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The Grand Old Lady Is Still There, Waiting



Keystone

The Statue of Liberty, newly floodlighted to greet returning GIs.

Levant Quiet; De Gaulle To Outline His Position

The Levant situation apparently eased yesterday as fighting diminished in Syria and Lebanon and the French cabinet, meeting in emergency session, reported a compromise reply to Prime Minister Churchill's note. Gen. de Gaulle was to hold a press conference today—his first in many months—to elaborate on the French position.

Following the cabinet meeting, the French announced that French troops in Syria have been ordered to cease fire and to remain in their present positions. They have not been ordered returned to their barracks, however, as requested in the official British note, which stressed a desire to "avoid collision" with the British. Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, in making public the note, indicated it had been sent with full consent and approval of the U.S. government.

Discussion Foreseen

Presumably the way was now open for a tripartite discussion in London among Britain, France and the U.S., which Churchill declared could proceed when order has been restored.

A U.S. note to France, made public in Washington yesterday by acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew and delivered in Paris by Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, expressed "deep concern" over the turn of events.

In London, a Foreign Office commentator said yesterday that the U.S. had agreed to take part in discussions with France and Britain aimed at solving the dispute. A note had been sent to the French,

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U.S. Casualties Pass Million

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—American casualties in this war have passed the million mark.

Figures announced yesterday set total casualties at 1,002,887, an increase of 6,798 for the last week. This included 890,019 Army casualties, and 112,868 among Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel.

The total comprised 227,097 dead, of whom 183,536 were from the Army; 607,468 wounded, 63,455 missing and 104,867 taken prisoner in all theaters.

37,571 Home by Sunday

Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson announced in Washington yesterday that of 90,000 Army prisoners liberated in Europe, 37,571 will be back in the U.S. by Sunday. He said 4,700 arrived at New York and Boston Tuesday and an additional 10,000 would arrive Sunday night.

On arrival in the U.S. the men are given 60-day furloughs.

B29s Set Osaka Ablaze In 3,200-Ton Fire Raid

GUAM, June 1 (ANS).—Osaka, Japan's second largest metropolis and leading industrial city in the entire Orient, flamed today from 3,200 tons of incendiaries dropped by more than 450 Marianas-based Superfortresses.

The B29s struck Osaka at 9:45 AM today (Tokyo time), flying at medium altitude and escorted by 150 Mustangs from bases on Iwo Jima. It was the first Superfort attack on Osaka, known as Nippon's "Detroit," since the March 13 night raid when 2,000 tons of fire bombs buried out 8.1 square miles of the city.

There was no immediate official report of results or of Japanese resistance.

Osaka is a port city on Japan's inland sea, lying west of Tokyo and almost in the center of Honshu, main island of the Japanese homeland chain. It had a population of 3,200,000.

Targets in today's attack, which was concentrated on a highly industrialized area just west of the districts burned out in the March 13 raid, included sheetmetal and aircraft parts plants, shipyards, smaller war factories and rail installations.

The attack was the fourth in nine days against objectives in three vital war centers on Honshu. B29s dropped more than 8,500 tons of

Bigger Than ETO Army

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP).—United States Army forces in the Pacific will be "bigger than our Army was in Europe at its height," President Truman said today in a brief summary of his message to Congress.

The President said that the American Army in the Pacific will ultimately be twice its present size.

There were approximately 4,000,000 American troops in the ETO at the time of the United States' greatest strength in the theater.

fire bombs on Tokyo in two blows last week and then blasted Yokohama with 3,200 tons Tuesday. Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay, CG of the 21st Bomber Command, announced that Superforts had wiped out all prime targets in Tokyo, and photographs showed almost half of the capital in ruins.

In yesterday's air strikes Marine Corps Mitchell bombers attacked enemy shipping off Tokyo Bay. Marine planes sank or damaged 11 Jap aircraft in engagements from the Tokyo Bay area to the East China Sea, according to Adm. Nimitz's communique. He also reported U.S. carrier plane attacks against Jap airfields, barracks and other installations in the Sakishima island group north of Okinawa.

Japan's War Industries Hard Hit by Superforts

WASHINGTON, June 1 (UP).—Twentieth AF headquarters reported today on B29 bombing results since March 10, when large-scale incendiary raids on Japan were begun. An analysis of reconnaissance pictures showed the destruction of 51.3 square miles of Tokyo, 11.3 square miles of Nagoya, three square miles of Kobe and more than eight square miles of Osaka.

Forty three of Japan's greatest war factories were hit—16 in Tokyo, 17 in Nagoya, three in Kobe and seven in Osaka. In addition, hundreds of smaller plants have been shattered, the announcement said.

Soldiers Eligible for Release Can Get Discharges in ETO

American soldiers, eligible for immediate separation on points or certain other grounds, may obtain discharges in Europe, ETO headquarters announced yesterday.

The Army, it was officially stated, will obtain the consent of the government of the country in which the discharge is to take place and troops discharged here will be provided transportation to whatever point in the ETO they select.

Civil Service Vacancies

ETO headquarters disclosed that soldiers discharged on this side of the Atlantic would be eligible to accept civilian jobs with the U.S. government here. They will receive free transportation to the U.S. upon termination of such employment, it was added.

The Army stated that a list of position vacancies open to the overseas-discharged personnel soon would be made public.

Applications for overseas discharges will be accepted at once from those eligible, although unit commanders will hold the applications of those requesting discharge on points until the personnel readjustment in their units has begun. Then, if the applicant is not

in one of the categories of scarce skills already announced and not essential to his unit, he will be discharged in the theater.

Personnel applying for overseas discharge other than on points will have their applications forwarded to ETO headquarters immediately for final approval, although it was pointed out that those in the 40-to-42 age group may be retained in uniform for as long as 90 days "on the grounds of military necessity."

Those Eligible

Listed as eligible for overseas separations were: Enlisted men with adjusted service rating scores of 85 points or more; non-essential officers with scores equal to or above the theater eligibility score to be announced soon; nurses and Wacs whose husbands have been discharged; enlisted personnel over 40 years of age, and physically disabled persons.

In all cases, personnel will undergo the same procedure they would in the U.S. There will be final physical examinations, institution of pension claims, settlement of shortages and payment of all money due, including the \$300 mustering-out pay.

U.S. To Occupy Reich 20 Years, Senator Says

COLOGNE, June 1 (UP).—Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.) said yesterday American forces could expect to occupy parts of Germany for the next 20 years.

Russell, chairman of the nine-member Senate Military and Naval Committee visiting European battlefields, said: "The long-term occupation will be for at least a generation. We invested too much in money and lives to rush back into our shells."

Acting as spokesman for the group during a tour of Cologne, Russell said he believed only one American army would be necessary as occupational security control. Four American armies—the Fifteenth, Third, Seventh and Ninth—are currently occupying American-held Germany.

Russell said he believed the non-fraternization rule would soon have to be modified. This is particularly true in a business sense, he said, for if the Allies are going to control the German people they must begin communication with them.

He added that everything would be done to give the occupying forces home leave from time to time. Congress is doing its best to give combat soldiers home travel priority, he declared.

British Define Zones

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY HQ., June 1 (AP).—Great Britain's forces will occupy the northwestern provinces of Schleswig Holstein, Hanover, Westphalia and Rhine Province in Germany. Four corps, under Field Marshal Montgomery, will keep the watch, with the Third Canadian Division forming part of the Hanover group.

ATS Lands in Germany

LUNEBURG, Germany, June 1 (AP).—An air convoy of 15 C47s loaded with British ATS girls led by ATS Commander Mary Churchill, the premier's daughter, landed here and were whisked away to Hamburg where they will operate service clubs for British troops.

Bonus Up to \$10,000 For Veterans Urged

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—Veterans of this war would receive \$5.50 for each day of overseas service and \$2.75 for each day of home duty under a bill introduced in the Senate yesterday by Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.). The limit of payment to each serviceman or woman would be \$10,000.

8th AF to Fly B29s in Pacific

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—The U.S. Eighth AF is going to add Superfortresses to its striking power when it joins the war against Japan under the leadership of Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, it was announced yesterday by Gen. H. H. Arnold, AF chief.

With the 20th and 21st Bomber Commands already in the Pacific war, the assignment of B29s to the Eighth AF—which already has more than 3,000 Flying Fortresses, Liberators and fighters—will place three Superfortress groups in action.

Bad News for GIs Under 40-- Army Says It Can't Spare 'Em

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—The Army officially rejected today proposals to discharge soldiers between the ages of 35 and 40 and those with special skills needed in civilian life.

Acting Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson said the soldiers now designated for release—those 40 or over and those eligible under the point system—are all the Army can safely spare at this time.

Under present plans, the Army expects to release approximately 2,000,000 men in the next 12 months, including 1,300,000 under the point system. With new inductees, this

will leave a force of 6,968,000 for the war against Japan.

Patterson said the release of any more men now would delay the release of men entitled to discharge as a result of long and arduous service and reduce the Army's strength below the safety margin.

"To put the burden of longer front-line service on men in the Pacific in order that a great number of old men, for example, can be released from the Army would not be fair or reasonable," Patterson declared. "Hurrying demobilization now will have a grim result if it prolongs the war."

B-Bag: Critics Give GI Angles on Point System

Under-85s Make Most Squawks, Survey of Letters Indicates

(The B-Bag editor, who doesn't have enough points himself, has been getting a deluge of letters on the point plan for discharging servicemen. The ETO reaction indicates that it's hard to please everybody. Readers are reminded that men who have enough points and are satisfied with the system usually don't write in to say so. Here is a representative batch of letters.)

Life Begins at 40?

The guy that said life begins at 40 was certainly never in the Army. Every year spent in the Army to a man over 30 is an absolute total loss. It's just like moving up his death date that much sooner. For instance, a man in the twenties, hardened by Army life, may gain a few more years of good health because of this training. Not so, the guy past 30. Why do ball players and other athletes usually fold up around 30?

Before we were so hard pressed for manpower they didn't even draft any man over 28 and your column just a while back said that men over 30, with a very few exceptions, were not considered qualified for combat service. To a man of 25, a year or so longer in the Army does not appear too much but to a man over 30, boy—you really start counting them! It is wisely said that a man should be well established in life at the age of 35 if he ever expects to amount to anything, see some happiness and be of some benefit to his community.—Pfc R. C. D., 97 Sig. Bn.

Each day up until and including V-E Day, some soldier had a new plan for demobilization that was printed in the B-Bag. If you ever took time to think about these plans, each one was thought of with the main purpose of getting the author out first.

For each individual that thinks that he has done more than his share toward victory in Europe, there are thousands that have been through far more trying conditions and physical discomfort.—Cpl. B. E. Ames, 386 MP. Bn.

OK But Wants Furlough

I think the point system is very fair. And I am one of the guys that hasn't enough points.

I have a daughter over 4 months old. I have been overseas twelve months. Why can't EMs like me get a chance to get a short furlough to see our little ones for the first time? We can still continue on to the Pacific or the Occupation after the furlough, whatever the Army decides on. I sure would like to see that kid of mine.—T/4 Irving Forman, 3104 Sig. Sv. Bn.

Why is the Air Corps receiving points for the Air Medal when we of the Infantry cannot draw points for the Combat Infantryman's Badge? We are not bitching towards the Air Corps; as all we have is admiration and thanks in our hearts for the wonderful job they did in paving the way for us.—T/Sgt. T. E. Tennant (and 10 others.—Ed.), 6929 Reinf. Bn.

