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NORMANDY BEACHHEAD; France  
Tuesday, July 14, 1944

29th Inf. Div.

LATEST NEWS FLASHES!

BBC - 040900 -The Russians have captured Minsk, the capital of White Russia. The city had been in German hands for just over 3 years. The Russians retook the town following deep outflanking movements to the north and south. They have already pushed 80 miles to the southwest, along the main railway running from Minsk through central Poland, while other Soviet forces are more than a third of the way along the railway running northwest from Minsk to Vilna. At the northern end of the White Russia front, street fighting is reported to be taking place in the rail town of Polotsk, gateway to the Baltic states.

In Normandy, American forces have started a new drive down the western side of the Cherbourg peninsula. In spite of very bad weather, and stubborn German resistance, we have advanced from 1 1/2 to 3 miles on a ten-mile front in the past day or two.

To the southwest of Caen the Germans are still re-trooping after their decisive defeat of their counter attack against the British salient. Our patrols have been very active, and have penetrated about one mile beyond the salient at

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THE RECONNAISSANCE TROOP

One thinks of an infantry division as foot troops supported by artillery, slogging along thru all kinds of weather. It's true that they are our main power for the offensive, but an important cog in the machinery, and an indispensable unit, is our Reconnaissance Troop.

Well trained in all the methods of communications, these men are out day and night, probing the enemy outposts both in their armoured cars and on foot, sending back information that enables our leading elements to move on roads and trails without fear of ambush.

We can well be proud of their exploits in helping to so firmly establish this Normandy beachhead. An element of the troop landed with the leading assault wave and since that moment, they have been punching and probing, performing all tasks in an exemplary manner.

During the past month, in addition to their reconnaissance duties, they have given the engineers covering fire during bridge repairs, captured a German Horse Cavalry Unit intact, and also a German Headquarters where some valuable defense maps were located. This, besides

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"A DATE"

After almost a month of fighting.....July 4th..... INDEPENDENCE DAY..The date means something to us..... This year more than ever.. This year we bled and died to prove to a wicked aggressor that we also had something to give....Yes, the "decadent" democracies had a date, the type of which they wanted to give to the world....It's not a set date like Christmas, but it's a date that commemorates the breaking of the shackles of slavery.... The return of the four freedoms, those of Speech, and Religion, and from Want and Fear.....A date that will bring happy smiles once more to the faces of children.....The date that stopped the lashing and the killing of innocents.....A date that will shine as a beacon light in the future....and this date will be given to each subjugated country as our liberating forces march on..and..as the last of the cruel conquerors are pushed back across the borders that once they crossed so arrogantly to try to once more prove that might makes right.... That date..whenever it may be.....is what we have for every country that has felt the heel of the master race...So on today... (Cont'd on back, Col. 3)

(Latest News Flashes, Con)

some points, while our naval guns and land artillery have continued to pound troop concentrations behind the enemy lines.

In Italy, French troops of the 5th Army have occupied the town of Siena. The city has suffered practically no damage, and the people gave the French troops an enthusiastic welcome.

More than 500 American bombers were out again yesterday pounding oil targets in Hungary, Rumania, and Yugoslavia.

In the southwest Pacific, American troops have landed on Moanbeer Island in the Geelvink Bay area of Dutch New Guinea, and have already captured one of the airfields.

More flying bombs have passed over the southern part of England in the last 24 hours. Damage and casualties are again reported.

ODDS AND ENDS..

In Los Angeles, Edward Jones tossed \$400 into a clump of bushes before a cleanup man grabbed the \$20 in his wallet; after the robbers had gone, he hustled over to the shrubbery, found his \$400 had gone too.

In Toledo, Ore., a merchant discovered that he had accepted a bad check from on the Lincoln Lumber Dock, which used to be right across the street until it closed, ten years ago.

At Shilo Camp, Manitoba, Centropar wings were awarded to 39 soldiers, including Pvt. Donald Dork.

A REAL WAR DOG

At the first division command post, our CG, whose liking for mascots rivals any GI's, picked up a puppy who has been around ever since. The dog was immediately and appropriately named "D-DAY", and since that eventful day has accompanied the General on many of his tours of



the front. The pup rides around in the General's jeep and his behavior is such that he seems to sense that this vehicle sports a red sign with two stars and that he is something special. He now has become quite oblivious to the artillery barrages and is buckling for a good conduct medal.

Lt. John S. B. Eisenhower, and Ensign Ernest J. King, Jr., graduated from West Point and Annapolis, went straight into service as their fathers had before them; Invader Ike Eisenhower, West Point, '15, and COMNAV Ernie King, Annapolis, '01.

An old cockney was asked if he was not scared when a bad blitz was on. "No, gov-nor," was the reply, "can't say as I am. For see, I count no chances. -- Jerry -- well he's got to cross the Channel, that ain't too easy for 'im. Then he's got to git by the coast. Then comes the Thames Estuary. Then comes London -- well, he can't mis that; but then he's got to find Armesmith, the Meacia Road, then No. 37, and then get likely I'll be at the pub."

(A Date cont'd)

A day sacred to all freedom loving Americans....we are marching...brothers in arms...with the Allied nations...not asking for hostage or payment of any type.....but with our fighting hearts and the help of God.....we are avenging crusaders with something to give....Not much on paper, but to the French, Dutch, Norwegians, and any other country in the bonds of slavery.....the most precious of human possessions. ...It's a date on which to celebrate.....

(Gen. Troop, Con.)

their normal duties of locating enemy positions, gun emplacements, and their methods of warfare. It is a job well done. Here we in our division can rest assured that day and night, out in front, are our men of the Recon, our warning system, our guard toe against enemy surprise.

