

## RUSS FLANKING DOOMED MINSK

Nazis Retreating in Disorder, Unable to Man Intermediate Defenses.

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the historic river in which the remnants of Napoleon's great army drowned and Napoleon himself narrowly escaped," the semi-official Pravda said.

"More than 100 years later, the waters of the White Russian river have engulfed thousands of corpses of the doubly inglorious German conquerors."

Rokossovsky's forces also were pursuing the Germans westward toward the Baranowice gap, 75 miles southwest of Minsk, and ancient gateway to the Polish plains and Warsaw. At last reports, the Russians were driving over the approaches to Slutsk, 60 miles east of Baranowice.

On the northeastern approaches to Minsk, Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky's 3d White Russian army, rolling down the main Moscow-Minsk-Warsaw highway, reached the Berezina on a 37-mile front and outflanked the east bank stronghold of Borisov with the capture of Bytcha, six miles to the northwest, and 43 miles from Minsk.

Front reports placing the Soviets within 40 miles northeast of Minsk indicated that Cherniakhovsky's forces also may have driven across the Berezina, either capturing or bypassing Borisov, but they were being waited for by Col. Gen. Georgi D. Zakharov's 2d White Russian army, pounding west from Mogilev to reach the river before launching a frontal assault on the capital.

### Polotsk Outflanked

Elsewhere on the eastern front, the Soviets outflanked Polotsk, on the approaches to Latvia and Lithuania from the southwest and cut the railway linking it with Warsaw, captured Petrozavodsk, capital of the Karelian Soviet republic, and completely cleared the vital Murmansk-Leningrad railway for the movement of supplies from the United States and Britain.

At one point south of Polotsk, the Russians were less than a mile from the old Polish border.

## CANNED VEGETABLES RETURNED TO POINTS

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tomatoes that has been in effect since early this year.

"Everyone no doubt has heard that record food production is expected this year," said OPA Chief Chester Bowles, "but the amount needed for our armed forces also is far greater than a year ago."

"The net result will be less canned fruit and canned vegetables for the home front during the year ahead."

### Spiced Fruits Back on List

OPA announced that effective July 2 the popular No. 2 size containers of asparagus would require 10 ration points and similar size cans of peas and tomatoes would require five ration points each.

Brandied, spiced and pickled fruits were restored to the list of rationed canned goods at the same high point values as other canned fruits.

OPA also announced that during July many housewives would use all of the first strip of blue ration stamps in war ration book four and would begin using the second strip, beginning with coupon A-5. All coupons in the second strip are worth 10 points, not five as printed on the face.

Five more blue stamps totaling 50 points—W-8, X-8, Y-8, Z-8 and A-5—become good for buying rationed processed foods on July 1, and will remain good indefinitely, OPA said.

Other point value adjustments for July were minor. Small reductions were made in points for spaghetti, tomato sauce and tomato sauce because of slow movement of stocks and somewhat heavier production.

Point values for all large No. 10 containers were adjusted slightly to bring them into multiples of 10, which OPA said would be a convenience to wholesalers in keeping inventories and other records.

WASHINGTON, June 30 (U. P.)—The OPA today established cents-per-pound retail ceilings on sweet peppers, hothouse cucumbers and all melons except watermelons effective July 5, bringing about a reduction in prices on these commodities. Cents-per-pound ceilings on watermelons were announced yesterday.

## LINK-BELT WORKERS' BONDS BUY BOMBER

The "Link-Belt Production" is a new B-25 Mitchell medium bomber, which will take to the skies over Axis territory as a result of \$175,000 in war bonds purchases by employees of the Link-Belt Dodge and Ewart Link-Belt plants.

In advising Raymond K. Thompson, editor of the Link-Belt Production of the bomber's christening, Howard Tooley of the Indiana war finance committee sent his congratulations "to your organization for the very splendid job they have done in behalf of the war bond program."