Old Men

Why no provision for the early discharge of men whose age is now in the advanced bracket? I'm twenty-two, enlisted four days after Pearl Harbor, and overseas 34 months. Certainly no one can say that this plea for the older men could be of any personal advantage to me.

A great many of these men formed a substantial portion of the rush to enlist that immediately followed the Pearl Harbor incident while thousands of younger, more qualified men, rushed to the City Hall for a marriage license. These men that the draft couldn't reach at the time came forward and offered their services. Today, instead of being shown appreciation, they're kicked in the teeth for it. Ex-draft dodgers are given the same advantages, and in many cases more consideration than the older, more deserving men.

How does the Army expect these older men to go back and resume their civilian status after a long period of service, which is comparably more difficult for them than for the younger man who is

more easily adaptable in a new environment?—Cpl. B. J. A. Desloges, 3005 Ord. Base Depot Co.

Neglected

Nothing is said about the poor guys that have dreamed night and day about getting out of the Army since they volunteered for service in 1939 and 1940. Many of these guys entered the Army because every day the headlines of the newspapers were screaming about the Nazis and realized that sooner or later we would be at war. Why stop counting points at Sept. 16, 1940? Some of us would like to have a chance in life to get married and have children at twelve points per.—2/Lt. E. N. Minor, 171 Labor Supv. Center.

I never knew that it was a hardship to be a father.—J. S. Hamilton, BCO I.

Proportionately, other units, due to small percentage of casualties, are greatly favored in our point system.

Of our original group that went into battle in June, there are ten remaining combat soldiers in our company. I dare say the same is true in all of the veteran combat outfits. In contrast, take the personnel of our artillery outfit. Few casualties allow for so many more men to qualify for eligibility for discharge. Nevertheless, we are judged on the same basis as the latter group.

I believe the doughboy isn't being given his due consideration.—Sgt. Barry Allens, 314 Inf.

Those who are physically below the standard for induction into the Army should be discharged regardless of the number of points they have.—Pfc K. A. D., IX T. C. Command.

Kids Add Up Too Fast

Too much credit is given for the second and third children. As for being entitled to a discharge for compassionate reasons—a man with



one child is only a little less entitled to discharge than the man with three children. I suggest five points for the second child and three points for the third.

Just to stop the shouts of "sour grapes"—I should have enough points to be eligible for discharge under the present system—but have no intention of applying for same until hostilities with Japan are over.—Lt. E. L. Kirkpatrick Jr., 17th Airborne Div.

Other Dependents

The War Department has done a magnificent job, a job that all U.S. soldiers can have only the highest respect for. However, the question of dependency, other than parenthood, has been overlooked.

I have an invalid mother, aged 53 and bedridden with a cancer. I also have two sisters aged 13 and 15 with no income whatsoever except my allotment. I had these dependents prior to Sept. 16, 1940, and I am not getting any credits for them whereas a good number of soldiers have become fathers since entering the service and do get credits for their children.—Pvt. Rufus K. Hayworth, 2 F.A. Bn.

4F in the Army

How about making some provisions for the combat Joe who is now L/A and was told at the time of interview that if he were in civilian life he would be classified 4F? Now that the fighting is reduced to one theater, how about a few of us broken-down guys getting a chance to go home or at least TD in the States, where we can get a chance to see the wife and kids

AFTER THE WAR by Mitchell Wright



"It feels swell to be out of uniform."

until such time that we can be replaced.—3 Sad Sacks.

I have no wish to criticize the document, only to improve it. Insufficient attention has been given a man's age. Why not let the maximum points grade down as the years grade up? For instance, at age 33, the required 85 points are a necessity. At 34, drop it to, say 80, at 35 to 75, etc., thereby making it easier for discharge as age increases.—Lt. H. E. Okott, 1399 Engrs. Bn.

A man overseas receives that same pitiful one point per month as the garrison Joes in the States.—Pfc Clarence Ellis, 596th QM Co.

(You get an extra point for each month overseas since Sep. 16, 1940.—Ed.)

The Navy Blues

When does the Navy intend to remodel its antiquated, childish, enlisted men's uniform? It's high time that something be done in this direction, if not during the war, afterwards. I don't see GIs wearing the tricorne hat with blue and buff.—Stewart B. Howe, SM2c, USNR.

Debit for AWOL

I was AWOL a few times and was court-martialed and sentenced and fined, which I rightfully deserved. I always believed that when you once paid for a crime, it was done and over with. I fought all the way from Normandy to Czechoslovakia and never once failed in my duty. When this point system comes out and deducts all of that time, it put me in a class that I'll never get to the home which I am fighting for.—Sgt. E. R., 741 Tank Bn.

It's a fine state of affairs when a man gets credit for a child and



not for his wife! How do they think a man gets a kid anyway, by inoculation?—83 Pointer.

Exchange

Why argue about civilians being released from war plants in about six months? Why not send all

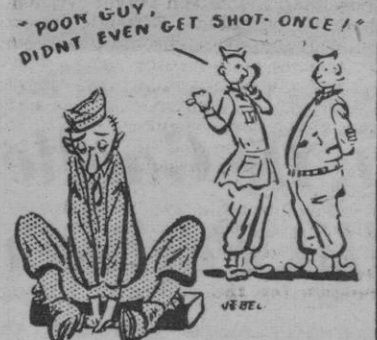
single and even married men without children over for the Army of Occupation? Are they so 4F they couldn't stand a year or so in the Army of Occupation?

It should be the ex-combat man's turn now at a little dough. Let him take those jobs and to hell with a GI Bill of Rights hand-out. The returning soldier wants to be on his own. Give him a chance at that \$60 or \$70 a week and send the 4Fs to take his place. They won't get hurt just occupying the land the combat men gave their lives for.—Cpl. Wm. J. Krill.

Why not discharge the students and let them go to school?—T/5 John Liggett, 251 Combat Engrs.

Lucky, But...

We have a S/Sgt. in our company who joined us in Africa and fought in Sicily, France, Belgium and Germany, giving him 11 straight



months in the foxhole. He has never been wounded or lost a day. He has 75 points and needs the ten points for Purple Heart and Cluster which most of us have. As a result, the poor guy has to sweat out the Pacific, just because he did not get hit.—Pfc 39th Inf.

Do men who enlisted into the Enlisted Reserve Corps (ERC) and were sworn in before attending the government tutored school get credit for the time spent in that school? (No.—Ed.).—T/4 Irving Forman, 3104 Sig. Sv. Bn.

POW's as Replacements

... We can use 300,000 PWs in the Pacific Theater in non-combat functions. We can secure 300,000 draft-deferred farm workers and at the same time release 300,000 soldiers to return to the farm.—Pfc.

... Sure we're glad to get that Bronze Service Arrowhead for participating in the greatest beach landing operation in the history of warfare, but, brother, where are those bloody gettin'-out points that should go with it?—Messrs. 73 and 54 Points.

National Guard

Once again the National Guardsmen get it and get it good. Today, after 4 1/2 years in khaki, many of us find we have even further

Many Object To Omissions In Fixing Credit

to go. Back in 40-41-42-43 we were constantly being told of how important we were in training Sam's new army. Not all non-coms had this job but many of us did. We had to volunteer even in early 44 to get over.—S/Sgt. M. P. H.

Air Force Discrepancy

A fairer arrangement could have been made than has been made. The War Department has put much time, research and effort in planning the redeployment of troops. However, there seems to be a fallacy within the air forces—not with the plan, mind you, but with the execution.

Each Bronze Service Star means five points. But we in service units on an air force station and not in combat unit itself have not been awarded service stars.

We are in Ordnance S & M Companies, Quartermaster, Chemical Companies, Fire Fighting Platoons, and Sub Depots. Our jobs call for us to work side by side with the combat unit's men in loading and servicing aircraft, feeding the men, running the control tower, driving and maintaining vehicles and all other jobs except actually flying.

For example, Bill Smith, who is from a combat unit, works next to me in the mess hall. We prepare the same meals, wash the same dishes, police the same mess hall day after day and have for two years. Bill gets four stars—twenty points, I, being from a service unit, merely get the ETO ribbon and no points. I don't begrudge Bill those points—more power to him—but it doesn't seem to me that it is the equitable way to operate a plan that has been so carefully worked out for the benefit of all soldiers.

Take those twenty points away from Bill as well as the four service stars? Not on your life; those twenty points will cause him to get home quicker. My only comment is—I also would like to get home twenty points earlier.

Bill Smith agrees with me. What do you think?—Pfc Walter D. Hayden, 412 Air Service Group.

Babys on the Way

Blow this out in your B-Bag for Skeezix, of Gasoline Alley, and me. Both Skeezix's and my wife are expecting a baby soon, but our soon-to-be-acquired dependent won't be granted the usual 12 points. Skeezix is, no doubt, above writing to your column, but I'm not. My baby and Skeezix's baby are just as important as any other serviceman's.—S/Sgt. Harlow J. Askvig, 13 Prcht, Maint. Co.

If there is to be an Army of Occupation, let it be in a Civil Service way. Give the GI a break. Pay the GI the equivalent of \$60.00 a week for all who want to stay. Let the initial period be for a year. In this way it would be possible for the GI to save a little money and feel he won't have to go home looking for a handout.—Cpl. Edwin G. Weber, 535 QM. Group.

... I believe that all children born after Pearl Harbor should not count.—Just a soldier.

TS for SOS

I consider the plan fair to combat troops but unfair for service troops. Out of my three years' Army service I spent 32 months overseas. It is not my fault that because of my age—I am 40 now—I was kept in England dodging the bombs of the "Small Blitz," (V-1s and V-2s) instead of being sent to the front. Here I am, a married man, 40 years old, 3 years in the Army, 32 months overseas, without even once having had a furlough or pass to see my wife and family.—T/3 William Schifter, P/W Cens. Bureau.

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The American Scene:

Peace Draft Favored By U.S., Poll Reveals

By William R. Spear

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, June 1.—A large majority of Americans favor compulsory peacetime military training, according to a new public opinion poll by Fortune Magazine.

The issue of peacetime military training has long been agitating the U.S. public, and various measures are pending in Congress. The War and Navy Departments and veterans' organizations are in favor of the plan. Some Church groups are opposed. The 157th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. is the latest to go on record against it. Meeting in Minneapolis, it adopted a resolution urging the U.S. to "use its good offices for an international agreement on the elimination of national peacetime military conscription."

In this connection Russia's action in calling up all 15 and 16-year-old boys throughout the USSR for military training attracted wide attention in the press here.

The Fortune survey showed 69.6 percent favoring compulsory military training in the U.S. after the war. The poll showed 23 percent opposed and seven percent undecided. Women often have been represented as opposed to the idea, but the survey showed as many women as men favoring the plan.

The survey also revealed that 82.3 percent wanted the U.S. to have the most powerful Army in the world after the war. But only 40 percent thought the U.S. actually would do so and 44 percent expected Russia to have the biggest army. As for the Navy and Air Force, however, a big majority both wanted the U.S. to have the biggest and thought it actually would.



Airplane spotter and his dad. Roger refused a commission.

amazement recently when Roger properly identified 121 different U.S., British, Jap and German planes in a test at the field's identification-recognition classroom. Roger started learning about planes when his dad was going through AAF cadet training and brought home identification cards for homework. Refusing a commission as first lieutenant, Roger now holds classes for his two cocker spaniels, calling off plane names and showing his dogs the pictures.

