

TWO U.S. COLUMNS STRIKE TOWARD PARIS

Rest Camps Ready Soon On Seaside

By Allan M. Morrison
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A group of recently-completed rest camps situated in one of the prettiest sections of France's Atlantic coast will be opened shortly for use by U. S. combat troops withdrawn from front line duty.

Situated in former seaside holiday resorts, the rest camps have been prepared by Army engineers and a Special Service company. Negro engineer units have swept clear of mines a stretch of over 1,200 yards of bathing beaches where war-weary Joes will sun themselves and gambol in the blue waves of the Atlantic.

The smoke of war has long been lifted from this picturesque corner of Normandy, and as one Special Service librarian remarked, "it's like a bit of California transported to France." Only small damage was done to towns and residences in the district, so that resting troops will enjoy their vacation from front-line rigors in conditions as close to peace-time normalcy as it's possible to find in the American sector.

Static troops servicing the rest camps include a QM truck transport unit, a laundry plant to wash the soldiers' clothes, a sterilization-bath unit providing sterile showers and baths, a QM salvage station where GIs will receive new clothing and equipment, and QM sales stores.

Situated throughout the area are four American Red Cross "cugnut dugouts" housed in club buildings where coffee and strikers will be made and served.

For two weeks a Special Service unit has been beautifying the area, repairing tennis and basketball courts, and putting in many conveniences for the troops. Special Service men have also painted, cleaned and furnished numerous rooms in several hotels and a chateau where lounging, games and reading rooms have been set up.

Camp theaters will show latest films. First on the list is the world premiere of "Casanova Brown." USO show units will be on hand in the area for regular performances.

Preddy, P51 Pilot, Bags 6 Me109s in One Fight

AN EIGHTH P51 BASE, England, Aug. 6—Maj. George E. Preddy, Mustang pilot from Greenboro, N. C., shot down six Me109s over Germany today, breaking the previous record of five German fighters bagged in one engagement.

En route to Berlin today, Preddy was leading his group when more than 30 Me 109s made for the heavies and all six Nazi planes were shot down in the ensuing fight.

PAGING EMILY POST
LAS VEGAS, Nev., Aug. 6—Capt. Helen Grote of the WAC, and 2/Lt. Charles Sheeran, pose problems as to how they should be addressed. Should it be Lt. and Mrs. Sheeran, or Lt. and Capt. Sheeran—or maybe Capt. and Mr. Sheeran?

Unknown Soldier of World War II — Still Alive But Already Legendary

By Tom Hoge
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GRANVILLE, Aug. 6—As they gather in cafes to discuss endlessly details of their liberation from the Boche, the people of Granville are giving birth to a legend that will long survive—the legend of a young American officer who sped into the town 12 hours before it was captured, terrorized the German garrison and mysteriously sped away.

No one knows the officer's name—he declined to give it. And no seems sure of his rank—it varies between lieutenant and major. But the whole town knows what he did and will delightedly recount the details to anyone who listens. "C'est un homme," they tell you; a man in every sense of the word.

It was around nine o'clock Sunday night that the townfolk first saw the American. He drove down the main street in a cream colored German staff car, pulled up at the town square, told his driver to hide in a building, and

then demanded of an open mouthed gathering of spectators the whereabouts of the German garrison.

"Somebody pointed where it was," said M. Albert Choquer, proprietor of the Hotel du Bains, who was standing in front of his establishment when the event took place. "So this American, he takes his little rifle (apparently a carbine), walks around to the side of my hotel, hides in a clump of bushes and waits.

"Pretty soon a gate down the road opens to let through a team of horses. It also shows a machine gun hidden in the entrance with six Germans around it.

"So what does this young American do? He stands up and fires ten shots at the Germans. Three of them fall and, with a big smile, he crouches and waits."

Another witness, who claims the machine gun had been placed there by the Germans to cover the main road from which they expected an eventual attack on

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SOVIETS WITHIN 40 MI. OF CRACOW POLES' NO. 2 CITY

New retreats on the eastern front were admitted by Berlin yesterday as the Russians pressed to the edge of East Prussia, tightened their vise on eastern Warsaw and pushed within 40 miles of Cracow, Poland's second city.

There was no confirmation of Sunday headlines saying the Reds had crossed the pre-war East Prussia border; best evidence was that they were still east of the boundary but as close as two or three miles at some points.

Outside Warsaw, Soviet tanks and infantry broke through to the Vistula north of the capital, ringing the section east of the Vistula, as Poland's underground side with the Nazis.

8th Army Controls Part of Florence

With Eighth Army troops in firm control of the smaller section of Florence on the south bank of the Arno River, the Germans continued shelling the city yesterday in an effort to delay the Allied assault upon Kesselring's vaguely defined Gothic Line, last Nazi barrier before the heavily-fortified Po Valley and Italy's industrial north.

30,000 Japs Doomed In New Guinea

Some 30,000 Japanese were in desperate retreat in the Vogelk peninsula in northwest New Guinea, Allied HQ announced yesterday. By-passed by U. S. landings at Sansapor on the northwest tip of the island, their escape attempt was called "hopeless" and "calamitous Jap losses" were predicted. Also cut off were Jap remnants on Biak Island, on which a new U. S. landing was made last week.

Meanwhile, the Yanks on Guam seized Mt. Barrigada and made slight gains on Tinian.

