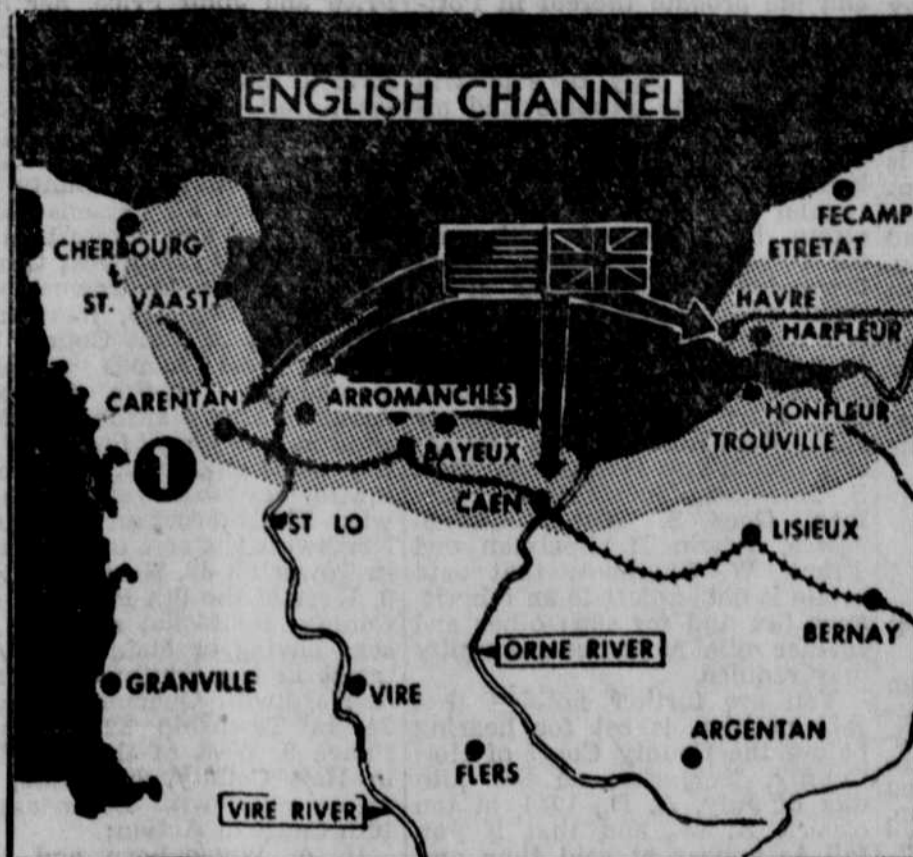


## Yanks on Way to Invasion by Air and Sea



By air and sea the army and navy of the Allied countries join in invasion of French coast. The U. S. paratroopers reflect confidence as they fly over the English channel en route to the invasion of Europe. They were among the first assault troops to land on the continent. More than 4,000 vessels were employed in the initial landings. The landing craft, one of newest types, is shown loaded with American troops about to sail for somewhere in France during the first days of invasion.

## First Major Battle in Caen Region



The Caen region of Normandy invasion coast became the reported scene of the first battle of major proportions, with worst fighting just outside of Bayeux, north of Caen. After amphibious forces converged on St. Vaast, on Cherbourg peninsula, troops began straddling the road to Carentan (1) where paratroopers landed. Landing made at Arromanches, midway between Le Havre and Cherbourg, moved toward Bayeux.

## Bound for France



The Stars and Stripes fly with the chaplain's flag, as ship carrying troops on invasion of Hitler-held France, talk quietly on deck. Along with the Red Cross, the chaplains' units were a part of every movement of troops to France. Sound Photo.

