

RUSSIA

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In five days, the Red army fought the Nazis hand to hand in the streets of Vilno, capital of ~~Soviet~~ Lithuania. Five days of hand to hand work with the bayonet! Tonight Vilno is in Russian hands.

The Soviet armies have also captured Novo Ruda, ~~that is a place~~ eighteen miles northeast of Grodno, and ~~Grodno is~~ the principal German stronghold to protect the approaches to East Prussia. <sup>TR</sup> Back in Nineteen Thirty-Nine, the Germans incorporated a large slice of Poland and Lithuania into East Prussia. The Russians are now only twenty-three miles away from the borderline then established.

Early today, the Germans announced a general retreat from the ~~Baltic~~ <sup>Baltic</sup> provinces. In fact, they are withdrawing all the way from Latvia down to the border of the Pripet Marshes in Poland, a line five hundred and fifty miles long.

An official Nazi radio commentator explained the drastic move to the German people, saying that it was necessary in order to protect Holy German soil.

According to another report, one Russian column is only twelve miles away from East Prussia.

Other military men point out that the true explanation is that the Germans have to get their armies out of Estonia and Latvia in a hurry, before the armies of the Soviets get to the shores of the Baltic and cut the Germans off.

~~The people of~~ Munich <sup>bombed</sup> ~~again, today~~ <sup>by</sup>

Doolittle's

~~the~~ Eighth Air Force. A fleet of more than a thousand

heavy bombers attacked the birthplace of the Nazi party,

also Saarbruecken on the French border. <sup>This time the</sup>

<sup>big</sup> planes were

escorted by more than five hundred fighter planes.

~~this is~~ The third time in forty-eight hours that

Munich has been <sup>blasted</sup> ~~attacked~~. The Allied high command is

evidently planning the same fate for the Bavarian

capital as <sup>befell</sup> Berlin and Hamburg. On this occasion, a force

of some hundred and twenty-five German fighters ~~did~~

~~attempt to~~ put up <sup>a little</sup> ~~some~~ resistance. But, they were not

~~nearly~~ strong enough to make <sup>much</sup> ~~any~~ impression on ~~that~~

<sup>American</sup> powerful airmada; another sign that the once redoubtable

Luftwaffe is only <sup>a shadow</sup> ~~a skeleton~~ of what it <sup>was</sup> ~~used to be~~.

There was a report in the news today that in

Normandy the Nazis are using planes without pilots

against American troops. A few of them <sup>se</sup> were in action

at the center of th Normandy line. Acting Secretary

## INVASION

In Normandy, the German garrison at the town of St. Lo is <sup>now</sup> ~~partially~~ <sup>on three sides</sup> surrounded. Seven American columns by-passed it, advancing as much as two miles in one day. ~~The fighting there is nothing short of, furious.~~ Elite troops of Hitler's army are fighting a desperate rear guard action to cover a retreat of fifteen miles to a new line of defense.

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The Germans are still in St. Lo, although from a military sense the place is pronounced untenable. Allied artillery has reduced <sup>it</sup> ~~the place~~ to nothing but rubble; ~~however~~ but, the Nazis are clinging onto that. They <sup>have</sup> dug themselves in, under the masses of crumbling masonry. The Allies used ~~phosphorus phosphate~~ <sup>phosphorus</sup> shells to bring the enemy out of their foxholes. Owing to the wretched weather, the Allies as well as the Germans are now without air power. <sup>TP Nazis</sup> They are clinging so desperately to what remains of St. Lo



BRIGADIER GENERAL ROOSEVELT

EXCERPT FROM LOWELL THOMAS' BROADCAST

July 13, 1944

A news broadcaster has a painful job when he has to tell of the passing of a warm personal friend. Brigadier General Theodore Roosevelt is dead, in Normandy.--He died as he would have wished, and as his father would have wished, in the service of his country, a service always closest to his heart. He was comparatively young, only fifty-six.

At the zero hour Ted Roosevelt led the first wave of the American infantry attack on the beaches of Normandy. He led them, still recovering from wounds, led the Fourth Division, supporting himself with a cane. Ted Roosevelt, son of President Theodore Roosevelt, was a veteran, with a gallant record in three campaigns of this war alone. Twenty-six years ago he served with equal distinction in the first World War, literally fighting his way up to the ranks of Lieutenant Colonel in World War One, with the famous First Division. When this war started Ted was in again in a hurry. In Tunisia, with the First Division, twice wounded, he won the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

In every way, he was a man of whom his father, for whom he was named - the "Great T. R." was justly proud. In both Tunisia and Sicily he was Deputy Commander of the

First Division. In Normandy he was Deputy Commander of the Fourth. Actually he was over age for a combat commander, so he obtained special permission from the High Command to lead the first wave of shock troops on the beaches. Teddy Roosevelt was literally fearless. He obtained that recent special permission to lead in Normandy because the commanding General, realized that his leadership, his influence over the men, would prevent any hitch in the action in the section he was commanding; and so it turned out.

