

## Yanks 70 Miles From Belgium

### Other War Fronts

### Reds Continue Rumania Push As Braila Falls

### Nazi Black Sea Naval Base and Danube Fort Taken

As the Red Army continued its great offensive in Rumania by moving forward on the broad front across the Galatz gap, Moscow last night announced the capture of Braila, important port on the lower Danube 13 miles south of Galatz.

This fortress town of Tulcea, located in the Danube delta, was captured by marine landing parties of the Russian Black Sea fleet. At the same time Sulina, German Black Sea naval base, was occupied by the Russians.

In Poland, the Germans launched more counter-attacks in the vicinity of Praga, but Marshal Stalin's communique reported they had been repulsed.

A total of 11,000 German prisoners were taken yesterday by the two Soviet Armies fighting in Rumania, Moscow reported.

### U.S. Heavies Raid Shanghai, Sumatra

China-based American heavy bombers raided Shanghai, great Yangtze River port in Japanese hands, for the second time yesterday, while other American heavies attacked the Pacific island of Sumatra.

Meanwhile, a Chungking communique reported that Chinese forces had cut the Canton-Hankow railway north of Hengyang.

### Germans in Italy Still in Retreat

German troops in Italy last night were reported still in retreat toward their Gothic line, while Allied advances in the area of Florence and the Arno River were announced.

Allied aircraft from the Mediterranean theater yesterday hammered enemy oil targets in Austria and Hungary.

### Says '40 Output Would Hit U.S.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28 (ANS)—A post-war production level the same as existed in 1940 would mean 19,000,000 unemployed because of war-developed technological improvements, said Chester Bowles, chief of the Office of Price Administration.

He added that full post-war production should be under way before rationing and price controls were abandoned.

"The greatest price rise of the last war came after peace," he said, "and in May, 1920, the inflationary bubble burst, factory payrolls dropped 44 per cent and business profits 104 per cent."

### Executive Power to Use Army For Peace Urged

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (ANS)—The New York Times says that Wendell L. Willkie has been urging Republican congressmen to support a measure which would authorize the President to use U. S. military forces without prior consent of Congress in any international organization set up to preserve peace.

**DUTCH TROOPS IN FRANCE**  
LONDON, Aug. 28 (UP)—Dutch marines and the Dutch Princess Irene's brigade are fighting in Normandy and captured Deauxville with Belgian troops last week, it was reported here.

### Army Tentatively Sees Nazi End Oct. 1, Woodrum Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—Chairman Clifton Woodrum (D.-Va.) of the House Postwar Military Policy committee said the Army "tentatively" looks to Oct. 1 this year as the date for the end of the war against Germany.

Woodrum interposed this statement at a hearing at which Rear Adm. James H. Irish, Navy inventory control officer, indicated the Navy expects to be still fighting in the Pacific through 1945.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt, asked if he could give any idea on when he expected a German collapse, replied: "My, no." He added he had been very careful about such things, pointing out he was about the only person who hasn't made a guess at the date.

The President's comment followed by 12 hours a statement by Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal which quoted Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme Allied commander, as saying that "by rational standards the German Army would roll over now." But Gen. Eisenhower added, Forrestal told a press conference, that the German Army was not likely to collapse any time soon because "any revolt leader will find a pistol bullet in his liver the next minute."

Woodrum declined to elaborate on his statement. However, Irish, testifying on surplus property disposable by the Navy, said that operations against Japan were being retarded by "insufficient deliveries in comparison with established requirements."

### 5 'Demob' Centers Set to Open; 'Points' to Decide Discharges

By Ben Price

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—While Washington and the nation buzzes with guesses on when Germany will collapse, the Army apparently anticipating an early end to the European war, has begun oiling up its demobilization machinery.

Although no specific information was forthcoming on who would be sent home first, or when, the Army announced officers and enlisted men crews had completed training to organize and operate five "reception centers in reverse" throughout the country, where hundreds of thousands of discharged veterans will exchange ODS for civies.

If everything goes according to schedule, getting out of the Army will be a quick affair, taking no more than 11 to 48 hours. During this time each soldier will have his military records put in order and his clothing checked; will get paid; will be given a medical examination; and will receive vocational counsel.

The veteran will also be told his rights under the "GI Bill of Rights," and the Veterans' Administration, will get the first installment (\$100) of his \$300 mustering out pay and will be given money for transportation to the point where he was inducted.

**Where You'll Get Out**  
Officially called "Army Separation Centers," the five discharge camps will be located at Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; Ft. Sain Houston, Tex.; Ft. McPherson, Ga.; Presidio of Monterey, Calif.; and Ft. Dix, N. J. Mistakes in demobilization experienced after World War I will be

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**7th Drives 85 Mi. Up Rhone**  
Nazi Marseille Units Quit; 15,000 Nazis Retreating

American troops of the Allied Seventh Army last night were reported to have advanced 85 miles north into the Rhone Valley while the German garrison at the important port of Marseilles in southern France had surrendered.

Mopping up operations in Toulon, French naval base, were being continued by French forces and Allied headquarters reported that 7,000 prisoners had been taken in the drives on Marseilles and Toulon to bring the Allied total in southern France since D-day there to more than 30,000.

Fifteen thousand German troops were reported retreating toward Lyons, which already has been taken over by French Forces of the Interior, and it was expected that the Nazis might eventually be trapped. There was no official report on dispatches from Zurich stating that American patrols had reached the Swiss border over the weekend.

**Administrative Medics Seek 2,000 for OCS**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—The War Department has announced that, within the next eight weeks, more than 2,000 men will be accepted for officer candidate courses in the Army's Medical Administrative Corps.

Applicants must have scored 110 or better in the Army General Classification test and must have had at least three months of continuous service immediately preceding enrollment in OCS, including completion of a course prescribed by a mobilization center.

**1,920 KILLED DAILY**  
MOSCOW, Aug. 28—Investigators checking on the German atrocities committed at the Lublin "death camp" stated that for a whole year incinerators burned 1,920 bodies daily. The report added that 900,000 pairs of victims' shoes have been found in one of the camp's warehouses.

### Gen. Patton's Troops At Chateau-Thierry, 1918 Battleground

### Yanks 'Will Reach Germany in Week' If Present Advance Continues, UP Reporter Says

Strong patrols of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's swiftly advancing Third U. S. Army last night were reported within 70 miles of Belgium's border after reaching Chateau-Thierry, scene of two German defeats in World War I, and gaining control of the River Marne 50 miles from Paris.

Meanwhile, John Parris, United Press correspondent at supreme Allied headquarters, reported that American troops "will reach the borders of Germany within a week if the present rate of advance is kept up."

"It is not safe to prophesy in a fluctuating battle, but in this case there are no signs whatever that the routed German armies in the West are capable of making a strong stand anywhere. The nearest point to the German border that the U. S. troops have reached officially is Troyes, 120 miles away. But the Germans say we have reached Reims, less than 100 miles from the Reich," Parris said.

"And then there are the 'ghost' forces advancing at breath-taking speed, but whose precise whereabouts is not disclosed by Gen. Eisenhower for security reasons. The German High Command, in fact, may not know itself where they are, so chaotic has been its own retreat," he added.