## SLAYER FACES CHAIR

WASHINGTON, June 30 (U. P.)—The prospect of death in the electric chair today faced Julius Fisher, 32-year-old handyman, for the slaying of Miss Catherine Cooper Reed in the library of the National cathedral last March 1. A jury of eight women and four men found him guilty of first degree murder last night.

## Hoosier Heroes: Sgt. Smith Killed in Action; Two Missing

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Pfc. Edmond Burway, 317 N. Fulton st.  
Pfc. Thomas J. Cross, 2627 N. Olney st.  
S. Sgt. Jack F. Stock, 1803 Woodlawn ave.  
Pfc. Alford Pittman, Furnas rd., R. R. 3, Box 822.

EARNST CURTIS SMITH, radio operator and gunner on a B-24 Liberator, was killed in action June 11, 19 months to the day after he entered the service.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Courtney Smith, 926 Arbor ave., he was born in Beattyville, Ky., but came to Indianapolis when he was 7.

He was graduated from Washington high school and received his radio training at Sioux Falls, S. D., and his gunner training at Harlingen field, Tex. He landed in New Guinea Dec. 18, 1943.

Mr. Smith attended the Ray Street Nazarene Sunday school for 10 years, without missing a Sunday. He was a "Times" carrier boy while going to school and after graduation was employed by the Chevrolet Commercial Body Corp., and was the first of their employees to be placed on the gold star list.

Survivors, besides the parents, are one sister, Mrs. Bertha Wilson, Indianapolis; five brothers, George W. M. Clayton, Elbert A. and Leroy Smith, all of Indianapolis, and Sgt. Oda Smith, with the army in the Panama Canal zone, and the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Nickell. His brother Leroy was honorably discharged from the army after serving nine months at Camp Cook, Cal.

S. SGT. CHRIS MOSCOW JR. was reported missing over France on his 50th bombing mission, which was to have been his last before coming home, the war department announced today. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Moscow, 1308 N. Gladstone ave., were notified on D-day, but he has been missing since May 23.

A gunner on a B-24 Liberator, he served in the African and Italian campaigns and was based in England. Entering the service in September, 1942, he has been overseas since August, 1943. He holds the air medal and several oak leaf clusters.

He is a graduate of Technical high school and was employed by the Star Service shop before entering the air forces. He has lived in Indianapolis all his life.

He has two sisters, Miss Georgia Moscow and Mrs. Bessie Woolf, both residing in Indianapolis.

S. SGT. EUGENE VICTOR MILLER, brother of Mrs. June Bourne, 3804 Central ave., and son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin H. Miller, Washington, formerly of Indianapolis, has been missing over Germany since June 18. A tail gunner on a B-24 Liberator, he was under Gen. Jimmy Doolittle.

He has been overseas since February and has taken part in five bombing missions over occupied Europe. He holds the air medal and a citation for the missions.

A graduate of Technical high school and a former Butler university student, he was employed by the Central Engineering and Construction Co. before entering the service.

PFC. ROBERT JOHNSTON, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Johnston, 321 Whittier place, has been wounded in action over France.

He is with the glider infantry in England and has been overseas since April 6. A graduate of Howe high school, he attended Indiana university until he entered the army, March, 1943.

His parents have been informed that his injuries are slight.

SOUNDMAN 3-CARTHUR LEVY EASTERDAY has been wounded, the navy department announced today. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Levy Easterday, 6000 E. 20th st., have not received any details.

Twenty-one years old, Soundman Easterday has been in the service two years. He took his training at the Great Lakes naval training station and was home on leave about eight weeks ago.

Before entering the service he was employed by the Hendren Printing Co.

PFC. EDMOND BURWAY, son of Thomas Burway, 317 N. Fulton st., was wounded while serving with a tank battalion in Italy. He wrote that he is sending his father his purple heart and the war department has notified Mr. Burway that his son is progressing normally.

Enlisting in the army on his 18th birthday, Nov. 19, 1942, Pvt. Burway landed in North Africa in April, 1943. He is a graduate of Technical high school.