Raid by E-Boats Killed 130 Yanks In Invasion Drill

German E-boats attacked a convoy of U. S. troops "during pre-invasion exercises the latter part of April," supreme Allied headquarters disclosed over the weekend, with the result that 130 men were killed, 41 wounded, 312 missing.

Word of the attack was made public for the first time without any details in a report listing these among 116,148 Allied casualties suffered in the French operations to July 20.

American losses were 70,009—11,356 killed, 52,710 wounded, 6,143 missing; British casualties 39,594—5,646 killed, 27,766 wounded, 6,182 missing; Canadian casualties 6,545—919 killed, 4,354 wounded, 1,272 missing.

The casualties were about 80 per cent less than anticipated and only about three per cent of all casualties were fatal, said Maj. Gen. H. W. Kenner, chief medical officer at supreme headquarters.

BALKAN AIR FORCE FORMED

LONDON, Aug. 6—The formation of a Balkan Air Force by the Allies to support Yugoslav and Greek liberation armies was announced here this week-end.

6-Inch Downpour Floods Washington; Phoenix, Ariz., Sweats Out 113 Degrees

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—While most of the U. S. broiled over the weekend, the capital returned to normal activity after a 6.22-inch rainfall which flooded governmental and residential districts and forced hundreds of families to evacuate their homes.

Almost a foot of water poured into the lobbies of U. S. buildings adjoining the Mall and traffic on Constitution Avenue came to a complete standstill when the street was turned into a canal for several hours. The weather bureau, however, called the rain "much more beneficial than harmful" since it relieved a long drought.

Drive Threatens to Flank Germans Facing British; Brest Peninsula Cut Off

American troops started a double thrust toward the Paris area yesterday. It threatened to outflank the Germans facing British and Canadian forces in the Caen sector.

Driving eastward along two main highways to Paris, one U.S. column captured Mayenne, 50 miles east of Avranches, while another seized Laval, 17 miles southwest of Mayenne, and plunged on another 20 miles to capture Chateau-Gontier.

Brittany was cut off by an American armored drive across the base of the peninsula to the Loire River near Nantes.

And the peninsula itself was virtually cut in half by an armored thrust into Brest, biggest French naval base on the Atlantic, after a record U.S. advance of nearly 100 miles in 24 hours.

The fall of Nantes was imminent last night. Lorient and St. Nazaire also were nearly within American grasp, as two other armored columns swept on toward them.

British troops cleared up the last German pockets in a 63-mile area near the west bank of the Orne River, after occupying Villers-Bocage, Aunay and Thury-Harcourt. The British held a nine-mile front on the west bank of the Orne, from Thury-Harcourt north to Caen.

As the whole of Field Marshal von Kluge's line reeled back under tremendous Allied pressure along a 170-mile front, there were signs that the Germans might be forced to make a wholesale retreat.

ALLIED AIRCRAFT TOTTING EXPLOSIVE 50% MORE POTENT

Allied bombs now can do 50 per cent more damage—without the addition of a single plane or pilot—through use of a new explosive called RDX, it was announced yesterday as American heavy bombers raided Berlin and targets in the Hamburg and Kiel regions of Germany.

Now in use in Europe, RDX is much more powerful than TNT and detonates with such tremendous force that the fragments can cut through reinforced concrete fortifications and the blast effect can be almost as fatal to enemy troops as the bomb fragments, Col. I. A. Inke of the Ordnance Department announced in Washington.

Declaring that the new explosive gave the Allied air forces the destructive power of an air force 50 per cent larger, Inke said that RDX's tremendous blast effect makes a smaller bomb do as much damage as a much larger one filled with another type of explosive.

A German correspondent at von Kluge's headquarters spoke of "elastic fighting" which was aimed at "establishment of a shorter front line," and Sertorius, German commentator, estimated that capture of Brittany—together with "U.S. movements toward the east"—might be the start of "a large-scale operation against which the battle for Brittany would have only secondary importance."

The general American advance was driving and fanning out so swiftly that armored spearheads were often out of touch with rear areas, and latest gains were not reported for hours at a time.

There was no further news from Brest since American tanks and motorized infantry reached the port, but it was expected that the garrisons there would make a fight for it, as German troops at St. Malo were doing in defense of that northern Brittany harbor.

Reach Loire River

Nantes and St. Nazaire were both directly threatened by a U.S. task force of tanks, infantry and mobile guns which reached the Loire River near the river mouth. A U.S. column on the road to Lorient captured the coastal town of Vannes, which was taken over by French patriot forces as the column swept on.

Opposition in Brittany was generally being swept aside by the pace and power of the American drive, and the general picture of German resistance indicated that no command was in control of German forces within the doomed peninsula. German reports, however, declared there were "hard battles near St. Nazaire and St. Malo."

In Normandy, crack German divisions were putting up a sav-

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WEHRMACHT FEELS PINCH

U.S. FIRST ARMY HQ., Aug. 6—The German Army's supply situation in France is "extremely tense," according to a captured letter written by Gen. Hausser, commander of the Nazi Seventh Army in Normandy. Hausser urged men under his command to salvage "even seemingly useless weapons and equipment in an effort to repair broken material because few replacements are coming in."

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"It's his protection against dive-bombers!"