Although he was not a professional soldier, even the men trained at West Point acknowledged that Ted had something. He was a most capable leader. The men under him were all wild about him.

His death came from exhaustion. Ted never held anything back.

His brother Quentin, an aviator was killed in World War One; his brother Kermit, while on duty in Alaska, in this war. Now Colonel Archie Roosevelt, serving in the South Pacific, is the only one of the Roosevelt boys left alive. They are not to be confused with the sons of President Franklin D. Roosevelt to whom they are only distantly related.

cut as much as twenty or even twenty-five per cent.

Among these are the supply units and rear combat units

Patterson also declared that much is due to the activities of the French Partiot army. The Patriots, he said, have been so effective in breaking up enemy communications, that they have the equivalent of four German divisions tied up in the interior of France. And that was why some German infantry divisions had to walk a hundred miles to the battle front in Normandy.

Furthermore, said Patterson, the Allied air forces have created so many transportation difficulties for the Germans, that they are unable to carry out any swift movement with large masses of troops from one region to another, as they have in the past.

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In the war in the Pacific, it was easy to guess that Admiral Nimitz, after he took Saipan, would make the neighboring islands of Guam and Rota his next objective. Accordingly, We learn from Pearl Harbor this afternoon that a task force has been throwing a terrific bombardment of shells and explosives into Guam. In fact, this former naval base of ours has been under attack for nine days ~~in succession, but the latest four were~~ *now. The last four being* the heaviest. ~~of all.~~ Cruisers, destroyers and planes banged ~~away~~ *Tap* away at gun emplacements, block houses and warehouses. ~~They~~ They report that anti-aircraft fire was only moderate. One American plane ~~was~~ lost, but no surface unit ~~was~~ damaged.



BALKANS

The breach between the rival parties in Yugoslavia seems to be becoming more serious. A London newspaper tonight printed a story that General Mikhailovich has announced his decision to form an independent government in Yugoslavia. He refuses to recognize or have anything to do with the Partisans under Marshal Tito.

ADD PACIFIC

The carrier task force which is the spearhead of the attack on Guam and Rota is designated as Task Force Number Fifty-Eight. In one month of steady combat it has destroyed no fewer than seven-hundred-and-sixty-seven Jap planes, <sup>and</sup> sunk or damaged nearly seventy of the Mikado's ships. It has become ~~famous~~ famous ~~in the service~~ for the smoothness of the system with which it operates. It has organized a process of seaborn supply, to perfection. <sup>and</sup> Since the first weeks in June, it has engaged in six major attacks. ~~And now we have~~ <sup>H. H. H. H.</sup> news from General MacArthur!- The Jap force on northern New Guinea tried to break out of a ~~trap~~ trap in which MacArthur's forces had it surrounded. It was a desperate, suicidal attempt. For three days the <sup>Japs</sup> ~~hips~~ tried to crash through to the West. MacArthur's troops not only broke up the attempt, but inflicted heavy casualties. The battle still goes on and is already becoming one of the bloodiest affrays in the whole New Guinea campaign.

Chungking reports that Chinese soldiers have now occupied the last Japanese strong point outside the bastion of Tengyueh on the Yunan front. The Jap garrison is now completely surrounded, and our medium bombers have blasted a breach in the ancient stone wall surrounding the city.

Tengyueh is the most important stronghold the enemy has along <sup>that famous</sup> ~~the~~ road from China to Burma. The object of the operation is to drive the Japs <sup>down</sup> ~~off~~ into Burma so they can be surrounded <sup>there</sup> by units of <sup>Gen.</sup> Stilwell's army ~~operating there.~~

Chungking also claims that the Chinese garrison ~~at~~ Hengyang still ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> holding on. The Japs are bombing incessantly and have heavy artillery trained on the city. Nevertheless, the Chinese defenders hold their ground.

The Japanese units in the hills of Manipur are now described as being completely disorganized.