PFC. THOMAS J. CROSS, serving with a Marauder infantry group in Burma, suffered a gunshot wound on May 12, but his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Cross, 2627 N. Olney st., has been notified that he is recovering satisfactorily.

Entering the service Aug. 15, 1942, Pvt. Cross has been overseas 16 months and has been in Burma six months.

He attended School 51 and formerly was employed by Capitol Dairies, Inc.

S. SGT. JACK F. STOCK, gunner and radio operator on a B-26 bomber, has been awarded the purple heart for injuries received May 28.

A veteran of 41 missions over Europe, Sgt. Stock is with the 9th army air force, based in England. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Ira B. Stock, 1803 Woodlawn ave., and was born in Middletown, O. He moved to Indianapolis with his family four years ago when his father assumed the pastorate of the Seventh Presbyterian church.

A graduate of Technical high school he enlisted in the air forces



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S. Sgt. Chris Moskou ... missing over France.



A. L. Easterday Eugene V. Miller Wounded Missing



Robert Johnston Edmund Burway Wounded Wounded

In February, 1943, went overseas a year later.

A brother, Paul, 18, enlisted in the marine corps June 8, the day before his graduation from Technical high school, and is awaiting his orders to report for duty.

S. SGT. ARTHUR POTTER JR. today was listed by the war department as missing in action. Since then his wife, Mrs. Irene Potter, 4218 E. 18th st., has been notified that he is a prisoner in Germany. He was listed as missing since May 22.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT today confirmed the report that Firstman 1-c Martin Albert Masarui, son of Arthur Masarui, 17 N. Addison st., was wounded.

## BABY TEAL STEALS COURTROOM SHOW

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ster, still had not testified by noon today and it appeared that Superior Court Judge Walter Pritchard's decision would have to wait until the afternoon session.

### Landlady Testifies

Mrs. Frances M. Davis, the Teal's landlady who resides just below them at 2137 Park ave., testified that her husband had warned the Teals as early as 1941 that "babies were forbidden" in the apartment.

As Defense Attorney Elmon Williams sought to dispute evidence of an oral "adult only" agreement between the Teals and the Davises, it was revealed that Mr. and Mrs. Davis had sought OPA approval for a rent increase since the birth of Baby Teal on Oct. 13, 1943.

Their request was denied. Mr. Davis testified that shortly after the request was denied he had notified the Teals that they and the baby must vacate the property which they had occupied for nine years at \$30 a month.

Attempting to show that Mr. and Mrs. Davis had ignored their own regulations, Defense Attorney Williams, in cross questioning, brought out the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Davis have a 4-year-old child of their own.

A move to establish previous ownership of the property sent to the witness stand Dr. R. M. Dordill, minister of the Broadway Baptist church, at 22nd st. and Broadway, who told the court that he had instructed Mr. Davis, a realtor, who had served as his agent, that no children were to be housed on the premises.

Tells of Experiences

Asked by Attorney Williams how it was that a "minister of the gospel" should oppose the housing of children, the Rev. Dordill replied: "I have had some very sad experiences with children in some of my other property. In one case if I recall correctly, children swatted down the stairs."

"Do you know whether Baby Teal has ever created a disturbance on the property in question?" asked Mr. Williams.

"I don't even know Baby Teal," said Rev. Dordill, who in reply to additional testimony said he himself had two grandchildren.

Mrs. Davis said that no rent had been received from the Teals since the eviction request in April. She is suing her tenants for \$250 damages. The Teals filed a cross complaint, demanding \$150 from the Davises for alleged failure to supply adequate facilities and services in recent months.

## BRITISH BLOCK 4 NAZI THRUSTS

Widen Spearhead After Crossing Odon, Drive on Caen Airfield.

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but the report was not confirmed by any allied source.

Previous Berlin broadcasts had reported the repulse of allied landing attempts in the same area.

### Ike, Churchill Confer

It was revealed today that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower has been holding a series of important conferences at his main headquarters this week. Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who in the past had been receiving Eisenhower at No. 10 Downing St., on an average of once a week, drove to headquarters for a conference yesterday afternoon. All allied western front commanders still in England took part in discussions.