Bigger and Better
Maybe you hadn't noticed it before, but this issue of The Stars & Stripes, printed in Normandy, is four pages instead of the usual two pages that you have been getting as fast as we can print it and as fast as we can send it. It isn't good form to boast, especially in the face of the magnificent performance turned in by regiments of the line, but there is one hell of a lot of hard work back of these four pages today.

Here's the problem on The Stars & Stripes which we think you ought to know because, after all, it's your paper.

Back in London, where things are pretty well organized as you know, we publish a four-page newspaper daily with eight pages twice a week. Over here we don't have enough newsprint (that's the white paper itself) to turn out an edition the size of the London edition and be able to send copies to practically every outfit in the field.

So what we did was to print a two-page paper and have twice as many copies rather than make a four-page paper and reach only half as many soldiers. Meanwhile, of course we have been bringing over thousands of copies of the London edition by air to supplement the number we were able to print here.

But now we have more newsprint than we ever had before, so we go to work and publish four pages. Tomorrow we slide back to two pages again, always keeping in mind that we are going to print four pages, and bigger, just as soon as we can as a regular thing.

Today, soldier, here's your four-page. Hope you like it.

Nostalgia

A soldier, who just came in by air from London, wandered into The Stars and Stripes office yesterday and gave us a first hand report on what it's like back there now.

Around Pleadly Circus there aren't as many soldiers as there were before June 6. Pubs don't run out of beer quite as early in the evening as they used to, but the bitter isn't any better.

The girls are just as pretty, and His Majesty's General Post Office reports the sale of postage stamps to young women has increased 42 1/2 per cent since D-Day, practically all of the stamps for Normandy letters.

Germans reported London had been burned to the ground by fire-bombs, but this soldier said the only fire he'd seen was under a tea-kettle. (How'd you like to have a nice cup of tea? One lump or two, please? Shut up you bloke or I'll give you a lump on your thick skull.)

Seriously though, he said these fire-bombs weren't anything to get marbles with but not to get the idea that the folks back in London had their wind up. They're taking it, just like the '40 blitz, right in their stride. Once he was standing at Marble Arch during an alert. The sound of a fly-bomb was drowned out by the roar of a flight of Forts going over to Berlin. Next to him was an Englishman who turned to his wife, earned his neck at the Forts and remarked: "Coo, I pity these poor bloody Huns."

Somewhere in France...

WHEN you go souvenir hunting and come up with 100 pistols, a rifle arsenal, 600,000 francs and 117 Nazi officers and men, you've really got something. Pfc Bill Jenkins, of Meadville, Pa., can attest to that.

After several days of battle in the current American offensive, Jenkins and his four anti-tank company colleagues decided to find some mementos of their hard work. Bill spotted a Jerry hotfooting it down a country road. Jenkins fired at the sprinter, who darted into a castle. The Americans surrounded the castle and ordered the "lone Nazi" to surrender. Much to their surprise, the German came out of the castle with his hands over his head—and 117 Nazi officers and men following him.

A systematic search by Jenkins, Wiseman and Pfc's John Evans, of Augusta, Ga.; Earl Taylor, of Indianapolis, Ind.; and Pvt. James Honeycutt, of Louisville, Ky., uncovered the castle arsenal and the cached money. That night the company's K rations were untouched. A truckload of German beefsteak and a couple of cases of wine and champagne were found in the castle's cellar.

Pfc Jose Lopez, of Brownville, Texas, treasures a souvenir of battle. It is his pistol bed with a bullet still embedded as proof of how close he came to the death. Lopez, an assistant machine gunner, saw two of his crew wounded by a German and was moving up to take care of the Nazi when a round from the German's machine pistol went through his spare magazine, half through the belt and stopped. Although spun half around, Lopez opened fire with his pistol and eliminated the Jerry.

They couldn't understand English as they stood silently around the casket of an American P-47 pilot who'd been shot down over their city the day before, but they listened attentively as their mayor read a memorial speech in French. Then the thousands of people of the Brezhat district, ten miles northeast of Granville, collected 14,000 francs and asked M/Sgt. James Stokes of Macon, Mo., Civil Affairs clerk there, to turn the money over to the International Red Cross as a tribute to the American aviator's bravery.

If you can't grow a moustache you really don't belong in a platoon of the Second Infantry Division, called the "moustache boys."

The platoon agreed on the lip adornment three weeks ago and with the exception of three men, who haven't been able to sprout anything yet, all members will be moustached for

WHEN the Americans occupied Cherbourg, they found the Germans had left undamaged a considerable portion of the municipal telephone exchange. The Signal Corps installed an emergency system which operated while the French switchboard and lines were being de-booby-trapped. Now Capt. Alan H. Westervelt, officer in charge of communications in the area, and his Army technicians have the telephone system for military and civilians working smoothly (give and take a few wrong numbers). Westervelt, a Princeton graduate from Phoenix, Ariz., and Longmeadow, Mass., was an executive for the Southern California Telephone Co. for nearly 20 years.

Sign at a depot in Normandy: "We Got What You Want, When You Want It. If You Want What We Got, When We Got It."

Merry Hell at Crossroads as Radio Blared Victory

By Earl Mazo
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On the third day of the battle that cut the Normandy peninsula, while allied radio blared success and victory to the four corners of the world, a small force of American armor was catching merry hell at the Notre Dame de Meilly crossroads.