GEORGE J. DAUDLIN, Portland, Ore., shipyard worker, made his own suit in protest against the high price of clothing. It's made of burlap feed sacks trimmed with a red trademark and plastered with war stamps, and Daudlin says "It's a good suit—every itch of it."

'Two Down and One to Go' Confuses Civilians

THE ARMY'S orientation film on redeployment, "Two Down and One to Go," has been showing to the public in commercial movie houses throughout the country, but now Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer is withdrawing the film on the ground that it's outdated. Officials report that patrons become confused by the antiquated point-discharge system which the movie describes. It was made long before point values were announced. In St. Louis, a citizens' committee appointed by Mayor Aloys Kaufman is sponsoring free showings of unedited Signal Corps films showing Nazi atrocities shown along with them as a double feature is the Signal Corps picture, "Know Your Job in Germany," designed to give instructions to American troops assigned to police Germany. Children under 16 are not admitted.

The conference of western gold mine operators at Boise, Idaho, was told that Federal Court suits will be started to recover damages from the government in connection with losses resulting from a wartime ban on gold mining. The War Production Board forbade gold mining in order to make labor available for the mining of metals more essential to the war effort.

Army in Need of 700 Chaplains

THE Army is seeking 700 additional chaplains in connection with redeployment of troops from Europe. They are wanted for duty aboard troop and hospital ships and to relieve battle-fatigued chaplains overseas.

THIEVES broke into a rationing board office in Worcester, Mass., opened a six-foot wall safe with a sledge hammer and crowbar, and stole more than 1,000,000 ration stamps for all types of rationed goods.

Daughter-Slayer Ends Life When Cornered by Police

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 1 (ANS).—Ray E. Davis, 42, who killed his pretty 21-year-old daughter because she dated a soldier just returned from the CBI, died yesterday of a self-inflicted bullet, aided by a shot from a policeman's pistol.

His widow, Wilda, said she was "glad it's over and that he went out the way he did."

"We'd all been afraid he'd kill somebody else," she added.

Davis shot his daughter, Lulu Mae, with a .38-cal. revolver Tuesday night after she threw herself in front of her soldier sweetheart, Pvt. Davis Sharp, 23, when her father threatened him. Sharp ran from the house and Davis turned the gun on his daughter.

The father disappeared and police began a search, meanwhile keeping Sharp under guard. Yesterday Davis went back to his

home, where he was cornered. Outside a bedroom window, Lt. Charles Welch of the homicide squad ordered Davis to come out. There was silence for a moment, then a shot and a scream.

Davis, his shirt stained red, staggered from the room. Welch fired his own pistol, hitting Davis in the shoulder. He fell and within five minutes was dead. The shot by his own hand had been fatal.

The widow said her husband had been particularly bitter toward the CBI veteran because he was the only boy friend Lulu Mae had refused to give up to please her father.

It was revealed that while at large, Davis had telephoned relatives saying he was going to commit suicide and expressing the wish to be buried at the same time and place as his daughter. His widow said his wish would be granted and he would be buried tomorrow beside their daughter.

By the Sea, by the Beautiful Sea



Claire James, shown sunning herself on the beach at Santa Monica, Calif., may be one reason why the waves go wild and the ocean roars. The Hollywood starlet is appearing in "Navy Blues."

Trumans Have Made Selves Right at Home in White House

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—In the executive mansion less than a month, Mrs. Harry S. Truman gave newspaperwomen a chance yesterday to see that from pianos to potted plants, the upstairs living quarters have been transformed to suit the Trumans.

Reveal Bomb Struck Oregon

LAKE VIEW, Ore., June 1.—The Japanese long-range balloon-bomb which killed a mother and five of her children fell in a southern Oregon woods near here.

Disclosure of the accident, which took place May 5 when one of the children disturbed a high-explosive bomb, part of the equipment of a fallen Japanese paper balloon, was made by Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson as a warning to the public against approaching strange objects in forests.

Eleven-year-old Joan Patzke spotted the object as she trotted about the southern Oregon woods with the Rev. Archie Mitchell, his wife and four other youngsters on a fishing trip from their home at Bly, Ore.

She called to the others. One of them tugged at the strange object and an explosion occurred. The blast killed Mrs. Mitchell, Joan, her brother Dick, 13, Eddie Engen, 13, Jay Gifford, 12, and Sherman Shoemaker, 12.

The minister and another child escaped because they were some distance away.

Cause of the tragedy was kept a military secret until the announcement. It set off a wave of fear among southern Oregon loggers, who are cutting timber needed in the war, and campers who had heard rumors.

Patterson said it was the only fatality caused by hundreds of bomb-carrying balloons which the Japanese have dispatched toward the U.S. after ceremonial releases from plants in Japan.

Ten Police Cars Snare 'Jap' Balloon

LONG BEACH, Calif., June 1 (ANS).—Horace Mann elementary school has sent up its first and probably last weather forecasting balloon.

A seven-foot red, white and blue balloon, released for a study of weather charts, was mistaken for a Japanese balloon and followed for blocks by squads of police cars summoned by jittery citizens. The floating bag finally came to earth and was given a wide berth by nearby residents until the police, ten squad cars of them, learned the truth.

La Follette Hits Imperialism of British, Soviets

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS). Sen. Robert M. La Follette (Prog-Wis) warned yesterday that the costliest war in history will end in a short truce instead of lasting peace if the United States fails to halt "the imperialistic policies" of Great Britain and Russia.

In his first major foreign policy speech since Pearl Harbor, the pre-war isolationist told the Senate that the world security plan being drafted in San Francisco "needs basic overhauling," including the revision of veto machinery and more power for the Assembly. The purpose, program and possibilities of the San Francisco conference have been "oversold" to the people La Follette added.

Atlantic Charter 'Flouted'

Charging that Britain and Russia have "flouted" the Atlantic Charter declaration against territorial aggrandizement, he protested that the U.S. has failed to use "its tremendous bargaining power."

He charged that Russia's policies in Poland, Rumania, Hungary and Austria constituted "a direct violation" of the charter and said they "seem more in accord with old imperialistic purposes and methods of the Czarist regime than with those of the early days of the revolution."

LaFollette also denounced British activities in Italy and Greece, and accused Prime Minister Churchill of being "dogmatic and arrogant" in refusing to "discuss definite plans for the freedom of subjected peoples of the British Empire."

Changed Direction Urged

He charged that the U.S. had "acquiesced" in such policies and said, "Unless we change our direction soon, we shall find our expenditure of men, money and materials will have failed to assure a lasting peace. I am not more prepared to commit the U.S. to enforcing British rule over India, Burma or Malta than I am to commit my country to enforce Russian domination over Poland, Rumania and Austria."

Congress Bout Goes on Record

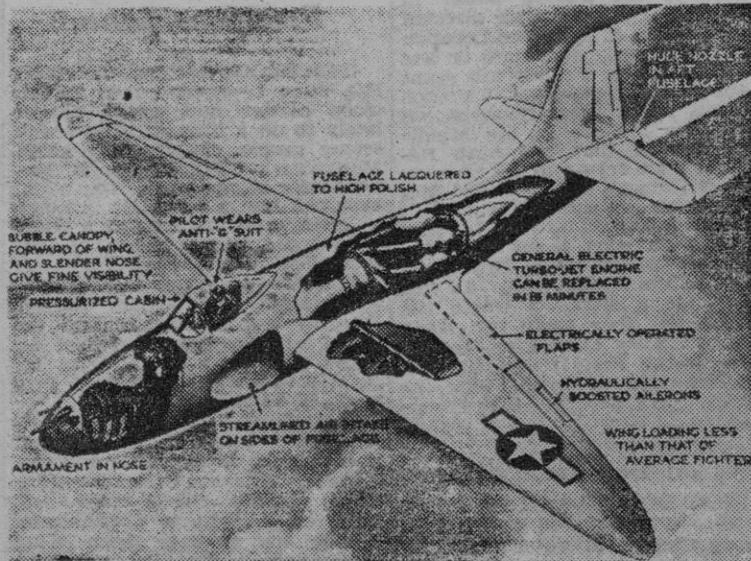
WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—The House of Representatives yesterday received a wordy blow-by-blow description of the one-punch bout staged by Reps. Clarence Cannon (D-Mo.) and John Taber (R-N.Y.) in the House Appropriations Committee office.

They agreed on only one point: Cannon, 66, popped Taber, 65, in the mouth during an argument after Taber made a speech denouncing the House action in voting each member an annual \$2,500 expense account. Taber didn't hit back.

Cannon, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, who yesterday professed ignorance of the encounter, today said that Taber ended the fight by running from the office. He elaborated on that theme in a 15-minute speech.

Taber said that after Cannon struck him he grabbed Cannon by the wrists and held him "I could have held him indefinitely," he said.

New Jet Plane, an Artist's View



This artist's conception of a lighted plane, embodying the characteristics of the Army Air Forces Lockheed P80 Shooting Star was based on facts released by the War Department. The cutaway of the fuselage between the cockpit and the tail gives a picture of the gas turbine which powers the plane. No actual pictures of the P80 have yet been released by the War Department.

Levant Conflict Stems From Tangle of Interests

By William R. Spear

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, June 1.—Take the desire of Syria and Lebanon for their independence, add national pride and sensitivity of France under De Gaulle, mix in a dash of British foreign policy of keeping on good terms with the Arabs, spice with the strategic geographical importance of the Middle East, stir well and you get today's crisis in the Levant.

The Levant is the name given to the countries washed by the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea. Levant is a French word, which means approximately "rising," but it is used usually in connection with the rising of the sun rather than the gore of the natives.

The current trouble in the Levant is a complicated tangle of conflicting interests, but, if developments are retraced step by step, it is easy to understand.

Syria used to be a province of the old Turkish empire, but after the first World War was made independent, divided into two countries called Syria and Lebanon, and placed under the administration of France as a mandate of the League of Nations. The French met constant difficulties in administration, economic troubles and armed uprisings as the countries clamored for independence.

Syria Republic in Name

When France collapsed in 1941, the British, with some Free French troops, occupied Syria to keep the Nazis from grabbing it off. France then turned her mandate over to the British and Free French. Later, Free France, in agreement with Great Britain, terminated the mandate and Syria was proclaimed a republic, independent in name at least. But the French stayed on there.

Recently, Syrians have been yelling for the French to remove all their troops and clear out entirely. But De Gaulle was reluctant to do this without first negotiating a treaty which would safeguard French interests there. Specifically, De Gaulle was reported seeking rights to airfields in Syria, naval bases in Lebanon, preferential tariff treatment for French products and an agreement for French to be the compulsory language in the schools.

Negotiations on the treaty were under way in Syria with Gen. Paul Etienne Beynet, French commander there. Georges Bidault, shrewd and able French Foreign Minister, was away, attending the United Nations Conference in San Francisco. Suddenly, De Gaulle sent the French cruiser Jeanne d'Arc into Beirut harbor and landed a big force of Senegalese troops.

The French explained that the Senegalese had been sent in because France planned to use air bases, the port and depots in the Levant in connection with the Pacific war, where France's big interest is Indo-China. But the French action in sending more troops instead of withdrawing those she had there angered the Syrians and Lebanese and treaty negotiations were broken off.

Arabs Support Syria, Lebanon

Tension gave rise to demonstrations, riots and street fighting, and shortly French and natives, both Christian and Arab, were fighting.

Arabs of Egypt, Iraq, Trans-Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Yemen jumped in with pledges of support for the Syrians and Lebanese.

