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Rome Falls to Allies. City Damaged in Part By Nazis Who Flee North Under Air Blows; Victors Forced to Fight Way Nearly to Forum

4-Hour Battle Is Fought in Rome Suburb

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Anzio Beachhead Force Fights Tanks, Snipers Up to Trajan's Column

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Clark Is Under Fire As He Enters City

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Nazis Loot As They Flee Columns Block Road, 40 Miles to Northwest

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Clark's Forces In Axis Capital

Mopping Up Operations Completed Quickly; Citizens, Hysterical with Joy, Greet Anzio Forces After Last Resistance Is Routed.

Colleagues,

Good Tuesday morning on this the 4th day of June 2019,

For our 40th wedding anniversary, **Linda** and I joined my brother **Dave** and his wife **Cheryl** for a magical trip to Italy in 2008. Before we left, I asked my dad for advice on food and lodging since he was the only member of our family who had been to Rome - and much of Italy - years before.

"Well, if you don't mind sleeping in a tent and eating K rations, then I can help," he said, tongue firmly planted in cheek.

75 years ago today, my father - **Capt. Walter Stevens** - was among the first American soldiers, members of the 5th Army, to reach the center of Rome after encountering resistance from German forces on the outskirts of the city.

The liberation of Rome on June 4, 1944, was a time of celebration by the people of Rome who crowded onto the streets to welcome the victorious Allied troops. Rome was the first of the three Axis powers' capitals to be taken.

Two days later came the Allied invasion of Normandy - D-Day - an event that will be remembered throughout the world on Thursday.

Years later, my dad - who returned to newspapering after the war - told me that he and his Army comrades got word of the D-Day invasion while in Rome and before they resumed their drive through northern Italy, France and eventually into Germany.

In comparison to the publicity of D-Day, he said, the liberation of Rome got far less mention. Today, I am told, the situation is much the same. The price paid for their heroism hit home for us when we visited the American Cemetery near Florence where 4,400 are buried - some of them dad's own comrades in arms.



Ever the newspaperman he was before and after the war, he took many photos during his 33 months of combat and the photo above was one of them - his camera loaned to a fellow soldier who took a picture of dad in St. Peter's Square. A proud moment for a lifelong Catholic whose grandparents immigrated from Germany.