AIR BATTLE

A sailor home on leave from the Pacific told a story of a battle which had not yet been reported in the news. ~~It was~~ <sup>Unfortunately</sup> a battle between American sea craft

and American air power. — <sup>all a part of</sup> Uncle Sam's navy. ~~PT.~~

Three United States <sup>P.T.</sup> boats, ~~small vessels~~, were stranded on a reef last April, Twenty-Ninth.

Aboard one ~~of these~~ was Second Class Radio Man Dean Whitmore of Springfield, Illinois. At seven thirty in the morning, a formation of Corsair planes roared over them. The pilots of the Corsairs thought the stranded boats were Japs, consequently they attacked.

Gunners on American vessels are ordered that if they are fired on by planes, to return the fire. So they <sup>hit one of them, set it</sup> shot at the Corsairs, ~~and set one~~ afire and downed it.

The officers of the <sup>(P.T. boats)</sup> ships made <sup>every</sup> ~~desperate~~ <sup>Corsair</sup> efforts to give the ~~ships~~ pilots their identification

by radio and blinker tube; <sup>but</sup> without success. <sup>Says</sup> ~~Dean~~

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Whitmore: ~~said~~ "It seemed to us that the rest of the war had stopped while those planes attacked." And he ~~continued~~ continued: "After their first attack, they left us for a while, but shortly before noon they came back and put on their real show." " Frantically, the sailors tried to contact General MacArthur's headquarters, but the signals ~~failed to get~~ <sup>failed to get</sup> ~~did not get~~ through. Five-hundred and one-thousand <sup>pound,</sup> ~~also,~~ <sup>also,</sup> pound bombs were crashing around those stranded boats and on the first bomb two of them were sunk." The sailors flew the United States flag and painted stars on the decks, but eventually all those three P.T. boats were destroyed by our own planes. The aviators ~~never~~ realize <sup>d</sup> their mistake until a flying boat landed near the wreckage and picked up four wounded men. Later that night, ships were sent out from the nearest base to rescue the survivors.

The survivors <sup>say they</sup> ~~do not~~ feel ~~no~~ resentment against

As the airmen. Radio-Man-Dean Whitmore puts it: - explains that it was an error which in the speed of war ~~could not~~ just happened

Yes, things like that do occur now ~~are apt to happen every once in a while~~ and then. More's the pity.

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MADAME CHIANG

Madame Chiang Kai-shek has begun her long expected good-will tour of South America. She arrived at Rio de Janeiro late this afternoon, where United States Ambassador Caffery and high officials of the Brazilian government met her. She will remain several weeks in Brazil. The Brazilian government has put her up in a luxurious palace on an island in the middle of Guanbara Bay, which belongs to the City of Rio.



## SUPER-FORTS

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An American newspaperman had the experience of riding in a B-29, one of those giant super-fortresses that recently went into action. He flew "the Hump" over the jagged snow capped peaks of the Himalayas, from western China to India. As the pilot approached the Hump, he told the crew, "We are going upstairs, I am pressurizing." So the radio operator closed the large circular bulkhead leading toward the bomb bay.

In the gunner's compartment, somebody else ~~closed down~~ <sup>closed</sup> another bulkhead for protection against the cold thin air of the substratosphere. When they reached ~~an~~ altitude of twenty-four thousand feet, the outside temperature was ~~twelve degrees~~ <sup>far</sup> below zero. But the men inside the super-fort wore summer uniforms, with their sleeves rolled up, calmly smoking cigarettes. They carried on conversation in quiet normal tones, no microphone, no ear phones. The super-fort is so

built that the thunder of the four huge twenty-two hundred horsepower motors does not penetrate to the cabin.

In the big cargo planes that fly the Hump, crews go bundled up in their warmest clothing, and still they have to shiver. That shows how different it is riding in the pressurized B-29.

*And now let's switch  
to Hugh James.*

## POLITICS

As the Democratic National Convention approaches the one open question is, whom will they nominate for Vice President. The sharpshooting at Henry Wallace has been intense. Among those named in preference is Senator Harry Truman of Mississippi who has done brilliant work as Chairman of the Committee investigating the war effort. But tonight, at Kansas City, Missouri, Senator Truman said he did not want the ~~job~~ job. He hoped his friends ~~would~~ would not endorse him. He definitely does not <sup>desire</sup> ~~want~~ the Vice Presidency. The C I O, with its political action committee, sticks to Henry Wallace. It will not switch to anybody else.

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## WINDSORS

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor are visiting us again. They arrived at Miami Beach today and will be in the country indefinitely. The Duke will go to New York and ~~XXX~~ Washington on business connected with his job as Governor-General of the Bahamas. He may also go to the ranch in western Canada. So we hear.