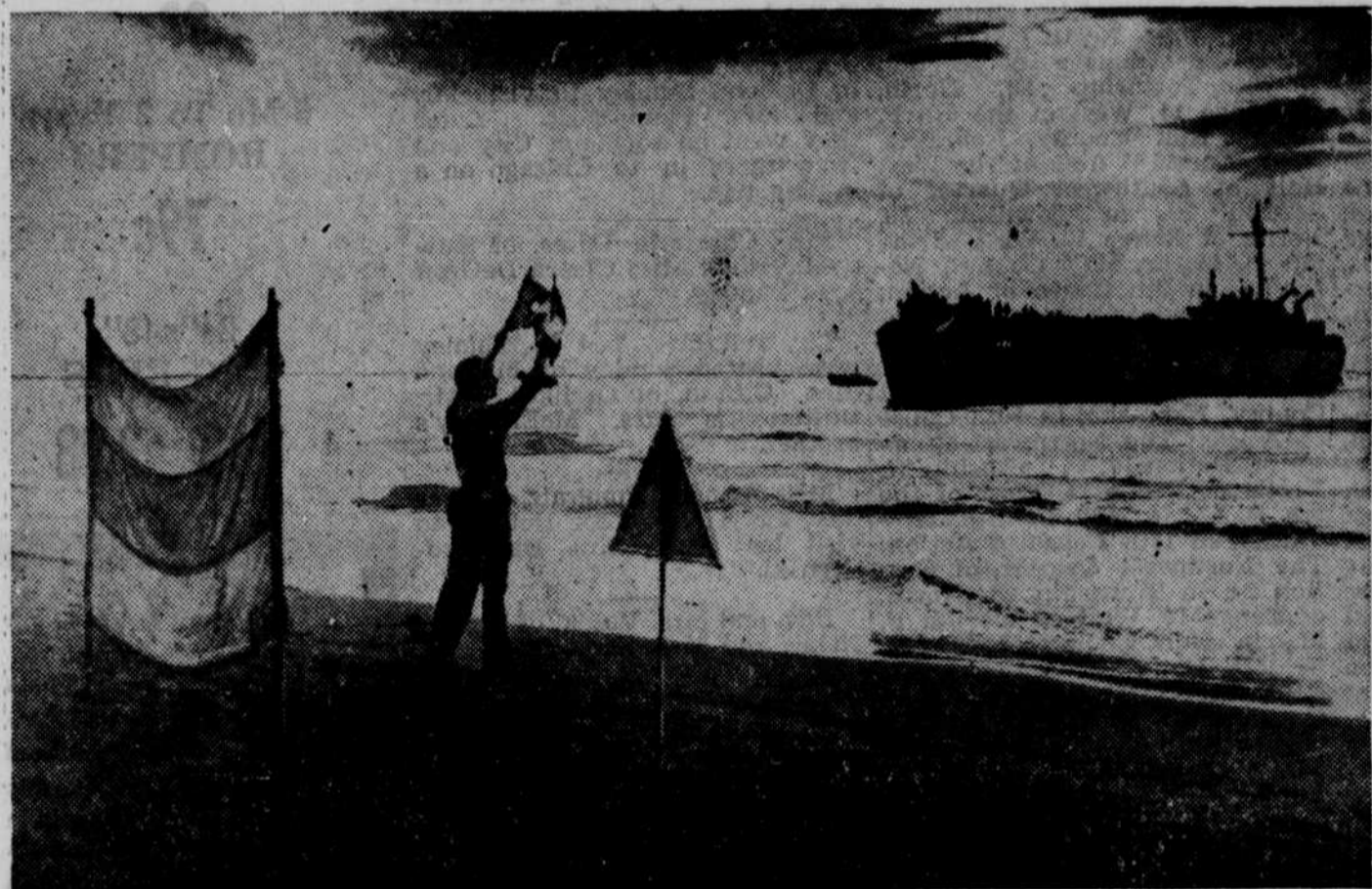
## Star Dust

STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO  
By VIRGINIA VALE  
Released by Western Newspaper Union.

TWO full years have passed since actor Douglas Walton, called up for army service, worked all one night to finish a picture assignment at RKO. Early the next morning, with no time in which to change from his costume, he reported for duty in white tie and tails. Now he's back—Lieut. Douglas Walton, medically discharged—and reporting at RKO to play the man who gets his in the Dick Powell-Anne Shirley thriller, "Farewell, My Lovely." And on his first day before the camera, his costume was—white tie and tails!

After giving Linda Darnell the biggest break of her career in "Summer Storm," then realizing, while critics raved, that they had no further claim on her services, Angelus Pictures is taking no more chances. They've signed up Dona Drake with a contract calling for a starring role a year for four years. Dona's been around the Paramount lot for some

## Coastguardman 'Flagging' the Sarmi Invaders



Coastguardman B. W. Long, coxswain of Detroit, Mich., directs incoming LSTs to their beaching positions with semaphore signals from the shore at Sarmi, on the north shore of Dutch New Guinea. Capture of Wakde Island and Sarmi beachhead after stiff Japanese army opposition brought two more vital landing strips into American hands on their steady thrust westward toward China and the Philippines and that much nearer to Tokyo and the final victory over the Japs. Heavy naval bombardment blasted Sarmi.

## The Allied Armies Reunite in Italy



Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark, commanding general of the Allied Fifth army and Lieut. Francis X. Buckley, of Philadelphia, Pa., are pictured in foreground amidst cheering Fifth army troops when they meet other Allied divisions in the Pontine marshes area.

## Changsha Defender



Gen. Hsueh Yuch, commander of the Ninth war area in which Changsha, capital of Hunan province, is located. The general is also the governor of the province. The Japs are now waging their fourth campaign for Changsha, having suffered defeat three times in the past.



