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Allies Straining to Close Trap

Reds Bridge RiverBefore East Prussia

Fortress Town Captured; Von Paulus Calls on Reich to Give In

Major Soviet forces, after jabbing at the defenses of East Prussia for two weeks to find a soft spot, drove the Germans out of the fortress town of Osowiec 16 miles from the province's southeastern corner vesterday and apparently smashed beyond the Biebrza River, last natural defense in front of the Reich frontier.

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This first success of the revitalized Russian campaign came a few hours after Field Marshal-Gen. Von Paulus, captured at Stalingrad 19 months ago with his German Sixth Army, sounded a call to his countrymen over Moscow radio to get rid of Adolf Hitler and make peace. "Further continuation of the war is useless bloodshed," he said-in a message read for him by an announcer. "Germany has lost the war."

Turning on 'Benefactor'

Von Paulus's turning upon Hitler was noteworthy, because the Fuehrer made him a marshal only after his capture and Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels thereafter built him up to be a German national hero. He is the only German field marshal in Allied hands.

"Neither in the east nor in the west has Germany the reserves that could retrieve the situation," his statement said. "The enemy's superiority in the air and on the sea is so overwhelming that the resulting situation becomes more and

Germany is in this position cause of Hitler's state and military leader-ship. The treatment of the occupied (Continued on page 4)

TheWarToday

France-American infantry and armored forces drive within artillery range of Falaise, as British and Canadians battle south to squeeze German . Two allied pincers escape gap less than 20 miles apart . . . Canadians launch new major operation toward Falaise with powerful RAF support ... German retreat described as . U.S. troops capture Ger, important junction in Vire-Mortain area . . . German troops still hold out at St. Malo . . . French armored division lighting with Allied troops.

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Pacific-Nimitz says Japan may be defeated without invasion, but calls occupation necessary to insure peace bombers sink 3,000-ton freighter in Davao Gulf, in Philippines, and pound Halmahera announces raids on Bonins, Marianas and Kuriles.

Italy-Empoli cleared of Nazis . . Gen. Alexander foreshadows assault upon Gothic line in message to Italian patriots asking assistance

. . Kesselring distributes pamphlets threatening retaliation against civilians who jeopardize Nazi supply and communications lines.

Asia-Chungking announces heavy fighting in the outer ring of Hengyang . . . Allies progress on Tiddim road and Kabaw Valley sector of Burma against light resistance... South of Myitkyina, Chinese units and Kachin Levies consolidate positions in Kazu, and Allied patrols reach Mingon, five miles southwest of Taungni.

Way Home From ETO? Lear Points to Tokyo

CINCINNATI, Aug. 14 (AP)-Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, commander of the U.S. Army Ground Forces, said today that "much of the Army now in Europe may return home via the Suez Canal and Tokyo.'

He told the annual meeting of the veterans of the Spanish-American War that "victory in Europe is in sight . . . and when this victory is gained we shall turn much of our fighting force and all our strength and hatred against our enemies in

Need to Invade Japan Doubted

Nimitz Says Occupation, However, Is Necessary To Insure Peace

Belief that Japan may be defeated with-out an actual invasion of the Japanese homeland was expressed by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz at Pearl Harbor yesterday, but he added that occupation of Japan would be necessary to insure peace. The U.S. Navy Department, mean-

while, announced new American air raids against enemy positions from the northern Kuriles to the Marianas, and Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported the sinking of a 3,000-ton Japanese freighter in Davao Gulf in the Philippines, and another raid upon Halmahera, between the Philippines and New Guinea

"I am not sure or convinced that invasion will be necessary, but I do believe that the occupation of Japan would be necessary to insure peace," Nimitz told a press conference.

Greater Unfolding Necessary "I do not believe anybody can definitely

say that invasion—invasion by assault—will be necessary until the time comes and the situation is unfolded more than it is at present," he said.

Nimitz made the reservation, however,

that "we should keep in mind the possible necessity of invasion and be prepared for it." He disclosed that he was anxious to move his headquarters to the fighting

to move his headquarters to the fighting area.

Chichi Jima, in the Bonin Islands, was attacked by Liberators which bombed an airfield and a cargo ship in the harbor. Gun positions and a runway on Pagan Island in the Marianas were hit by Mitchells, while an enemy patrol vessel was sunk and another damaged near Paramushiro, in the Kuriles.

MacArthur's communique revealed that night air patrols again pounded that night air patrols again pounded.

that night air patrols again pounded Halmahera. A 1,000-ton freighter was left burning and a 3,000-ton vessel was Other occupied ports were raided, e a Reuter dispatch said that MacArthur's armies in New Guinea "are coiling up like a giant spring for an assault against the Philippines."

USAAF Planning to Dump 700,000 MoreTonsby Jan. 1

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 — The USAAF's bombing plans for the balance of 1944 call for the dropping of 700,000 tons of high explosives, the War Department and proposed to the control of the co

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14-The War

Department officially pulled the chain today on latrine rumors which have circulated recently to the effect that the ETO might be brought within the Army furlough rotation plan now that the troops here have been in combat.

Insufficient shipping space to provide the processory replacements the depart.

the necessary replacements, the depart-ment said, still precludes the extension to this theater of the plan under which

one-half of one per cent of the combat troops in the Pacific, Mediterranean and

Carribean theaters have been going home

to the U.S. on furlough after two years'

Rotation Furlough to U.S.?

foreign service.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said last December, when the rotation plan was instituted, that ETO troops were not included because: 1—there was insufficient shipping space; 2—the climate was the company of the enemy and have their own rotation plan.