The German high command reported that the allies continued a "vigilant effort to cut off" Caen from the southwest, and acknowledged that they were "able to widen" a breach in bitter fighting, at the same time claiming that German counter-attacks recaptured a large part of the lost ground.

### Claim Yanks Repulsed

The Berlin communique said American troops broke through northeast of St. Lo, transport center below the Cherbourg peninsula, but were "repelled by counter-attack."

The Nazi transocean agency said the allies had built up a landing fleet in the Seine bay and "indications are that a large scale offensive against Le Havre is the allied objective."

(A Berlin broadcast recorded by C. B. S. said an allied landing fleet of more than 50 ships, including warships, freighters and landing vessels, was anchored in the Orne estuary and was being pounded by German coastal batteries. Sixteen landing vessels attempted to put troops ashore east of the estuary early on Thursday morning, but were driven off by shellfire, the broadcast was quoted as saying.)

Nazi broadcasts also hinted that allied naval forces attempted to rush the channel levee south of the west coast of the Cherbourg peninsula. The German D. N. B. agency said coastal batteries repulsed numerous attempts by allied formations to approach Guernsey, including one feint by six destroyers.

### Nazis Rush in Reserves

Cruisers, destroyers and motor torpedo boats also steamed in south of Alderney, but were driven off by coastal fire, D. N. B. said.

The Germans hurled fresh reserves into the fighting southwest of Caen in a futile attempt to wipe out the British bridgehead across the Odon, but there was no confirmation of reports the enemy had launched a major counter-offensive.

Limited enemy forces thrust four times against the British western flank in the Grainville-Bretteville-Colleville area on the north bank of the Odon, but fell back with losses when met by heavy and accurate British artillery fire.

Extending both flanks of their bridgehead to the south, the British strengthened their hold on a 350-foot ridge a half mile northeast of Esquay and overlooking Caen, six miles to the northeast.

Ronald Clark, United Press war correspondent with the British, said the whole Odon area was ablaze "with the roar and rumble of battle."

Clark said the British had a firm hold on two bridges across the Odon, one south of Grainville and the other below Mondrainville. Scottish troops were battling for a third under fire from German tanks and 88-millimeter artillery, he said.

All by-passed enemy pockets on the north bank of the Odon have been mopped up, a headquarters spokesman said, and two more towns have been captured. Le Valru, two miles southwest of Cheux, and Manoir, a half mile southwest of Fontenay.

### British Take 6 Villages

The scale of fighting diminished somewhat north and northwest of Caen after the British captured a cluster of six villages on an arc four to five miles from the city. They were identified as Galmanche, Le Ville Neuve, Vieux, Cairon, Cambes and Rots.

East of St. Lo, American troops were revealed to have advanced up to 400 yards at some points in a line-straightening operation. American patrols also inched forward southwest of Carentan.

Mopping-up operations continued in the northern tip of the Cotentin peninsula, with American forces tightening their siege arc around some 3000 Germans in the Cap de la Hague area west of Cherbourg and German forces in forts in the Cherbourg breakwater surrendering.

Ninth air force marauder pilots who attacked gun positions still holding out in the Cap de la Hague area said they had been informed that German gun crews raised a white flag amid the rubble and smoke as the bombers turned away toward their bases.

### Seize 37,333 Prisoners

A dispatch from the Normandy front disclosed that 37,333 German prisoners had been captured by the Americans from D-day June 6 through Wednesday midnight. Some 9000 other Germans were killed by the Americans.

Repair work continued in Cherbourg harbor, most of it under the direction of Commodore William A. Sullivan, who planned the salvage of the old French liner Normandie—now the U. S. Lafayette—after it turned over in New York's Hudson river and later directed the clean-up of Naples and other Mediterranean ports.

## Sorrowing Finn Bows in Shame

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shadow trouble for the pro-allied Finns. The Germans are known to be thinking of arresting certain peace activists, chief of whom is Dr. Juho K. Paasikivi.