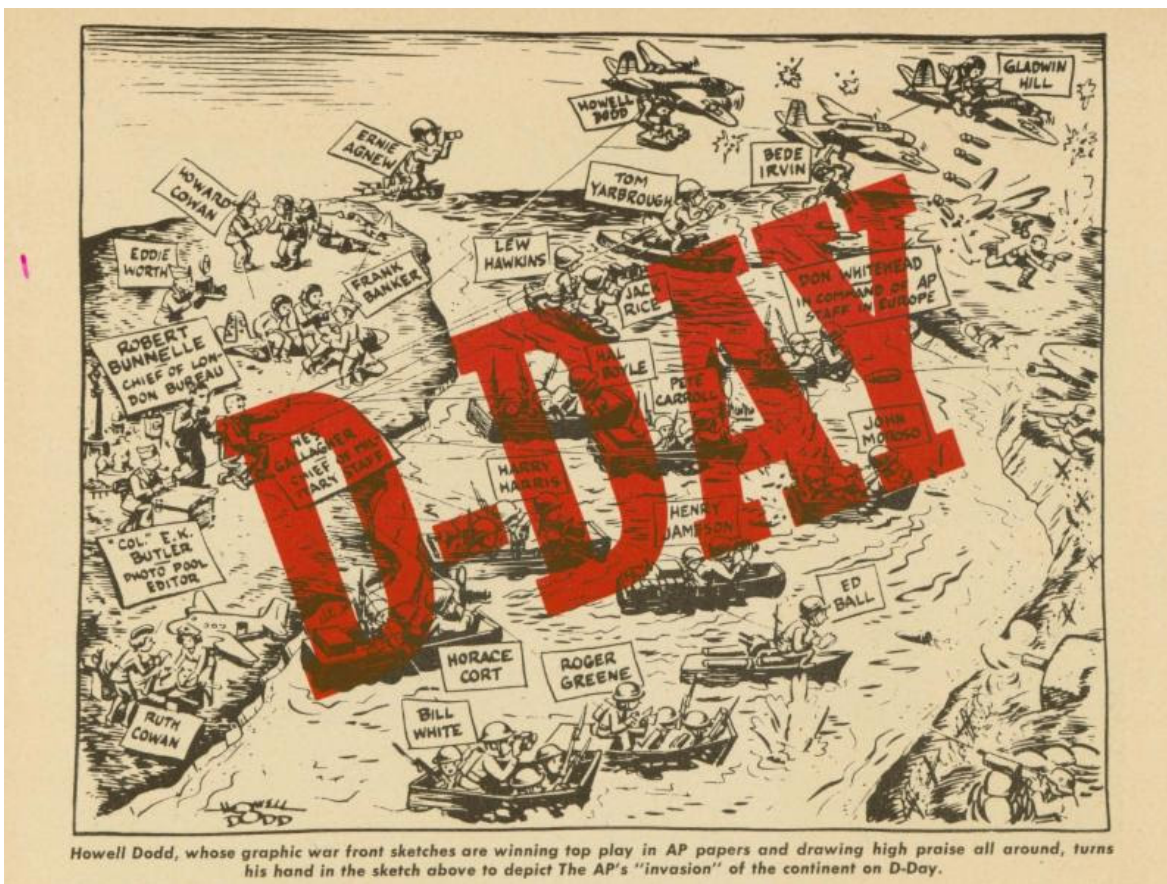
See *The Final Word* for a page from AP World, supplied by Corporate Archives, that tells about the reopening of the AP Rome bureau when the Allies took control. (If you cannot read it, drop me a note and I will send what I hope would be a better copy.) Corporate Archives also supplied the headlines image at the top of this page; **Don DeLuce** wrote the lead story.

Today's issue brings you first response to Connecting's call for stories on your connections to D-Day. I hope that if you have such a story, you will send it along today.

Have a great day!