Charles August Lindbergh, consulting engineer for United Aircraft and since March 1942 a Ford special consultant (with somewhat mysterious duties) at Willow Run, turned up in the Gilbert Islands, as a Navy instructor in high altitude flying.

SOLDIER: DON'T FORGET TO WRITE HOME OFTEN.

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NORMANDY BEACHHEAD, France

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Wednesday, July 5, 1944

29th Inf. Div.

## LATEST NEWS FLASHES!

05 - 05:00 - In Normandy, British and Canadian forces have gained ground in new attack west of Caen. The Canadians have captured the village of Carpiquet and after an advance of a mile and a half, have fought their way on to the airfield south of the village. They were last reported to be engaged in a fierce struggle for possession of this key point. The Canadian assault began at dawn yesterday, after hundreds of Allied guns on land and sea had blasted the German positions in front of Carpiquet for 75 minutes. While the Canadians were advancing, British troops further south pushed along the upper bank of the river Odon, seized the small town of Verson without opposition, and linked up with the right wing of the Canadians. Meanwhile, the American forces striking southward from the Cherbourg peninsula have extended their front to twenty-five miles and have made good progress towards the road and rail center of La Roche Du Puits. They were last reported to be less than two miles away.

In Russia, the drive continues all along the broad front. Along with the liberation of Minsk, it was announced that the Russian forces are only 14 miles from the Polish border at (Cont'd on back, Col.1)

## AWARDS &amp; DECORATIONS

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

The Below named officers and men have been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry:

Major Anthony J. Miller Jr.  
Chap (Capt.) John A. Kelly  
Capt. Waldo E. Seitt  
1st Lt. Preston E. Delcazal  
T/4 Stanton L. Coleman  
Pfc Joseph W. Anderson  
Pfc Milton O. Sandberg  
Pvt. John J. Smith  
Pvt. Joseph D. Downs  
Silver Star, (posthumously)  
1st Lt. Peter C. DiGangi  
2d Lt. C. E. McNicholas

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

Lt. Col. Edward A. Gill  
1st Sgt. T. E. Foster, Jr.  
S/Sgt. Edwin J. Fetyk  
S/Sgt. Charles T. Crighton  
S/Sgt. Reginald W. Zepp  
S/Sgt. Milton L. Quick  
S/Sgt. W. O. Schneider  
S/Sgt. John B. Stafford  
S/Sgt. John T. Suter  
S/Sgt. Reginald W. Zepp  
Sgt. Joseph J. Lenoch  
Sgt. Leon Glazer  
Cpl. James F. Dwyer  
Cpl. David B. Foster  
Cpl. Frank J. Pontangelo  
Cpl. Isaac H. Woodson, Jr.  
T/5 Howard T. Brown  
T/5 Michael Codis  
T/E James W. Lillis  
T/5 Michael A. Rayack  
Pfc Glen J. Rogers  
Pfc Joseph F. Rode

(List to be continued in next edition)

## INGENUITY PAYS OFF

Back when the Division was packing to leave England, everyone was turning in all surplus equipment. The Signal Company, like the rest of the outfits, had extra T/E supplies -- they also had foresight.

When the equipment was pooled it was found that there were two extra trucks and enough parts to turn them into sound trucks. Cpls. James R. Scates and Cecil M. Petty, and Pvt. Joseph P. Deane set to work and every member of the Division profited. They completely wired the trucks for sound (for both recordings and radio), and installed generators for use in the field. They left the job of getting them to France to their commanding officer, Maj. Gordon Gable. It's his secret how he did it -- they're here, that's what counts. One is attached to the Special Service Section and the other is still under the Signal Company's control, but is available for use to all Division units.

So when you hear music and news broadcasts in your area, regardless of who brings it to you, the thanks belong primarily to the Signal Company, and especially to the men whose foresight and ingenuity back in England is now being enjoyed by so many.

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ALWAYS WEAR YOUR DOG-TAGS!

(Latest News Flashes, Con.)

no point. The Russian Air force is also operating in great strength, landing supply dumps and other vital enemy centers far behind the Linsk front.

In Italy, Fifth Army sweeps have reached one point only sixteen miles from the west coast port of Leghorn, in spite of stubborn German opposition.

In the Pacific, American carrier-based planes have attacked harbor works in an island group within 600 miles of Tokyo. They sank or beached three Japanese destroyers, sank two other vessels, and destroyed 25 enemy planes.

RAF bombers were over occupied territory during the night. More flying bombs were sent over southern England.

THREE DAYS, GUESTS LIKE FISH, BEGIN TO STINK! -Ben Franklin.

CRIME DOESN'T PAY

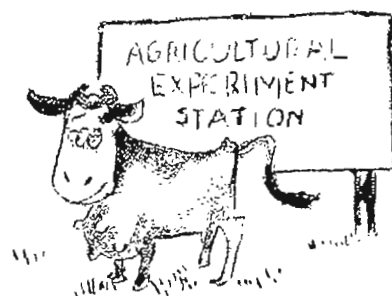
Men, temptation is always around the corner; don't let it get the better of you.

Yesterday three men of the Division were tried on charges of entering a private home, and stealing personal property belonging to the owners. All three were found guilty. Two were sentenced to 20 years each at hard labor, the other one got 25 years. (Violation of the 75th Article of War).

In another case, a man was charged with leaving a post at which he was stationed as a sentinel. He also was found guilty, and sentenced to confinement at hard labor for life. (Violation of the 66th Article of War).

REMEMBER CORRIGAN?