Gen. Patton's Army appeared to be in a position either to strike north toward Reims with the aim of cutting off the German 15th Army now manning the "buzz bomb" coast in the Pas de Calais sector or continue eastward and push directly toward the Reich itself.

On the reopened Brittany battlefield around the vital supply port of Brest, American troops were reported to have gained 1,000 yards in heavy fighting. Inside Paris itself, sporadic sniping was said to be continuing although all the organized resistance had been cleaned up ever the weekend.

British and Canadian troops continued to advance in the Seine loop and another bridgehead over the river—the fifth west of Paris—was established yesterday. Remnants of the German Seventh Army still were in disorganized retreat along this sector and the British forces apparently were driving toward the "buzz bomb" coast and the port of LeHavre.

There appeared to be some possibility that the Nazis would put up a strong fight for Rouen. Fighter pilots have reported considerable movements of equipment from Le

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### Bulgaria Quits, Joins Neutrals In Peace Bid

### Major Balkan Swing To Allies Seen; Hungary Warned

A major Balkan swing to the Allied side appeared in prospect last night as Bulgaria tacitly rejected Hitler by declaring it would follow a policy of strict neutrality.

The development followed announcements in both Washington and Ankara, Turkey, that Bulgarian diplomats had been in contact with Allied governments to negotiate peace terms.

Meanwhile, as Rumanian troops continued to fight Germans in that country, Secretary of State Cordell Hull told a press conference in Washington that the United States would be represented by both military and diplomatic officials at the Rumanian armistice negotiations in Moscow.

Hull said Russia had taken the initiative in arranging the armistice, indicating that the Russians had played the key role in getting Rumania to change sides.

Hull's statement came simultaneously with a new warning by Moscow to Hungary to get out of the war or suffer the consequences.

There were further signs that Finland was trying to arrange a settlement with Russia when it was revealed that a representative of the Finnish government had arrived in the Soviet capital for a series of conferences.

### Security-Talk Secrecy Angers Press In U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—The issue of secrecy surrounding the Dumbarton Oaks world security conference threatened to overshadow the three-power talks themselves as Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, chief American delegate, told correspondents today that he would consult with Russian and British delegates to see if "something can not be worked out."

Stettinius made his statement after receiving protests from correspondents over the skeleton communiques which have been issued thus far reporting only mechanical aspects of the meeting.

**ICELAND'S HEAD IN U. S.**  
WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—Sverrn Bjornson, first president of the Icelandic Republic, arrived here. He was received at the White House by President Roosevelt, and members of the cabinet and congress.

### Tea is Served as 'Warspite' Bombards Germans at Brest

By Ned Roberts

United Press Correspondent  
ABOARD H.M.S. WARSPITE, Off Brest, Aug. 25 (Delayed)—In one of the most concentrated bombardments in naval history, 15-inch guns of this mighty warship today wrecked the last major enemy strongholds in the Brest area and paved the way for decisive Allied land action against the Nazi garrison of the Brittany port city.

In two hours and 22 minutes of bombardment, the Warspite hurled one-ton shells into five Nazi fortifications guarding the approaches to Brest.

Our initial target was a battery of formidable, turret-mounted 11-inch—280 mm.—guns at Lochrist, on the Brest outskirts. We opened fire at 3:14 p.m. and 11 minutes later scored a direct hit with a three-gun salvo.

After 44 rounds from the 15-inchers, aerial observers reported that the target position was a mass of wreckage, with only one gun recognizable as such, and with no sign of life in the target area.

With this job done, the Warspite swung her big guns to a casemated battery of 150 mm. guns at nearby Saint Mathieu. Because of this target was in a difficult position from our angle of fire, it took 51 rounds before destruction was confirmed. Then the Warspite methodically turned to the task of obliterating three smaller fortifications in the Brest Harbor area.

We drew fire but sustained no casualties.

During the height of the bombardment, tea and cookies were served to all aboard.

As I write this, two hours after the last shot was fired, my ears are still ringing from the blast. My legs and back ache and in general I feel like I have been put through the wringer.

This was the first engagement for the Warspite—30-year-old veteran of Marvik, Raggio and Salerno—since the initial week of the Normandy invasion when she bombarded German positions in both the American and British sectors of the beach.

# 'Somewhere in France...'

WHEN the shouting and shooting had died down in Paris, an officer emerged from the darkened luxury of the Hotel Continental to tell one of the strangest stories of the siege of Paris.

It starts when Lt. Col. Bion C. Welker, assistant civil affairs officer of the First Army from the Twelfth Army Group, boldly drove his captured German vehicle through the enemy lines into Versailles. He faced certain capture. He knew it. But he drove on until two machine guns barred his way.

"I am a domineering type of man," said Col. Welker with a grin, "and I demanded to be taken to the Staat Kommandant of Paris."

Quickly he was conducted before the resplendent Kommandant who was not a little impressed by the Class A uniform and the air of importance worn by the colonel.

Welker saw a prisoner in the Continental, a lush and expensive hotel taken over by the Kommandant and the SS, and he cooperated with the Germans by explaining to them the utter hopelessness of their position in the face of such French and American strength as was then assembled outside the city.

As the thundering Allied guns drew nearer, the Kommandant became more nervous. "What do you think we should do?" he asked Welker.

Speaking perfect German, Welker told him he should surrender as an honorable soldier before a superior force. The Kommandant shook his head, but time was passing, the guns moved in, the PFI was gaining the upper hand throughout the city.

A wild night of burning secret documents followed frantic, hurried conferences. Welker could feel that the end was coming. His guards were perfectly correct in their treatment of him, and the German officers looked after his welfare.

Then came the Kommandant, "we Colonel," said the Kommandant, "we will surrender to you—the Americans—but do not turn us over to the PFI, I beg of you."

Welker said he would consider the matter, which he did long enough to get a white sheet and march out the hotel door where the waiting French took the Germans away. Welker had explained the situation to them, and they agreed to accord the surrendering German staff all of the honors of war and give them treatment commensurate with their rank.

There was one gripe. Welker lost his shirt. A German soldier had stolen his only shirt and his tooth brush.

Capt. Frederick Bigelow, of Chicago, with Capt. Henry L. Stamer, of New York, and Sgt. William Sundberg, of Roselle, N. J., received their first glasses of champagne in Paris from Georges Carpentier, one-time opponent of Jack Dempsey. Carpentier now operates a small bar near the Eiffel Tower.

THE 1944 model of "Mademoiselle from Armentiers" hasn't let the U. S. soldier forget he is in Paris. She and her enthusiastic sisters wait at street intersections for a jeep to pause. That's the signal for all hell to break loose and the kissing starts. "If this is war, I love it." T/4 Robert Golding, of San Francisco, sighed as he ducked into the arms of three gorgeous gals.

Two infantrymen's insatiable desire for souvenirs were at last satisfied this morning, according to T/5 Richard Hartman, of Edgewater, N. J., and Pvt. George W. Ferazzi, of Kearny, N. J., who parked their jeep near the Place de la Concorde and asked a passer by where they could buy necklaces.

Forty minutes later they had their necklaces—more than they expected. They wore them on their wrists, around their necks, and stuffed a few in their pockets. The French, who answered the call, had scoured the neighborhood for the trinkets.

MOBILE training units—miniature technical colleges on wheels—are now following U. S. airmen as bases move deeper and deeper into France.

