500 sailors from navy stations were helping fire patrols.  
The blaze probably started from a prospector's camp fire.

# When in Medford Stay at HOTEL HOLLAND Thoroughly Modern Joe and Anne Earley Proprietors

# Secretary Back FROM INSTITUTE

Charles Stark, secretary of the chamber of commerce, has returned from attending the annual Western Institute for Commercial and Trade association executives held this year at the University of Oregon at Eugene.  
At the institute, which was in session a week, Stark conducted a course dealing with meeting management.  
The chamber secretary said that the school was smaller this year than in the past due to the fact that many of the executives attending did not bring their wives because of transportation difficulties. Present, however, were commercial and trade executives from the coast states as well as Idaho, Nevada and Utah.

# ALLIES PENETRATE WIDTH OF ITALY

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were reported on the west coast, where an American combat team attached to the 34th infantry division, spearheaded the attack up the shoreline to a point four miles north of Cecina.  
Artillery observers spotted a solid string of enemy vehicles, guns and personnel withdrawing along the highway toward Livorno (Leghorn) and Pisa ahead of the American troops. Big American guns laid down a fire which was officially reported to have caused "heavy destruction and slaughter."  
**Pacific War Ahead of Schedule, Says General**  
SEATTLE, July 4 (AP)—Lieut. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, marine corps commandant, described the war in the Pacific today as ahead of schedule but so far "only the prelude, not the main show."  
Here as the city's Fourth of July guest, General Vandegrift reviewed the morning parade before thousands of spectators in the business district, addressed a war bond rally at noon, and was to speak at the University of Washington stadium "invasion" show tonight. He is the second man in marine corps history to hold the three-star rank.  
**Naval C. O. Makes Business Trip**  
Commander R. R. Darron, commanding officer of the Klamath naval air station, is in Seattle on business for a brief period.  
During his absence, Lt. Commander B. M. Turner is acting c. o. of the station here, and Lt. S. A. Congdon is taking Commander Turner's place as executive officer in an acting capacity.  
Commander Darron has now established his home here at 1545 Eldorado street, Mrs. Darron and their small son having arrived from California.

# BRITISH PUSH TOWARD CAEN; TAKE Verson

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counterattacks into a firm position and placed the Germans in an uncomfortable salient of their own north of Carpiquet and west of Caen.  
**Close Quarters**  
Field dispatches said the Canadians were fighting at close quarters for the Carpiquet air field. British troops struck forward with them, winning ground south of Carpiquet.  
The Canadian attack chopped at the heart of the German defenses about Caen, but there was as yet no indication that Montgomery had ordered a general all-out offensive on the city.  
Canadian Press Correspondent Ross Munro in a front dispatch said "this was the first major Canadian action since mid-June and it was a great achievement to have cracked into Carpiquet, considering it is one of the strongest points on the Caen perimeter and one of the keys to Caen itself."  
With the British-Canadian of-

# Enthusiastic Crowd Watches Second Day of Rodeo

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Marion Vincent of Porterville, Calif., and Murphy Chaney, Cholame, Calif., fourth.  
**Quartermile Cow Horse Race**  
Bill Erickson, first.  
Graham Stewart, second.  
Glenn Bowen, third.  
**Brahma Bull Riding**  
Buck Scott, first.  
**Relay Race**  
Cory Halsey, first.  
Wesley Morris, second.  
Fred Tappe, third.  
**Musical Chair**  
Dick Hemsted, first.

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# ing horse holding a large American flag in each hand.

Art Russell, who received a severe leg injury in the bronc riding event Sunday, rode a bronc again Monday, re-injuring himself. Shorty Lee of Malin suffered internal injuries in the bareback riding contest yesterday but refused to quit working with the stock. All events and riders were well received by the crowd.  
Biggest and final of the three-day show is taking place this afternoon with a huge attendance expected.

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# Reds Roll Along Highway To Warsaw From Minsk

By EDDY GILMORE  
MOSCOW, July 4 (AP)—Russian armies rolled swiftly west of captured Minsk today toward Warsaw and East Prussia, less than 150 miles away, while other soviet forces stamped out the last German defenses in Poland, gateway to Latvia and Lithuania on the Baltic.  
(The German communique said Polotsk had been evacuated and that the Russians had penetrated Minsk and "pushed ahead further west.") A spokesman for the enemy command said Russian vanguards in some places already were nearly 40 miles west or northwest of Minsk, Slutsk and Polotsk.  
**Start Offensive**  
(The Finnish command said the Russians had started a new general offensive on the Karelian isthmus between Soumenvedenpohja and Karisalmi with heavy artillery, tank and air forces supporting the infantry).  
Since the fall of Minsk (239,000), Polotsk (72,000) was the largest Russia city left in German hands. The German hold on pre-war Russia had shrunk to an area less than that of Massachusetts.  
**Prisoners**  
Counting the prisoner bag at Minsk, the Russian press said captives in the 12-day offensive that crushed the central front are expected to swell between 125,000 and 135,000. Two German generals were captured yesterday, raising to 21 the German general officers killed or captured in three weeks in Russia and France.  
With the collapse of German defenses at Minsk before two hard-driving Russian columns, a number of important new objectives lay ahead for the red army steamroller.  
Cutting between the flanks of the disorganized Germans and smashing sporadic opposition, the Russians were battling toward communication lines and border-line cities of the soviet Baltic republics and threatening the bulk of the nazi position on the Russian side of the western Bug river.  
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