Douglas "Wrong-Way" Corrigan is still flying airplanes, but he hasn't made any more such monumental "mistakes" in navigation as the one in 1938 when he took off from New York ostensibly to fly nonstop to Los Angeles, and next was heard from after setting down his nine-year old Curtiss Robin monoplane just outside Dublin, Ireland. Today, the flip little flyer with the toothy facade is testing A-20 attack bombers at the Santa Monica plant of the Douglas Aircraft Co.



An old joke that used to circulate around British pubs was that "American Air Force colonels under 21 must be accompanied by their parents." Last week the Army outdid itself by elevating two colonels, in their late twenties to the rank of brigadier general. They are Gen. R.C. Sanders, 28, and Gen. C. D. Vincent, age 29.

Daughter: "I can't marry him, mother. He's an atheist and does not believe in hell."

Mother: "Marry him, my dear; between us we will convince him that he is wrong."

Gal: "I'm all worn out trying to get into this evening gown."

Gay: "You don't look all in."

Gal: "Cripes!!! Where?"

SPORTS

Charles H. Ebbetts, Jr., 65-year old son of the founder of the Brooklyn baseball club, was found dead recently in a meager 2 1/2 room apartment in Upper Manhattan. He was penniless and alone after 19 years of battling to collect his share of his father's \$1,115,000 estate.

From boyhood Charley was trained to head the Brooklyn club. His father joined forces with "judge" Steve McKeever and built the present home of the Dodgers in Flatbush.

The elder Ebbetts died in 1925, leaving his estate to 15 heirs, the principal ones being his widow, Mrs. Grace Slade Ebbetts, two daughters and "young Charley." Until recently Ebbetts worked for a downtown firm and in the summer was an inspector at Ebbetts field.

SPORTS QUIZZ

- 1. Who was the highest paid player in baseball and what was his salary?
2. What two fighters took part in the first million dollar fight?
3. Who is known as "The Grand Old Man of Football", and what is he doing now?

Coach: "I'm all worn out trying to get into this evening gown."
Gay: "You don't look all in."
Gal: "Cripes!!! Where?"

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NORMANDY BEACHHEAD, France  
Thursday, July 6, 1944

29th Inf. Div.

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### LATEST NEWS FLASHES!

BBC - 060900 - In Normandy American troops driving down the west side of the Cherbourg peninsula have captured the railway station at La Haye Du Puits and were last reported to be fighting in the streets. Other American forces have pushed well beyond the town and control the railway from it to Carentan.

At the other end of the Allie front, Germans and Canadians are facing each other across the airfield of Carpiquet four miles west of Caen. A bitter struggle for the airfield went on all day yesterday and was still going on last night.

Further south British troops have again enlarged their bridgehead across the Odon.

Supreme Headquarters announced that the Allies have taken more than 50,000 prisoners in Normandy.

In Italy German resistance has been stiffening in front of the west coast port of Leghorn and in the central sector. Allied troops have got to within 5 miles of Anzio.

The Russians have increased their threat to the lateral line that serves the German forces between the Baltic and the Pripet marshes.

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### DECORATION OF HEROES

Yesterday afternoon 24 members of the 29th Division were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism. Only fourteen of these men were available to have General Omar Bradley pin the decoration on them, as ten of the heroes have been evacuated for wounds received recently in combat. All of these men, ranging from Brigadier General to private, displayed such courage and fortitude in the initial stages of our landings as to be outstanding, their deeds outshone others which under ordinary battle conditions would have likewise merited a similar recognition. But this was not an ordinary battle....it was the greatest achievement in the history of war.... The first successful large scale amphibious assault against a fortified coast....The beginning of the end for the aggressor.... and every man that crossed that beach on D-day was a hero....These twenty four are symbols of heroism, devotion to duty, and love of country rolled into one...These men have been marked by their comrades as their leaders, be they private or general...These men led not by word of mouth but by action and through their gallantry inspired others to give their utmost in striking (Cont'd on back column)

a blow for freedom.

"29 Let's Go" salutes with praise the following named officers and enlisted men for their outstanding achievements in the storming of the beach and subsequent deeds in establishing the Normandy beachhead.

Presented on 5 July 1944

- Brig. Gen. Norman D. Cota
- Col. Charles D. Canham
- Major Sidney V. Bingham
- Capt. John J. Cetter
- Capt. Archibald Spruell
- Capt. Forrest Zantow
- 1st Lt. Verno V. Morse
- 2d Lt. Leonard A. Anker
- Tech Sgt. T. M. Armstrong
- Tech Sgt. Ozias D. Ricker
- Tech Sgt. Howard W. Rogers
- S/Sgt. Ralph G. Coffman
- S/Sgt. Lyman K. Patterson
- T/4 Elmer G. Shindle

Awarded DSC but not presented because they have been evacuated.

- 1st Lt. Robert C. Hargrove
- 1st Lt. Edward N. Goaring
- 1st Lt. L. D. Van De Voort
- 2d Lt. Forest K. Ferguson
- 1st Sgt. W. M. Prosser
- Tech Sgt. Carl D. Proffit
- Tech Sgt. John A. Beach
- Sgt. Douglas Cradock
- Pfc William C. Rizzo
- Pvt. James A. Clarke

### GOD HUMOR

Father—Do you suppose our son gets his intelligence from me.

Mother—He must. I still have all mine.

(Latest News Flashes, Con.)  
Soviet spearheads were yesterday less than 50 miles from Dvinsk and about the same distance from Vilna.

The German high command yesterday announced the evacuation of Kovel on the southern fringe of the dript marshes. The Russians haven't yet said anything about this.