Paul

AP documentary follows Battle for France from D-Day to Liberation of Paris

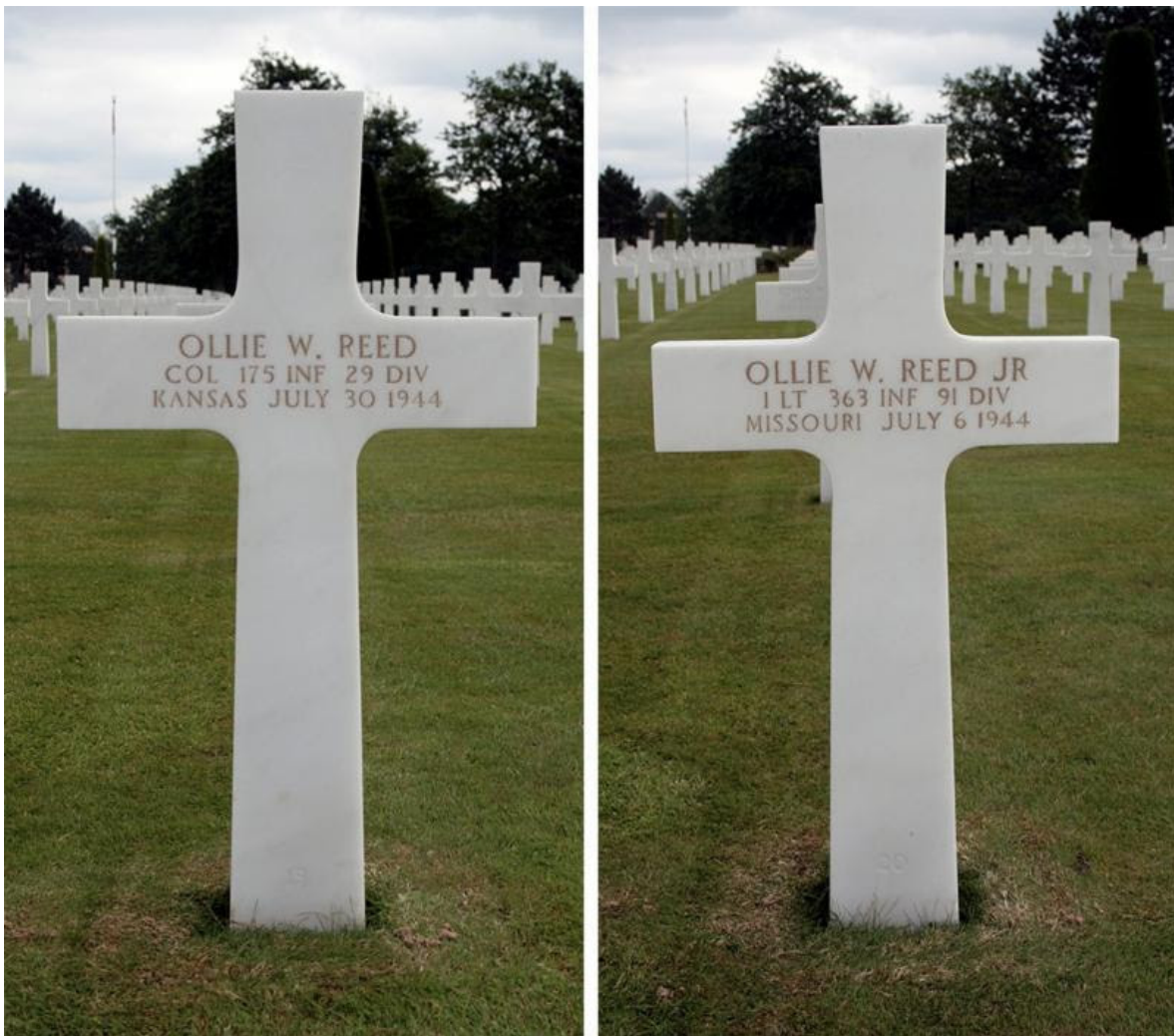


AP's Corporate Archives has produced a minidocumentary, "The Associated Press Reports D-Day and the Liberation of Paris."

This video follows the Battle for France from the first landings on the Normandy coast (June 6, 1944), through the Liberation of Paris (August 25, 1944), seen through the eyes of AP war correspondent and two-time Pulitzer winner "Beachhead" Don Whitehead.

Click [here](#) to view.

Father and son buried beside one another in Normandy American Cemetery



Dennis Whitehead ([Email](#)) - The book I wrote on the stories of a father and son killed in World War II - [Love and Sacrifice: A World War Brings Double Tragedy to an American Family](#):

On June 6, 1944, Colonel Ollie W. Reed was serving on the general staff of XII Corps at Camp Bewdley in the West Midlands of England planning Operations OVERLORD and NEPTUNE, the Normandy landings and inland push. He came to the UK after leading the 307th Infantry Regiment in combat training, hoping to be part of the invasion force but was left behind.

The day after the invasion, Col. Reed wrote to his wife, Mildred, in Kansas:

"Dearest: - Well the big day has come & gone. I left here at 0700 6 June for a trip to get acquainted with some base people and it was not until I arrived in the old Roman walled town that I heard the news. It was around 10:00 a.m. Everybody took it quite calmly and very seriously. I visited a beautiful and very old cathedral and added my prayers to the tens of millions that must have gone up on that day.

"Am glad to be this much nearer to the real fight but all of us wish we were in it."

The day before, Col. Reed's son, Lieutenant Ollie W. Reed, Jr., wrote to his young wife, Laura, the mother of their infant son, Ollie W. Reed, III, from his training station in North Africa:

"Today the invasion of France started. I am very glad to hear about it. Perhaps we will beat Germany this year. I pray that the invasion will be successful. I am still in North Africa so you will not have to worry about me, dear."