It Still Is TS for the ETO

Yanks in Gun Range of Falaise; Nazis Battle Fiercely to Escape

Ike Calls for Supreme Effort To Achieve Major Victory Now

The following Order of the Day was issued by Gen. Eisenhower at an advanced command post in Normandy:

Allied Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen: Through your combined skill, valor and fortitude you have created in France a fleeting but definite opportunity for a major Allied victory, one whose realization will mean notable progress toward the final downfall of our enemy. In the past, I have, in moments of unusual significance, made special appeals to the Allied forces it has been my honor to command. Without exception the response has been unstinted and the result beyond my expectations.

Because the victory we can now achieve is infinitely greater than any it has so far been possible to accomplish in the west, and because this opportunity may be grasped only through the utmost in zeal, determination and speedy action, I make my present appeal to you more urgent than ever

I request every airman to make it his direct responsibility that the enemy is blasted unceasingly by day and by night, and is denied safety either in fight or in flight.

I request every sailor to make sure that no part of the hostile forces can either escape or be reinforced by sea, and that our comrades on the land want nothing that guns and ships and ships' companies can bring to them.

I request every soldier to go forward to his assigned objective with the determination that the enemy can survive only through surrender: Let no foot of ground once gained be relinquished nor a single German escape through a line once established.

With all of us resolutely performing our special tasks we can make this week a momentous one in the history of this war-a brilliant and fruitful week for us, a fateful one for the ambitions of the Nazi tyrants.

Aerial Armadas Ravage Foe in France and Reich

Mindful of Gen, Eisenhower's Order of the Day to blast the Nazis from the air unceasingly by day and night and deny them safety either in fight or flight, Allied airmen yesterday pounded the enemy escape corridor in France's

Peace-Police Plan Suggested

By John M. Hightower Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14-The creation of special new military units which would operate beyond the traditional limits of international law has been suggested in official quarters as possibly the most effective way of organizing postwar forces to maintain peace.

The proposal, it was learned today, was developed by military and naval authorities and is steadily growing in importance as American plans for four-power peace organization talks here take final shape. It is expected to be put forward during the talks, although it is not necessarily considered part of the formal American

Should the proposal not be favorably considered for general adoption by the other conferees—Russia, Britain and, later on, China—authorities predict it may still supply the answer to the quesment announced yesterday. The figure exceeds by over 3,000 the total dumped in all theaters since the U.S. entered the world peace by force without basically (Continued on page 4) (Continued on page 4)

in the ETO was not rigorous as it is in some other theaters; and 3—few ETO

outfits then had been in combat.

Several hundred thousand soldiers from

the other theaters have trickled back to

the U.S. so far under the rotation and replacement system. As a general policy,

the returning veterans are assigned to establishments in the U.S. after their fur-

imminent overseas movement. Officers account for ten per cent and EMs 90 per

cent of the men furloughed and replaced,

the selections being based on efficient performance of duty, arduousness of duty and length of foreign service.

Wounded men from the ETO may be returned to the U.S. for hospitalization.

however, and men who have been cap-tured by the enemy and have escaped also may be returned. And the air forces

lough, or to units not scheduled

Falaise sector, struck inland against Germany's weakened communication lines and carried the war to the Reich itself.

At the same time, nearly 750 heavy bombers of the 15th Air Force flew from the bit the coact of southers.

Italy to hit the coast of southern France for the third straight day.

As aircraft of the U.S. Eighth and Ninth Air Forces and the British Second Tactical Air Force bombed defense positions of the fleeing Wehrmacht and blew its rail lines, bridges and vehicles sky high, four contingents of Eighth B17s, numbering between 500 and 750 heavies in all, thundered to southern Germany.

Escorted by P51s and P47s, the Forts bombed the I.G. Farben chemical plant at Ludswigshafen, an electrical equipment factory at Mannheim and Luftwaffe sta-tions at Sandhofen, near Mannheim, and Echterdingen, near Stuttgart. Bombing was visual. Three Forts and one fighter

Spearheading the offensive against front-line targets, Marauders late Sunday night, attacking by the light of flares, heaped more than 30 tons of high explosives and fragmentation bombs on troops and ammunition stores dispersed in the Foret d'Halouse, about 15 miles east of Mortain. Heavy flak was encountered, but all the B26s returned.

Escape Routes Battered

Hours later, more than 250 Ninth Air Force medium and light bombers battered highway bridges, potential escape routes for the Germans in the Falaise-Mortain bulge, and struck inland at rail junctions and bridges. No planes were Eighth fighter-bombers, renewing at

dawn the onslaught against transporta-tion which in the previous 48 hours had destroyed or damaged almost 600 loco-motives, more than 6,000 rail cars and about 900 military vehicles, struck north of the Seine and east of Paris.

Reports on missions completed up to

1 PM showed that the raiders had destroyed or damaged 29 locomotives, 301 rail cars and 22 military vehicles. Three German aircraft were shot down for the loss of three U.S. planes.

Ninth fighter-bombers, too, after a week in which they flew approximately 7,500 individual sorties over the battle (Continued on page 4)

Bob Hope Unhurt in Crash

MELBOURNE, Aug. 14 (AP)—Bob Hope, Frances Langford and other members of an entertainment party touring the Southwest Pacific battle starions escaped injury today when their plane was forced down in Newcastle, Australia.

Retreat Is Orderly Despite Ceaseless Aerial Attacks

American infantry and armored forces, swinging their southern pincer north to within artillery range of Falaise yesterday, closed in for the kill on German troops trying frantically to escape encirclement in a desperate race eastward through the closing Falaise gap.

The northern pincer of British and Canadian armies smashed ahead to squeeze the Falaise gap at the same time, narrowing it by more than two miles. A major operation by the Canadian First Army—supported by a powerful RAF attack—took the Canadians within three

miles of Falaise.