In the southwest Pacific American troops have now occupied the second of the three air-strips on Noon-foot island off the coast of Dutch New Guinea.

RAF bombers were over enemy occupied territory during the night.

United States Flying Fortresses yesterday returned to Britain after a triangular trip to Russia and Italy during which they bombed targets in Germany, Poland, Hungary and France. On their homeward trip from Italy yesterday they attacked the railyards at the Beziers in southern France.

American heavy bombers yesterday attacked targets in both France and Belgium in particular they kept up the offensive against the German flying bomb bases in the Pas De Calais area.

More flying bombs have come over southern England in the last 24 hours.

General DeGaulle who left Algiers by air yesterday, is expected in Washington this morning.

A large wall sign over the Travelers aid booth in the Union Station at Washington, D. C., reads: "Information about Baltimore and other problems."

The following epitaph written on a cardboard box was found by our Division Commander, 4 July 1944, near a German soldier's shelter trench and present burial place. The location was a German company defense area in a field immediately South of the road running parallel along the woods, Bois de Eretel.

"OLD KRAUT-HEAD"

"Typical Sad Socks"

"If you will look beyond this tree,  
You'll see the final resting place of this Jerry.  
For the Fuehrer he'll no longer do the "Heil",  
I'm quite sure not for a hell of a while.  
There wasn't enough room in this world for me and him,  
That's why I buried the s--- of a b----- six feet in.  
He will never see his beloved Fatherland,  
Nor take any more orders from Hitler and his band.  
He will no longer part ke of this wine,  
This dirty b----- of a German swine.  
To him, Hitler was his Master and Almighty God,  
No damn wonder he is now buried beneath the sod,  
He has fired his last shot into our line,  
As the poor devil "forget to duck" just one time.  
Like many more he thought they were the Master Race,  
But it was I who threw dirt in his ugly face.  
That's about all I can say for today,  
As I'm about to leave and be on my way."

Sgt. "Eddie" Rush,  
Altoona, Penna.,  
29 June 1944.

PS: There is just "one" good German---  
That's a dead s--- of a b-----.  
Do you agree with me?

GREETINGS

The 29th Division has received greetings and congratulations from representatives of its counterpart of the British Army of the last war, the British 29th Division Association. The greeting read as follows: "To all ranks of the 29th Division, U. S. A. forces, on their outstanding successes, from men of the Gallipoli Beaches to their comrades in arms of the Normandy Beaches." This message was received from Wickeraley, Sheffield, the home of the British 29th.

Funeral Director--(to aged mourner)--How old are you?  
Mourner--I'll be 98 next week.  
Funeral Director--Hardly worth going home, is it?

Three G.I.'s walked into a saloon together and immediately made for the bar. One piped up: "Give me an orange 'ole." The second ordered a coke, keeping his head the third one spoke: "Give me a glass of water: I'm driving."

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NORMANDY BEACHHEAD, France  
Friday, July 7, 1944

29th Inf. Div.

**LATEST NEWS - BBC- 070900**  
**VON RUNDSTEDT RELIEVED!**  
Field Marshal von Rundstedt has been relieved of his command of the Western front. He has been replaced by Field Marshal von Kluger.

**GAINS IN NORMANDY**  
American troops gained more ground around La Haye du Puits, but the Germans were apparently still in possession of the town last night. At the upper end of the front there has been fierce fighting for the Carpiquet airfield, 4 miles west of Caen.

**HEAVY ALLIED AIR ATTACKS**  
In Normandy, Allied aircraft yesterday made one of their heaviest attacks on German communications. They attacked targets over an area of 9,000 sq. miles, destroyed 9 bridges, and knocked out hundreds of enemy vehicles. The enemy lost 32 planes, and the Allies 14.

**NEWS BRIEFS...**  
**In Italy, the Allied armies continue to make steady progress...**  
In the Pacific, American troops followed up their landing on Noenfoor, off Dutch New Guinea, by taking the nearby island of Menia...  
The Russians have pushed forward on a broad front to a point 30 miles from Vilna...  
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**29 DIVISION MP'S**

You see them everywhere, watching, waiting, directing, on the alert for anything - yes, any duty is in line for the 'MP's, and these men of the 29th are out to show the world how. Forty of them landed on D-day, H-hour plus 71, the first American Police to set foot on French soil. They fought on to Vierville as infantrymen, until the traffic began pouring through. And your liable to find them in the thick of it any time.

Captain Vern E. Johnson, M. P. commander, who, with the help of a half-dozen dough boys, captured 7 snipers on D-plus 1, was quick and brief when he outlined the activities of his men -- "They handle traffic control points throughout the division area; guard three P. W. enclosures; go in with Civil Affairs as soon as a town is captured, cooperate with the gendarmes, lay down the laws, and, he added humorously, "slap the town off limits".

"The MP'S check on stragglers in the front lines, get them back to their units. Assisting Civil Affairs, the MP's evacuate civilians from the fighting front. They  
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bring in suspects and turn them over to Army for investigation. Also, the MP's have their own investigating squad.

"The division C. P. is guarded by the MP's. My men do everything," Capt. Johnson concluded, "even down to guarding unexploded bombs."

To climax the interview we got this story of Sgt. Hubert Haga and Pvt. Forrest Clough: At Isigny these two MP's captured fourteen krauts who were apparently getting ready to attack with rifles, grenades, and pistols. Krauts and weapons intact, the outfit was brought in to the P. W. enclosure. For good measure this Jerry crew manned the oars of the boat that ferried them as prisoners across the canal to the American side. Sgt. Haga and Pvt. Clough alternated as coxwain.