A week later, he wrote Laura wondering about his father:

"You said you thought my father was in England which surprised me because I thought he would go to China. I wonder if he was in the invasion? I guess you don't know yet."

Two weeks after the invasion, Col. Reed finally received his combat orders to take command of the 175th Infantry Regiment, part of the 29th Division fighting their way through hedgerow country in Normandy. Reed was replacing Col. Paul R. "Pop" Goode who landed with the 175th on D-Day but was captured by the Germans days later. Initially, Goode was replaced by Lt. Col. Alexander George but he was soon shot while leading a patrol.



Col. Reed wrote to Mildred conveying the stress of command without revealing details:

"This is my third day in command. I have learned what real prayer is - prayer for my men and myself. Join me - please."

At the same time, Lt. Reed, known as Bud, landed in Italy with the 361st Infantry Regiment, part of the 91st Division, as a platoon leader to join the fight on the road to Pisa.

On the Fourth of July, when Gen. Charles Gerhardt ordered every member of the 29th Division in Normandy to fire their weapons to mark the day (shocking officers from Gen. Omar Bradley down), Bud was writing to Laura from a location near Riparbella, Italy:

"July 4th

My Laura,

I thought that I would have plenty of time to write this letter. I wanted to try to tell you how very much you've meant to me. You are my life. That is the only way I can tell you how much you mean to me. You are my life.

I write this early in the morning sitting behind a haystack in a field. In a half hour I am going to work. I do not know when I will be able to write again. I will think of you every day and pray for you each night. Will you do the same for me?

I have loved you from the moment we met and I will love you to the end of time. You are always in my heart.

Your husband

Bud"

The next day, encountering his first combat, Lt. Reed was killed by artillery shrapnel as he was trying to get his panicked men to cover.

In Normandy, Col. Reed's 175th was the spearhead of the July 25 launch of Operation Cobra, the plan to continue pushing German forces back after having taken Saint-Lô on Col. Reed's birthday.

Though bloody, the operation was a success, almost too much so. Gerhardt had pushed his forces hard and they advanced well into German lines, leaving elements exposed.

On July 30, the Germans mounted a furious counterattack threatening to cut the 29th into pieces. Communications with forward units of the 175th were knocked out, so Col. Reed personally went to make a report. When he arrived in the Jeep driven by Sgt. Vaughn Bounds, accompanied by Capt. Curtis Fitzgerald, a shell landed severely wounding Col. Reed. Cradled in the arms of Capt. Fitzgerald with Bounds driving to the nearest aid station, Col. Reed died from loss of blood.

He died not knowing that his son had been killed three weeks before.

On August 13, 1944, Mildred, Laura and baby Ollie were living together in Manhattan, Kansas. A knock at the door brought news of the death of Bud. Not long after, on the same evening, a second telegram arrived with news of the death of Col. Reed.

Father and son are buried beside one another in the Normandy American Cemetery.

His dad was a Marine on Guadalcanal at time of D-Day invasion

Dick Lipsey ([Email](#)) - On D-Day in Europe, my father (right) was a US Marine corporal on Guadalcanal, serving as an aircraft armorer and a gunner on SBD-Dauntless dive bombers. He had dropped out of what was then Kansas State Teachers College (now Emporia State University) at the end of the fall 1941 semester to enlist in the Marine Corps. He later served with a fighter squadron in the Philippines and China.



After the war he became a dairy farmer in Kansas before rejoining the Marine Corps and serving in Marine aviation aboard aircraft carriers in support of operations during the Korean War. He retired in 1963.

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On D-Day in Europe, Jack Woodson was a prisoner of war in Japan. I interviewed him at his home in Raytown, Missouri, in 1995 in conjunction with the publication of a book titled "Prisoners of the Japanese," by Gavan Daws. Before the war, Woodson had enlisted in a Missouri National Guard unit, half of which was sent to Alaska and the other half, including him, to the Philippine Islands. He was taken prisoner and survived the Bataan Death March, transport to Japan in a "hell ship," and what amounted to slave labor in a mine near Nagasaki. He said guards told the prisoners that they would be executed if American forces invaded the mainland. During my interview, he repeated several times that he didn't hate the Japanese but would never buy a Japanese car. He died in 2011 at age 93.