Now Britain has a vital stake in the Middle East, where the Suez Canal carries the lifeline between the British Isles and India, and Britain is the leading power in that region. The British directed the liberation of Syria and Lebanon from Vichy rule and more or less guaranteed that France will grant them full independence. French officials are apparently suspicious of British motives in the Middle East, feeling that the Arab Nationalists are trying to take advantage of France's weakness and that the British are aiding them.

It is a fundamental British policy to keep on good terms with the Arabs to safeguard the British position in the Middle East. All this made for a situation where the British felt they could not stand idly by. They offered to mediate between the French and Syrians. Nothing came of words. Now the British have decided to intervene forcibly.

PWs on Bread-and-Water

FORT DOUGLAS, UTAH, June 1 (ANS).—Two hundred Italian PWs are on a bread-and-water diet today and confined to an open field with tents for living quarters after they struck for an eight-hour day. Col. E. L. Hogan said the prisoners would remain under restrictions until they return to their jobs. He termed "ridiculous" the prisoners' demand that they be put on a par with civilian employees.

Levant Dispute Stresses Need Of Peace Body

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1 (ANS).—The dispute among three of its member nations—France, Lebanon and Syria—gave new urgency yesterday to the efforts of the United Nations Conference to set up a world league equipped to settle just such arguments.

There was much uneasy discussion among delegates about the rumblings on the other side of the world, but conference officials were successful in keeping the Levant crisis isolated from deliberations.

A half-dozen points still bar the way to finishing the charter for the new world organization. They are:

- 1.—Future amendment of the world charter.
 - 2.—The formula for electing the principal executive officer of the new league.
 - 3.—A method of electing judges of the new international court.
 - 4.—Whether the charter should contain provisions for expulsion of league members.
 - 5.—The procedure for member nations to make military forces available to the organization.
 - 6.—The French proposal for equal access by all nations to raw materials, and an Australian pledge that each nation shall promote such policies as "full employment."
- The question of the Big Five veto powers appeared to be causing much of the delay. An interpretation of these powers, written as an answer to 22 questions on the subject submitted by the conference's smaller nations, has been completed but has not yet been officially approved by the major nation capitals.
- Meanwhile, sitting on the sidelines was the Denmark "delegation." The nation hasn't been officially admitted into the United Nations family yet, but the delegates arrived in anticipation of an early invitation.

Czech Army Returns

PRAGUE, June 1 (Reuter).—The Czech Army has returned here after six years and scenes in this beflagged capital resemble those of the entry of French troops into Paris last August. A column of 280 British tanks manned by an independent Czech armored brigade rumbled through the streets of the capital as almost all of the million inhabitants turned out to welcome their home-coming soldiers.

TC Pilots Really Do Get Around

Three Airmen Drop In To Pay Respects to President Benes

434th TROOP CARRIER GROUP, HQ, June 1.—Several men in this troop carrier unit got a chance lately to do a little gadding about, seeing people. Particularly kings. Monarchs are FO Gunnar D. Frederikson's strong point. You might even call him a specialist in kings.

"First," said Frederikson, a glider pilot from Askov, Minn., "I met King George of Greece.

King George got to talking with Frederikson, who speaks Danish, Swedish and Norwegian, and the exiled monarch suggested that the glider pilot drop in and give his regards to King Christian of Denmark, if he got a chance.

Frederikson got the chance a few days later, when Lt. Col. Ben A. Garland, CO of the 434th, and Col. Adriel L. Williams, CO of the 436th Troop Carrier Group, took him along on a flight to Copenhagen.

With his message from King George, the glider pilot got right in to see King Christian. They had a long chat. Frederikson said the king told him: "Drop in and see my brother, King Haakon of Norway, if your duties take you in that direction." But Frederikson has yet to hit Oslo.

Three other pilots of the 434th

Truman Cabinet Gets Three New Secretaries



Rep. Clinton P. Anderson, new secretary of agriculture, succeeding Claude Wickard, is a Democrat and Representative from New Mexico.



Tom C. Clark, new assistant attorney general, will succeed Francis Biddle who has resigned as attorney general, on June 30, President Truman has announced.



Federal Judge Lewis B. Schwollenbach, who succeeds Miss Frances Perkins as secretary of labor, will finish court duties before assuming his post.

Editors Decry Levant Dispute

NEW YORK, June 1 (AP).—Here is editorial comment from American newspapers on the Syrian crisis.

The New York Times says: "France cannot attempt to recover prestige by victory over small and comparatively powerless states like Syria and Lebanon." The Levantine trouble, it declared, "is aggravated by French suspicions of British intentions in the Near East, which at this time, whatever they may once have been, are directed toward strengthening France and preventing disturbances which would upset the precarious balance in this part of the world."

The Washington Star says: The French policy in the Near East "may now be facing the supreme test" in the current flare-up. "France is now trying to salvage its special interests by a mixture of force and legal technicalities. Such tactics threaten to provoke an explosion which would injure not merely France but Britain and America. The bankruptcy of French policy now in Levant is clearly indicated. It should promptly be liquidated with the least damage to all concerned."

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Seek Vets' TB Hospital

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—A \$2,000,000 veterans' tuberculosis hospital for northwestern Iowa is being sought by Rep. Charles B. Hoeven (R-Iowa).

Schwollenbach Confirmed As New Secretary of Labor

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—Lewis B. Schwollenbach, former senator and jurist, was confirmed yesterday as the new secretary of labor, succeeding Frances Perkins, an original member of the Roosevelt Cabinet of 1933. Senate confirmation was by voice vote and without dissent.

Crimes Define Policy of Axis

LONDON, June 1 (AP).—Constant recurrence of war crimes of well-marked types offered strong evidence that the perpetrators were committed to a policy "dictated by Axis governments," Lt. Col. J. V. Hodgson, U.S. representative on the War Crimes Commission, said today at a conference of 16 members of the commission.

His contention supported general belief that the victorious powers will attempt to pin war guilt on the Axis governments on a blanket basis.

Hodgson also hinted at support within the commission for adoption of a plan by Judge Samuel Rosenman, White House adviser, for pool indictment of such terror organizations as the Gestapo and

Britain to Discharge 750,000 Before 1946

LONDON, June 1 (UP).—Richard A. Butler, Britain's new labor minister, said the government planned to release 750,000 men from the armed forces before 1946. He added, however, that circumstances might arise to slow down the rate of discharges. Most of the discharges will be from the Army, but the Navy and Air Force also will trim their ranks.

The appointment of Rep. Clinton P. Anderson (D-N.M.) as secretary of agriculture was approved by the Senate Agriculture committee and the nomination will be brought to the Senate floor next Monday.

The Senate Judiciary committee deferred action until June 10 on the nomination of Tom C. Clark of Texas to be attorney general. Acting Chairman Carl A. Hatch (D-N.M.) said there will not be enough members in town until then for a representative vote.

The Agriculture committee scheduled public hearings to begin June 11 on the appointment of Claude R. Wickard, whom Anderson is replacing as secretary of agriculture, to be Rural Electrification administrator.

Gillette Resigns

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—Guy M. Gillette, former Iowa Democratic Senator, tendered his resignation as chairman of the surplus property board during a call on President Truman yesterday. He said the President did not act on it immediately.

Cleveland Postmaster

CLEVELAND, June 1 (ANS).—Guy R. Lucas was confirmed by the Senate today as the new Cleveland postmaster.

U.S. Attorney in Missouri

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—Sam Wear of Missouri was confirmed by the Senate yesterday as U.S. attorney for the western district of that state. He succeeds Maurice M. Milligan, prosecutor in the Tom Pendergast income tax case.

U.S. Flier Slain, German Testifies

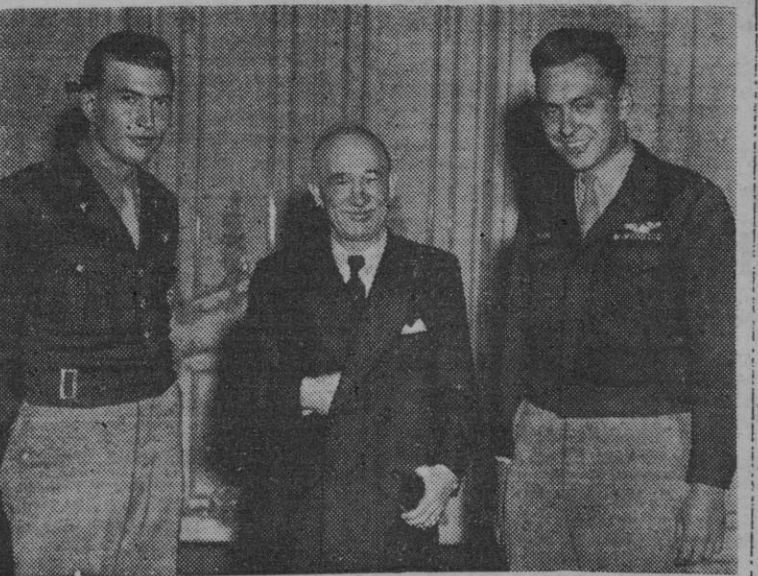
AHRWEILER, Germany, June 1 (AP).—A little old gray-haired German wheat farmer testified to an American military commission today that he saw two of his countrymen beat an American flier to death last Aug. 15 after the airman had parachuted from a flaming bomber near Trier.

Three Germans are on trial for their lives in the first trial of German civilians for a war crime in Germany. The three accused are one-armed Peter Kohn, 32-year-old crane operator; Matthias Gierens, 37-year-old railroad worker, and Matthias Krein, 44-year-old blacksmith.

They watched unsteadily with nervous gestures as Nicholas Nospes, 74, told of seeing two of them finish the flier off after another German—still at large—had shot him twice but failed to kill him. Nospes, a wry little man with a gray mustache cut like Hitler's, said Kohn used a three-foot stick in his good right arm and Gierens used a hammer.

Coal Advisory Group Formed

LONDON, June 1 (UP).—Ten countries, including the U.S., Great Britain and France, have organized a European Coal Advisory Group in an effort to combat coal shortages.



1/Lt. John R. Vitek (right) attended lectures by Dr. Eduard Benes (center) when the Czech president was in Chicago in 1939. Vitek met the statesman-educator again in Prague on a visit with Lt. Albert G. Masinda (left), of Detroit.

have been hobnobbing with European celebrities too. Only they dropped in on Czech President Eduard Benes.

The trio, 1/Lts. Albert G. Masinda, Detroit; John R. Vitek, Chicago, and Archer F. Swanda, Ulysses,

Neb., all C47 pilots, visited Benes while on a trip to Prague.

Masinda had met Dr. Benes several times in the States, while Vitek had attended several of the Czech president's lectures at Chicago University in 1939.

90% of Nation's Disabled Vets Fit to Hold Jobs

CHICAGO, June 1 (ANS).—Ninety percent of returning disabled veterans are employable, Millard W. Rice, national service director of Disabled American Veterans, told the National Conference of state veterans employment representatives yesterday.

Rice said: "Inasmuch as the Veterans Administration provides compensation for total disability for only about ten percent of the total number of all service-connected disabled veterans it must be assumed the other 90 percent of them who are only partially disabled are employable."

Rice told the conference that handicapped veterans properly placed are as capable as able-bodied persons and he proposed that government agencies should "set an example for private industry by the employment of more than their share of service-disabled veterans." Special preferences for disabled veterans are justified, he said, on the basis of the special sacrifices that the veterans have made.

