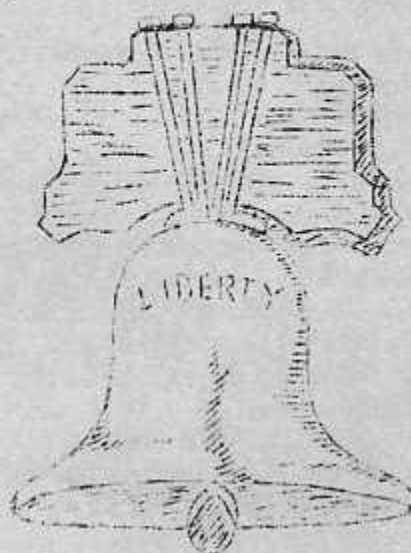


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ALLIES CONTINUE ITALIAN OFFENSIVE: -- Advanced Allied Hq. Italy:

Wednesday: French and American patrols from the main Allied Army Battalion are pressing forward across roads and highways and are now stretching ahead to make their first contact with the Adolf Hitler Line. To the north Allied tanks and heavy guns are streaming into the second defense line. In Pignatillo and Cassino British troops have made an important 400 yard advance to main highway six--the main road out of Cassino--under heavy machine gun and mortar fire. In the general sector German troops hurrying out of their defenses have been counter-attacking strongly.

Troops in the Rapido bridgehead have further extended their hold on the west positions below Cassino. That is the general picture of the twenty mile battlefront less than six days after General Alexander's twin armies leaped forward. At the upper end of the front the battle line is moving behind Cassino. British tanks and infantry which on Monday rolled within a mile of highway six have made another quarter mile advance.

This force yesterday ran into stiffer opposition with the Germans putting everything they had into the effort to save Cassino and the road to Rome. This region is essential to the Eighth Army as a supply route as further attacks develop. Troops from training areas have been used where the British have advanced in the face of large counter-attacks. The Germans yesterday threw in anti-tank guns and 88mm guns in an attempt to halt the advance. German resistance tapered off across the Liri

(Italy Offensive continued)

Valley to the south and British and Indian troops had encircled Pignatillo to take the town at nightfall on Monday. Since then they have continued to push northwest creating the line back in the area of Pignatillo.

North of Cassino patrols are engaged in savage fighting although there has been no reports of general offensive. Cassino itself remains quiet. The French advance from San Giorgio in the southern part of the Liri Valley had gained another four thousand yards. Driving west from Ausonia raging French forces have broken through additional mountain defenses to occupy high ground two and a half miles south of Esperia. Among some American troops of the Fifth Army are fanning out in the mountains south of the French advance and their forces have taken a number of tops and important points. Their gains include the town of Castelonorati and the height of Monte Scauli rising from the coast extending toward the Formia road into the Gulf of Gaeta.

Germans at the rear are mostly withdrawing leaving only scanty opposition. Attacking downhill into the town Americans lean into the string defenses formed by numbers of concrete pillboxes. Tanks knocked off at least six of these positions with their 75's. In the streets Americans found great numbers of German dead.

Off shore in the Bay of Gaeta British and American cruisers are lending the support of their big guns to soften up the path ahead of the Allied Armies.

LULL ON RUSSIAN FRONT CONTINUES: -- Moscow:

Soviet forces are hesitating and perfecting their tactics for the next big rush while the present lull in ground operations on the Russo-German front exists. A commander of the 313th German Infantry Division captured by the Russians disclosed a plan of tactics which consist in attempting to lure the enemy into an attack against an apparently weakly defended sector which is actually heavily covered by guns thus creating a firetrap for the attackers. He said, "Gaps in our defense are not weak spot. On the contrary they are left in order to destroy the enemy." The Red Seal added that the German morale does not seem to be as strong as it was.

ALLIED AIRCRAFT ACTIVE IN CENTRAL AND SOUTHWEST PACIFIC:

Wednesday: American Liberators and Mitchell bombers started large fires and off-touched heavy explosions on Tuesday in another 220-ton attack on Wakde-Sarmi area, 110 miles west of Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea.

Allied planes hit Scheuten Islands 260 miles from Hollandia where sharp enemy opposition was encountered. Fighters downed five of twenty Japanese interceptors, it was announced in Gen. MacArthur's communique today.

American Navy Ventura and Corsair search planes, Dauntless dive bombers and Corsair fighters and Navy Hellcat fighters bombed and strafed objectives in the Japanese held Marshall Islands during the day and night on May 15, today's communique from Commander in Chief of the Pacific, Admiral Chester Nimitz. Fuel dumps, airstrips and buildings were hit.