Connecting mailbox

Questions for reporters who go on cable TV talk shows

Joe Edwards (Email) - Questions for reporters (including those from AP) who go on cable TV talk shows:

1. Why aren't you working your beat?
2. When you give your opinion, doesn't it open you up to claims of bias?

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You mean AP, the stamp collecting periodical?

Paul Albright (Email) - This headline... 'All is confusion. Use A.P.'...in the June 3 edition of Connecting reminded me of an incident from a few years back.

My retirement hobby is researching and writing about postal history, which is a spinoff of stamp collecting. I was emailing a couple of fellow collectors and referenced an AP article I had read on some postal history topic. But the use of the initials threw them off the rails. "What AP article," they asked.

They did not recognize AP as Associated Press. To them it referred to another AP -- the American Philatelist, which is the country's leading stamp collecting periodical published by the American Philatelic Society.

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On use of % and other style changes

Joe Galu (Email) - I do not mind the use of the %. The people bemoaning the loss of the hyphen in best-seller probably still mourn the loss the hyphen in to-morrow, to-day and teen-ager. Our language evolves. We continue to steal words from languages all over the world, while simplifying our own usage. But 'over' will never mean 'more than' in my writing. We're almost all purists in our own way.

The meanings of phrases changes -- "the price was right" used to mean inexpensive. Now it means "free." The changes in language are a lot like the tides.

They ebb and flow, and there's not much we can do to speed them up or slow them down.

Having said that, I think somebody missed the boat when we went along with 'email' instead of E-mail, like A-bomb, A-frame, B-movie, C-section, D-day, G-spot etc.

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All a matter of positioning



Bruce Lowitt ([Email](#)) - The photo of Bella Hadid reminded me of Nat Fein's Pulitzer Prize-winning photo of Babe Ruth, with all the photographers (but Nat) in the obvious-but-wrong position.

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Jibes and Barbs

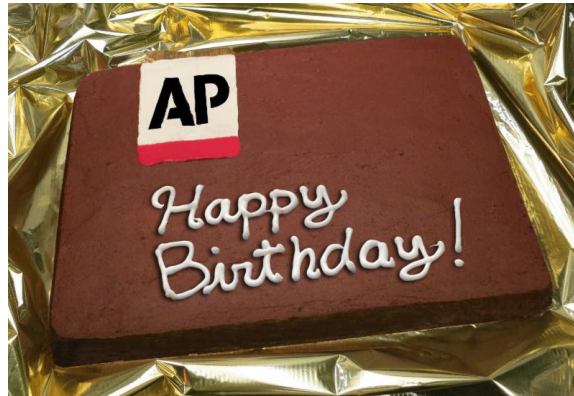
Steve Anderson ([Email](#)) -

AP:

World markets wobble as US, China trade jibes over trade

-- Jibes are just words. I wouldn't get too excited until they start trading barbs.

Connecting wishes Happy Birthday



To

Sue Cross - sue@inn.org

Stories of interest

German POW asks: 'Why did America give their young men for us?' (Stars and Stripes)



By Jennifer H. Svan and Marcus Kloeckner

KOENIGSWINTER, Germany - Paul Golz was a 19-year-old German private when he was captured by the Americans in a Normandy field, three days after the D-Day invasion.

Golz says it was a stroke of luck that changed the trajectory of his life.

Being a prisoner of war in America for two years beat being a soldier in Germany, where Golz had avoided the hellish eastern front and refused to join the Waffen-SS, which after World War II was deemed a criminal organization for its atrocities.

As a POW in America, Golz tasted his first Coca-Cola, met comedian Red Skelton, watched Mickey Mouse at the cinema and heard jazz music for the first time. Along the way, he learned English, a skill that led him to a long career with the German foreign service.