Disabled veterans prefer employment to pensions, Rice declared, adding that more jobs for the disabled would relieve a potential burden on taxpayers.

Extensive post-war job opportunities for veterans in federal civil service were forecast by Charles R. Anderson, chief of the veterans' service section of the U.S. Civil Service Commission, addressing the employment representatives.

About 2,000,000 of the 2,900,000 civil service jobs at present will be thrown open for competition after the war, Anderson said, because two-thirds of the employees are in limited tenure status.

Tax Evaders Sought by U.S.

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—The Treasury Department has ordered all financial institutions in the U.S. to file reports of unusual currency transactions as part of a drive to stamp out income-tax evasion, particularly by black marketeers.

Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr. announced the action, which applies not only to banks, building and loan associations and brokers, but also to thousands of "currency exchanges" that have grown up in large cities.

It was the first time these institutions, which cash checks for fees and perform other services, have been included in Treasury orders.

United Press reports that black-market operations have been chiefly in bills of \$100, \$500 and \$1,000 denominations.

Reports must be filed of transactions involving \$1,000 or more of currency in denominations of \$50 or higher, or involving \$10,000 or more in any denominations, unless the financial institutions know the transactions are legitimate and customary.

12 SHAEF Officers Honored by British

FRANKFURT-ON-MAIN, Germany, June 1.—Twelve U.S. Army officers attached to SHAEF were invested yesterday with the Order of the British Empire for meritorious service with Anglo-American staffs during the past year.

The investitures were made by Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick E. Morgan, deputy chief of staff and senior British officer at Supreme Headquarters, in the SHAEF war room.

Three of the 12 received the title, "Honorary Commander, Military Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire." They were Maj. Gen. Francis H. Lanahan, chief signal officer; Brig. Gen. Frank J. McSherry, head of operations branch, G-5, and Brig. Gen. Beverly C. Dunn, deputy chief engineer.

The others received the title of either Additional Officer or Honorary Member.

362nd Fighter Group Wins Second Citation

Col. Joseph L. Laughlin's 362nd Fighter-Bomber Group has received its second Presidential citation for attacks against German transport, troops and material in the Moselle-Rhone triangle March 16, Ninth Air Force announced yesterday. The previous citation was for an attack on enemy shipping in Brest Harbor last summer.

Warbirds Return to the Homeland They Left as AF Fledglings



Air Forces personnel, part of the group of 275 officers and 800 EM flown home from Europe in 65 Fortresses and Liberators, wait for a customs check at Bradley Field, Conn. The group, which arrived at Bradley Field May 22, was the first to reach the States in the AF's mass redeployment.

Airmen Stuck, They Know It

BRADLEY FIELD, Conn., June 1 (ANS).—To the 1,075 airmen who arrived here last week from Europe, where they had served with the Eighth AF in the ETO and the 15th AF in the Mediterranean, redeployment is just the Army's name for the Pacific.

The men comprise the first unit of heavy-bombardment personnel to be brought back for furloughs and training in "heavier aircraft" before moving on to fight the Japanese. Some are eager for their double dose of warfare. Others will go "only if I can't get out of it."

The majority agree with T/Sgt. James Marshall, of St. Louis, who said: "It's up to the Army. I just work here."

M/Sgt. Jesse Johnson, of Du Quoin, Ill., who put in 23 months as a ground-crew chief and won seven battle stars "for sittin' around waiting," declared: "I'd just as soon go."

Among those in the I've-had-enough class was S/Sgt. Joe Wasil, of Cleveland. "I'll stay on the ground, buy bonds and wave the boys off," he said.

Arriving yesterday in the 65 Flying Fortresses and Liberators, the 800 EMs and 275 officers gave the U.S. a typical GI greeting. Piling heater-skelter out of the ships, they patted the ground, kissed their planes and hugged each other and admitted that the sight of American girls would be "interesting."

Capt. George Cline, of De Ridder, La., a former instructor, lamented that he had been in Europe only two months and said, "I missed it over there. Now I'd like to move on to the Pacific."

VMI Reunion June 13

Officer alumni of Virginia Military Institute will attend a reunion on Wednesday evening, June 13, at St. Augustin officers' mess, Paris. Reservations must be made by June 11 through Maj. J. Douglas Cook, Hq., Com Z, 2998.

Combat Troops Now Guides At Ruins of Berchtesgaden

By James Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
BERCHTESGADEN, June 1.—Berchtesgaden today is like a zoo without the animals. But soldiers come here from all over the Third and Seventh Army areas to look at the ruins where Hitler plotted.

They journey here in trucks from their outfits and are shown around the debris by 13 guides from the 327th Glider Inf. Reg., 101st Airborne Div. The contempt these combat soldiers have for their job gives their lectures a scornful quality that is unintentional, but extremely effective.

"Most of them want to know who the first troops were to get here and I tell them the French," said Cpl. Herbert Lehnen, of Owen, Wis., who had just described the gutted library where Hitler dreamed his nightmares of devastation.

Vets Going Home Skeptical; It's Just Too Good to Be Army

By Ben Price

Stars and Stripes Writer en route to Discharge

ABOARD AN ARMY TRANSPORT IN THE ATLANTIC, May 28 (Delayed).—The shores of France are many miles away now, but the 1,000 "85-point plus" soldiers on this ship, bound for home and possible discharge, can't seem to forge the ETO. Most of them, instead of talking about civilian jobs and wives, are rehashing the war—comparing notes of the hedge-rows, Metz, Hurtgen Forest and the Roer.

War II Dead To Be Together

A number of men killed in this war who were buried in World War I cemeteries will be re-interred in new plots alongside their comrades of this war, COM Z announced yesterday.

Although military cemeteries of the first war often were within battlefield areas of recent campaigns, they all escaped serious damage. An occasional stray bullet or piece of shrapnel did minor damage.

Two war memorials were destroyed. American artillery had to blast away the naval memorial at Brest to dislodge a German post there. The other was a bronze tablet at Le Havre commemorating the fact Gen. Pershing had located his headquarters there in the last war. The French say the tablet was taken by the Germans, to be melted down as scrap.

Both these memorials will be restored. A monument to Jewish soldiers at Verdun, defaced by the Germans, already has been repaired.

200 UNNRA Teams At Work in Germany

Two hundred UNNRA teams are now assisting military government officials in the task of caring for and repatriating displaced persons in Germany. Citizens from 13 nations are among the UNNRA personnel.

"I haven't thought seriously about a job," said Pvt. Anthony Masciovecchio, 24-year-old rifleman from the Eighth Div. "I'll wait until I get that 'white paper' and finish my vacation, I need a rest."

Masciovecchio has 112 points, including a Purple Heart and cluster. He also has a wife and two-year-old girl up in the Bronx, N.Y. He has never seen his little daughter.

Right now the men are sweating out the trip home—if you can call it that. The ship has A-1 facilities: hot and cold fresh water showers, good food (steak, roast beef, fried eggs, ice cream), a library and a small theater. Sun bathing and crap shooting, as on the way over, are the most common deck sports.

It's been 14 days since most of the men were chosen to become part of the first batch of 85-point plus men to go home. Some COs picked their "potential discharges" by drawing names out of a hat. Others called on men with the largest families.

Many are skeptical of whether they will get out as scheduled. Common talk is the remark made by T/5 Amadeo Faro, of Brooklyn, a father, artilleryman of the 695th Armd. FA Bn., 91 points.

"This point system seems too easy on us guys. It ain't like the Army. I ain't planning nothing 'til I get that discharge."

Medic Has a Beef

A medic, T/4 Rudolf Walter, 8th Div., 108 points, of Baltimore, Md., had a beef. He had read the story in S & S that the surgeon general in Washington had announced that medics wouldn't be getting out immediately.

"I knew something would happen. My outfit never did get issued our combat medic insignia. We probably never will get that extra pay they've been saying we'd get. And now this happens. We're so damned essential that they won't let us out."

But getting out isn't worrying all of the 85-point men on board. S/Sgt. Charles Davidson, 28th Div. rifleman, 97 points, of Atlanta, Ga., said he'd sign up for another hitch if "they'd give me a job as instructor at Benning. The Army ain't so bad."

The ship is loaded down with "loot," but as the crap games get hotter, the loot begins changing hands. When the 85-pointers first boarded the ship, a Luger was worth \$75.

"That's too much. Wait till someone gets in a spot—I'll get it for \$30," said one of the personnel (10 points) who travels back and forth from the States on this transport. He was the same person who sold a bottle of bourbon (Macy's \$4.65) to one of the combat men.

U.S. Prepares To Welcome ETO Generals

Plans for welcoming some of the ETO's top generals back to the United States were rapidly taking shape in America yesterday.

Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia said in a radio broadcast that New York City would stage an official reception for Gen. Eisenhower on June 15.

All details for the homecoming have been completed. LaGuardia declared, and the plans were being submitted to the Supreme Commander for his approval.

West Point officials announced that Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th Army Gp. commander, would address the U.S. Military Academy graduating class next Tuesday. Philadelphia City officials had announced earlier that Bradley and nine other ETO generals would attend a reception there on Monday.

In addition to Bradley, Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the 15th Army Gp. in Italy, also will attend the West Point graduation to see his son receive his commission as a second lieutenant.

Clark arrived in Washington yesterday after a short stop in Indianapolis, his home town. The Brazilian War Office in Washington said that Clark would visit South America about mid-June to welcome home the Brazilian Expeditionary Force that fought under him during the Italian campaign.

The Mayor of Los Angeles announced last week that Gen. George S. Patton Jr. Third Army commander, would attend a reception in that city on June 9 and 10. Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Eighth AF commander, already is in the U.S.

Also in the U.S. was Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, U.S. First Army commander. He slipped quietly into his boyhood home town of Perry, Georgia, with Mrs. Hodges yesterday and went to visit his 85-year-old mother, an invalid.

Greeks Order Death for 3

ATHENS, June 1 (UP).—Death sentences were meted out to three Greek collaborationists, two in absentia, by a special tribunal which had been conducting trials for the last three months.

Gen. George Tsolacoglou, quisling premier who signed an armistice with the Nazis at Salonika in 1941 despite contrary orders from the Greek general staff, received the death sentence, with a recommendation the sentence be commuted, however.

The "in absentia" death penalties were given to two other quisling ministers, Sotirios Godzamanis and Hector Teire Nikeres. Two former premiers, John Rhalys and Professor Constantine Logotopoules were sentenced to hard labor for life. Twelve others were given sentences of from five to 20 years. Fourteen on trial were acquitted.

Two war criminals in Norway "beat the rap" by blowing themselves up near Oslo. They were Gen. William Rediess, German police chief in Norway, and Josef Terboven, commissioner for the Nazis.

Vienna Is Opened To Allied Diplomats

The Soviet government has agreed to the immediate entry into Vienna of a few minor American and British military and diplomatic officials as the first step toward establishment of a joint Allied Control Commission. International News reported yesterday in Paris. The Soviets, however, still have given no indication when they will be prepared to permit entry of token American and British forces or Control Commission personnel.

PRO Gets Hot Tip From Own Handout

ATLANTIC CITY, June 1 (ANS).—Lt. Paul B. Slater Jr., a PRO at the AAF Redistribution Station here, was copying down the names of ten officers for a news story on their release under the Army's point system. Halfway down the list the lieutenant stopped, then yelled: "Hey, number seven is me!" A sergeant finished listing the names.