Estimates of the distance between the two Allied pincers variously set it at from 15 to 20 miles last night. As thousands of Allied planes pounded away at the German escape roads, junctions, and other positions, a Canadian Army spokes-

The 15-mile stretch between Falaise

"The 15-mile stretch between Falaise and Argentan is a real no-man's land, and everything that moves in there is fair game for our air forces."

One U.S. column—after a 40-mile advance northeast from Mayenne toward Falaise—was at a point roughly 20 miles from the Canadians last night. This big advance helped to create an inner ring of armor, which was closing in on elements of five German panzer divisions still holding out in the vicinity of Mortain.

12 Divisions Periled

Battlefront dispatches said that at least 12 German divisions, including six armored and six infantry divisions, would have to get through the gap if they were to escape annihilation.

Allied troops pressed grimly ahead on an "all-out for victory" Order of the Day from Gen. Eisenhower, who said there was now a "definite opportunity for a major Allied victory, one whose realizamajor Allied victory, one whose realiza-tion will mean notable progress toward the final downfall of our enemy," and emphasized to ground forces: "Let no foot of ground once gained be relinquished, nor a single German escape through a line once established." Allied soldiers, sailors and airmen "can

make this week a momentous one in the history of this war—a brilliant and fruitful week for us, a fateful one for the ambitions of the Nazi tyrants," Eisenhower declared.
A broadcast from Eisenhower's head-

quarters emphasized, however, that cap-ture of the German Seventh Army—the aim of the present battle—would not mean an immediate end to the war in western Europe, since there are still three German armies not yet engaged in France which have great firepower and several broad river lines making good defensive positions.

Reports that U.S. doughboys captured Argentan were not confirmed by SHAEF, (Continued on page 4)

'La Prestone' Melts Hearts Of the French

Word that the Second French Armored Division, commanded by Gen. Jacques Philippe Leclerc, is now fighting with the Allies in France was released at SHAEF last night. It was formed in North Africa after the final liberation of Tunisia in May, 1943.

Released at the same time was this yarn from Tom Hoge, Stars and Stripes reporter who saw the division wildly welcomed by the populace of a town in Normandy on Aug. 7:

As each tank rolled by, crowds lining the sidewalks would read cloud the

the sidewalks would read aloud the name stenciled on the front and shout it to

those in the rear.
"Vive Bordeaux!" they shouted, and a "Vive Bordeaux!" they shouted, and a "Vive Lorraine!"

"Vive Bordeaux!" they shouted, and a cheer went up. "Vive Lorraine!" Another cheer.

Somewhere along the route a GI supply truck had slipped into the convoy. Stenciled on the radiator was the familiar sign, "Prestone 1943." indicating that Prestone had been put into the cooling system.

"Vive La Prestone!" shouted the crowd wildly.

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General Ike's Call

T a crucial moment of unusual A significance General Eisenhower from his advanced command post in Normandy, has issued a ringing call to Allied soldiers, sailors and airmen for supreme efforts that will result in "a major Allied victory" and " mean notable progress towards the final downfall of our enemy.

In words that will thrill every Allied soldier participating in the triumphant march to victory, General Ike says in a dramatic Order of the Day, "Because the victory we can now achieve is infinitely greater than any it has so far been possible to accomplish in the West and because this opportunity may be grasped only through the utmost zeal, determination and speedy action, I make my present appeal to you more urgent than ever before."

Our Supreme Commander declares that vigorous all-out efforts now from all our forces can make this week "a momentous one in the history of this war -a brilliant and fruitful week for us, a fateful one for the ambitions of the Nazi tyrants." Every member of the Allied forces will heed this call. Every soldier, sailor and airman will leap to his tasks to exert every ounce of energy which our Commander believes is necessary for the urgent operations now under way.

Sweeping through the skies to carry out their order our airmen will see that "the enemy is blasted unceasingly by day and by night"; on the sea our sailors will block any escapes attempted by the enemy and render every support needed by our armies; on land our soldiers will take their sailors and soldiers are soldiers. take their assigned objectives without relinquishment.

Moving forward in response to General Ike's battle cry the Allies will exploit the advantage their brilliant advances have given them. In this great hour of decision they will grapple with the enemy as proved before the provided of the control of as never before. They will make their Commander prouder still of their "combined skill, valor and fortitude," which will be used to the utmost to seize the opportunity he has pointed out.

Future in Pacific

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT minced no words in his clear-cut statement of Allied intentions in the Pacific when he spoke of the prospect of operations in China, the recapture of the Philippines and the carrying of the war to the shores of Japan. Accentuating his words are land, air and sea victories in that area which are unsurpassed in daring and brilliant execution.

"We have no desire," said the Chief Executive in his Pacific Coast address, "to ask for any possessions of the United Nations. But the United Nations who are working so well with us in the winning of the war will, I am confident, be glad to join with us in protection against aggression and in machinery to prevent aggression. . . . The self-interest of our Allies will be affected by fair and friendly collaboration with us. They will gain in national security. They will gain economically. The destinies of the peoples of the whole Pacific will for many years be entwined with our own destiny

Commenting on these statements The Times of London says: "The President thus lays down a policy, not of exclusive-ness but of joint effort and benefit, on terms which should be sure of cordial and confident assent from all the Powers concerned in the security and economic progress of the Pacific regions."