Read more [here](#).

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Here's The Salt Lake Tribune's plan for securing 501(c)(3) status (Nieman)

By CHRISTINE SCHMIDT

The IRS is complicated. So is running a 148-year-old newspaper in 2019.

Three weeks and one New York Times profile after announcing its shift to staffers and readers, Utah's Salt Lake Tribune officially submitted its bid to the IRS to become a nonprofit May 30. The Tribune joins a small handful of newspapers in North America relying on nonprofit status (mostly by being owned by a nonprofit rather than being a nonprofit themselves), but it's making a new case to the IRS.

"This ability to give to seek and share information that's difficult for residents to do on their own is a fundamental purpose of journalism and it is fundamental of a 501(c)(3)," Fraser Nelson, the Tribune's vice president of business innovation, told me. "We're saying that's what we're doing already."

Read more [here](#).

The Final Word



AP Reopens in Rome

By EDWARD KENNEDY

As the Fifth Army entered Rome The Associated Press reentered the ancient city and reopened its Rome bureau just two years, five months and 23 days after the fascist government closed it at the time of Pearl Harbor and threw Dick Massock into the "Queen of Heaven" jail.

For many long weary months we had all dreamed of Rome. All across the western desert, on the battlefields of Tunisia, in Sicily, in the slow push up the peninsula and at Cassino and Anzio, Rome was always the promised land, our golden goal. At times it was hard to believe we ever would get there but we always knew we would.

Many were the visions we had of entering in splendor with the victorious army and above all the taking possession of our old office which DNB, the German news agency, had seized after The AP was thrown out. We planned to take back not only our own but the adjacent German and Japanese agency offices by right of conquest.

I would like to say that this went off as planned but it didn't.

The Fifth Army's entry into Rome was certainly triumphant but there was something about it strangely different from what we had expected. Here was Rome, pearl of cities and cradle of western civilization with all her familiar domes and towers in our hands and with her people singing in the streets but there was a touch of sadness too and no one felt much like playing conqueror.

We had decided that Dan DeLuce was to write the main story on the taking of Rome as a fitting finale to his brilliant work in the Mediterranean theater. I was to write the story of Rome as we found her. Dan and I were on the Casilinan Way where the final push came and on the morning of Sunday, June 4th, we both got into Rome but only barely—for the Germans were fighting a small but fierce rearguard action which held up our train.

We were shelled several times by the



Chief of Bureau Ed Kennedy, right, with Lynn Heinzerling, at the window of The AP's temporary office in Naples before the bureau was moved to Rome recently.

last remaining 88s concealed in the hills and Dan ran smack into a careful of armed German soldiers but mastered the situation with his usual coolness.

At dusk that evening the real breakthrough came and Dan in a jeep set off for the heart of Rome with a column of tanks and reached the Piazza Venezia before the last of the German rearguard was routed. He returned to our press headquarters just outside the city. I grabbed the first take of his story and banged it into the censor's basket.

Barely had our field radio clicked it off when a German plane swooped down strafing and knocked out the aerial. And so Dan's was the only real eyewitness story out on the fall of Rome for over two hours.

The night was so black that nothing of Rome could be seen so I snatched two hours' sleep—the first in 48 hours—and left for the center of Rome a little before dawn. As the first light came up in the east I could see that Rome was virtually undamaged. Up to then there was no knowing what might have happened during the night.

Ken Dixon and George Tucker came in that morning with the first troops to pour into the city from the Appian Way. Ken had gone behind the German lines in the Alban hills in the big infiltration of Americans which broke the defenses there. George, who had covered the campaign largely from the field hospital because of an injury, escaped from his doctors to make the final dash into the city.

Lynn Heinzerling was still chasing the retreating Germans in the mountains with the 8th Army and did not reach Rome until two days later. Boots Nor-

gaard and Sid Feder were handling the important headquarters story in Naples with Sid leaving as soon as Rome fell to take up the pursuit of the enemy north of Rome.