The day before a light German counter-attack had cut off most of the salient which pointed into Notre Dame, but heavier American armor, infantry and strafing aircraft had come to the rescue and on this third day the Germans, with Panther and Tiger tanks, attacked with a viciousness which proved that prisoners who said the Germans would move forward at any cost were correct.

For hours it was a nip-and-tuck fight, then the Americans fell back until more and more armor came to stem the tide.

No Pushover

American numerical superiority had won against trapped Panzers of elite SS divisions, but it was no pushover victory—not for the twisted and crumpled bodies left behind in the burned-out M10s, Sherman and M5s.

This engagement was typical of the four-day fight from St. Lo to the Normandy west coast. In the big picture of the offensive, the armored breakthroughs and advances represented great victories, but to the men in the tanks and jeeps up front it wasn't so simple as the official reports indicated.

The veteran reconnaissance battalion which spearheaded the Second Armored Division in one of the most spectacular cross-peninsula drives had experienced good and bad, which were probably duplicated by every advance guard unit in the fight. Immediately after the breakthrough above St. Lo the battle for this battalion—which had units and patrols always ranging behind the German lines—started with a defeat. At Cherbourg, one of the assault guns was knocked out and the light recon force was stopped by heavy German armor.

Close Support

Heavy American armor came up and, with bombing P47s flying close support, the Germans were crushed. From there on the battalion's keen young commander, Lt. Col. Wheeler G. Morrison, who was in middle of practically every fight, insisted on drive and more drive—and that is what his men gave him.

When a patrol under Lts. Frank Jordan and Morton Eustice took a cross-road town far in advance of everything else American, three truckloads of German infantry followed them down the road. It was a situation where the Germans, if given the split seconds they needed, could wipe out the Yanks, so Jordan, who was a lawyer in Virginia and Eustice, who wrote drama, critics in New York, parked their jeep behind a hedge-row and as the German trucks approached, the Americans obliterated them with machine gun fire. Later a German staff car passed, and Eustice, back at work behind his machine gun, cut off the driver's head and legs.

Always Up 'Front'

The battalion's whole operation went like that. It was scientific. Every one in the outfit was always up "front" because wherever the battalion worked it created fronts. Even the unit's rear echelon troops under Lt. J. Frank Coneybear, of Philadelphia, came up at least once a day to bring supplies, mail, papers and sometimes doughnuts.

On the second day of the drive the battalion had one of its most serious "cut off" periods. Col. Merriman, who proved himself as good a leader and tactician as has been produced in Massachusetts drew part of his force into a field well lined by hedgerows, gave orders to use grenades spar-

ingly because they were scarce, and prepared for a last-ditch fight. The battle raged. Within half an hour infantry and heavier tanks, came up to relieve the battalion, and within three hours the recon boys were sitting back eating doughnuts, and planning the next day's operations.

"From dawn of the first day of battle until sundown after reaching the objective, it was that way—heavy fighting, fighting, then more and heavier fighting.

Heroes All

To list the heroes of this battalion would require a listing of the whole roster. Pvt. Everett Christensen, of Kenosha, Wis., for instance, is a typical medic. In the turmoil of one German counter-attack his unit was scattered and he was lost, but refused to go back to headquarters. "I have to find my men," he said as the Germans advanced. "I believe they need me worse than ammunition."

When an armored car needed a tire changed in the middle of a fight Sgt. Paul Cooper, of Kansas City, Mo., and Pvt. Mack Gorny, of Chicago maintenance men, went forward with the tires even though they weren't positive of the armored car's location. Early in the battle the vital radio equipment in the colonel's armored car went out. T/Sgt. Dan Hamilton, the battalion's chief expert on radios, from Cape Cod, Mass., willingly hopped on the back of that car and went around with the colonel—to keep communication open. In Sicily this battalion, which

at about 600 hours Sunday a German armored column broke through at Denise's Gap and headed madly for the Seine. Only Capt. Large's company plus some infantry and some 160mm howitzers protected the approaches. The Germans raced on, but the Americans held their fire until they had an ideal trap position, the crossroad before the river bridge.

Then the fighting began at point-blank range. When the smoke and fires cleared at dawn the hulks of 20 German vehicles, including tanks and self-propelled 88s, lay smoldering where they had been

All U.S. Asks: How Soon? Is It Weeks — or Months?

By Ben Price
Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
NEW YORK, Aug. 6—How soon will Germany fold up? That is the question which is uppermost in the minds of the home front, and the Fifth War Loan drive went way over its goal, and that if the war is over by Nov. 11 a Sixth War Loan drive will be held under the name of "Victory Loan."

Chairman Andrew May of the House Military Affairs Committee flatly said last week that Germany would collapse by Dec. 1. This was his personal, and not official, view, he added. There were other congressmen who were induced by such a possibility as to prepare their colleagues to be up to snuff in reconversion legislation and discuss post-war machinery.

Words of caution from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, who just back from Normandy had heard somewhat to temper the home-front optimism over a quick end to Hitler.

"Such a collapse isn't yet apparent to our men who are locked in combat with a brutal, resourceful and stubborn enemy," the Secretary of War said.