Dave Ferriss Wins No. 7; Dodgers Gain on Giants

Bosox Rookie Tips Cleveland, 6-2; Yanks Lose

NEW YORK, June 1.—Dave Ferriss, rookie pitcher of the year, turned in his seventh straight scintillating performance yesterday as he twirled the Red Sox to a 6-2 victory over the Indians. Ferriss now holds triumphs over every American League club except Washington, which he hasn't faced as yet.

One of the runs off Ferriss was unearned and helped the Tribe assume a 2-0 lead after five innings. But the Red Sox got to Red Embree for five runs in the fifth, the big blow being George Metkovich's homerun with two men on, to assure Ferriss of the win. It was Embree's farewell appearance as he leaves tomorrow for the Army.

Two-hit pitching by Les Mueller, Tiger freshman making his first start, blanked the Yankees in a twilight game, 2-0, and shaved New York's lead to one game. The only hits off Mueller were singles by Nick Etten in the second and Herschel Martin in the fourth. The Bengals scored both runs off Bill Zuber in the fourth inning.

A four-run rally in the second inning enabled the Browns to subdue the Senators last night, 5-2, as Al Hollingsworth bested Mickey Haefner in the mound duel. Milt Byrnes homered off Haefner in the ninth to complete scoring for the Browns.

Jittery Joe Berry came in when Don Black wrenched his back in a collision with Umpire Cal Hubbard in the third and pitched the Athletics to a 3-2 verdict over the White Sox. Berry checked the Sox with four hits and one unearned run. Bobby Estalella drove in the winning run against Ed Lopat in the eighth when he cracked a single.

Bums Outlast Bucs; Reds, Cards Triumph

NEW YORK, June 1.—Lippy Durocher's Dodgers climbed back into second place within five games of the idle Giants by defeating the Pirates last night, 6-4 in 13 innings. Rain stopped the Giants and Cubs at Chicago.

The Bums produced their winning margin in the 13th against Nick Strincevich, who pitched the route, on a single by Tony Dantonio, Goody Rosen's triple and an error by Strincevich. Clyde King, who replaced Vic Lombardi when the Pirates clustered four runs in the seventh, was credited with the triumph.

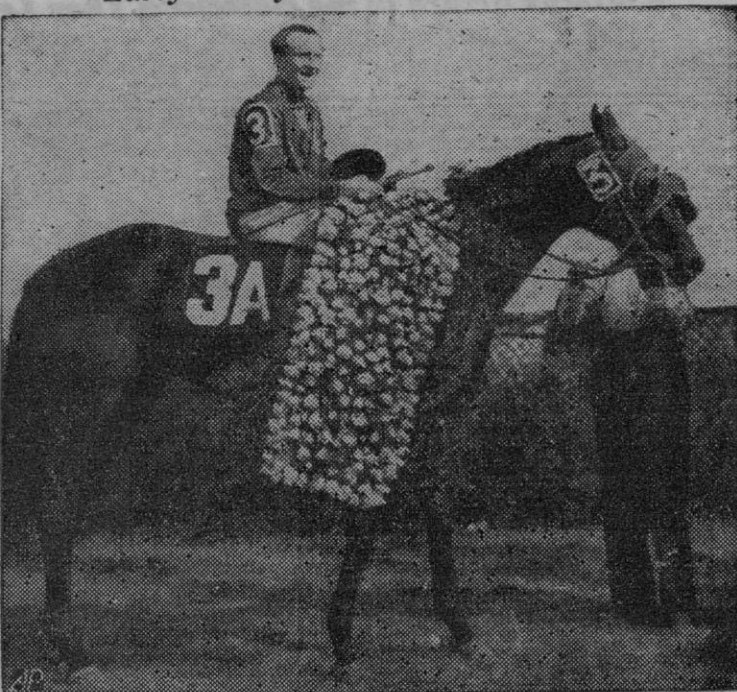
Although outlit, 10-7, the Cardinals victimized the Braves in a night game, 9-4, to move into a third place deadlock with Pittsburgh. The Cards took advantage of Al Javery's wildness and two Boston errors in the first inning to register five runs. The champions collected four more runs off Bill Schacher and Tom Earley.

Jack Creel pitched all the way for the Cards and yielded single runs in the first, third, sixth and seventh innings. Tommy Holmes homered for Boston in the sixth.

Walter "Boom Boom" Beck rationed only five hits as the Reds trounced the Phillies, 8-1, for their fifth consecutive decision. Bill Lee was shelled from the mound in the second when Cincinnati scored three runs, and the Redlegs continued their assault against Tony Karl and Dick Coffman.

Each Cincinnati player collected at least one hit, seven different players figured in the scoring and four different batters drove in runs.

Early Derby Choice to Miss Classic



John Marsch's Free For All

Marsch Scratches Free For All From Kentucky Derby Field

NEW YORK, June 1.—The field for the 71st running of the Kentucky Derby on June 9 was narrowed to 14 today when Trainer Byrley Park announced that Free For All, the early favorite, would not go to the post in the Blue Grass classic.

The John Marsch colt, who romped to five straight triumphs as a two-year-old but was whipped this year in the Derby Trial, pulled a tendon while working out at Churchill Downs yesterday.

Hoop Junior, upset winner of the second half of last Saturday's Wood Memorial at Jamaica, left for Louisville this afternoon. Jeep, the C. V. Whitney colt who annexed the other division of the Wood, leaves Monday. Alexis, second to Hoop Junior Saturday, entrains for the Downs tomorrow.

With the East represented by only three candidates, the remainder of the field will come from horses trained in Kentucky, plus Charles S. Howard's Sea Swallow, lone candidate from the Far West.

Next Saturday's running of the traditional Blue Grass Stakes may further reduce the field. At the moment it looks like other Derby runners will be Burning Dream, Pot o' Luck, Air Sailor, Bymeabond, Best Effort, Foreign Agent, Fighting Stip, Darien, Darby Dieppe and I Can Get It.

Redskins Sign Two Servicemen

WASHINGTON, June 1.—A former marine, credited with killing 132 Japs, and a Sioux Indian Army sergeant, today signed contracts to play football for the Washington Redskins of the National Football League.

The marine is Jack Sugarman, former Temple end who won the Navy Cross for heroism on Guadalcanal.

Sgt. Ambrose Dog Eagle, also an end, has served in the Army four years.

Runs for the Week

National League		American League	
M	T	M	T
Boston	1 X 11 4	Boston	6 6 10 5
Brooklyn	3 10 10 6	Chicago	8 4 7 2
Chicago	5 3 17 8	Cleveland	P 1 10 2
Cincinnati	2 X 12 8	Detroit	P X 5 2
New York	P 3 10 P	New York	P 11 5 0
Philadelphia	P 1 8 1	Philadelphia	P 2 6 3
Pittsburgh	P 4 23 4	St. Louis	P 0 2 5
St. Louis	P 9 6 9	Washington	P X 8 2

Mel Ott Eclipses Wagner's NL Mark

CHICAGO, June 1.—Mel Ott, Giants manager who sets a new National League record every time he walks, pokes a home run or dusts his pants, added a coveted laurel to his haul in the first game of yesterday's holiday twin bill with the Cubs.

When Mel tagged Hank Wyse for a double and a single, he established a new league mark for total bases—4,890—which eclipsed Honus Wagner's old standard of 4,888.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

L T. COL. Frank McCormick, genial boss of the ETO athletic program, cast plenty of light on the equipment puzzle yesterday. In fact, "Colonel Mac" was beginning to get browned off about the hue and cry of "What's happened to all the athletic equipment we're supposed to have?"

McCormick's office has done everything it can to get baseballs, softballs, track and field paraphernalia, etc., into the hands of servicemen on the Continent as rapidly as possible. And—contrary to general belief—there is enough equipment here to forestall the substitution of "chicken" for an athletic program in virtually every unit. Not enough for units to build up stock piles of their own, but enough to keep everybody actively engaged in some sport.

"There never will be enough stuff here for units to selfishly hoard for a rainy day," McCormick said, "because production at home never could reach such a peak. But we have, and will continue to get each month, an ample quantity of equipment so that nobody in the ETO will have to worry about a shortage. The main problem at present is getting each command to regulate its distribution in an equitable manner."

"We already have issued more than 100,000 softballs, an item some units are complaining about," he continued. "This means each unit of company strength should have about six. And we are getting about 300,000 more in the future. If the boys don't have them at their disposal, there's something radically wrong somewhere along the line. Our office makes sure equipment is delivered to commands. From then on, the breakdown is their responsibility."

So apparently athletic officers who have been beating their gums about the "shortage" should do some sleuthing around their own territory. The equipment definitely is reaching higher echelon headquarters, which means someone there is snafuing the works. This, incidentally, applies only to some units because several, perhaps better organized to handle the distribution, already are in the midst of smooth-functioning athletic programs.

For sleuthing athletic officers who might not be able to hunt down clues, here's a suggestion: Start combing through your headquarters detachment, and it's a safe bet you'll find plenty of bats and balls, etc. When you do, confiscate them—and distribute them equally among ALL units. Everybody wants a chance to play.



With T/Sgt. Harold Jordan winning two events and placing second in three others, the 310th Ferrying Sq. rolled up 51 1/2 points to win the 302nd Transport Wing track and field title.

In a snow marked by an abbreviated welterweight bout because the timekeeper rang the bell after only a minute of third-round action, punchers representing Rheims whirled their way to a 5-3 team victory over Cherbourg. Because the judges ruled Rheims' Pfc Roscoe Fisher, Atlanta, was ahead on points when the timekeeper ended the match prematurely, he was awarded the decision over Pfc Leonard Patton, of Gary, Ind.

Pony Ballet Wins Feature At Delaware

NEW YORK, June 1.—Pony Ballet, speedy 6-year-old mare, registered her second success in a row by racing to victory yesterday in the six furlong Mill Creek Purse at Delaware Park. With Ray Arduini in the saddle, Pony Ballet easily outraced Lanlast and Valinda Brave, paying \$5.50.

C. V. Whitney's Infilade captured the 36th running of the Rosedale Stakes at Jamaica as Sixty Minutes, odds-on betting favorite, finished a badly beaten last in the four-horse field. Ridden by Arnie Kirland, Infilade paid \$5.80 after whipping Waymark by ten lengths. Sarongirls was third.

The feature event at Hawthorne Park was won by Dederod, with Fire Dust second and Corydon third. Making his second start of the year, Dederod, with Eddie Bianco up, came from behind to nail Fire Dust at the wire, paying \$6.80.

In his first start at Narragansett Park, Hammerlock scored a two-length win over Paper Mill and Fjord in the Camp Edwards Purse. Jockey Al Shelhamer was aboard, and Hammerlock returned \$60.60.

Bobmann, ridden by Freddie Smith, showed his heels to Bergolater and the favorite, Joe's Choice, in the LaGrange Purse at Churchill Downs. Tickets on Bobmann were worth \$29.20.

Riddle's Arm Sound; Red Ace to Rejoin Club

CINCINNATI, June 1.—Elmer Riddle, leading National League pitcher in 1943 but sidetracked with a lame arm since last May, today informed the club his arm is in shape again.

Army Outlines Sports Program For GIs Leaving ETO for U.S.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Army ground forces en route from the ETO to the Pacific will be offered an extensive sports program as part of their reconditioning in the States, War Department disclosed today.

The Army said every soldier will be required to participate in swimming and boxing, plus one team sport, as part of the regular military training schedule. There will be an instructor for each sport in a unit of company size, the announcement said.

In addition to expert training in boxing and swimming, the doughs will be given instruction in football, baseball, softball and basketball.