But the impact upon the Finnish people would be serious enough to make the Germans and pro-Nazi Finns think twice before taking such a step.

With the break in relations between the United States and Finland, Finland's hour of doom grows nearer on the face of cowardly leadership.

The Russians' advance on the Karelian peninsula continues hourly and the military position can only be called hopeless.

The death of the German commander in Finland, Eduard Dietl, changes the German army's position in the north in the face of the gathering offensive in the Arctic.

## ARMY TAKES OVER STOUT FIELD TOWER

For the first time in two years the control tower at Stout field is being operated by all-military personnel.

Handled formerly by members of the civil aeronautics authority, a nine-man enlisted man crew led by Lt. Joseph Conner has taken over the duties in the tower, equipped with \$40,000 worth of modern air traffic control aids.

## GLIDER PILOTS TELL OF D-DAY

Pair Who Helped Plan the Invasion Meet Veteran of Burma.

Three glider pilots, two who helped pave the way for the airborne invasion of France, and another who flew against the Japanese in Burma, compared notes at Stout field yesterday afternoon.

The pilots, Capt. W. P. Smith of Blairsville, Pa.; Capt. E. C. Milau, New York, and Lt. James S. Bartlett, Kansas City, Mo., are awaiting reassignment at the local headquarters of the 1 troop carrier command.

Capt. Smith and Milau had been in England since March perfecting glider plans for the invasion. Their commanding officer was Lt. Col. Mike Murphy of Lafayette, who returned to Billings general hospital this week after receiving two broken legs in the invasion.

The invasion of Normandy they described as the largest scale glider operation in history.

### Moved Smoothly

"No place in the world ever saw such a concerted glider effort," Capt. Milau said, "and it couldn't have moved more smoothly or in a more orderly manner if it had been somebody pushing toy gliders across a table top."

Lt. Bartlett flew a glider in the

## YANKS HOLD HALF OF SAIPAN ISLAND

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historic operations in which part of Wingate's Raiders were landed behind Japanese lines in Burma. He hauled equipment and supplies, including mules and oxen, for allied troops.

One of the airstrips for which he hauled supplies was the Broadway strip. During the operation out of 37 ships that sat down in the jungle, only two could be taken out again, he said.

He expressed his admiration for the Chinese, saying they would "do anything in the world for you."

## PATRIOTIC GROUP INSTALLS OFFICERS

Mrs. Maud B. Warren of Brookton, Mass., national president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, installed newly elected state officers yesterday at the meeting held with the 65th annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Indiana chapter.

The encampment closed yesterday after the three "Boys in Blue" all past their 96th year, had paraded, hobbled and completed necessary business.

Organizations which met simultaneously with the encampment were the Indiana Woman's Relief corps, which has the largest membership of affiliated groups; Indiana Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Indiana Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Indiana Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; Indiana Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and the Federated Patriotic Societies of Indiana.

in 13 days of bitter, hand-to-hand fighting.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communique said the invasion troops completely occupied the point Tuesday after the Japanese tried every trick to escape from the trap seven miles behind their own lines.

Simultaneous with the occupation of Nafutan point, Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's carrier fleet made another heavy attack on Pagan island, 180 miles north of Saipan, in the campaign to prevent enemy interference with the Saipan operations.

Enemy barracks and water reservoirs on Pagan were hit by the carrier planes, and several small craft, damaged in previous strikes, were battered again by rocket-firing planes.

(A Tokyo broadcast, recorded by United Press in San Francisco, said that Japanese planes attacked U. S. warships in the Marianas waters Wednesday and "badly damaged a large cruiser and 'badly damaged a large cruiser with several torpedo hits.'") The broadcast also said that Japanese ground forces killed 150 American troops Monday night in the Tapochau hills sector.)

In the Southwest Pacific, American warplanes and P-T boats destroyed or damaged 22 Japanese barges in sweeps along the northern New Guinea coast while Liberator bombers again struck into the Carolines to hit Yap, Palau and Sorol islands, a communique announced today.

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