LINDA DARNELL

time without ever getting a good break, so finally she won cancellation of her contract so that she could take advantage of the Angelus offer. Douglas Sirk, director of "Summer Storm," made a special test of Dona, and it was on his recommendation, because he thinks she's potentially a dramatic star, that she got the contract.

Norman Price, tenor of the "Mother and Dad" quartet, chose music as a career not too many years ago, but it was a toss-up whether he'd sing or earn a living as a professional swimmer or a baseball player. Norman was a star athlete in his home state of Arkansas; he hails from Berryville. Polly Robertson, organist and arranger for the quartet, is another Southerner, from Kentucky.

## War Chiefs Give Report on Invasion



The nation's military, naval and air chiefs leave the White House after reporting progress of the invasion to President Roosevelt. Left to right, front—Adm. Ernest J. King of the navy, Gen. George Marshall, army. In the background is Gen. H. H. Arnold. All details of the invasion had been worked out months ahead by these three leaders in cooperation with other Allied commanders, including Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander. First details were worked out during the secret visit of General Eisenhower to Washington, and after months of planning, in London and Washington.

## GI Barber at Work



With a couple of GI cans for a seat, Mildred Proudfoot of New Canaan, Conn., Red Cross worker in Italy, gets her crowning glory trimmed. The tonsorial artist is Sergt. Dennis E. Guthrie of Smithfield, Ark.

Claude Rains, currently featured in Warner Bros. "Mr. Skeffington," starring Bette Davis, is expected back from England by mid-July for his next assignment under a long-term contract. He went to play opposite Vivien Leigh in "Caesar and Cleopatra."

As part of its twentieth anniversary celebration Metro has dug into the files and come out with some bits of interesting information. For instance—Glenn Martin, the plane manufacturer, once was a movie actor. He played opposite Frances Marion, the ace film writer and executive. He was given the job because no other leading man could be found, in 1916, who owned an airplane!

In a poll of enlisted men embracing the entire Southwest Pacific area, conducted by the Overseas Motion Picture Service, Humphrey Bogart was voted the year's No. 1 actor, as a result of his performance in "Casablanca." An "Oscar," a facsimile of the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angel of New Guinea, is being forwarded to him, as an expression of the gratitude the men feel for all that he has done for them.

The well-worn theory that mystery stories are too exciting fare for children receives another knockout blow in results from interviews with youngsters having roles on "Mystery Theater." All report that never in their lives have they slept better than on the nights after they have been in on a few choice murders in the NBC mystery thriller—the more murders, the better.

Sounds difficult, but it worked—when writing "The Little Bit of Heaven," musical to be produced by Metro, Capt. Luther Davis, with the army air corps in India, and Marine Capt. John Cleveland, stationed at Quantico, Va., collaborated by mail with Robert Andrews in Hollywood.

ODDS AND ENDS—Victor Borge has been signed for an additional 13 weeks on the Basin Street program, beginning in September. . . . With "Practically Yours," her last picture under her Paramount contract, in the bag, Claudette Colbert intends to free lance. . . . They had to change the script of "Murder, He Says," and make the heroin an ash-blond instead of platinum; Helen Walker wouldn't bleach her hair. . . . In his Beverly Hills office Edgar Bergen has an ash tray modeled after Charlie McCarthy; it was sent him by a fan. . . . Guy Lombardo's band will be used in the current series of recordings for WAVE enlivenments.

## First Nazi Prisoners Taken in France



These are among the first Nazi prisoners captured by the Canadian invasion troops on the soil of France, in the great Allied invasion. Returning ships to England from the first invasion wave carried a large number of Nazi prisoners, which were increased by later returning ships of American and British naval forces.

## Nazi 'Butterfly'



A German "butterfly" anti-personnel bomb is examined by Maj. L. Ehrmann, New York, commandant of the Bomb Disposal school at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. These bombs are dropped from planes in clusters.

## Honor American Dead at Anzio, Italy



A firing squad sends a volley over the graves of soldiers in an American cemetery at Anzio, Italy, at a Memorial day ceremony. The salute followed an address by Fifth army commander Lieut. Gen. Mark Clark given a few days before the invasion of France. Temporary markers have been placed until after the war.

## Invasion Baby



"Invasion" is the name chosen for boy born at the invasion hour to Mrs. Anna Bodmar, Chicago. Nurse Eleanor Rytkonen salutes the new arrival at Augustana hospital.

## Tito and Aide Before Nazi Surprise Raid



Marshal Tito, leader of the Yugoslav partisans, right, and his chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Arsa Yovanovitch, are shown above at the partisans headquarters in the Yugoslav mountains. Soon afterwards German airborne forces staged a surprise attack on his headquarters, but Tito was not "at home."

## Ground Commander



A closeup study of Lieut. Gen. Omar Bradley, commanding the United States ground troops making the European invasion. The photograph shows him aboard his vessel during the first day of the invasion.