**DECORATION OF HEROES**

The below named officers and men have been awarded the Bronze Star:  
Pfc Clarence E. Leister  
Pfc Joseph F. Rodd  
Pfc George E. Sellman, Jr.  
Pfc Albert P. Satterfield  
Pfc Max Schair  
Pfc Matthew J. Wozik  
Pfc Joseph M. Zombek  
Pfc William H. Bryant  
Pfc Marvin A. Geyer  
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(News Briefs, Cont'd)  
 More flying bombs over Eng-  
 land...

Prime Minister announced that up to yesterday 2,754 flying bombs had been released from the coast of France. Casualties to date were 2,752 killed and 8,000 injured...

**SPORTS**

On the books, it looks like a sensational pitching year for the major leagues. So far, two no-hitters, two one-hitters, and three two-hitters have been recorded. Three of these feats took place in five days! The Red's Ole Clyde Sison pitched a no-hitter against the Braves' Jim Tobin, who had previously pitched the first no-hitter of the season.

The day before, Bucky Walters of the Reds just missed perfection against the same team, by allowing a single in the 8th. On the fifth day, Al Javery of the Braves hurled a two-hitter against the Cards. With most of the better sluggers off to war, 367 pitching records seem likely to be commonplace.

**ODDS AND ENDS..**

Jeff Davis, King of the Hoboes, blew into the Secretary of State's office in Indianapolis made his annual report on the state of his kingdom: 1,022,000 members — one typewriter — ten scores in Florida — 32 (in war bonds).

Propaganda Minister Goebbels recently invited all German mobs to lynch downed Allied airmen. "It is too much to ask of us that we call out German soldiers to protect the murderers of children from the righteous anger of their parents..."



"We're having turkey -- powdered, of course!"

**FRONT LINE NEWS**

Col. Thomas J. Garganon, Jr., of Church Hill, Richmond told about the time he went out with a party of 10 men and brought back 52 prisoners. Two French civilians had told them that the Germans were hiding in a nearby house, so they went well armed with machine guns and automatic rifles. The Germans surrendered after the first shots were fired, Garganon said, and one of the Polish-speaking prisoners told a man who understood his language that they had been waiting for two days to be captured.

**PA. PENTITONS..**

**METEOROLOGIST:** A man who can look into a girl's eyes and tell whether...

**(Decorations, Cont'd)**

- Pfc Frank E. Hulan
- Pfc King E. Prescott
- Pfc Kermit C. Weishear
- Pvt. Stephen A. Padonak
- Pvt. Bernardino Petraro
- Pvt. Frank W. Eustre
- Pvt. Harley W. Shower
- Pvt. Roy I. Bishop
- Pvt. James L. Conrad, Jr.
- Pvt. Tracey M. ...
- Pvt. James E. ...
- Pvt. Louis B. ...
- Pvt. James W. Walmsley
- Bronze Star (posthumously)
- Tech. Sgt. Clyde S. Keene
- S/Sgt. Raymond W. Flynn
- Soldiers Medal
- Capt. John R. Woodbridge

The Dionys quinte realize every child's ambition on their recent 10th birthday. Papa get 'em a party.

"Where'd you get that black eye?"  
 "It's a birthmark."  
 "Whadda ya mean, a birthmark?"  
 "I got it climbing in the wrong one on the train last night."  
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 A North Pole Eskimo says "glub, glub". A South Pole Eskimo says "glub, glub, you all."  
 "To shoo doob! Talks in high gear and thinks in low."

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# 29 LET'S GO!

Vol. II, No. 1

NORMANDY BEACHHEAD, France  
Saturday, July 8, 1944

29th Inf. Div.

### AMERICANS PUSH ACROSS VIRE RIVER

American troops in their new attack beyond Carentan have established a bridgehead across the Vire River. In the swamps south of Carentan, the German guns have forced the Americans to fall back, but they later won through to the south side of the swamp. Further west, the American forces have completed the capture of the important hills around La Maye du Puits. There has been no great change in the fighting around Caen.

RAF heavy bombers yesterday dropped well over 2000 tons of bombs on German troops, guns and tanks just north of Caen.

In the first major air battle since D-Day, U. S. heavies and Allied fighters yesterday destroyed 114 German planes over central Germany and then went on to bomb targets near Leipzig. 36 American bombers and 6 fighters are missing out of a force of more than 1600 aircraft employed.

Bombers from England were over enemy occupied territory last night, and Mosquitoes bombed Berlin.

### RUSSIAN JUGGERNAUT ROLLS ON!

The Red Army has kept up its stride to the west along a front of more than 300 miles long. They are increasing their threat to Vilna and Baranovichi in spite of stiff German resistance.

JAPAN HAS HAD ITS THIRD AIR ATTACK OF THE WAR. B-29's BOMBED NAVAL DOCKYARDS AT SASEBO AND YAMATO, BIG STEEL OF...

### FRONT LINE NEWS

NORMANDY FRONT - O'Keefe's name was on a German artillery shell fired over here today, and it got O'Keefe right enough, as any soldier knew it would. If they've got one with your name on it, you get it - that's just plain GI philosophy. But O'Keefe had a date with Lady Luck, and she shall get him in name only. It shot through the two "o's" and the "e" of his name stenciled on his py-jant, just about where his head would be if he had been sitting inside the shelter. So this is the exception that proves the GI's rule about getting hit. It happened to Col. Walter P. O'Keefe of 20th East (4th St., Richmond, Va.), a cook with an infantry outfit. O'Keefe was seeing a movie in a barn about 300 yds. away when the shell struck. Concussion jarred the movie projector loose, sending the show, and some dirt from the ray left fell down O'Keefe's neck. (Remember a dirty neck then he rock it all!).