The trailer "labs" make it possible for aerial mechanics and groundlings to get up-to-the-minute data regarding new modifications, instruments and repair techniques. Though airmen coming to this theater are already fully trained, the continual flow of aircraft modifications rising out of combat experience make it necessary for mechanics to study constantly.

The mobile training units are equipped with models, cutaways, graphs, drawings, films—everything

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needed to teach new techniques in the shortest possible time.

In use for some time in England, the travelling "tech" colleges stay two weeks at each bomber and fighter station or repair and maintenance depot. Classrooms are set up in empty hangars, barns, sometimes in bombed out churches. Students fly with the new or modified equipment on "graduation" day so that they may observe its functions.

Cpl. Willie I. Southard, of Selma, N. C., was carrying an ammunition bag full of mortar shells down a road near the front in Brittany. Suddenly the Germans opened up with mortar and machine gun fire, and Southard hit out "like a scared jackrabbit" for a protecting hedgerow.

All set for a long wait behind the hedgerow, Southard was lying on his back, watching the tracer bullets go by just above his head, when he noticed smoke pouring from his ammunition bag.

"Man," he said, "I slid through that grass on my stomach faster than a jackrabbit on roller skates, and left that bag behind."

When the shooting died down, Southard returned to the ammunition bag, and found that a tracer had gone through it, burning the powder increments off two shells. The shells themselves were untouched.

1/LT. Stanley Lyons, of Worcester, Mass., reconnaissance platoon leader of an armored infantry battalion, was leading an armored thrust with four jeeps when he reached a turn and came upon a German infantry battalion marching up the road.

Disregarding the overwhelming numerical superiority of the enemy, he immediately opened fire and, deploying his small force, killed or wounded 200 Nazis. Confused by the swift attack, which gave them no time to reorganize, the remainder of the Germans were captured by the armored column following Lyons. The action, for which Lyons has been awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry in action, took place between Dulcey and St. Laurent.

Ben E. Harrill, of Lincoln, N.C., has been awarded a direct battlefield commission as 2nd lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers.

Lt. Harrill formerly a master sergeant in the plans and operations section of an engineer battalion, was given the oath by Lt. Col. James W. Perkins of the Adjutant General's Department. The recommendation for appointment said Harrill, while a sergeant, had been given the mission of maintaining liaison between an infantry regiment and the engineer companies engaged in crossing the Vire River in the vicinity of Ariel in assault boats and on a foot bridge in the face of heavy enemy fire.

"Through utter disregard for his own safety and attention to duty (Harrill) enabled the regimental commander to maintain a smooth flow of infantry across the Vire, establishing a bridgehead even though the foot bridge was twice demolished by enemy artillery fire," the recommendation said.

Harrill was a member of the North Carolina National Guard when it was mobilized Sept. 16, 1940.

## Here's One Officer's Orderly With Right Idea



Fourteen-year-old Pietro Regorovich, late of the German Wehrmacht, holds a carbine on a German prisoner as T/5 Maurice Keventines, of Brooklyn, looks for weapons. Pietro, who isn't sure of his age, was picked up by the Germans near Leningrad a couple of years ago and was made an officer's orderly detailed to digging slit trenches. When the Americans wiped out his company, Pietro begged to remain with Capt. Ted Large, armored recon unit commander, so Ted kept him—as a company mascot. Except for the car and the way he rides behind an armored car, the Russian youngster might pass for an American Eagle Scout.

## 'Haba! Haba!' Battle Shout Takes Fortress

A U. S. INFANTRY DIVISION, Aug. 28—Capt. Granville A. Sharp swears it was a battle cry and martial music that spurred his battalion on in an attack which resulted in the 15-minute capture of a strongly-held German fortress.

The Davidson, N.C., captain's battalion reorganized before the fort after fighting its way through a town, and an American using a loud speaker told the Germans holding behind their walls that defeat was all they could hope for and surrender would at least spare their lives.

But no white flag appeared, so Capt. Sharp's unit attacked. Shouting an old battalion cry—"Haba, Haba!"—his men charged through machine gun and mortar fire. As they neared the fort, the Germans hurled hand grenades down on them.

It was like a knights-of-old charge. The battalion, stopped momentarily, took up the "Haba, Haba!" cry again, and from behind came the martial strains of the Victory March over the loud speaker system—and the Americans charged on.

After the fighting had finished, the doughboys dramatically raised the American flag and played the Star Spangled Banner over their loud speaker system.

**CHURCHILL LEAVES ITALY**  
ROME, Aug. 28—Prime Minister Winston Churchill has left Italy.

### Private Breger



"You an' your short cuts!"

## A Report From Paris

By Ernie Pyle

Other correspondents have written so thoroughly and so well about the fantastic eruption of massed joy when Paris was liberated that I shan't attempt to dwell on it much.

But there are some little things I have to get out of my system, so we will have at least one column about it.

Actually, the thing has floored most all of us. I know that I've felt totally incapable of reporting it to you. Somehow it was so big I felt inadequate to touch it, and didn't know where to start or what to say. Words you put down about it sound feeble to the point of asininity.

I'm not alone in this feeling, for I've heard at least a dozen other correspondents say the same thing. A good many of us feel we've failed in properly presenting the loveliest, brightest story of our time. It could be that it's because for so long we have been so unused to anything bright.

### Big Kissing Spree

At any rate, let's go back to the demonstration. From 2 o'clock in the afternoon until darkness around 10 we few Americans in Paris that first day were kissed and hauled and mauled by frenzied friendly mobs until we hardly knew where we were.

Everybody kissed you—little children and old women, grownup men and beautiful girls. They jumped and squealed and pushed in a literal frenzy.

They pinned bright little flags and badges all over you. Amateur cameramen took pictures. They tossed flowers and friendly tomatoes into your jeep. One little girl even threw a bottle of cider into ours.

As you drove along, gigantic masses of waving and screaming humanity clapped their hands as though applauding a fine performance in a theater. We in the jeeps smiled back until we had fixed grins on our faces; waved until our arms gave out and then just wagged our fingers, and shook hands until our hands were bruised and scratched.

If the jeep stopped you were swamped instantly. Those who couldn't reach you personally threw kisses at you and we threw kisses back.

### Big Songfest

They sang songs by the crowd. They sang wonderful French songs we had never heard. And they sang "Tipperary" and "Madelon" and "Over There" and the "Marseillaise." French civilian policemen saluted formally, but smilingly as you passed. The French tanks that went in ahead of us pulled to the sidewalks and were immediately swarmed over by the adoring populace.

And then some weird cell in the mystic human makeup caused the people to start an autograph craze. It began the first evening and had grown to unbelievable proportions by the next day. Everybody wanted every soldier's autograph.

They shoved notebooks and papers at you to sign. It was just like Hollywood. One woman on the second day had a stack of neatly cut little white

slips, surely 300 of them, for people to sign.

That first afternoon only the main streets into the city were open and used, and they were packed with humanity. Side streets were roped off and deserted, because the Germans still had feeble fortifications and snipers there.

### Mademoiselles Beautiful

The weather was marvelous for Liberation day, and the next day too. For two days previously it had been dark and gloomy, raining cats and dogs. But on the Big Day the sky was pure blue. The sun was bright and warm—a perfect day for a perfect occasion.