On that first morning in Rome communications were a nightmare. We all had great stories and hardly any way of getting them out. We had three field radios—all broken down most of the time—there were no direct courier planes yet running to Naples and anyway all were on the point of physical exhaustion after the grueling campaign.

I went to the old AP office. I found that DNB had taken it over but that DNB itself had fled to northern Italy with the landings of Salerno nine months before. All our files and office equipment had disappeared and the offices were occupied by a dentist.

It seemed an outrage that the room looking out on the Piazza Spagna where Dick Massock, Charlie Guptill, George Jordan and I had grappled with such profound thought and written such desolate stories in the days of fascism should be given over to drilling teeth.

To make matters worse the dentist grumbled about the value of his equipment and how he could not move it out.

The public relations and censorship setup took a hotel and as we had to be near them we set up there. We had our office in a bedroom. Every correspondent in Rome agreed that the state of chaos in that hotel eclipsed anything he ever had experienced.

Now censorship has moved to another building and we are installed there too. We have an office of sorts—two tables

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Today in History - June 4, 2019



By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, June 4, the 155th day of 2019. There are 210 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 4, 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway began, resulting in a decisive American victory against Japan and marking the turning point of the war in the Pacific.

On this date:

In 1812, the Louisiana Territory was renamed the Missouri Territory, to avoid confusion with the recently admitted state of Louisiana. The U.S. House of Representatives approved, 79-49, a declaration of war against Britain.

In 1919, Congress approved the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing citizens the right to vote regardless of their gender, and sent it to the states for ratification.

In 1939, the German ocean liner MS St. Louis, carrying more than 900 Jewish refugees from Germany, was turned away from the Florida coast by U.S. officials.

In 1940, during World War II, the Allied military evacuation of some 338,000 troops from Dunkirk, France, ended. British Prime Minister Winston Churchill declared: "We

shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

In 1943, the president of Argentina, Ramon Castillo, was overthrown in a military coup.

In 1944, U-505, a German submarine, was captured by a U.S. Navy task group in the south Atlantic; it was the first such capture of an enemy vessel at sea by the U.S. Navy since the War of 1812. The U.S. Fifth Army began liberating Rome.

In 1954, French Premier Joseph Laniel and Vietnamese Premier Buu Loc signed treaties in Paris according "complete independence" to Vietnam.

In 1986, Jonathan Jay Pollard, a former U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, pleaded guilty in Washington to conspiring to deliver information related to the national defense to Israel. (Pollard, sentenced to life in prison, was released on parole on Nov. 20, 2015.)

In 1990, Dr. Jack Kevorkian carried out his first publicly assisted suicide, helping Janet Adkins, a 54-year-old Alzheimer's patient from Portland, Oregon, end her life in Oakland County, Michigan.

In 1998, a federal judge sentenced Terry Nichols to life in prison for his role in the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

In 2000, President Bill Clinton and Russian President Putin (POO'-tihn) ended their summit by conceding differences on missile defense, agreeing to dispose of weapons-grade plutonium and pledging early warning of missile and space launches.

In 2003, Martha Stewart stepped down as head of her media empire, hours after federal prosecutors in New York charged her with obstruction of justice, conspiracy, securities fraud and lying to investigators. (Stewart was later convicted of lying about why she'd sold her shares of ImClone Systems stock in 2001, just before the stock price plunged.)

Ten years ago: Speaking at Cairo University, President Barack Obama called for a "new beginning between the United States and Muslims" and said together, they could confront violent extremism across the globe. Actor David Carradine, 72, was found dead in a Bangkok, Thailand, hotel room.

Five years ago: On the second day of a visit to Poland, President Barack Obama held up the nation as a guidepost for neighboring Ukraine as it sought to fend off a pro-Russian insurgency; later that same day, in Brussels, Obama attended a meeting of the Group of Seven major industrial nations, with the pointed exclusion of Russia from the gathering. A gunman fatally wounded three Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers and wounded two others in Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada. (Justin Bourque was convicted of the shootings and sentenced to life in prison.) Baseball player, manager and coach Don Zimmer, 83, died in Dunedin, Florida.