"I love every acre of that girl."

Mother: "I wonder where the boy shipped your gun?" He writes: "Fritz and his boys, sure and I arrived safe and sound, but I can't tell you where I am stationed, Bagdad!"

MESSAGE FROM HEADQUARTERS OF THE  
TO: LT. GEN. OWEN MIDDLE.  
YOU PERSONALLY LED YOUR BRIG, THE  
LIVE'S SINGERS GRANTED FOR THE  
CAREFUL PLANNING AND CONSCIOUS EXECU-  
TION OF THESE VERY IMPORTANT OPERA-  
TIONS.  
STIMPSON  
SECRETARY OF WAR

## BITTER FIGHTING IN ITALY

In Italy, bitter fighting has continued on both flanks and in the central sector. Fifth Army troops now hold two-thirds of Rosignano, just over 12 miles south of Leghorn.

Allied bombers from Italy yesterday attacked synthetic oil plants in south-east Germany.

Amateur photographers may now send their films for development to: Army Pictorial Service, Hq. ETCUSA, London. Enclose your own return address, and in left hand corner of envelope put the date and time of dispatch.

## COOPERATION

It ain't the guns nor armament.  
Nor funds that they can pay  
But the close cooperation that  
Makes them win the day.  
It ain't the individual  
Nor the Army as a whole  
But the everlasting team-work  
Of every bloomin' soul!

---Kipling.

## YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM IT

George Brightbill thought he was surely through with sheep-shearing, his civilian occupation, when he entered the army. But the Army seems to have use for every trade somewhere. Brightbill's service took him to one of the Aleutian Islands where a flock of 200 sheep had been left by natives who fled when the Japs came. The CO noted that the sheep needed shearing, naturally looked over the records of his men, and Brightbill got the job of shearing those 200 sheep with old fashioned hand clippers, too!

## ODDS AND ENDS..

In Detroit, police arrested a pony suspected of being the hit and runner who ignored a red light, ran down two pedestrians.... In Murphysboro, Ill., a Mrs. D.L. Malin won a divorce: She had let her hubby bring his former wife to live with them, but got fed up with entertaining his girl friends.

## SPORTS

Probably not even the players themselves realize how baseball jargon has colored American speech. Radio announcers now say, "York just parked the cripple in the left field bleachers," and the listening audience understands. But who invented those phrases? How, for instance, did "pinch hitter" come into our language?

A new rule was written into baseball's rule book in the winter of 1891, permitting the making of substitutions anywhere at any time in a ball game. Pat Debeau, playing manager of the Cleveland Spiders, was the first to come up with the revolutionary idea of substituting a batter for another batter in a tight situation.

Debeau sprung his startling notion during the ninth inning of a game in the now-vanishing Eastern Park, Brooklyn, on June 7, 1892, after Ward's Wonders as the "Beloved Game" of that era were called, had grouped two triples and a wild pitch in the eighth inning to bring in a pair of runs.

"Fond Hill Billy" Hart had held the Spiders scoreless and opened the ninth by retiring Jimmy McAloer, but Jack O'Conner, the catcher, singled. Debeau made baseball history by ordering John Joseph Doyle, a substitute catcher, to bat for Davies.

Setting a tradition which still is observed, Doyle hiked up his pants, spat on his hands, dug his toes into the dirt, and passed up the first pitch. That baseball's first pinch hitter whacked out a clean single into right center, advancing O'Conner to third. Hart eventually forced in a run with a pass to Jake Virtue with the bases full, but won the game, 2-1.

Seven "substitute batters" were introduced that season, as compared with the modern figure of about one and a half per game. The late Charlie Dryden, father of baseball vernacular, labeled them "pinch hitters" — a term that has served in a pinch to help many a speaker or group for graphic analogy.

There's the one about the fellow who had to go to a masquerade ball and he didn't know what to wear — he finally put on one of Lane Turner's sweaters and went as a camel.

DON'T FORGET TO WRITE HOME WHEN POSSIBLE

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READ AND  
PASS ON

LAST NUMBER  
DESTROY THIS

# 29 LET'S GO!

Vol. II, No. 2

POISSY-LE-CHATEL, France  
Sunday, July 9, 1944

29th Inf. Div.

## ALL ALLIED OFFENSIVES GOING WELL

In Normandy, the British 2nd Army yesterday opened a new offensive. They have already over-run the main defenses of Caen, and have stormed through to the northern and western edges of the town. Allied air forces have given excellent support. They flew more than 2,000 sorties yesterday. The American troops have gained more ground in their sector, and have widened their bridgehead over the Vire river. The Germans admit having had to withdraw in this area. La Haye Du Puits is still holding out but American troops are on high ground on each flank. The French forces of the interior behind the enemy lines are now fighting the Germans within 20 miles of the Normandy battlefront. American heavy bombers yesterday again attacked the flying bomb bases in the Pas De Calais area to keep up the offensive from Britain.

## VILNA TOTTERING - RUSSIAN ROLL ON

In White Russia, Soviet troops are fighting in the streets of Vilna, and they've cut the main German supply lines to the Baltic Republic. A hundred miles to the south, they've captured Baranovichi. The Germans suspect new Russian attacks between Kovel and Lvov. Moscow estimates that more than 20,000 Germans have been killed and 15,000 captured in the mopping up west of Minsk. Altogether, 14 German Generals have been (Cont'd on back, Col. 1)

## 29TH DIV.

These are the hard working men behind the lines who bring up the supplies to the units. And, Brother, that's a large order! Food, clothing, gas and oil, all the needs that keep this great Division rolling forward, these are the items handled day in and day out by our quartermaster. "Transportation for anything," as Major William D. Patern, head man of the outfit, put it. "We receive the stuff in bulk and break it down and deliver it to the units."