Paris seems to have all the beautiful girls we've always heard it has. The women really have the art of getting themselves up fascinatingly. Their hair is crazily done and their dresses are worn imaginatively. They dress in riotous colors in this lovely warm season, and when the flag-draped holiday streets are packed with Parisians, the color makes everything in the world seem gay, too. As one soldier remarked, almost the biggest thrill in getting to Paris is to see people in bright summer clothes again.

Like any other city Paris has its quota of dirty and ugly people. But dirty and ugly people have emotions, too, and Hank Gorrell got roundly kissed by one of the dirtiest and ugliest women I have ever seen. I must add, since he's a handsome creature, that he got more than his share of embraces from beautiful young things.

There was one funny little old woman, so short that she couldn't reach up to kiss the men in military vehicles, who appeared on the second day carrying a stepladder, and wherever a car stopped she'd climb her stepladder and let the boys have it with huge laughs and kisses.

The second day was a little different from the first. You could sense that during those first few hours of liberation the people were almost animal-like in their panic of joy and relief and gratitude. The people were actually crying as they kissed you, and screamed, "Thank you, oh, thank you for coming."

But on the second day it was a deliberate holiday. It was a festival prepared for and gone into on purpose. You could tell the women had prettied up extra fine. The old men had on their old medals, and little children were scrubbed and Sunday-dressed until they hurt.

And even everybody came downtown. By two in the afternoon the kissing and shouting and autographing and applauding was almost deafening. The pandemonium of a free and lovable Paris reigned again. It was wonderful to be here.

### 'THINGS ARE MOVING FAST'

CAPETOWN, S. Africa, Aug. 28—"Things are moving fast now and it may not be long before Queen Wilhelmina is back in Amsterdam," Vice Adm. Sir Robert Lindsay Burnett, commander of the British South Atlantic fleet, said here recently.



# Nelson Pacing Tourney With 2-Stroke Lead

## Jug McSpaden, White Tied for Second With 213

CHICAGO, Aug. 28—Although his 73 was the first time in 66 rounds this season that he failed to come home under par, Byron Nelson entered the last round of the 72-hole \$42,500 All-America golf tournament at Tam O'Shanter with a two-stroke lead.

The veteran clubber from Toledo, a heavy favorite to annex the first prize of \$13,000, raised his 54-hole total to 211 to head the field of 122 professionals into the home stretch. His closest competitors are Jug McSpaden and Pvt. Buck White, of Greenwood, Miss., finalists last year when Jug won in a playoff.

Stanley Hornes, of Montreal, paced the activity with a two-under-par 68, while Cal Seares, of Montgomery, Ala., and Ralph Hutchinson, of Bethlehem, Pa., matched the 69 carded by White.

**Dutch Harrison Fourth**  
A sub-par 70 carried Dutch Harrison into fourth place with 214, followed by Bud Williamson, of Lincoln, Neb., whose par 72 placed him fifth with 215.

Ken Heilemann, of St. Louis, enjoyed a comfortable margin among the amateurs with 216 after shooting a 74.

The women's competition became a three-cornered fight when Betty Hicks shot 80 for a total of 236 and Dorothy Germain, of Philadelphia, dissipated 78 strokes and Georgia Tainter, of Fargo, N.D., used up 76. Miss Germain and Miss Tainter trail Miss Hicks by two strokes.

Other than the pitchers, every regular on the new Giant lineup has hit at least one homer this year. Of the subs Leon Treadway, a member of the Giants only ten days, and Bruce Sloan, reserve outfielder who has been out with an injured ankle, are the only ones who haven't connected for the circuit. That hitting has the Giants leading the majors in home run production by a comfortable margin.

Sad Sam Gibson, who broke into organized ball in 1923 and left the Giants in 1933 to pitch for Portland on the Coast, recently flipped a neat five-hitter for San Francisco against Sacramento. Sam is 45 and has been with the Seals for 19 years.

The very latest word from the southern football world has the great Tennessee and professional star, Beattie Feathers taking over as head coach at North Carolina State, replacing William "Doc" Newton who has moved to the University of South Carolina.

Lt. Billy Sewell, who threw passes in every direction for Washington State a couple of years back, is now on duty at a Second Air Force Headquarters and probably will be on hand for the 2nd AAF football team that is being touted as one of the strongest in the nation. The coach will be Maj. Red Reese, former mentor at Eastern Washington College of Education.

Capt. Joseph W. Hillenbrand, one-time Purdue football star, has been reported killed in action in France.

Vince DiMaggio and his Pittsburgh Pirate bosses are in a big squabble over food, of all things. The Pirates are allowed \$4.50 a day to eat on and after a recent night game Vince came back to the hotel to find that the only eating place handy was the hotel dining room where they had a floor shew and 20 per cent entertainment tax. Vince's bill came to \$9.97, and the Pirate front office raised hell. Now Vince wants the club to trade him, if they don't want to feed him.

The word is out in the majors that Whit Wyatt is through as a pitcher. The Dodger star went from June 28 to August 1 without making an appearance in order to rest his sore arm. On his first outing he didn't have a thing and the arm was still sore.

### Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Rennes, France.

(When requesting an APO, be sure to include last known unit, APO, ASN and home town of the person you want as well as your own.)

#### APOs Wanted

SGT. Edward KEAVENY, Bronx, N. Y., and Sgt. Bob CONTO, Malone, N. Y.; Pfc Ivan D. LAND, Capt. Mary Sue CLARK, Ripley, Tenn.; Pvt. James William KIRKPATRICK, Pfc Charles Joseph SHY, Huntington, W. Va.; T/Sgt. Frank VAN HORN, 7021882, T/Sgt. Chester TISDALE, Tarno and Louise SCHELZI, Woburn, Mass.; Rico ERMINI, Boston, Mass.; Lt. Steve MACK, Chicago, Ill.; Lt. Helen THOMAS, ANC, Plymouth, Mass.; Lt. Edward Lee FISON, Lt. William A. MOORE, Petersburg, Va.; Edward HOAGLAND, South Gate, Cal.; Dick YAGLE, Illinois; T/Sgt. Robert F. RICE, Cpl. Jack BARNES, Beaumont, N. C.; Pvt. Ernest and Alford GRAVES, Marion, Ill.; Pvt. Walter YOUNG, Norris City, Ill.; William PRYOR, Washington, D. C.

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#### Personal

T/SGT. Robert Dunlop please get in touch with this department. WILL the pilot of P47 No. SX Q 276433 write to S/Sgt. S. Baglio, c/o Help Wanted, if he would like some pictures the sergeant took of his plane while he was escorting a bomber back across the Channel Aug. 8.

#### Found

S/SGT. Victor E. Hoepfner, ASN 12010323. Four wallet containing papers and photographs has been found. Write Lt. Irving J. Johnson, c/o Help Wanted.

## TWO IN A ROW? - - - By Jack Sords



# STAN MUSIAL,

ST. LOUIS CARDINAL HIT SMITH, OUT TO WIN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING CROWN FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT SEASON



ME AND HORNSBY!