Today more than a million American soldiers are fighting in the Pacific to prepare the ground for these constructive ideas—in which Japan will be able to participate, as the President says, "only after years of proof" that we can trust

Liverpool Lights Up

LL belligerent Europe is looking with envious eyes at Liverpool where, for the first time since September 2, 1939, the blackout has been lifted and street lamps turned on throughout three miles of streets in the center

Liverpool has thus become the first city in Britain to banish the blackout in part with "moonlight," which is decribed as "100 times more brilliant than London's starlight." To young children who never had seen lighted street lamps the new street lighting was as good as a "cinema" and late homegoers rejoiced in being able to read newspapers as they waited for buses and trams.

Meanwhile the rest of the British Isles waits hopefully for Allied arms to make possible for them, too, to turn their lights on in a victory celebration.

Hash Marks

Modern Proposal: "Baby, I'd like to make your post-war plans!"

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A German prisoner in Normandy, asked how the Nazi soldiers felt about being forced to give the Hitler salute in



stead of the military salute, replied, "We have a saying for that. We say it will not take much effort now to raise the other

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Overheard in the Blackout: "Boy, was that girl ugly. She must be a professional blind-date!"

At the risk of repeating an old gag, we remind you that the mosquitoes in France are as bad as in New Jersey and everywhere else—they are so fastidious they turn over a GI's dogtag and check his blood-type before devouring him.

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Sgt. Theo Lundberg received a letter from his girl back home asking if a Hashmark was "something you got for being on KP a lot."

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And a little girl surprised S/Sgt. Urban

And a little girl surprised S/Sgt. Urban C. Zimmer by asking; "Got a hankie—Yankee?"

Whoever leaves these unsigned verses

in our typewriter is getting better, judging by today's contribution.

If Little Red Riding Hood lived today, The modern girl would scorn 'er. She only had to meet one wolf, Not one on every corner.

Fun on the Home Front. It was a hot summer day and the pretty young girl could not resist taking a dip in the moun-tain pool, despite the fact she had no swim suit. After a few cooling dives, she spied a mischievous youngster tying sne spied a mischievous youngster tying her clothes in knots. Furiously she swam to the bank, grabbed up an old galvanized tub for a shield and confronted him. "Young man," she snapped angrily, "do you know what I'm thinking?" "Yes," he replied with a twinkle in his eye, "you're thinking that tub has a bottom in it!"

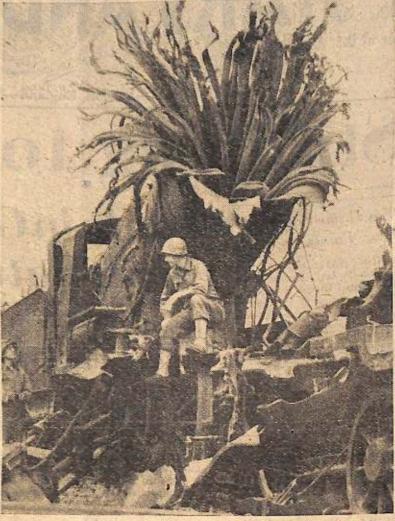
Speaking of novel uses for the good old GI helmet, Ensign W. H. Lobenstein reports this gith as he jeeped up the Cher-



bourg peninsula. There in a pasture surrounded by hedgerows was a soldier sit-ting on the fibre liner of his helmet, using a milking stool, as he milked a cow -letting the moo-juice fall into the steel part of his "Stetson."

Punch just came through with a wonderful joke indeed. An Englishman sitting at his desk consults a score sheet and remarks cheerfully, "Nice day today -nine 'all clears' to four 'alerts.'

Engine Bombed Into a Brussels Sprout



This locomotive was literally torn to shreds in air bombardment at Canisy, France.

Crumpled flues in smokestack look like big bunch of vegetation.

Straight From the Front By Ernie Pyle

NORMANDY—All of us corresponents have tried time and again to decribe to you what this weird hedgerow
thing in northwestern France has been
ke, but I'm going to go over it once
ore, for we have been in it two months
do some of us feel that this is the two
do norths that broke the German Army in
the west. This type of fighting is always
and the mean through. But, mostly, the
hedgerow pattern is this—a heavy
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hedgerow with rifles and machine pistols.
Now it's up to us to dig them out of
there. It's slow and cautious business
and there is nothing very dashing about
it. Our men don't go across open fields
in dramatic charges such as you see in dents have tried time and again to de-scribe to you what this weird hedgerow in the west. This type of fighting is always in small groups, so let's take as an example one company of the co

example one company of men.

Let's say they are working forward on both sides of a country lane and this company is responsible for clearing two fields on either side of the road as it advances. That means you have only about one platoon to the field and with a company understrength from countries. company understrength from casualties, you might have no more than 25 to 30

men in the field.

Here fields are usually not more than 50 yards across and a couple of hundred yards long. They may have grain in them, or apple trees, but mostly they are just pastures of green grass full of cows.

Fields All Surrounded

The fields are surrounded on all sides by immense hedgerows which consist of an earthen hedge, waist high, all matted with roots and out of which grow weeds, bushes and trees up to 20 feet high. The Germans have used these barriers well. They have put snipers in trees. They dig deep trenches behind hedgerows and cover them with timber so that it is almost impossible for artillery to get at them. Sometimes they will prop up machine-guns with strings attached so machine-guns with strings attached so that they can fire over the hedge without getting out of their holes. They even cut out sections of hedgerow and hide a big of sections of hedgerow and hide a big out sections of hedgerow and hide a big of se gun or tank in it, covering it with brush.

Also they tunnel under hedgerows from the back and make an opening on the forward side, just large enough to stick a

in dramatic charges such as you see in the movies. They did at first, but they

learned better.