Ever since D-day, without a miss, the 29th has been getting the rations to the men, and up there at the front it's the best there is to be had - there was a limited supply of fresh coffee, and, too, you got it. Until the PX's move in, the 29th will continue to furnish the Division with toilet articles, candy, and cigarettes. The job has been well done; the things that a man really needs have been on hand for him.

And the things of discard are handled by the 29th, as well. Salvage is a pretty big problem; your service company can tell you; they turn over the material to the 29th trucks. A lot of equipment can be put back to use; the 29th sees to it that there is no waste.

Finally, in conclusion, we list a few items that you can look forward to receiving from the 29th in the near future: Shower towels will be coming your way, and laundry. Sterilized (Cont'd on back, Col. 2)

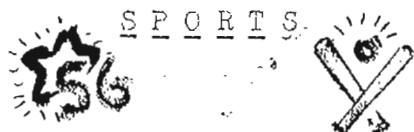
captured since the Russian offensives began.

#### VIENNA REFINERIES POUNDED

More than five hundred American heavy bombers from Italy yesterday pounded oil refineries in the Vienna area. The Germans in Italy are still fighting back hard. Eighth Army troops were last reported about 6 miles from Arezzo, and the Fifth Army about eleven miles from Leghorn, after capturing three small towns.

#### SIAPAN COUNTER-ATTACK REFUSED

In the central Pacific, the American troops on Siapan island have beaten off a determined Japanese counter-attack. The Japanese base of Yap in the Carolines, has been bombed for the 3rd day running.



Joe DiMaggio, center fielder of the New York Yankees, now in the Army, rapped a single off pitcher Edgar Smith, of the Chicago White Sox, on May 15, 1941, and for 55 consecutive American league games thereafter hit safely. He was stopped on July 17 in Cleveland by pitchers Al Smith and Jim Bagby, Jr. DiMag's performance broke the modern record of hitting safely in 49 consecutive games made in 1922 by George Sielar, of the St. Louis Browns. Another record of 44 games made in 1897 by Wes Willie Koeler of the Baltimore Orioles, also went into discard. Actually, DiMaggio hit safely in 57 consecutive games for he connected in the all-star game on July 8th, but that does not count in the official league records. His batting average for the 56 games was .408. (Editor's Note: DiMaggio, at the present time is reported to be on his way to the Pacific battle area with two teams composed of former big-league players, to play exhibition contests for the troops over there. It should be a good show!)

(29th Div. Q. M., Con.)

and bath -- you peel off everything down to the dog tags and come out clean body, clean clothes and all. The shoe repairing unit will be rolling in Normandy pretty soon. At last, there is a new field jacket in the theatre which will be issued as soon as the old supply is exhausted. Who doesn't welcome a change of style!

BELIEVE IT OR NOT, Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson was killed by his own men! He had given orders to shoot any person approaching from the opposite direction to the place of encampment. At the end of a victorious day, he was returning from a personal reconnoitering of the hostile camp. In the twilight the Confederates mistook him for a Federal, and shot him fatally, in accordance with his own command.

#### CHAS AND ENDS..

In Port Chester, N. Y., Evans Ward returned home to find that burglars had made off with jewels worth \$3,000 found his Great Dane watchdog contentedly munching a roast of beef from the refrigerator.

In Montgomery, Ala., Fisherman Gene Handy was disgustingly reeling in his plug after several luckless hours when a big-mouthed bass suddenly jumped for the plug, missed, landed squarely in the boat. The bass weighed 10 lb., 4 oz., Handy said.

In Murphysboro, Ill., an optimistic barber overheard farmers Bill and Art Quatterslan complaining about their sour luck, promptly traded a haircut and shave for 150 acres of flooded wheat.

One-half the nation's Indian population is concentrated in three states, Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico.

All the working girls want from a man is his seat on the bus, his salary every payday and his job.

IT'S TRUE THAT the American flag may flow upside down as signal of distress.

READ AND

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LAST READER

DESTROY THIS

# 29 LET'S GO!

Vol. II, No. 3

FOMMELY-BEACHHEAD, France

Monday, July 10, 1944

29th Inf. Div.

## CAEN LIBERATED! YANKS ADVANCE!

In Normandy, Caen was liberated yesterday by United Kingdom and Canadian troops, who now face the Germans across the River Orne. The Germans are still holding the big suburbs on the further bank. Mines, booby traps, and pockets of resistance still remain.

American forces have driven the Germans out of La Haye du Puits, and have made progress north and northwest of the road center of St. Lo.

Canadian troops have taken Carpiquet airfield.

Bad weather hindered Allied air activity in the battle areas yesterday although attacks were kept up on the road and rail transport over a wide area.

## RUSSIAN ADVANCE CONTINUES

The Russians are attacking on a 250 mile front north of the Pripet Marshes. In some places they advanced more than 200 miles in less than 3 weeks of fighting. Yesterday they captured the rail center of Lida, ninety miles west of Minsk, and more than 1100 other places. There has been more hard fighting in the streets of Vilna.

## AMERICANS CAPTURE VOLTERRA

American troops in Italy have captured the commercial port center of Vol-

Dear Doctor:

I'm a lady forty years old. I have been married to eight different men in seven different countries. Please tell me what I have to look forward to.