One year ago: President Donald Trump claimed that he had an "absolute right" to pardon himself, but that it wouldn't be necessary because he had "done nothing wrong;" Trump also tweeted that the Justice Department's appointment of a special counsel in the Russia probe was "totally unconstitutional." The Supreme Court ruled in favor of a Colorado baker who wouldn't make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple, but it was a limited decision that didn't address the larger issue of whether a business can invoke religious objections to refuse service to gay and lesbian people. Howard Schultz announced that he was stepping down as executive chairman of Starbucks, and said public service may be in his future. Saudi Arabia issued its first driver's licenses to women as the kingdom prepared to lift the world's only ban on women driving.

Today's Birthdays: Sex therapist and media personality Dr. Ruth Westheimer is 91. Actor Bruce Dern is 83. Musician Roger Ball is 75. Actress-singer Michelle Phillips is 75. Jazz musician Anthony Braxton is 74. Rock musician Danny Brown (The Fixx) is 68. Actor Parker Stevenson is 67. Actor Keith David is 63. Blues singer-musician Tinsley Ellis is 62. Actress Julie Gholson is 61. Actor Eddie Velez is 61. Singer-musician El DeBarge is 58. Actress Julie White is 58. Actress Lindsay Frost is 57. Actor Sean Pertwee is 55. Former tennis player Andrea Jaeger is 54. Opera singer Cecilia Bartoli is 53. Rhythm and blues singer Al B. Sure! is 51. Actor Scott Wolf is 51. Actor-comedian Rob Huebel is 50. Comedian Horatio Sanz is 50. Actor James Callis is 48. Actor Noah Wyle is 48. Rock musician Stefan Lessard (The Dave Matthews Band) is 45. Actor-comedian Russell Brand is 44. Actress Angelina Jolie is 44. Actor Theo Rossi is 44. Alt-country singer Kasey Chambers is 43. Actor Robin Lord Taylor is 41. Rock musician JoJo Garza (Los Lonely Boys) is 39. Country musician Dean Berner (Edens Edge) is 38. Model Bar Refaeli (ruh-FEHL'-lee) is 34. Olympic gold medal figure skater Evan Lysacek is 34. Americana singer Shakey Graves is 32. Rock musician Zac Farro is 29.

Thought for Today: "When you betray somebody else, you also betray yourself." - Isaac Bashevis Singer, Polish-born American Nobel Prize-winning author (1904-1991).

Connecting calendar



June 20 - 25-Year Club Celebration, 5:30 - 8 p.m., AP headquarters, 200 Liberty Street, New York, NY. RSVP online [here](#). Any questions may be directed to recognition@ap.org

August 17 - Albany AP bureau reunion (including other upstate bureaus), 1-5 p.m., Marc and Carla Humbert residence on Tsatsawassa Lake, [68 Marginal Way, East Nassau, NY](#). Contact: Chris McKnight ([Email](#)).

Got a story or photos to share?

Got a story to share? A favorite memory of your AP days? Don't keep them to yourself. Share with your colleagues by sending to Ye Olde Connecting Editor. And don't forget to include photos!

Here are some suggestions:

- **Second chapters** - You finished a great career. Now tell us about your second (and third and fourth?) chapters of life.

- **Spousal support** - How your spouse helped in supporting your work during your AP career.

- **My most unusual story** - tell us about an unusual, off the wall story that you covered.

- **"A silly mistake that you make"** - a chance to 'fess up with a memorable mistake in your journalistic career.

- **Multigenerational AP families** - profiles of families whose service spanned two or more generations.



- **Volunteering** - benefit your colleagues by sharing volunteer stories - with ideas on such work they can do themselves.

- **First job** - How did you get your first job in journalism?

- **Connecting "selfies"** - a word and photo self-profile of you and your career, and what you are doing today. Both for new members and those who have been with us a while.

- **Most unusual** place a story assignment took you.

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