They go in tiny groups, a squad or less moving yards apart and sticking close to hedgerows on either end of the field. They creep a few yards, squat, wait, then creep

Wouldn't See Many

If you could be right up there between he Germans and Americans, you wouldn't see many men at any one time. Just a few, here and there, always trying to keep hidden, but you would hear an

awful lot of noise.

Attacking squads sneak up the sides of hedgerows, while the rest of the platoon stay back in their own hedgerow and keep the forward hedge saturated with bullets. the forward hedge saturated with bullets. They shoot rifle grenades, too, and the mortar squad, a little farther back, keeps lobbing mortar shells over onto the Germans' little advance groups set up to the far ends of the hedgerows at the corners of the field. They first try to knock out machine-guns at each corner. They do this with hand grenades, rifle grenades and machine-guns. and machine-guns.

fields and start digging in for a new line.

fields and start digging in for a new line. They leave about two machine-guns and a few riflemen scattered through the hedge to do a lot of shooting and hold the Americans as long as they can.

Our men now sneak along the front side of the hedgerow, throwing grenades over onto the other side and spraying the hedges with their guns. The fighting is yery close, only a few yards apart, but it is seldom actual hand-to-hand stuff.

Sometimes the remaining Germans

is seldom actual hand-to-hand stuff.

Sometimes the remaining Germans come out of their holds with their hands up. Sometimes they try to run for it and are mowed down. Sometimes they wortt come out at all and hand grenades thrown into their hole finish them off and so we have taken another hedgerow and are ready to start on the one beyond.

This hedgerow business is a series of

This hedgerow business is a series of little skirmishes like that clear across the front. Thousands and thousands of little skirmishes. No single one of them is very big, but add them all up over days and weeks and you have got a man-sized war with thousands on both sides.

This Is-The Army

PFC. Arthur W. Falor reports that PFC. Arthur W. Falor reports that barbering in France offers more excitement than his former Treat-U-Rite shop in Seattle, Wash, He landed on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day plus mine and hung out the "open for business" immediately.

The excitement came one afternoon re-The excitement came one afternoon recently while cutting a sergeant's hair. The anti-aircraft guns opened up on German planes. "We both dived for a rock-shed across the road and got inside just in time to miss the strafing and the falling shrapnel," Falor related.

The oil will pour freely at 70 degrees of 30,000 feet, when ice and Ar altitudes on machine-guns, a combination of this vents jamming.

Hard Run, but Nazis Finally Caught Up With Some Captors

ON THE ORNE RIVER FRONT, Normandy, Aug. 14 (AP)—Three British Tommies on a night patrol in enemy territory east of the Orne had completed their mission and were returning when they were spotted by a German sentry, who raised the alarm,

who raised the alarm.

As the British took to their heels, eight more Germans came tumbling out of a near-by farmhouse. Then began a wild race through moonlit orchards and across hedges and streams, with the Germans shouting furiously and the British silently tearing off yardage.

Finally the leader of the partial

Finally the leader of the patrol pulled

"There's something phoney about this," he said. "Those blokes aren't shooting at us. Let's see what the score is."

A few seconds later the nine Germans caught up. Puffing and panting, they clicked heels, saluted, and chorused: "We wish to surrender. But—wuh—wuh—we cannot run much longer."

French Greet Allies In Middle of Battle

WITH U.S. FORCES, France, Aug. 14 (UP)-Some French people were killed when the town of Laval was freed from the Germans because they dashed out into the streets to welcome their liberators while the fighting was still going on.

"If it hadn't been for the mob of celebrating French we should have captured Laval far sooner," Capt. Charles Free-

man related.

"With bullets flying in all directions, and with German staff cars racing through in an effort to get away, the crowd refused to get off the streets. They rushed out with American and British flags, kissing and hugging our men."

-Notes from the-Air Force

FOURTEEN victories in two separate engagements, each involving eight Mustangs led by Capt. Wallace N. Emmer, of St. Louis, Mo., against 40 Nazi planes, brought the total of kills by the group commanded by Col. George R. Bickell, of Nutley, N.J., to 404 in less than eight months of combat. In addition, the group claims 45 probables and 237 days group. 237 damaged.

In the first air battle, the eight P51s destroyed nine Me109s without loss. While escorting B26s later the same day, this same flight bagged five more, but one Mustang pilot bailed out.

T/Sgt. Peter S, Becker, of Louisville, Ky., an engineer-gunner on the Liberator Stolen Moments, recently received the Silver Star for "gallantry in action." Brig. Gen. Edward J. Timberlake, of San Antonio, Tex., wing commander, made the presentation.

Following vicious attacks by waves of Nazi Mel09s, Becker, although badly wounded, remained at his post and not only assisted in warding off further fighter attacks but materially aided in making repairs vital to the return of the plane to base. He also holds the Air Medal with two clusters.

IN citing a photographic reconnaissance group commanded by Lt. Col. C. A. Shoop, of Beverly Hills, Cal., for "extraordinary heroism, gallantry and determination," Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Eighth Air Force Commander, revealed the vital and hazardous role played by unarmed photo pilots before and after D-Day. The group's photo laboratory turned out almost a quarter of a million

Pictures were taken so low that signs on store fronts are legible. Lt. Robert E. Moss, of Huntington Park, Cal. clipped a church steeple with the tail boom of his Lightning, and landed at his base in England with the branch of a tree stuck in his base in the branch of a tree stuck in his base in the branch of a tree stuck in his base in his ba Stuck in his wing. Another P38 pilot, I/Lt. John L. Anderson, of Littleton, Colo., flew so low leaving the enemy coast that he dipped one wing in the

1/Lt, Charles R. Woodrum, For-tress pilot from Silver Springs, Md., returned from Berlin without fighter escort after four crew members had bailed out.