Dear Lady:

I'm not sure about what you have to look forward to, but lady you sure have a hell of a lot to look back on.

terra, southeast of Leghorn. On the central sector, French troops are now close to Foggibonsi, last big town before Florence, and the 8th Army is battling along the last few miles to Arezzo.

Yesterday the Russian oil center of Ploesti was again bombed by Allied aircraft from Italy.

## DIVISION ORDNANCE

Perfection! That is the word of the Ordnance Company, the maintenance men of the Blue and Grey. To achieve this standard, crews of the unit roll right up into the front line to do their work. "The aim and desire of the Ordnance is to keep all weapons, vehicles, and military instruments fighting fit," says



"Still think you had the wrong address?"

Sgt. Frank S. Price, company commander. "We had units with all the Division Combat Teams for the initial assault in Normandy. Now did maintenance and repair work supplementary to the individual G.I. crews. Now we're all assembled as one group, backing up the entire division, servicing and supplying it, and issuing to it all ordnance needs."

Lt. Col. Phillip W. Root is Division Ordnance Officer. "We have 200 vehicles of all sizes repaired and back at the front - just one of the numerous accomplishments of this great unit since it reentered France. We do the job with technical ability, men from all walks of life, and resources. The equipment has them - gunsmiths, auto electricians, wrecker drivers, jewelers,

and all sorts of men. The Ordnance Department of Ordnance is concerned with ammunition. It is headed by Major John B. Grant. Statistical data, location of ammunition dumps, issuing of orders for requisitioning of it, are the department's function.

All captured ordnance equipment is turned over to the Ordnance Company. Another maintenance company, which is directly in support of the Ordnance Company, is in daily contact with the Blue and Grey. "The set-up is highly efficient, the kind you dream of in

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### THE 29TH DIVISION SALUTES THE FOL- LOWING MEN FOR HEROISM IN ACTION

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

Major Sewell S. Watts, Jr.  
 Captain Robert W. Gray  
 2d Lt. Mendel W. Jacobson  
 S/Sgt. George L. Doan  
 S/Sgt. Louis J. Distefano  
 T/3 Herman C. Spivey  
 Sgt. Peter J. Ambrose  
 Sgt. Carroll E. Harris  
 T/4 Harold J. O'Connor  
 Cpl. Rudolph L. Shatney  
 Pfc Salvatore S. Pettinato

#### NEWS BRIEFS

The Italian government is returning to Rome next week....In the central Pacific, American forces have completed the occupation of Saigon.... U-boat sinkings of United Nations merchant shipping in June were almost the lowest on record.....In Burma this year 40,000 Japanese have been killed. In the southwest Pacific, American troops have killed more than 3000 Japanese on Biak Island....The Regent Palace Hotel in London was one of the buildings hit by German flying bombs, although only one person was killed.

#### FRONT LINE NEWS

**NORMAN FRONT** -- While at his task as a front line bulldozer operator in cleaning-up operations in Villiers Fossard, Cpl. William C. Kiessling of an Engineer outfit soon discovered his work varies from filling artillery craters along the roads to burying cows. Kiessling buried 28 cows, 2 jackasses, a horse and a colt recently. Animals are generally killed in "No-Man's-Land" and deteriorate considerably before they can be disposed of. "It's all part of a big job we are doing," says Cpl. Kiessling, who is from Akron, Ohio.

**NORMAN FRONT** -- Proving himself a deadly shot under fire by cleaning out a German machine-gun nest at a distance of 270 yards with his rocket launcher, near Vierville-sur-Mer recently, Pvt. James H. Leaf had this to say about marksmanship, "Brother, let me tell you, shooting a top score of 210 out of a possible 220 in M-1 rifle marksmanship certainly pays dividends." Leaf, who hails from Bronx, New York, recently brought down an escaped barrage balloon with a single shot and claims six Jerries to his credit already.

A PINCH OF SALT MAY BE IMPROVED BY DROPPING IT IN A STEIN OF BEER.

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combat," Capt. Price said. "The support by higher echelon units is measured in terms of perfection. Our own standard."

SPORTS

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#### THE ORIGINAL SCREW-BALL

Jack Carr was only an obscure helper in an English billiard parlor, but in the 1820's he made an accidental discovery which revolutionized the game of billiards and gave a new expression to our language.

When Carr's daily chores at Bartley's in Upper Bath allowed him an idle moment, the helper and his employer, Bartley, amused themselves by practicing what the English call the "spot-shot." The two placed the object ball in the center of the table and tried to knock the cue ball in the side pocket without bringing the object sphere back to the balk space at the foot of the table. Although the table surfaces of that day were crude and rough, Carr chanced on the discovery that by applying a "side" or "twist" stroke, he could achieve the shot.



His new found ability to make billiard balls do strange tricks attracted wide attention. The wizard courted such notice and when asked the secret of his magic touch, he informed onlookers it was due to the chalk which he applied to the end of his cue.

"'Tis a special chalk," Carr explained. "However, since many of you have pressed me, I'll sell samples of it to those who have ambition to become expert. The price is only a half-crown."

Since chalk was not widely used at the time, English billiardists put enough credence in Carr's claim to enable him to realize a handsome profit on the hoard.

He swindled enough money from the sale of his famous "twisting chalk" to travel extensively through France and Spain demonstrating his magic. The Europeans admired this talented Englishman with open-eyed wonderment and later adopted his twist, or side, technique.

Although it is still referred to as "side" in England, followers of the cue throughout the rest of the world honor Jack Carr, the swindling billiardist, by calling the stroke "English."

WHEN BETTER WOMEN ARE MADE, MEN WILL MAKE THEM