GERMAN ACE REPORTED DEAD: -- London:

Wednesday: Germany's third ranking fighter Ace Commander Col. Walter Oseau credited by the Germans with shooting down 116 Allied planes has been killed by an American Thunderbolt fighter during a recent daylight raid over Germany the Berlin Radio reported yesterday.

SHIP'S NEWS

TIME	STATION	CHANNEL
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0700	BBC	One
0800	BBC	One
0900	BBC	One
1000	BBC	One
1100	BBC	One
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1800	BBC	One
1830	SOUNDOFF	Two
1845	SOUNDOFF	Two
1900	BBC	One
1900	DOWNBEAT	Two
1915	DOWNBEAT	Two
2000	BBC	One
2100	BBC	One
2200	BBC	One

ARNOLD SPEAKS ON DETROIT STRIKE: -- Detroit, Michigan:

Wednesday: General Henry H. Arnold, Chief of the U.S. Army Air Forces stated today that the Detroit formen's strike was "One of the most serious set-back the airforces had had. If it continued it would allow the German airforce to "Recover just when it is diminishing under our blows." The strike had cost the United States 250 P51 fighters. The statement was made when he appeared unexpectedly to attend a hearing called by the War Labor Board.

Detroit: A late press dispatch received said, "The formen's association this afternoon called off the strike in thirteen Detroit War-plants.

PARIS RADIO REPORTS:

The Paris Radio said tonight, Wednesday? "Several reports have been disclosed today that General Eisenhower has massed fifty divisions and eighty thousand paratroops in Southern England for the Allied assault on Europe. A whole armada consisting of transport vessels, merchantmen, invasion barges and destroyers have been concentrated in the harbors of Southern England. Invasion troops have been massed at their embarkation ports for the past eight days and all evidence points to face that the invasion will be launched sooner than some people may expect. It is impossible to give the exact date of the invasion but German anti-invasion forces are on their toes for the attack the Allies will not be able to surprise them. Meanwhile the gigantic battle in southern Italy is taking shape of one of those great offensive battles of last year".

FORMER GOVERNOR OF CALIF DIES:

William D. Stephenson, 84 years old, former governor of California died after a serious illness in a Santa Monica hospital. He served as Lt. Governor, congressman and other political positions since 1917.

SPORTING NEWS

Major League Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE-

Cardinals	18	6	.750	0
Blue Jays	12	9	.571	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Reds	13	11	.541	5
Pirates	10	10	.500	6
Braves	13	14	.481	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Dodgers	11	12	.478	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Giants	11	13	.458	7
Cubs	4	17	.190	12 $\frac{1}{2}$

AMERICAN LEAGUE-

Yankees	14	7	.667	0
Browns	14	9	.608	1
Senators	15	10	.600	1
Athletics	13	10	.565	2
Red Sox	11	14	.444	5
Indians	10	15	.400	6
Tigers	8	13	.380	6
White Sox	9	16	.360	7

TUESDAY'S BASEBALL:

National League --- The Boston Braves took a thriller from the Cincinnati Reds, at Cincinnati, 1 to 0, as both teams were able to connect for six hits - and both made one mistake. The Braves pushed across the lone tally of the game in the second frame. Adrews was on the mound for the Braves till he was relieved in the ninth by Javery - and Klutz was behind the plate. Heusser started with the pitching duties for the Reds and was replaced by Ferguson in the ninth. Mueller caught for the Cincinnati boys.

The "cellar dwelling" Chicago Cubs won their fourth game of the season Tuesday, when they downed the Brooklyn Dodgers by one run, 7 to 6. The Cubs were really playing ball as they connected for twelve hits and played errorless ball, scoring one run in the second frame, and then adding four more in the big sixth, plus one run each for the final two frames. Brooklyn started out with a bang as they scored two tallies in the initial frame plus two in the third, and one in the sixth for their total of six runs. Davis was on the mound and Bragan was behind the plate all the way for the Dodgers, while Alerson started with the pitching duties for the Cubs and lasted only part of the initial frame when Derringer took over and was relieved by Wyse in the seventh who completed the game. Kreitner was behind the plate for the "windy city" boys till the seventh when Holm took over and completed the game. The Cubs one tally in the second inning was a homer accredited to Nicholson, a stellar outfielder.

The New York VS Pittsburgh game, which was to have been staged at Pittsburgh, was postponed.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: --- The "windy city's" American leaguers also showed their merit yesterday as they trounced the "league leading" New York Yankees, 10 to 4, as they pounded out fifteen hits while making three errors, while the Yanks were twelve hits with three errors. Hemsley slammed one over the fence in the sixth for the Yanks, as did Metheny in the ninth. Dietrich pitched and Tresh was behind the plate all the way for the White Sox. Borowy started for the Yanks and was replaced by Lyons in the sixth who lasted the remainder of the ball game. Hemsley caught the entire game for the league leading, World Champion, New York Yankees. The game was staged at Yankee Stadium.