The Fort was hit by flak just before it bombed an aerial engine factory at Genshagen, several miles south of Berlin. When the No. 4 engine caught fire the navigator co-pilor bombardier fire, the navigator, co-pilot, bombardier and top-turret-gunner jumped. Wood-rum side-slipped the plane and then dived 13,000 feet, blowing out the flames.

A NEW oil which keeps machine-guns A NEW oil which keeps machine-guns from jamming at temperatures as low as 80 degrees below zero is now forces, Col. Philip Schwartz, ETO Air closed.

PRIVATE BREGER



'No wonder we're lost! WHERE the devil did you get this map of northeastern Illinoise?'



About two months ago the White Sox had on the squad a kid named Cass Kwietniewski who was trying to break in at shortstop. Finally the Sox sent him to Little Rock for seasoning and Vice-President Harry Grabiner of the Sox watched the Little Rock lineup every day to see how his youngster was doing. Day after day Grabiner saw that Michaels was playing short for the Travelers and that Kwietniewski wasn't even breaking into the lineup. Finally he phoned the Little Rock front office and asked. "What the hell's become of our kid Kwietniewski?" "Whatta yah mean, happened to him," came back the reply. "He's hitting second in the whole league." "Quit stallin" came back Grabiner. "He ain't even playin'. If you don't want him, say so and we'll send him some place else." The Little Rock official persisted that Cass was playing regularly. Grabiner insisted that the guy was nuts and that some jerk named Michaels was playing short. "Hey, didn't he tell you?" asked the Little Rock guy. "The printers and writers put up such a squawk that he changed his name. Kwietniewski and Michaels are the same guy." Grabiner is still cussing the kid for not letting him in on the secret, but he's not cussing the 380 that Cass is boasting in the batting race. About two months ago the White Sox

Bob Finley, currently the No. 1 catcher with the Phillies, is the boy who pitched the touchdown passes to Bobby Wilson for Southern Methodist's Rose Bowlers of 1936.

Cecil Travers, former Washington baseball star, has been in the service 31 months and on three occasions has been sent to POEs with units scheduled for overseas service. On all three occasions orders were changed and the unit was sent back to another comp.

back to another camp.

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Michigan didn't want to play Marquette at night and Marquette didn't like the afternoon date, so the Wolverine-Hilltopper contest will start at 6 and finish under the lights. That's real compromising

Bucky Walters, long one of the top pitchers of the National League, came in to relieve and beat the Dodgers in ten innings early in the season. A look at the record books showed that that was Bucky's second win and second win only in relief roles in his long major league

With the exception of Eddie Mayo at second base, the Detroit Tigers now play the same squad that finished the season for them last year. Needless to say, they're the only club in either league that can come any place near their regular squad.

Indianapolis, of the American Associa-tion, is well on the way to setting a league record for attendance for a seventh place club. To date the Indians have played to 92,000 fans and have 16 more

Red Sox, Browns Divide Double Feature

In Bid to Clip St. Louis Lead

Indians Fall Before Nats. 2-1, 4-1; Yanks, Chisox Trade Victories

NEW YORK, Aug. 14—Boston's bid to reduce the six and a half game St. Louis lead bumped into a stone wall yesterday as the Red Sox and Browns ended a busy afternoon right where they started. The Bosox captured the opener, 7—6, in 13 innings, but the Brownies salvaged the nightcap, 6—1, when Boston's Sunday curfew interrupted proceedings after five innings.

Bobby Doerr's 15th homer of the season decided the issue in the early affair as Rex Cecil, newly acquired from San Diego, arrived by plane and hurled the last four innings to win the nod over Denny Galehouse. Vern Stephens clubbed two homers and George McQuinn hit one for the Browns. Five runs in the fourth off George Woods iced the nightcap for the Browns as Nelson Potter stymied the Red Sox with five hits.

Red Sox with five hits.

After the Athletics swamped the Tigers, 6—1, in the early contest to end Detroit's winning splurge at nine in a row, Dizzy Trout fashioned his 19th triumph and returned the Bengals to the winning side of the ledger with a 6—0 job in the second game. Don Black held the Tigers to three hits in the opener while his mates pounded Hal Newhouser, who was seeking his 19th success, from the mound in the seventh. the seventh.

Trout Never in Trouble

Three runs in the second inning against the offerings of Jess Flores proved to be plenty for Trout. He yielded seven scattered hits, two by Dick Siebert and two by Hal Epps, but never was in serious

The Yankees and White Sox exchanged victories at New York, the Yanks copping the first decision, 10—1, and the Chicagoans winning the final, 11—3. Mel Queen stopped the Sox with five hits in Queen stopped the Sox with five first in the first test, while the Bombers reached Bill Dietrich for 11, including a round-tripper by Russ Derry in the third with the bases loaded. George Stirnweiss, fleet New Yorker, increased his league lead over George Case of the Senators by stealing his 35th and 36th bases.

High Boroney failed in his guiter for

by stealing his 35th and 36th bases.

Hank Borowy failed in his quest for his 15th triumph in the windup, losing to Orval Grove. The Chisox rushed ahead with six runs in the third which sent Borowy to an early shower, then continued their attack against Jim Turner.

Looking like pennant contenders instead of cellar dwellers, the Senators defeated the Indians twice, 2—1 and 4—1. Pat Seerey's ninth inning homer deprived Mickey Haefner of a shutout in the first game, but wasn't sufficient to save Jim Bagby from absorbing the loss. Five double-plays and Stan Spence's three-run homer in the first inning carried three-run homer in the first inning carried Early Wynn to victory in the second game.