\$35,864,900 Bond Gate As Beau Jack Triumphs

NEW YORK, Aug. 6—War bond coffers netted \$35,864,900 Friday as Beau Jack staved off a belated spurt by Bob Montgomery and won a ten-round bout at Madison Square Garden. It was the first gate in boxing history, neither puncher received a purse and admission was by purchase of war bonds. Montgomery's lightweight diamond—New York was not at stake, since both are Army privates and it was a War Department approved bout. It was their fourth meeting; each has won two decisions.

FEWER POTS AND PANS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—Aluminum production will be terminated at a third government-owned plant as output curtailed at a third because of increasing metal surplus, War Department announced. Factories to be closed are at Riverbank, Cal., and Burlington, N.J.

Foxhole Fans Calling Bums 'Snafu Piéges'

By Mark Barron
Special to The Stars and Stripes
WITH U. S. TROOPS IN FRANCE, Aug. 6—Although the Brooklyn Dodgers are floundering in the rumble seat of the National League, the notorious Bums of Ebbets Field have their loyal vociferous rooters in the foxholes of France.

Between sessions of slugging flees du bistec ersatz, du poisson sauz l'huile et vinaigre and other pliered French delicacies out of the retreating Germans, the Brooklyn boys along this noisy front are adding to the normal battle uproar by organizing "Brooklyn Boosters Clubs."

One of the chief organizers is Cpl. Harold F. Wilson, a Signal Corps technician from youknow-where, who presents his arguments in a high Irish tenor which he insists will never be lubricated to his former back-roccin pitch until he returns to the elite atmosphere of the Flat-bush Avenue lager rooms.

"Over here on the fighting front in France (said Wilson while he insists will never be lubricated to his former back-roccin pitch until he returns to the elite atmosphere of the Flat-bush Avenue lager rooms.

"But 'Them Bums' is too degrading, it seems to me Brooklyn boys gathered here in solemn session this 'nub' tombant in our trou-abri individual—which is what our pal and staunch defender of the Dodgers, Mr. Dan Parker of the New York Daily Mirror, calls a foxhole.

"We Brooklyn boys on this front have decided to call 'em in future the 'Snafu Piéges.' Piéges is French for booby-trap.

"Perhaps it is because so many of us Brooklyn boys are over here fighting the Nazis that things are running somewhat berserk, if not indeed queques-uns not de coco, in the habitant of the once high-and-mighty Dodgers. How can any pennant race make sense with the Bums—pardon, the Snafu Piéges—in the cellar and them bums the Cards, not to mention the Browns, setting the pace?"

"Est il le dernier cri!" "At this point a voice spoke in defense of the Cardinals. It was the bass of Cpl. Roy Wolterling, an ex-captain of the National Training Co. of St. Louis.

"Leave us not to be too hasty in your judgments there, Cpl. Wilson," chided Wolterling. "Perhaps the good fortunes of the St. Louis teams and the dire fate that now befalls you Bums is strictly because you play superior baseball—and for other reasons.

"The answer seems as simple as 'au naz a sa figure.' The lager as brewed in the vats of St. Louis has been famous as a prime inspiration of winning baseball teams since that historic day in the World Series of 1925 when the great Grover Cleveland Alexander, sampled the aroma of St. Louis suds and then practically tamed the Yankees all by himself.

"Perhaps that Brooklyn lager needs a touch of Mississippi River water. It's powerful stuff." Cpl. Wilson picked up his Tommy-gun and prepared to go to work.

"Win lose or stoomated," he growled over his shoulder, "we love our Bums—those blankety-blank Snafu Piéges."

Plenty Close

The air support of P47s, P61s and Typhoons was as close as could be desired. Lt. Sam Hodgson, of Rushing, N. Y., at one time had a recon unit within 25 feet of German tanks under attack and he called it "plenty close."



"An' now show me Lana Turner!"

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Friday's Games
New York 1, Philadelphia 0
Chicago 5, Cleveland 3
Washington 7, Boston 5 (1st)
Boston 4, Washington 0 (2nd)
Detroit 5, Chicago 3 (night)
St. Louis 9, Cleveland 6 (night)
Philadelphia 2, New York 1 (1st)
Philadelphia 2, New York 0 (2nd)
Boston 6, Washington 2

W L PCT. GB
St. Louis 42 42 .500 —
Boston 47 47 .500 0
New York 51 48 .515 7 1/2
Detroit 50 50 .500 9
Chicago 50 51 .495 9 1/2
Cleveland 51 53 .490 11
Philadelphia 47 57 .452 15
Washington 43 58 .426 17 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Friday's Games
Cincinnati 5, St. Louis 3
New York 4, Phil. 3 (night 10 ins.)
Chicago 4, Pittsburgh 3
Brooklyn 9, Boston 4

W L PCT. GB
St. Louis 71 27 .725 —
Cincinnati 65 42 .607 15 1/2
Pittsburgh 50 44 .528 19
Chicago 46 47 .495 23 1/2
New York 48 51 .485 25 1/2
Boston 39 53 .426 33 1/2
Brooklyn 40 60 .400 35
Philadelphia 37 57 .394 38

Southern Association
Friday's Games
Birmingham 11, Memphis 7
Little Rock 7, New Orleans 3 (1st)
Atlanta 6, Chattanooga 4
Mobile 9, Nashville 7