NO PLAYER HAS HELD THE NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING CROWN TWO YEARS IN A ROW SINCE ROGERS HORNSBY MONOPOLIZED THE THRONE FROM 1920 TO 1925

## Cards Increase Loop Lead By Win Over Bucs

### Tigers Blank Browns Twice As Yanks Take Second

NEW YORK, Aug. 28—The Pittsburgh Pirates, who have their eyes on second money in the National League pennant race, had better stay away from St. Louis where the Cardinals are leading the loop by 19 full games and breezing ahead toward a new record of games won for the season.

Last Friday the Pirates, after bowling over the league's weak sisters, invaded the Cards' lair and were slapped down, 4-0. Rain came to their rescue Saturday.

While the Pirates were sitting in their hotel rooms waiting for the skies to clear, the Cincinnati Reds knocked over the on-again-off-again Chicago Cubs twice and pulled within two games of second spot. The Reds victimized the Cubs, 2-0, Friday with Ed Heusser the winner and came back on Saturday to win, 10-7, as Bucky Walters fashioned his 19th victory.

The Giants returned to fourth place by virtue of the Cubs' double loss and not because of their own playing as they split with the Dodgers on the two-day schedule, 10-2 and 9-0. Bill Voiselles won his 16th decision of the year on Friday as Napoleon Reese drove in five runs, but the New Yorkers fell before 37-year-old Art Herring Saturday, 9-0. Herring gave up 14 hits but was stingy in the pinches to blank the Otmen.

#### Phils, Braves Split

After two days of double-duty playing the Phillies and Braves ended up just where they had started. The Phils won the openers both times, 9-7 Friday and 3-0 Saturday, but Boston came through in the nightcap each time, 4-3 Friday and 3-2 Saturday.

On the other side of the picture, the Athletics and Tigers completely snuffed the American League by whipping the Red Sox and Browns respectively on both Friday and Saturday.

The Browns failed to cross the plate in their two games as "Dizzy" Trout racked up his 21st victory of the year on Friday and Stuff Overmire cruised to a 5-0 triumph Saturday.

Rudy York was the big noise in the Tigers' offense Saturday, slamming out his 14th and 15th homers of the year. Sid Jakuchi was the victim.

#### Continue Win Streak

The Athletics moved into fifth place in the American League whirl by handing the Boston Red Sox three straight defeats. The A's swept both ends of a twilight-night doubleheader Friday, 6-1 and 9-4, and came back on Saturday to romp to an easy, 6-1, victory. Bobo Newson won the twilight contest on Friday with Joe Berry taking the nightcap. The Mackmen stretched their winning streak to nine victories in the last 11 starts Saturday when Luke Hamlin turned aside the Red Sox with seven spaced hits.

The New York Yankees bounced back into the pennant picture by trouncing the Washington Senators, 4-2, in 11 innings Friday night and, 6-3, Saturday night. Atley Donald on Friday with Hank Borowy getting the nod Saturday.

The Indians and White Sox split their games, Mel Harder winning the 207th game of his career on Friday, 10-2, and Ed Lopat strangling the Sox Saturday, 6-5.

## Nakama Takes 2 AAU Titles

CHICAGO, Aug. 28—Keo Nakama, Ohio State's distance paddler, captured two individual titles during the first two days competition to set the pace in the National AAU outdoor swimming championships at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

He established a meet record in the 1,500-meter free style event beating 13-year-old Jimmy McLane, of Akron, Ohio, in 19:42.6. Then Nakama churned through the water in 4:53.6 to win the 400-meter free style.

Jerry Kerschner broke the meet record in the 200-meter free style test when he was clocked in 2:12.9. The Philadelphia North Branch YMCA trio of Joe Verdeur, Jimmy Lumedden and Jim Shand eclipsed the former 300-meter medley relay mark by five seconds with an effort of 3:29.4.

#### PIGETTI GOES TO OAKS

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 28—Vic Picetti, who starred at first base for West Esquires All-American boys team in the Polo Grounds, recently, turned down four big league offers, one amounting to \$10,000, and signed with Oakland to play under his idol, Dolph Camilli.

## Pensive Loses To By Jimminy

CHICAGO, Aug. 28—Warren Wright's Derby-Preakness winner, Pensive, staggered home fourth in the five-horse field as Georgie Wolf booted Alf Parker's By Jimminy under the wire in record-breaking time to capture the 34th annual American Derby at Washington Park.

The winner, who clipped a full second off the mark set by Cavalcade ten years ago and equalled by Whirlaway two years ago, navigated the mile and a quarter course in 2:03. Parker's slice of the \$80,000 purse was \$61,000, placing By Jimminy second only to Wright's Twilight Tear in the matter of money won this season.

By Jimminy, although off slowly, raced to the front in rapid fashion and never was seriously challenged. Parker's colt finished six lengths in front of Old Kentuck of the Walmac Farm, while Nelson Dunstan of the Dearborn Stable was third. Pensive succeeded in beating only Challenge Me.

By Jimminy paid \$4.40, \$3 and \$2.60. Old Kentuck earned \$100,000 and rewarded backers with \$4.60 and \$4, while Nelson Dunstan, banking \$5,000, paid \$4.80.

Pensive, with Conn McCreary in the saddle, was a big disappointment to the 23,000 fans present. He broke fourth, made a brief bid which carried him to third at the half, then faded in the stretch and was seven lengths away from the winner crossing under the wire.

**PREACHER ROE REJECTED**  
PITTSBURGH, Aug. 28—Elwin "Preacher" Roe, Pirate left-hander, has been classified 4-F. An injury suffered when he was hit on the head by a falling tree last winter was the cause of the rejection.

## Rule Mixup Gives Redskins 7-3 Nod Over March Field

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 28—Sammy Baugh's fabulous aim was awry, but one lapse by the opposition in the fourth quarter permitted the Washington Redskins to trip the March Field Flyers, 7-3, here as the National Football League opened its '44 campaign.

After trailing most of the way and being outgained and outplayed by the Flyers, the Redskins pulled out the decision when Mike Micka, a substitute halfback, intercepted Jack Jacob's pass, fumbled the ball, then sprinted 35 yards down the sidelines for a touchdown. Joe Aguirre converted for the seventh point.

A rules mixup cost March Field the game as the first half was played under college regulations and the second half under pro rules. When Micka fumbled the interception, the Flyers relaxed and stood gaping as he ran through them for the touchdown because the whistle would have blown under collegiate rules.

In the second period, Bill Dudley, former Virginia All-American and Pittsburgh Steeler pro star fired a 20-yard jump pass to Bob Kennedy, ex-Washington State flash, and Kennedy raced 35 yards to score. But the play was called back because Dudley forgot a collegiate passer must be five yards behind the line of scrimmage.

## No More Highballs For Bobby Jones

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 28—Lt. Col. Bobby Jones, 42-year-old former world champion golfer, has been released by the Army at the Ft. McPherson separation center here under the over-38-year-old regulation for officers.