Inter-camp competition will be arranged in various sports, the Army said, and some regular leagues may be set up "subject to transportation limitations and military training requirements."

The program, to be directed by Col. Kenneth Buchanan, was planned by a group of veteran coaches and athletes. They include: Matt Mann and Ed Kennedy, swimming coaches at Michigan and Columbia, respectively; Hank Iba, whose Oklahoma Aggies won the National basketball crown this year; Joe Brown, Princeton boxing coach; Jack Coombs, Duke baseball coach; Tad Weiman, ex-Princeton grid mentor, and Asa Bushnell, Eastern Intercollegiate athletic commissioner.

Spectra courses are now in progress at Washington and Lee University to prepare athletic officers for the program.

THE SCOREBOARD

American League	
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2	St. Louis 5, Washington 2 (night)
Boston 6, Cleveland 2	
Detroit 2, New York 0 (twilight)	

National League	
Cincinnati 8, Philadelphia 1	St. Louis 9, Boston 4 (night)
Brooklyn 6, Pittsburgh 4 (13 innings, night)	
New York 4, Chicago 0 (postponed, rain)	

League Leaders	
American League	
Cuccinello, Chicago	32 112 18 41 363
Etten, New York	35 126 20 41 325
Stirnweiss, N.Y.	35 136 30 44 324
Stephens, St. Louis	28 105 23 34 324
Case, Washington	31 124 19 39 315
Estalella, Philadelphia	35 130 17 41 315

Minor League Results

International League	
Baltimore 11, Jersey City 8	Syracuse at Newark, postponed, cold
Only games scheduled	
Montreal 22 12 447	Syracuse 13 15 464
Jersey City 15 12 536	Rochester 13 15 464
Newark 15 14 517	Buffalo 11 16 407
Baltimore 15 14 517	Toronto 11 17 393

American Association	
Toledo 4, Columbus 2	Indianapolis 4, Louisville 1
Kansas City 17-1, Milwaukee 6-3	Minneapolis at St. Paul, postponed, rain
Only games scheduled	
Milwaukee 19 12 612	Columbus 18 20 474
Indianapolis 19 11 576	Kansas City 15 18 455
Louisville 17 15 531	St. Paul 13 16 448
Toledo 16 17 485	Minneapolis 13 18 419

Southern Association	
No games scheduled Thursday	
W L Pet	W L Pet
N. Orleans 25 8 758	Little Rock 12 19 387
Char'n'za 21 10 677	Nashville 10 21 323
Atlanta 21 10 677	Birmingham 9 23 281
Mobile 21 12 618	Memphis 8 23 258

Eastern League	
Falmira 12, Binghamton 4	Utica 6, Williamsport 3
Albany 10, Wilkes-Barre 2	Only games scheduled
W L Pet	W L Pet
Williamsport 13 9 591	Seranton 11 11 500
Hartford 11 9 550	Albany 11 11 500
Elmira 11 9 550	Utica 11 12 478
Wilkes-Barre 12 11 522	Binghamton 7 13 318

Pacific Coast League	
Sacramento 4, San Diego 0	Portland 6, Seattle 0
Oakland 11, San Francisco 7	Hollywood 9, Los Angeles 2
Only games scheduled	
W L Pet	W L Pet
Portland 37 22 624	S. Diego 20 32 484
Seattle 34 24 586	Sacramento 29 31 483
Oakland 32 29 525	L. Angeles 27 33 450
S. Francisco 29 20 492	Hollywood 21 38 356

Windy City Team Signs 3 Grid Stars

CHICAGO, June 1.—Lt. Don Griffin, former Illinois halfback, Norm Verry, USC guard, and Lt. Billy Hillenbrand, former Indiana ace, have signed contracts to play with Chicago of the new All-America Football Conference.

Announcement of the signing of the first three members of the post-war eleven which will play its games in Soldier Field, was made last night by its owner John L. Keshishin at a dinner honoring Lt. Col. Dick Hanley.

The former Northwestern mentor has been signed to coach the Chicago entry in the new circuit.

Bums Acquire Tulsa Star

PITTSBURGH, June 1.—Barney White, 20-year-old third baseman and football star at Tulsa, has been signed by the Dodgers. He will join the team in Brooklyn next week.

10,000th Entry Seeks Prize in Letter Contest

Along came the mail clerk yesterday and plunked a letter down on the desk of the War Bond Contest editor.

"This," he announced, "is the 10,000th letter."

And so it was, which gives a pretty good idea of the deep interest ETO men and women are taking in their personal post-war world.

The letter was from S/Sgt. Richard D. Thompson, Co. D, 504th Parachute Inf. The letter was put away, to be judged with the rest later. So keep your fingers crossed and maybe you'll be winning one of the 15 automobiles or trucks, 15 refrigerators or 20 phonographs which are to be handed out to the writers of the best letters on "My Savings and Postwar Plans."

Letters must be from 50 to 250 words in length, and the only requirement is that contestants enclose a statement pledging that they either hold a Class B (War Bond) allotment or have bought a bond since May 1.

The contest will close July 7. Officers and men awaiting redeployment or shipment home are urged to send in an entry, for winners will be notified wherever they may be, according to Col. J. H. Fulton, contest chairman. Address all letters to War Bond Contest, APO 887, U.S. Army.

Luftwaffe Reports Weather for C47s

C47 crews of Col. Donald J. French's 437th Troop Carrier Group, flying military personnel and war correspondents to Denmark and Norway, are using Luftwaffe weather reports before clearing Scandinavian airfields for their home base, it was revealed yesterday.

Luftwaffe members are handling weather stations, airdrome switchboards and other ground crew jobs under supervision of Allied airmen until qualified Allied personnel relieve them.

In a weird sequel to the war, the C47s land at the Scandinavian airports, are flagged in by German ground crews, and when ready to take off obtain through English-speaking Danes or Norwegians translations of German-words weather reports. The forecasts have agreed with reports compiled at the Group's weather station in France.

Legion of Merit Won By 4 French Officers

SIXTH ARMY GP. HQ., June 1.—For outstanding work in connection with the clearing out of large groups of German troops isolated along the Atlantic coast of France, four French general staff members of the Army Detachment of the Atlantic were awarded the U.S. Legion of Merit yesterday.

Col. Pierre Auguste Conze, chief of staff, was awarded the degree of officer. The rank of legionnaire was conferred upon: Lt. Col. Guy Tallon, G4; Maj. Philippe Gouraud, G2, and Maj. Edouard de Nezeu, liaison chief at Sixth Army Group.

Cod Liver Oil Gets Boost

OSLO, June 1 (AP).—Cod liver oil saved the health of the Norwegian nation during five years of German occupation. Physicians said the health-giving fish oil was the only commodity which the Norwegians had enough of during the occupation and that nearly every family took daily doses.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

1411 KC 213 M 1204 KC 249 M

Time	TODAY
1200	Duffie Bag
1300	News
1315	Great Music
1330	Intermezzo
1400	Army Orchest.
1430	Showtime
1500	Beaucoup Music
1600	Baseball
1630	Strike Up Band
1700	Sgt. R. McKinley
1730	Nat. Barn Dance
1755	Sports
1800	News
1815	On the Record
1900	U.S. News

Time	TOMORROW
0600	Yawn Patrol
0700	News
0705	Yawn Patrol
0801	AEP Diary
0820	Sunday Serenade
0900	News
0915	Remember
0930	Family Hour
1001	Morning After
1030	Strike Up Band
1101	Home News
1106	Radio Chapel
1135	Concert Hall

News Every Hour on the Hour.

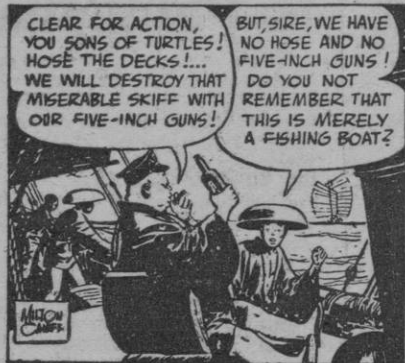
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Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



Gasoline Alley

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Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.



By Chester Gould

Blondie

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Joe Palooka

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By Ham Fisher

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Send your questions or problems to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, APO 887. In replying to an advertisement, address letter to person signing ad, care of Help Wanted.

30th GEN. HOSP. REUNION

At hospital, Saint Anthonius, Antwerp, Belgium, June 9. For Officers Club members. Third Anniversary. All former members invited.

FOUND

WALLET, belonging to Lt. Frank E. Rydahl by Maj. F. A. Skidmore, Hq., NBS, APO 562.

FOR SALE

TENNIS racket and set of golf clubs—Sgt. Kobel, First Med. Gen. Lab., APO 887.

CAMERA EXCHANGE

FOR SALE: 116 Ikonta, 4.5 Tessar, Compur; 127 Ihagee, helical mount, 3.5 Schneider-Xenar, Compur, with pouch; 120 roll film adapter, plate camera, case, film, or swap for 35mm camera—Cpl. Robert M. Johnston, 38004141, Ord. Ser. Hq., Com Z, APO 887.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:

Sgt. Howard T. Welsh, Avon, N.Y.—Daniel Howard, May 10; Sgt. Vincent A. Haas, Mondovi, Wis.—Linda Kathryn, May 16; Pfc George S. Reynolds, East Elmhurst, L.I.—boy, May 15.

Sgt. James V. Cullotta, Bridgeport, Conn.—Licia Jayne, May 21; Oo Ellis H. Breitenbach, Connerville, Ind.—Larry Edward, May 21; Capt. Joseph A. Larkin, Yonkers—Thomas Michael, May 1; Lt. Edwin C. Onstot, Montrose, Minn.—Jack Lee, April 28.

Cpl. Robert Holstrom, Harvey, Ill.—girl, May 21; Lt. William W. Roe, Watertown, N.Y.—Margaret Elizabeth, May 21; Cpl. Robert J. Knight, Utica, N.Y.—Patricia Lee, May 9; Cpl. Clarence H. Gertken, Louisville, Ky.—Edward Tobias, May 16; Pvt. Alfred Pacelli, Bronx—Sharon Elizabeth, May 10.

Maj. John E. Miley, Troy, Ala.—Jeanette, May 29; Sgt. J. W. Morris, Briston, Tenn.—Jaynette Whitfield, May 27; Sgt. James A. McCormick, Brooklyn—Jane Helen, March 6; Lt. Ralph L. Colton, Philadelphia—boy, May 25; Capt. Carl S. Knox, Emporia, Kan.—girl, May 28; Cpl. William Dean, Springfield, Mo.—girl, May 27.

Okinawa Struggle Costs Japanese 61,000 Dead

GUAM, June 1 (ANS).—More than 61,000 Japanese of the original Okinawa garrison of 85,000 have been killed and 1,333 captured in the two-month campaign, it was officially announced today, but a U.S. Tenth Army staff officer said that the enemy, with reinforcements, might be able to muster 35,000 men for a final stand at the southern tip of the island.

The two-week U.S. assault, which flanked and then cracked the enemy's Naha-Shuri-Yonabaru line, cost American forces nearly 10,000 dead, wounded and missing up to Thursday.

Meanwhile, U.S. forces forged a double ring around the Jap defenders of Shuri, last remaining enemy stronghold, where an estimated 1,000 Japs are still fighting from underground tunnels and wrecked buildings. First Marine Div. troops from the west joined with 96th Inf. Div. units which

Japs Admit Losses

NEW YORK, June 1 (INS).—Domei, Japanese news agency, admitted today that the main Jap defense line in southern Okinawa had been broken at many points by the Americans.