W L PCT. GB
Nashville 26 7 .783 —
Atlanta 23 7 .767 13
Memphis 19 12 .613 6
Little Rock 12 18 .412 12
Birmingham 13 19 .406 12 1/2
Mobile 13 20 .394 13
New Orleans 13 21 .382 13 1/2
Chattanooga 8 24 .250 17 1/2

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE
Friday's Games
Rochester 3, Syracuse 0 (1st)
Syracuse 4, Rochester 3 (2nd)
Montreal 3, Newark 1
Toronto 2, Jersey City 1
Buffalo 4, Buffalo 1

W L PCT. GB
Syracuse 47 60 .439 17
Rochester 47 64 .423 19

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION
Friday's Games
St. Paul 15, Toledo 4
Columbus 5, Minneapolis 1 (1st)
Columbus 7, Minneapolis 6 (2nd)
Indian. 2, K. C. 2 (8 ins. rain)
Louisville 8, Milwaukee 1

W L PCT. GB
St. Paul 26 27 .720 —
Albany 65 31 .677 31
Utica 50 47 .515 19
Williamsport 47 47 .500 20 1/2
Binghamton 45 49 .479 23 1/2
Elmira 35 54 .393 30
Wilkes Barre 36 63 .364 35
Scranton 35 63 .357 35 1/2

A's Fail Mack On Birthday, Then Win 2

NEW YORK, Aug. 6—After 29,166 fans had paid homage to Connie Mack on the 50th anniversary of his managerial debut, the Yankees dampened the celebration Friday by subduing Connie's Athletics, 1-0. However, the dean of 'em all got his revenge yesterday when Philadelphia trimmed the Bombers twice, 2-1, and 2-0.

Fans gifted the popular patriarch with a \$5,000 check and congratulatory telegrams from all over the country poured in. One from President Roosevelt read "congratulations on your 50th anniversary, may your scorecard continue to advance."

Idle Friday while the runner-up Red Sox halved a pair with the Senators, the Browns protected their five-and-a-half-game margin by trouncing the Indians last night, 9-6, as Boston, downed Washington, 6-0. Three errors by second baseman Ray Mack paved the way for St. Louis.

A temporary visit to fourth place after defeating the Indians, 6-3, Friday apparently was too much for the White Sox and they sagged back to the fifth slot the evening to the Tigers' loss, 5-3, last night. Although he yielded 11 hits, Hal Newhouser was effective in the pinches and earned his 17th victory, aided by five Chicago miseries.

Nicholson's Bat Potent
While big Bill Nicholson's bat continued to damage outfield fences, Charlie Grimm's Cubs extended their winning streak to 11 in a row yesterday as they moved to within striking distance of the third-place Pirates in the National League race.

Nicholson clouted his 24th homer of the season with Phil Cavarretta aboard in the ninth inning of Friday's tilt and sparked yesterday's 16-hit assault against Fritz Ostermuller with three singles and a triple.

Bucky Walters snapped out of his pitching slump Friday, notching his 16th success as he carried the Reds to a 5-3 triumph over the Cardinals.

The Giants defeated the Phillies twice, shading them, 4-3, Friday night on a tenth-inning homer by Hal Luby and handing Vern Kennedy a 6-5 defeat yesterday.

After thumping the Braves, 9-4, Friday, the Dodgers repeated yesterday with an 8-7 decision in ten innings. Ben Chapman, former American League outfielder, made a successful debut as a hurler Friday, yielding only eight scattered hits.

St. Pierre Egise Beats Airmen in Soccer, 4 to 1
Pfc Warner Drefus, of New York, scored the Century Fighters' only goal when they dropped their second straight soccer game to the St. Pierre Egise squad, 4-1, in a benefit game at St. Pierre yesterday afternoon.

The airmen's goal came in the first half off an assist by Pfc Herb Soter, Stanford soccer star from New York.

Haegg's 8:42.8 Clips World 2-Mile Record
STOCKHOLM, Aug. 6—Gunder Haegg, the class Swedish track star, who predicted last week that he would soon break another world record, lived up to his prediction Friday when he clipped three and one-sixteenth seconds from his mark for the two-mile with a sizzling 8:42.8 in Stockholm Stadium.



Ex-Clerk Colonels Face Tough Job In 'Civvy Service', Psychiatrist Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—Clerks who became colonels and messenger boys who became majors will be some of the worst sufferers among the men who went to war and face a post-war problem of reconversion to civilian life, Col. William C. Menninger, chief of the neuropsychiatry division of the surgeon general's office declared today.

ARMY ORDER ENDS 6-DAY BUS STRIKE

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6—The Army and the Department of Justice joined early today to partially end the six-day strike of 5,800 Philadelphia transit workers and arrest four alleged leaders of the walkout on federal warrants charging violation of the Smith-Cornally anti-strike act.

Within an hour after an Army ultimatum to the strikers to return to work by midnight, workers began signing up at car barns. However, only a few buses, subways and street cars were running at an early hour today. More than 3,000 Third Service Command troops were reported ready to operate the transit system if the strikers ignored Army demands.

Major Gen. Philip Hayes, who was placed in charge of the city transportation system when the troops moved in, bluntly informed strikers their occupational deferments would be canceled and that those between 18 and 37 would be called up for pre-induction examinations.

The wildcat strikers, who were not authorized to walk out by the CIO Transit Workers Union, said the government seizure did not solve the original issue concerning the hiring of eight Negroes as operators. The strike kept many of the city's war workers from their jobs.