## Minor League Standings

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION				INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE			
Toledo 8, Columbus 3				Baltimore 12, Jersey City 2			
Columbus 1, Toledo 0				Baltimore 3, Jersey City 2			
Other games postponed				Newark 8, Syracuse 6			
<b>Standings</b>				Syracuse 5, Newark 3			
Milwaukee	W	L	Pct.	Rochester 3, Montreal 2			
Toledo	89	43	.674	Montreal 2, Rochester 1			
Louisville	83	50	.624	Buffalo 8, Toronto 1			
Columbus	80	51	.611	<b>Standings</b>			
Columbus	75	60	.558	Baltimore	W	L	Pct.
St. Paul	68	65	.493	Newark	77	58	.532
Indianapolis	49	82	.374	Buffalo	76	62	.551
Minneapolis	45	85	.346	Toronto	74	65	.532
Kansas City	36	94	.277	Jersey City	70	68	.514
<b>SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION</b>				Montreal	66	72	.478
New Orleans 4, Atlanta 0				Rochester	64	72	.471
New Orleans 5, Atlanta 2				Syracuse	62	76	.449
Chattanooga 4, Birmingham 3				<b>EASTERN LEAGUE</b>			
Little Rock 6, Mobile 2				Hartford 14, 9 Albany 4, 13			
Little Rock 7, Mobile 6				Elmira 3, 6 Williamsport 2, 8			
Memphis 4, Nashville 3				Binghamton 4, 3 Utica 1, 6			
Nashville 3, Memphis 0				Scranton 3, Wilkes-Barre 0			
<b>Standings</b>				<b>Standings</b>			
Nashville	W	L	Pct.	Hartford	W	L	Pct.
Atlanta	37	19	.661	Albany	39	42	.739
Memphis	36	19	.653	Binghamton	34	55	.556
New Orleans	34	22	.607	Williamsport	56	60	.483
Mobile	27	32	.458	Utica	58	63	.479
Little Rock	25	31	.446	Scranton	57	63	.475
Little Rock	22	31	.415	Elmira	49	71	.408
Birmingham	22	32	.407	Wilkes-Barre	46	72	.390
Chattanooga	20	37	.351		46	77	.374

## HOW THEY STAND.

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Standings	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	89	29	.754
Pittsburgh	69	47	.595
Cincinnati	67	49	.578
New York	54	66	.450
Chicago	51	64	.443
Philadelphia	47	69	.405
Boston	48	73	.400
Brooklyn	46	75	.380

Leading Hitters					
G	AB	R	H	Pct.	
Doerr, Boston	122	456	91	148	.325
Seibert, Phila.	105	370	44	119	.322
Fox, Boston	103	423	61	136	.322
Boudreau, Cleve.	121	472	66	149	.316
Johnson, Boston	112	395	88	128	.311

Runs Batted In			
Stephens, St. Louis	88	Doerr, Boston	77
Johnson, Boston	74		

Home Runs			
Doerr, Boston	Johnson, Boston	Stephens, St. Louis	and York, Detroit
15 each			

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Standings	W	L	Pct.
St. Louis	69	53	.563
New York	60	55	.538
Detroit	64	56	.533
Boston	64	58	.525
Philadelphia	60	65	.480
Chicago	57	64	.471
Cleveland	58	66	.468
Washington	51	70	.421

Leading Hitters					
G	AB	R	H	Pct.	
Musial, St. Louis	122	477	98	169	.354
Walker, Brooklyn	117	427	61	151	.333
Melwick, N. Y.	112	434	62	149	.343
Hopp, St. Louis	107	404	95	135	.337
Weintraub, N. Y.	95	330	52	104	.315

Runs Batted In			
Nicholson, Chicago	94	Sanders, St. Louis	92
Musial, St. Louis	86		

Home Runs			
Nicholson, Chicago	28	Ott, New York	24
Northey, Philadelphia	16		

## Loss of Steve Van Burn Dims All-Star Hopes

EVANSTON, Ill., Aug. 28—The College All-Stars suffered a severe jolt yesterday as they continued drilling for next Wednesday night's gridiron clash with the Chicago Bears of the National Football League at Northwestern's Dyche Stadium.

Steve Van Burn, the fleet Louisiana State halfback who led collegiate scorers last fall, underwent an appendectomy Friday and will be in the hospital recuperating when his mates take the field. Van Burn was rushed to the hospital Thursday night.

## News From Home

**'Back to Land'  
Plans Unsane,  
Expert Says****Sees Farm, Not Food,  
Problem In U.S.  
After The War**

CHICAGO, Aug. 27—A "back to the land movement" as a means of fitting returning soldiers into the nation's economy is an illusion, Professor Theodore W. Schultz, agriculture economist at the University of Chicago, declared today.

Schultz said there would probably not be a shortage of farm land during the first two decades after the war, but "open space is not itself an economic opportunity. What we foresee is a farm problem instead of food problem and instead of hungry mouths begging for food agricultural surpluses will go begging for a market."

Schultz asserted that within the next several decades it is "likely" more than half of the young people reared in the rural areas in this country will find they will not be needed in agriculture. "If they stay, they will burden agriculture and will also thereby deny themselves a gain in earnings that would come to them from migration," he said.

**A \$20,000 PEEK**

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 28 (UP)—Lydia Cortez, a dancer, has sued her landlord and landlady for \$20,000, charging they broke into her apartment while she was bathing and pulled down the shower curtain. They explained that they were looking for the source of a leak into their apartment below.

**THE TOLL (?) OF WAR**

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28 (ANS)—Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, asserting that the toll-free privilege was extended only to Army and Navy personnel on official business and did not include prisoners of war, claims the Army owes them \$108 in tolls for Army trucks carrying Italian service units on sightseeing tours.

**FARE ENOUGH**

SHREVEPORT, La., Aug. 28 (ANS)—A trolley conductor is out seven cents but he feels he cheated death and is therefore the winner. Lightning struck his car and the electricity rang up an extra fare, but the conductor was unhurt.

**OUTFLUENZA**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (ANS)—A new influenza vaccine which is said to reduce the incidence of the disease by 75 per cent was reported by the Army. Tests performed last winter on 12,000 student volunteers proved also that the vaccine could lessen the severity of influenza among those stricken, it was said.

**DFC FOR WAYNE MORRIS**

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 28 (ANS)—Former movie actor Wayne Morris has won the Distinguished Flying Cross for naval air action in the Pacific.

**TAKE IT OFF, TAKE IT OFF**

CHICAGO, Aug. 28 (ANS)—The management of the Rialto, one of the city's most famous burlesque houses for the last 30 years, announced that with most of its regular men customers drafted it would present swing bands and films instead of comedians and undressed girls.

**PHILLY WALKS AGAIN**

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 28 (ANS)—Philadelphians, who got used to hoofing it to work in the recent transit strike, were back on their pedals Friday when the six subway surface lines halted in the rush hour. A motor broke down, tying up the lines for half an hour.

**NAME BUCKEYE STREET**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28 (ANS)—Ohio has won its battle to have a street in Washington named for the Buckeye State. Bladensburg Rd., which runs from the end of Maryland Ave. to the District of Columbia line, will be re-named Ohio Ave. There was formerly a street named Ohio but it was removed from the map when the Mall was built.

**THE MAIL MUST GO THROUGH**

DALLAS, Aug. 28 (ANS)—With 17 postmen bitten by dogs, Postmaster J. Howard Payne decided it was high time steps should be taken. He called on the residents of the city to keep their dogs in the homes or tied up around delivery time.

**50-YEAR CLASS REUNION**

BOSTON, Aug. 28 (UP)—Twenty-two members—more than one-third—of Boston University's 50-year class attended the annual luncheon reunion this year. Of the group, four are currently university trustees.