American Association

Southern Association

Nashville 8, Chattanooga 4 (first game)
Chattanooga 1, Nashville 0 (second game)
New Orleans 8, Birmingham 5 (first game)
Birmingham 3, New Orleans 2 (second game)
Memphis 3, Little Rock 0 (first game)
Little Rock 3, Memphis 0 (second game)
Atlanta at Mobile postponed,
W L Pet.
Atlanta 27 12 692 N, Orleans 18 25 A
Nashville 29 13 690 Birmingham 17 24 A
Memphis 24 16 600 Mobile 17 24 A
Little Rock 17 23 425 Chattanoom 15 27 A

Pacific Coast League

Boston Stymied Cards Subdue Dodgers in Twin Bill



Intercollegiate Sports Out At Princeton for Duration

PRINCETON, N.J., Aug. 14-Princeton University will abandon all intercollegiate competition in favor of an intensified intramural athletic program, Dr. Harold W. Dodds, president of the university, announced today.

Dr. Dodds said Princeton will retain membership in various intercollegiate associations but will not take part in league competitions for the duration.

American League

National League

Cincinnati 59 45 567 Boston 43 02 410 Pittsburgh 58 45 563 Philadelphia 41 61 402 Chicago 47 54 465 Brooklyn 43 65 398 New York at Cincinnati Brooklyn at St. Louis (night) Philadelphia at Chicago Boston at Pittsburgh (2)

Leading Hitters

American League

Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2 (first game)
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2 (first game)
Philadelphia 7, Chicago 6 (second game)
Pittsburgh 8, Boston 1 (first game)
Pittsburgh 3, Boston 1 (second game)
St. Louis 4, Brooklyn 1 (first game)
St. Louis 7, Brooklyn 3 (second game)
Clincinnati 4, New York 3 (first game)
Clincinnati 4, New York 3 (first game)
Clincinnati 9, New York 2 (second game)
W L Pet. W L
St. Louis . 77 28 . 733 New York 50 58
Clincinnati 59 45 . 563 Philadelphia 41 61

The action, which was no surprise, will affect the Tigers' participation in basketball, baseball, swimming, soccer, tennis and football. Informal intercollegiate teams will be maintained, however, in baseball, basketball, football, cores and the core of the

cross country, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track and wrestling.

Individual athletes will be permitted to enter championships and tournaments as representatives of Princeton, Dodds said. He also explained that competition will be continued wherever possible, "providing such games do not cause undue absence from academic duties."

TalbertTopples Segura in Final

American League

Philadelphia 6, Detroit 1 (first game)
Detroit 6, Philadelphia 0 (second game)
New York 10, Chicago 1 (first game)
Chicago 11, New York 3 (second game)
Washington 2, Cleveland 1 (first game)
Washington 4, Cleveland 1 (first game)
Washington 4, Cleveland 1 (second game)
Boston 7, St. Louis 6 (first game, 13 innings)
St. Louis 6, Boston 1 (second game, called end
of 5th, Sunday Law)
W L Pet.
St. Louis 6 64 4 600 Chicago 52 57 477
Boston 59 50 341 Cleveland 53 59 473
Detroit 57 51 528 Philadelphia 50 62 446
New York 55 52 514 Washington 46 63 422
Chicago at New York
St. Louis at Boston
Detroit at Philadelphia (night)
Cleveland at Washington (fight)
National League RYE, N.Y., Aug. 14—For the second straight time Billy Talbert defeated Pancho Segura, the two-fisted Ecua-dorean stroker, in the finals of a tennis tournament after bowing five consecutive times to the foreign star. Talbert trounced Segura yesterday, 9—7, 6—4, 6—4, in the title round of the Eastern Grass Court

In the women's flight, Louise Brough, of Beverly Hills, Cal., turned back national champion Pauline Betz, of Los Angeles,

-3, 6-1.
Talbert's combination of drop shots and deep drives from the baseline made and deep drives from the baseline made Segura look bad, particularly in the last two sets, and the Ecuadorian star never was able to reduce Billy's lead. Miss Betz tired after the first four games and Miss Brough won handily over the twotime titlist.

Teaming up, Talbert and Segura won the doubles title, beating Nick Buzolich, of Los Angeles, and Charlie Oliver, of Perth Amboy, N.J., 6—4, 6—2.

Villanova Releases Dates Of Eight-Game Grid Slate

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 14 — The Villanova football team will play an eight-game schedule this fall, Rev. Edward McKee, moderator of athletics, an-

McKee, moderator of anticory nounced today.

'The schedule: Sept. 23, Scranton; Sept. 30, Franklin and Marshall; Oct. 7, Sampson Naval; Oct. 15, Holy Cross; Oct. 21, Muhlenberg; Nov. 4, Army; Nov. 11, Camp Kilmer; Nov. 18,

By Pap Ottmen Suffer 6th Loss in Row As Reds Win 2

Phils Strike Down Bruins, 3-2, 7-6; Bucs Slap Braves, 8-1, 3-1

NEW YORK, Aug. 14—Customers enjoyed a pleasant afternoon in the fresh air and club treasuries profited handsomely, but t'ere was no change in the National League's futile chase of the bard-riding Cardinals as the champion Redbirds swept their bargain double-header from the (beloved) Bums of Flatbush. 4—1 and 7—3.

bush, 4-1 and 7-3.
The Cardinals failed to add any more

to their lopsided 17½-game margin, however, as the Reds tripped the Giants twice and the Pirates dumped the Braves twice.