Unknown Soldier Rides And a Town is Liberated

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The town, says they were completely surprised by this sudden burst of fire and began blindly throwing hand grenades towards the hotel. Running back along the wall of the hotel, the American signalled his driver to depart and hide in a cellar.

Meanwhile, three officers from the German commandant's staff come down into the square and protested that they were being fired upon by a group of French resistance fighters. After they had left, the officer emerged from his hiding place, waved farewell to the populace who now crowded the square, then departed on foot.

"We thought that was the last we would ever see of the brave young man," said M. Choquer. "But behold, the next morning, when the Americans take the town, he appears in front of my hotel in a jeep and waves to me. I rush out and give him a bottle of champagne. He bows and thanks me. I go back and get him a glass, but when I return, presto, he has disappeared again. C'est un homme la."

It. Leon Jacobson, of St. Louis, Mo. and the civil affairs unit which arrived in Granville on the heels of the occupation troops, admitted that the tale of the lone invader, was quite possible.

"There seem to be several versions of it," he said, "but apparently someone did come in here the night before the town was taken and shake things up a bit."

Whatever version is true, a legend has been born in Granville that will be repeated for generations to come.

Japs in 'Tailspin,' Stilwell Says

British troops chasing the last of the Japs from the Imphal Kohima area of India have crossed the Indo-Burma border and captured Tamu, Southeast Asia Command HQ announced yesterday. Tamu was the gateway through which Gen. Joseph Stilwell escaped from Burma more than two years ago.

Stilwell, in his first interview since becoming a full general, said he should be able to reach Rangoon overland and that the Japs "have been thrown into a terrible tailspin."

BRITTANY PUSH AIDED BY FRENCH PARATROOPERS

LONDON, Aug. 6—French paratroopers, who landed behind German lines on D-Day and hid out with members of the underground, aided in disrupting German communications in the Brittany peninsula before its liberation by American troops, French Forces of the Interior headquarters revealed today.

At the same time, FFI announced that a German SS general, as well as 22 other Nazi officers and 74 men, had been killed by resistance forces in the Orne Department and that "engagements between enemy troops and our units are continuing throughout France."

Armed with heavy anti-tank weapons and large quantities of explosives, the paratroopers wore French uniforms when they were dropped inside Brittany shortly after H-Hour. Many civilians assisted them in the face of German reprisals, it was said.

A young French captain, who recently returned here after carrying out his mission, said: "The Germans were so terrified they remained in their barracks, thus leaving the railroad lines free for us to use in completing our assignments. We attacked and destroyed German trucks filled with troops and burned storage dumps."

Second ARC Club Opens In Cherbourg Tomorrow

The second American Red Cross Service Club in Cherbourg, the Negro-staffed Liberty Club, will open tomorrow at 1930 hours. Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, highest ranking Negro officer in the Army, now touring Negro troop installations in France, will participate in the ceremonies. Also present will be Harvey D. Gibson, ARC commissioner to Great Britain and Western Europe.

The club will be open from 1000 hours to 2200 hours daily. Among its recreational facilities is a theater seating 300.

The Liberty Club's staff consists of Claude Walton, Denver, Colo., director, and LaVerne Birch, Roxbury, Mass., and Gladys Martin, Topeka, Kan., assistants.

A MAN OF HIS WORD

BALTIMORE, M.D., Aug. 6—When Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin, a Republican, went on vacation, C. Markland Kelly, president of the city council and a Democrat, took over. Kelly immediately announced that Baltimore would have a real Democratic administration and yesterday presented the city's zoo with a donkey.

BOOTS FOR GI LUMBERJACKS

LONDON, Aug. 6—New high-type black boots are being issued to ETO engineer forestry companies, organized to convert local timber resources into finished lumber for construction use.

'Last Lap' War Production Drive Brings New U. S. Manpower Order

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes over the weekend ordered a drastic control of manpower aimed at providing war plants with 200,000 extra workers for a climactic production drive that will assure enough weapons to knock out an enemy whose "knees are buckling."

In a sweeping directive, described as the last legal step short of a national service law, Byrnes ordered employment ceilings clamped on non-essential as well as essential industries in labor shortage areas. The directive is urgently needed, he said, to hold war workers on the job and to free others for the production of munitions.

Accompanying the announcement was an Army statement that some soldiers would be furloughed to help boost output of heavy truck and bus tires 30 per

cent in August and September. The Army said it considered a shortage of heavy casings so serious it would furlough back to rubber manufacturers all non-infantry soldiers over 30 with at least one year's experience as heavy tire builders. Only troops at present in the U. S. will be eligible.

The Byrnes directive authorizes government agencies to apply any sanctions necessary—such as choking off materials, transportation, fuel and power—to enforce orders of area production agency and manpower priorities committees.

Byrnes acted after a three-day conference with military and production leaders, who have voiced alarm over lagging production and the heavy quitting among war workers who want to get established in peace time industry in event of a sudden German collapse.

Moscow Press Hails Yanks' Breakthrough

MOSCOW, Aug. 6—The dramatic breakthrough of American troops into Brittany and the French mainland was hailed here today "as the best foreign news for weeks" and newspapers published detailed accounts of the offensive together with maps.