**Bing is in ETO;  
Looking for Dinah**

Bing Crosby, crooner and film star, has arrived in the ETO, and has expressed the hope he can get together with Dinah Shore "to sing a couple of ditties for the boys."

Bing seemed rather surprised when he landed in England, saying he had expected to go to the South Pacific. When someone suggested Bob Hope was there, Bing quipped: "Bob is anywhere there's free mailing privileges."

**Says Germans  
Expect Defeat****Writer Finds 4 of 5  
Say 'We've Lost,'  
Ask When**

By Jack Fleischer

United Press Staff Correspondent  
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 28—Four Germans out of every five are convinced that Germany has suffered a complete military defeat.

That figure is not just a guess. It is the results of months of careful checking and weighing up of information reaching me.

Only one German in 20—the incorrigible Nazi—believes in victory, while the rest—three in 20—believe that there is a chance of a compromise peace.

But nearly all of them desperately want the war to end as soon as possible. That is what my information clearly indicates.

And what is more, about nine Germans in ten do not believe that unconditional surrender means the destruction of the German people, in spite of Goebbels' vigorous efforts.

But the Nazis are still strong enough to suppress the formation of any effective opposition both on the home front and in the armed forces, and there is every reason to believe that this strength can be maintained right up to the very end.

Therefore, on the basis of my information, I would say that it is unwise wishful thinking to reckon with the war ending through internal German revolt or collapse.

This does not rule out the possibility that some sort of revolt might start in the very last stages, but I do not believe that this will come until the army has suffered an indisputable and complete defeat on one or more of the main fronts. Thus, Germany's subsequent defeat would be brought about by this military disaster and not by the revolt.

**Army 'Demob'  
Centers Ready**

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avoided at this time, the Army said. After the last war most of the Army was disbanded, by units and divisions, in New York City. The result was that men blew their transportation money on "freedom speers," then found themselves broke and stranded in the big city.

Under the present plan, demobilization will be on a somewhat slower individual basis. Each soldier will be sent to the discharge camp nearest his induction center before being mustered out.

No official statement has been made on the number of men who will be released from the Army after Germany's defeat—but it is definite that some men will get out. Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey's statement that the figure will be between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 was still without confirmation.

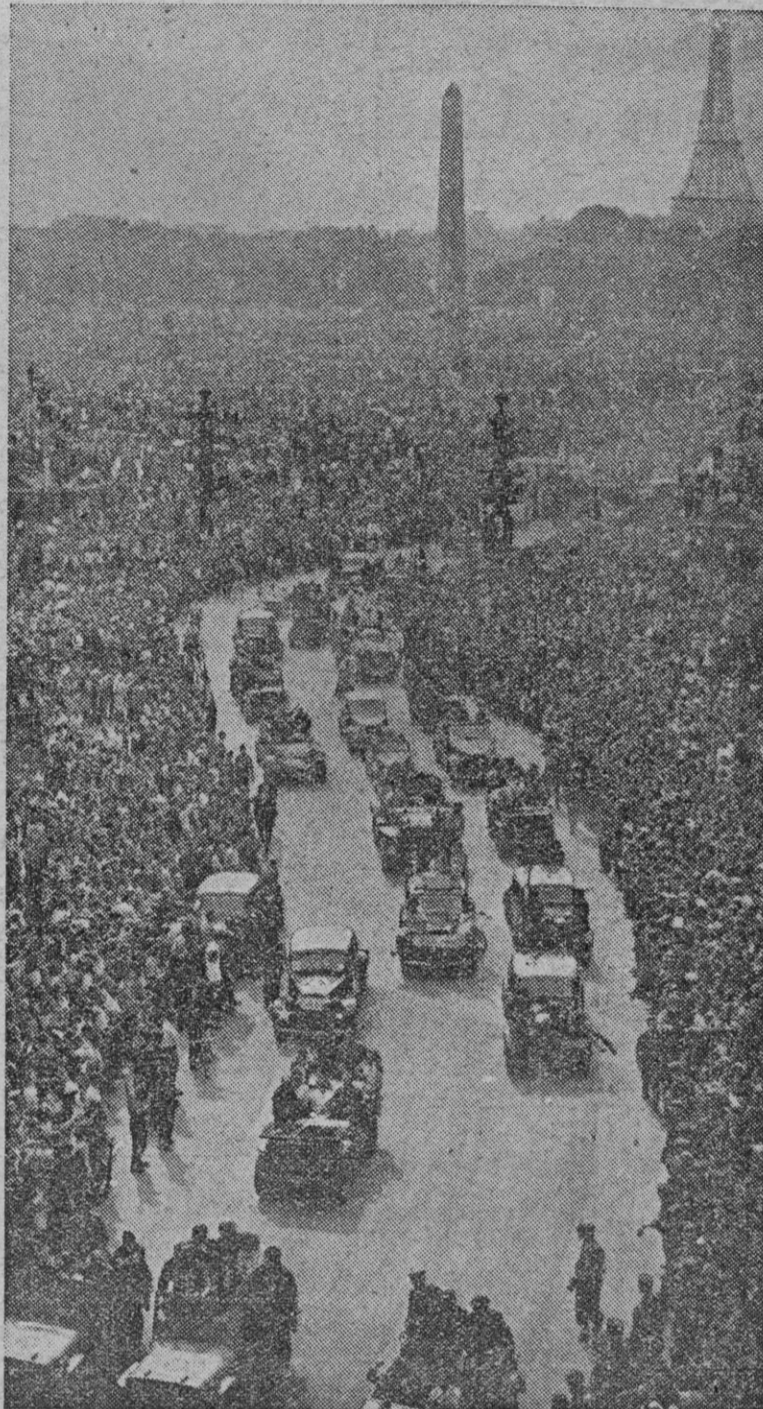
**Point System Planned**

The actual decision of who will get out will be based on a point system, Army authorities announced. This system will be applied to each soldier on this basis: Points for each month of service, for each month overseas, for major combat engagements, for decorations, for being married, for each child or other dependent and for age.

The number of points credited to each category of the system has not been disclosed.

Meanwhile, Associated Press reported that the only troops who could expect to be demobilized immediately after Germany's fall were members of the Army Ground Forces. Some combat troops, instead of going home, will be transferred into the Army Service Forces, while others, not needed for occupational policing, will be shipped to the Pacific, AP said.

The news agency added that though demobilization of 200,000 men a month could be expected after Hitler's defeat, 50,000 men will continue to be drafted every month. "After Japan's fall an exodus of 500,000 to 600,000 a month is expected," AP reported.

**Paris Hails Its Allied Liberators**

After living under German occupation for four years, the citizens of liberated Paris crowded the capital's main streets as French and U. S. might rolled through the city just before Gen. Charles DeGaulle, Free French leader, arrived.

**Yanks 70 Mi. From Belgium;  
3rd Army at Chateau-Thierry**

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Havre, which has been the main landing place for German escape barges across the Seine.

Pilots ranging beyond the immediate vicinity of the Seine reported that large German convoys were on the move eastward from Rouen and Dieppe in the direction of Beauvais and Amiens.

After flying over the French port in an RAF transport plane, a Reuter correspondent reported yesterday that LeHavre, now only a few miles from the British units which have crossed the Seine, apparently was being deserted by a major part of the German garrison there. He observed "evacuation ships" along the city's coasts and dense clouds of black smoke hanging over areas.