It said the Jap position was becoming increasingly serious, since the fighting has shifted from a single line to "plural lines," with the opposing forces locked in heavy fighting.

stabbed 1,200 yards in from the southeast, and front reports said Sixth Marine Div and Seventh Inf. Div. forces had met farther south.

Despite more rain and heavy mud, American forces moved to mop up Shuri completely and put an end to the steady Jap withdrawals southward to rugged but less strongly fortified hill positions. (The Associated Press said that the Japanese might be withdrawing to a new line across Okinawa's southern tip, where they would attempt to defend an area four miles wide and two deep.)

Col. Louis B. Ely, staff officer of Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner's Tenth Army, said that the Japanese had fought well in Shuri but had stayed too long around Shuri Castle, where marine troops raised the U.S. flag two days ago.

Army Probing Yank's Death

U.S. Army criminal investigators of the Seine Section said last night that they were "hoping for" developments in the search for the murderer of an American soldier whose nude body was found in the Bois de Vincennes, near Paris, early Sunday morning.

An autopsy revealed that the murdered man, an Army sergeant whose name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, died of a cerebral hemorrhage from a blow behind the right ear which had crushed his head.

The significant point in the murder and possibly the motive was the removal of all clothing and identification. It led to speculation that either the clothing was to be used by some individual or that the murderer had hoped identification would not be possible.

Checks have been made on the victim's Army and civilian friends. Evidence indicated the murdered man was of ordinary habits and did not carry an exceptionally large amount of money. He had informed friends that he would return for bed check the night that the murder occurred.

Plans Set to Exchange Francs For Soldiers Outside France

Soldiers in countries other than France who still retain the current issue of franc notes will be allowed to exchange them for either new franc notes or the currency of the country in which they are stationed, according to Col. Omer V. Claiborne, chief of SHAEF's French currency section.

It is known that the Germans took a large amount of franc notes out of France, and disbursing officers will be particularly careful to note whether any American soldiers are being used as intermediaries for exchange of such money.

Soldiers had been told to exchange their money for the currency of the country in which they were to be stationed. Therefore, a soldier who has been receiving marks for pay will need a satisfactory explanation if he presents a large sum of franc notes.

Yanks Beat Off Japs' Attacks In Philippines

MANILA, June 1 (ANS).—Japanese forces have attempted widespread counter-attacks against U.S. and Filipino forces in the Philippines and against the Australians on New Guinea, but they were "almost uniformly unsuccessful," Gen. MacArthur's communique announced today.

The announcement said that the attacks were small in scale, usually in company strength, but were "persistent and ferocious."

Meanwhile, in northern Luzon, three U.S. divisions and powerful guerrilla forces hammered at enemy defenses along the 150-mile-long Cagayan Valley, where between 20,000 and 30,000 Japanese troops are isolated.

Repulse Jap Attack

Filipino troops repulsed a Jap force attempting to cross to the western bank of the Cagayan River after being pushed out of mountain country on to the river's east bank.

At the southern end of the valley, the 25th and 32nd Inf. Divs. put more pressure on the largest organized Jap force on the island. Further south, in central Luzon, the 38th Div. pushed deeper into the Sierra Madre mountains where the enemy has re-formed the broken Shimbul defense line.

The U.S. 13th AF, for the third day, stepped up its assault on oil-rich Borneo as Australian invasion forces wound up their initial operation on Tarakan Island, off Borneo's northeast coast.

More than 100 bombers and fighters of the 13th struck at Balikpapan, Brunei Bay and Banjarmasin, while Aussies finished off enemy holdouts in caves.

New British Army Is Formed in Asia

LONDON, June 1 (UP).—Formation of a new British army—the 12th—under command of Lt. Gen. Sir Montagu Stopford, was reported today from Southeast Asia Command HQ.

The army, made possible by resources released from the European theater, will operate with the British 14th Army.

London military authorities said the 12th was formed specifically for the Japanese campaign. The new army includes American, British, Chinese and Indian troops who drove south through Burma to win Mandalay and Rangoon.

WAC Deputy Director

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—Lt. Col. Westray Battle Boyce was appointed today as Deputy Director of the WAC. Col. Boyce served as staff director for the North African Theater from July, 1943, to August, 1944, when she was assigned to the War Department Personnel Division. She was awarded the Legion of Merit for work in Africa. She is a native of Rocky Mount, N.C.

Action Over, Gable's Back to Lights and Camera



Back in Hollywood after nearly three years with the Air Forces, Clark Gable goes over the script of his newest movie with Greer Garson. The former Eighth AF major will play the role of a merchant mariner in the picture, "This Strange Adventure."

U.S. to Cancel Meat Exports To Relieve Shortage at Home

WASHINGTON, June 1 (UP).—The government will cancel all lend-lease and foreign relief shipments of meat during July, August and September, it was learned today.

The action, designed to improve slightly the meat supply for U.S. civilians, will principally affect Russia, which in the April-May-June quarter was assigned 300,000,000 of the 325,000,000 pounds of U.S. meat exports—mostly in the form of canned "Tushonka," a beef-pork combination. Officials said that the denial of meat for foreign relief would be "a grave disappointment" to liberated peoples.

The only meat shipments abroad during July, August and September will be for the U.S. armed forces, and officials promised that the American soldier will "continue to be the best fed in the world."

The abandonment of lend-lease meat shipments is largely due to the curtailment of lend-lease to European nations as a result of the end of the war in Europe. All lend-lease food shipments are expected to be down to three or four percent of the total U.S. supply by the end of 1945, compared with seven percent in 1944.

Relief shipments will increase five to ten percent, it was estimated. Wheat and flour are the major relief foods.

Congress recently suggested a check in relief exports of sugar in view of the growing scarcity in the U.S. but officials reported that even if present allotments were continued, Europeans would have only 30 pounds of sugar per person yearly compared with the 1945 U.S. civilian allotment of 72 pounds.

Casablanca Hub Of Ferry Service

WASHINGTON, June 1 (AP).—About 40,000 soldiers a month, or about four-fifths of all soldiers to be flown to the U.S. from Europe, will leave from Casablanca, in French Morocco.

The remaining 10,000 men scheduled to fly home each month will leave from Paris and London, a War Department announcement said.

Most of the men scheduled to fly home are highly-skilled specialists and those eligible for discharge on points. The time required to fly from Casablanca is about 27 hours.

Split Track Blamed For Florida Wreck

KISSIMMEE, Fla., June 1 (ANS).—A split section of track was blamed today for a wreck of the Atlantic Coast Lines' west coast Champion which injured 27 persons slightly yesterday.

The engine of the New York-to-Tampa train left the rails on a straightaway north of here, taking the baggage car and five steel coaches with it. The engine overturned and caught fire. Officials estimated it would take another day to clear the wreckage.

ETO Censor Bans on News Are Continued

There has been no fundamental change in the U.S. military censorship system since V-E Day and the system will continue to apply to news dispatches indefinitely.

This was the clarification given yesterday by Col. R. Ernest Dupuy, deputy public relations director, SHAEF, to a "clarifying statement" issued by SHAEF several days ago that all censorship of news had been discontinued except on the subjects of major troop movements and matters of high military importance.

The "clarifying statement," as it was entitled officially, left correspondents at SHAEF's public relations division confused. Nearly every correspondent had his own interpretation of the statement and proceeded to defend it before censors who continued to blue pencil copy as vigorously as ever.

The statement, Dupuy said, meant that censors are to restrict blue penciling to details of troop movements and high military matters. This latter, he said, might include details of secret weapons, tables or organization, tactics and methods of equipment.

No Abuse of Democratic Rights

Meanwhile, from Washington came OWI Chief Elmer Davis announcement that the Germans face internal censorship for some time.

Davis, speaking before the House Appropriations Committee, said he was presenting Gen. Eisenhower's views. He quoted Eisenhower as saying: "We are not going to lose the peace by giving license to racialists, pan-Germans, Nazis and militarists so that they can misuse democratic rights in order to attack democracy as Hitler did."

All publications in Allied Germany are now under rigid SHAEF control and later will be supervised in the U.S. zone by group control authorities.

Demand Laval Go to French

WASHINGTON, June 1 (ANS).—The U.S. is urging Spain to turn Pierre Laval over to the De Gaulle government in Paris, it was announced today.

Acting Secretary of State Joseph Grew, who made the announcement, said that while the U.S. was pressing for transfer of the man who headed the French puppet government for the Nazis, Spain had indicated she would release Laval only to the Allied War Crimes Commission, if that body proclaimed him a war criminal.

Laval was last reported imprisoned at Barcelona where he fled following the collapse of Germany. The French want to try him for treason. Grew's statement was the first official indication that the U.S. is actively supporting De Gaulle in his attempt to obtain custody of the former Vichy premier.

Grew said he was unprepared to say whether Spain had replied officially to the U.S. request.

House Members in Paris

Three members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Reps. Harold D. Cooley (D-N.C.), Harold M. Earthman (D-Tenn.) and George M. Grant (D-Ala.), arrived in Paris and conferred informally with U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery yesterday, prior to making a study of the European food situation.

Tension Eases In the Levant

(Continued from Page 1) inviting them to the conference, he said, but he was unable to give a definite date for the proposed meeting.

Britain was said to want the conference held as soon as possible and expressed the belief it could be conducted with Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden representing Britain, U.S. Ambassador John Winant the U.S., and Foreign Secretary Georges Bidault representing France.

Most of the battle area apparently was calm yesterday. All business was at a standstill in Beirut under a four-day protest strike, but there was order in the city and no incidents were reported. The Syrian capital of Damascus and the city of Aleppo also were reported relatively calm.

There were few estimates of casualties. Saad Allah El Jabri, former premier and speaker of the Syrian parliament, told the press in Beirut that he estimated 300 were killed in the fighting in Damascus. Jabri left the city in disguise. Two British military policemen were wounded when French shells hit the military police station, presumably before the cease-fire order. One British officer had been reported killed earlier.

United Press, quoting British sources in London, said that British troops in the Levant total about one division.

Third Inf. Div. 'Hardest Hit' In War With 34,224 Casualties

America's five divisions "hardest hit" in the war are the Third, Fourth, Ninth, 36th and 45th, all infantry outfits and all serving in the ETO, Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson announced yesterday in Washington.

With the exception of the Fourth, which landed in Normandy on D-Day, all the divisions fought in Africa, Sicily or Italy, or a combination of the three, before serving in France and Germany.

Leading the list was the Third "Rock of the Marne" Div. with 34,224 casualties. The 45th had 27,553, the 36th 27,344, the Ninth 22,724 and the Fourth 21,550.

Patterson said the casualty figures were based on initial reports received through April 30 and are still subject to revision.

The Third, commanded by Maj.

Gen. John W. O'Daniel; the 45th, commanded by Maj. Gen. Robert Frederick; and the 36th, commanded by Maj. Gen. John Dalquist, landed with the Seventh Army in the invasion of southern France, and fought on into Germany either as part of the Seventh or with the French First, which together with the Seventh formed the Sixth Army Group.

The Ninth Div., commanded by Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig, went to England after the Sicily campaign and then to Normandy. It was last reported as part of the First Army.

The Fourth, commanded by Maj. Gen. Harold W. Blakeley, was reactivated in 1940 as a triangular motorized division, later became a regular infantry outfit and went into combat in Normandy. It was reported last with the Seventh Army.