Col. Kolomitsev, writing in Red Star, said "in beginning the battle for Brittany, the Americans carried tactics of maneuver to their highest pitch and displayed the greatest daring, skill and perfect calculation."

The Associated Press correspondent said "this is just the kind of operation the Russians have been hoping for and there is great satisfaction, from high-ranking government officials to the man in the street."

Navy Won't Yield Jackie Cooper To Police In Indiana

SOUTH BEND Ind., Aug. 6—The U. S. Naval training unit at Notre Dame yesterday refused to turn over to civilian police Naval trainee Jackie Cooper, the former film star, and George Bender, of Sheffield, Ill., charged with contributing to the delinquency of a 15-year-old girl.

The executive officer said the arrest warrants would be processed through channels. The two men were taken into custody by the school's naval authorities.

Accused with Cooper and Bender are Pauline Frederick 19 and a hotel waiter named as having served the liquor at a "wild party" July 22.

Miss Frederick was said to have invited two girls, one 15 and the other 16 to the party at Cooper's request. After considerable drinking, it was said the couples paired off—Cooper with Miss Frederick.

The girl of 16 said she left unmolested after seeing Miss Frederick on the bed nude. The other claimed she was seduced by Bender.

Before entering the Navy, Cooper appeared in the movie "Where Are My Children" which dealt with juvenile delinquency. It was made at the government's request.

Truman Resigns Job As Committee Chief

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—Sen. James M. Mead (D-N. Y.) today succeeded Vice Presidential nominee Harry S. Truman of Missouri as chairman of the Senate War Investigating Committee.

Truman resigned because he feared anything he said as chairman might be construed as politics, in view of his candidacy. Mead served ten terms in the House before election to the Senate in 1938.

DEWEY APPROVES POLICY

PAWLING, N. Y., Aug. 6—Back home after six days' conferences that sometimes extended over 16 hours, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey today expressed complete satisfaction with a 14-point policy statement drafted by himself and 25 other Republican governors at St. Louis.

BARKLEY LEADING

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 6—Early returns gave Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley a long lead over six opponents in yesterday's Democratic primary, and party leaders said his renomination appeared assured.

FRENCH ATTACK GERMANS

LONDON, Aug. 6—A communique from an authorized French source said a mobile unit of the French Forces of the Interior had attacked a column of 400 German troops at Aubernac on July 28 and forced them to flee their bivouac.

HAILE SELASSIE GETS PLANE

CAIRD, Aug. 6—The delivery of a two-engined transport plane to Haile Selassie at Addis Ababa under Lend-Lease officially announced. It was the first of four to be delivered to Ethiopia under Lend-Lease.

News From Home

'BACK TO PEACE' BILL ASKS GOVT RULE FOR 2 YRS

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—Despite Republican protests, the Senate Military Affairs Committee this weekend approved a bill which would set up a federal agency to direct the reconversion from war to peace, establish federal standards for post-war unemployment payments, and rule U. S. manpower and production for two years after the war.

The action followed approval in the Senate Finance Committee Thursday of a measure which would leave the control of unemployment rates and standards in the hands of the States but would bring over 2,000,000 federal workers under compensation benefits.

A showdown on the two bills is expected Tuesday when they come up on the floor of the Senate. Republicans were reported seeking the support of the Southern states to put across their "States' Rights" proposal.

Provisions of the Democratic-backed military committee bill call for the creation of a War Mobilization and Adjustment Office, which would continue its rule of production and manpower until two years after the close of the war.

The measure also envisions the appointment of a work administrator, who would have the authority to transport workers to new jobs and to provide six months of federally-paid vocational educational training for any worker, plus as much as \$75 monthly for subsistence. The unemployment-compensation section would fix uniform standards based on 75 per cent of the worker's present pay base.

However, no payment would exceed \$20 a week for a jobless man with no dependent, \$25 for an idle worker with one dependent, \$30 for one with two dependents or \$35 for a worker with two or more dependents. The compensation also would be extended to discharged members of the armed forces.

IF THE SHOE FITS

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 6—Mrs. Vera Perry was granted a divorce after charging that her husband regularly soaked her shoes in water and then baked them in an oven, thus shrinking them beyond use. The husband admitted the charge, saying he shrank the shoes to keep his wife from running around nights with other men.

REFUGEES LAND IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—The War Relocation Authority announced today that a ship carrying 982 refugees from occupied Europe had arrived in the U. S. The men, women and children of 19 nationalities will be given sanctuary in the U. S. for the duration.

JON HALL SLASHED

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Aug. 6—Jon Hall, the tough man of the films, was slashed five times by two unknown men who jumped him after he left a party at the home of Tommy Dorsey, the band leader. Doctors described Hall's condition as not serious.

Perilous Land Boom Looming, U. S. Warned

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6—Another disastrous land boom is developing. Secretary of Agriculture Claude B. Wickard warned today. He urged would-be purchasers of farm land to use their extra money to retire debts or to purchase war bonds rather than to buy farm real estate at present inflated values.

The rate at which farm land prices are rising indicates that an inflationary land spree is under way in many regions.

The secretary's comments were made in connection with an Agriculture Department survey showing that war markets for farm commodities had boosted land values an average of 42 per cent above the average prevailing in the 1935-39 period. Wickard said that about one-third of the farm purchases were being made by city residents.