Although many of the German flying-bomb sites lie in this vicinity, military observers warned that the liberation of this sector by the Allies might not mean the cessation of the attacks against London. Many of the "buzz bombs," they said, recently have come from the northeast, suggesting the construction of new bases in either Holland or Belgium.

Thousands of Germans were believed to be still penned in west of the Seine in an area of about 300 square miles. A Reuter dispatch estimated the number still inside at 45,000. German News Agency, however, claimed that "the bulk of the German army succeeded in crossing to the east bank of the Seine."

The German "Dunkirk" across the Seine continued with disastrous results. Hundreds of Germans, abandoning their vehicles and equipment, swam the river. Allied planes blasted all kinds of escape craft.

One such craft, evidence of German desperation, consisted of two large barges joined together—a type of craft which the Germans built in 1941 for the invasion of Britain, and which they have used since as flak ships off the Dutch coast.

Masses of transport—tanks, trucks, staff cars, field kitchens—were being left behind by the Germans in their frantic efforts to get across the river. They also abandoned a huge munitions dump, covering several acres between Elbeuf and Louviers. Canadians found it still stocked with piles

of shells and bombs, hundreds of crates of small-arms ammo and winter uniforms.

Two Stockholm newspapers reported yesterday that Von Kluge, the German commander in Normandy, was dead.

Dagens Nyheter, quoting a source from inside Germany, said that he had been killed under unknown circumstances. Aftontidningen said that he had, according to unconfirmed rumors, committed suicide because of German defeats. It recalled that he was reported to have resigned a few days ago because of bad health.

**Russ Fliers in Alaska  
a Free-Spending Lot**

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Aug. 28—Russian fliers, their pockets bulging with old-fashioned large size dollar bills, throw their money around here with as much zest as our own airmen in London.

The Russians have been a common sight here for two years, ever since they started delivering United States built airplanes to Russia's fighting front through the Canada-Alaska-Siberia "back door."

"They don't buy things one at a time," one storekeeper remarked. "They'll empty the shelves if possible."

As tippers some of the Russians are tops. One night club proprietor told of a party of eight fliers who ran up a bill of \$178 one night at his club and "took a shine to one of my waiters and left a \$22 tip." Taxicab drivers beam at the sight of Soviet officers for passengers. A \$1 tip for a \$2 fare is not unusual.

**SEEK PWs FOR LABOR**

PIERRE, S. Dak., Aug. 28—Gov. M. Q. Sharpe was asked by a highway commission to investigate the possibility of obtaining prisoners of war for highway maintenance work. The commission said that the manpower shortage, combined with excessive wear due to heavy loads and rainfall, has made critical the need for adequate repair of state highways.

**Bill Providing  
Homesteads  
For GIs On Fire****Alaska Lands Open;  
Service Would Count  
As 2-Yrs.' Tenure**

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—If GI Joe wants to homestead when he comes home from the war he can take his pick of 42,000,000 acres still open in his country, the Interior Department said today.

A House-approved bill now awaiting Senate action would give veterans of World War II the same homesteading privileges enjoyed by fighters in other American wars since 1863. It is a separate measure from the "GI bill of rights."

Under the bill, service in the armed forces automatically counts for two years of the five-year tenure required for claiming up to 160 acres of public domain by squatter rights under the Homestead Act.

Commissioner Fred W. Johnson of the General Land Office said that Alaska apparently will be the largest settling place of World War II veterans based on inquiries to the Land Office about homesteading.

**Even Greater Capacity**

Meanwhile Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard warned that post-war agriculture cannot afford any sizable back-to-the-land movement by returning veterans and demobilized war workers. Wickard appeared before a special House committee on post-war economics policy and planning. He said that the capacity of farmers to produce will be even larger after the war. Emphasizing that agriculture will offer "no large-scale opportunities for veterans after the war," Wickard declared:

"I want to sound a warning against any belief that there can be any sizable back-to-the-land movement after this war. I am afraid that a good many people have an idea that there will be places in agriculture for millions of returning veterans and persons who leave war plants. We cannot afford again to think of agriculture as a refuge or national poorhouse in time of economic difficulty."

**36 Infantrymen  
Given Awards**

A U. S. INFANTRY DIVISION, France, Aug. 28—The award of 36 Bronze Star medals to soldiers of this unit whose gallantry stood out while undergoing their baptism of fire south of La Haye du Puits was announced yesterday.

Those who received awards: Pvt. Stanley F. Cieslak, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Pfc John P. Semansky, of Philadelphia, Pa.; S/Sgt. Tracy A. Washington, of Acto, Ga.; 1/Lt. Jorier H. Yost, of Granttown, W. Va.; Sgt. William O. Berry, of Barrackville, W. Va.; Sgt. James R. Dishner, of Duffield, Va.; Pfc Roy J. Dodd, of Kit Carson, Colo.; S/Sgt. William C. Hardaway, of Macon, Ga.; S/Sgt. Joseph H. Halnesky, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Pvt. Alton R. Hanly, of Bon Aqua, Tenn.; Pvt. Anthony Rizzo, of Paterson, N. J.; Pfc Julius E. Tyson, of Macon, Ga.; Pfc Austin N. Wickham, of Palmyra, Tenn.; Pfc John Eck Jr., of Rahway, N. J.; Pfc Edward W. Gruenberg, of Brownstown, Wis.; Pfc David E. Hughes, of Franklin, N. J.; Pvt. George C. Bonny, of Bronx, N. Y.; S/Sgt. Earl D. Clark, of McCormick, S. C.; Pfc James A. Pirello, of Hartford, Conn.; T/5 Jack Fishbein, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; T/5 Frederick R. King, of Rochester, T/5 Rodney D. Martin, of Paris, Me.; Pfc Joe A. Martinec, of Colorado Springs, Colo.; Pfc Michael Mutio, of Utica, N. Y.; Sgt. John J. Richardson, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Pfc Clifford J. Foster, of Camden, N. J.; Cpl. Robert P. Buckley, of Binghamton, N. Y.; T/4 Arnold R. Conn, of Bronson, Tex.; Pvt. Harry A. Heinecke, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; T/5 Joseph T. Kurkowski, of Flushing, N. Y.; Pfc George A. Kempson, of Genoa, Ga.; Pvt. Paul H. Clowers, of Cleveland, Tenn.; Pvt. Estle W. Lossley, of Brinkley, Ark.; Pvt. Andy P. Verotsky, of Winber, Pa.; Pvt. Robert C. Mathis, of Newport, Tenn.

**Bomb Load of Havocs  
Increased 50 Per Cent**

U. S. NINTH AIR FORCE HQ, Aug. 28—The bomb weight capacity of U. S. Ninth Air Force Havocs has been increased 50 per cent, it was officially announced.

The increase was achieved by the fitting of additional 500-pounder bombs, increasing the total bomb load from 2,000 pounds to 3,000 pounds. Pilots report O. K. that the added weight has a negligible effect on general performance and maneuverability of the planes.

**KIEV SEES PRISONERS**

MOSCOW, Aug. 28—The population of Kiev maintained a quiet discipline as 37,000 German prisoners, part of the number captured by the Soviet First Ukrainian Army, marched for five miles through the streets of Kiev en route to camps.