The St. Louis Browns added another game to their win column, as they downed the Boston Red Sox in a game staged at Boston, 7 to 3. The Browns were sure slugging "that old apple", as they connected for eighteen bingos, while making one mistake. The Red Sox were able to get ten hits, while also making one error. The Browns scored one run in the second frame, plus one tally in the sixth frame, plus one in the ninth, as the Red Sox scored one run in the initial inning plus two in the fifth frame and the regular nine innings ended in a deadlock. Neither team scored in the next two innings, but the Browns put across four tallies in the first half of the fourth, and the Red Sox failed to retaliate in their part of the inning, as the game ended 7 -3. Kramer started for the Browns and lasted the regular distance of play, when Caster was put in and pitched the last three innings, while Hayworth caught. Johnson was on the mound till the fateful ninth for the Red Sox when he was relieved by Ryba, and Wagner was behind the plate all the way.

The Philadelphia A's won a home game Tuesday from the Detroit Tigers, 4 to 3. The Mack-men scored their first run in the third plus two in the ninth, and one run in the last inning of an extra inning game, as they got eight hits with two errors for four runs. The Tigers got one run in the fourth plus two in the eighth and failed to score in the first half of the tenth inning of an extra inning game. Newhouser was on the mound for the Tigers till the ninth when Gorsica took over the duties, and Richards did the catching. Flores was on the mound for the Athletics till the tenth when Berry was put in, and Hayes was behind the plate.

STAN MUSSAL PASSES EXAMINATION:

Stan Mussal, outfielder of the St. Louis Cardinals, who was the leading batter in the major leagues last season, passed his preinduction physical at Jefferson Barracks Tuesday and was accepted for duty with the Navy. He will remain with the Cardinals until he is called for active duty.

In the only other baseball game scheduled in the American League, the Washington Senators overcame the Cleveland Indians in a very close night game, 3 to 2.

In the only other major league baseball scheduled for Tuesday, the St. Louis Cardinals met the Philadelphia Blue Jays, but the game (a night game) was called at the end of seven innings - the score at that time was, Blue Jays 6 Cardinals 4. The game has been scheduled for a later date. Press despatches received on board did not give the reason for the "calling" of the game.

NAZI ACE KILLED IN ACTION:

It was reported in London, that Germany's third ranking fighter ace, Comd. Col. Walter Oseau, credited by the Germans with shooting down 116 Allied, was killed by an American Thunderbolt fighter pilot during a recent daylight raid over Germany. This report was made through the Berlin radio, London said.

SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF MAC:

Uncle Sam's soldiers in skirts celebrated the second anniversary of the MAC Saturday. MACs are now stationed throughout the United States and most combat theaters where American men are fighting. General Marshal, Army Chief of Staff, lauded the corps devotion to "to duty" and said the second anniversary of the MAC finds the soldiers around the world. "Originally founded in May, 1942 as the MAC, the corps was streamlined in September, 1943, and became a regular part of the United States Army.

DISMISSAL OF CHAPLIN CASE:

The government has officially dismissed its charges against Charlie Chaplin and four other men who had been accused of conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Joan Barry, Chaplin's former protege, by arranging to get her out of Beverly Hills, it was announced in Los Angeles Monday. Attorney Charles Carr told Federal Judge O'Coner that the department of justice had formally instructed him to dismiss the charges.

MARY ELLEN HART DIES: -New York-

William S. Hart, motion picture star of the silent screen, is the sole beneficiary of the estate of his sister Mary Ellen Hart, who died in Los Angeles leaving a gross estate of \$728,778 and a net estate of \$699,831, a state tax appraisal showed Tuesday.

ACQUITTED ON CHARGES OF BEING JAP AGENT:

Frederick Wright has been acquitted of serving as a Japanese agent before the war without registering with the State Department. The acquittal came after a jury deliberation which lasted nearly five hours. The decision handed down Monday night ended the contention of the government that Mr. Wright had acted as a Japanese agent before Pearl Harbor, and had conspired with the Japanese officials to keep the fact secret from the United States government.

NAVY YARD WORKERS GIVE BLOOD:

Workers in the Brooklyn Navy Yard donated 6,575 pints of blood in the last four months to set what is believed to be a record for a single group, according to Mrs. Frank Shepard, board director of the Brooklyn Blood Bank.

INVASION WILL BUILD MENTAL HEALTH: -Dallas, Texas-

When the invasion begins fast accurate reporting of events will do wonders for the mental health of America, Dr. Guy Witt, psychiatrist, said here Tuesday.

ANNOUNCED POST-WAR PLANS: -Washington-

The United States and Great Britain Tuesday completed arrangements with the governments of Belgium and the Netherlands