Checking the Bums with six hits and robbed of a and robbed of a shutout in the fifth when Ho wi e Schultz singled, advanced to third on Mickey Owen's single and raced across on a double

across on a doubleplay, Lefty Max Lanier achieved his
15th victory in the opener. Tom Sunkel
was the victim, falling behind when
Danny Litwhiler crashed a homer in
the fourth with two mates aboard,

Rookie Leads Assault Rookie Augie Bergano led the St. Louis assault on Calvin Coolidge McLish and Tom Warren in the nightcap with four hits, including a double and a triple. But it took home runs by Ken O'Dea and Stan Musial to drive in the potential runs Warren put on base. Harry Brecheen was credited with the victory, although he vacated in the eighth in favor of Fred Schmidt after allowing 13 of Brooklyn's 14 safe blows.

14 safe blows.

Two reversals at the hands of the Redsby 4-3 and 9-2 counts stretched the Giants' losing streak to six straight. Clyde Shoun helped win his own game in the first tilt, driving home a run in the second frame when Cincy tallied three times off Rube Fischer. Sloppy fielding by his cohorts cost temperamental Johnny Allen the windup as George Hausman committed three miscues in the fourth inring to give the Redlegs four runs on one hit and Hal Luby booted two grounders later and Hal Luby booted two grounders later in the contest.

Reyes Clubbing Cheers Giants

The only bright spot in an otherwise dismal Giant picture was the hitting of Manuel Reyes, subbing for injured Phil Weintraub. He made four hits in the early game and two in the finale. Weintraub suffered a bad gash on his left hand.

Saturday when a drive off the bat of Jim Russell split the flesh between his thumb and fore-finger; he is ex-pected to be out of the lineup for at least a week.

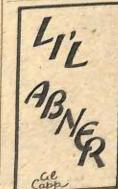
A circuit clout by Frank Colman in the eighth inning with Bob Elliott on base enabled the Pirates to trounce the Braves, 3-1, in

their second game after Rip Sewell coasted to an easy 8—1 triumph in the opener. Sewell, clubbing a homer, notched his 12th win at the expense of Jim Tobin in the first tussle. Al Lopez also reached Tobin for a four-bagger. Fritz Ostermueller outdueled Johnny Hutchings, recently purchased by the Braves from Indianapolis, in the second

Charlie Grimm's unpredictable Cubs nosedived again yesterday, bowing to the lowly Phillies, 3—2 and 7—6, as 38,576 Chicago fans groaned through an unboth games to the visitors, two wild throws by Stan Hack marring Paul Der-ringer's mound work in the opener and assuring Bill Lee, an ex-Bruin, of victory. Ron Northey aided Lee with his 14th homer in the second inning.

A wild throw by Paul Erickson in the eighth opened the door for three runs and

broke a 4—4 deadlock in the nightcap, Charley Schanz, the third Philadelphia hurler, earning the decision.









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Scranton 6, Elmira 0 (first game)
Scranton 9, Elmira 0 (second game)
Albany 6, Utica 5 (first game)
Albany 6, Utica 3 (second game)
Hartford 3, Binghamton 0 (first game)
Hartford 4, Binghamton 1 (second game)

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NEWS FROM HOME

Fourth Big Fire In East Sweeps Palisades Park

Over 150 Injured in Blaze Near Hudson River; Loss \$1,250,000

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (ANS) - The fourth major fire in three days in the New York City-New Jersey area yesterday swept through the Palisades Amusement Park overlooking the Hudson River, resulting in injuries to more than 150 persons and damage estimated at around \$1,250,000.

Officials said that 80 per cent of the park's property was destroyed, including the scenic railway, funhouse and skyrocket. In addition, 100 automobiles in an adjacent parking lot were burned, their ploding gas tanks leading many to believe bombs were going off,

The fire came as a femperature of 100 degrees broke all New Jersey heat records degrees broke all New Jersey heat records for the fourth consecutive day. It was the third resort blaze in as many days, coming after flames wrecked a block of the boardwalk and buildings Friday at Wildwood, N.J., and part of Luna Park at Coney Island Saturday.

Meantime, at Pier No. 4 at Hoboken, N.J., the \$4,000,000 fire which started Friday was still smouldering and flaring up. Police announced that two firemen were missing.

12 Die in Illinois Fire
SHAWNEETOWN, Ill., Aug. 14
(ANS)—Twelve persons, six of them
children, died here when gasoline fumes
held inside the Ohio River levee burst
into 300-foot flames. Ten of the victims
were members of the Joseph Rider family.

7,220 Volts, but He Lives

ANAMOSA, Ia., Aug. 14 (ANS)—
Ray Seeley, lineman for the lowa Electric
Co., grabbed a wire carrying 7,220 volts
of electricity and escaped with a burned
right hand and a hole in his sock where
the charge left his body. Experts said
that only one person in 10,000 could live
through such a joh.

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altering the division of foreign policy and military powers between the President and Congress.

Essentially the proposal is that each nation should earmark part of its land, sea and air power as its own peace police organization. Each organization would fetain its separate national identity. An important part of such a U.S. organiza-tion might be the world-roving 20th Air Force of Super-Fortresses.

In event of a threat to peace which the world organization could not stop by political and economic measures, units of the various peace police organizations could be ordered into joint action by their respective governments in much the same way as many different Allied divi-sions to-day fight together under a single commander.

Such use of military forces would not be considered an act of war, in the view of those sponsoring the plan, since it could only be taken by peace-preserving nations after common agreement and in accordance with their declarations for maintaining peace. The peace police might be said to have the same sort of special legal status that U.S. marines occasionally have invoked in their peace-time operations. time operations

Radio Highlights

AFN in the United Kingdom-1000 hours-2300 hours On Your Dial 1402 kg. 1411 kg. 1420 kg. 1447 kg. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Tuesday, Aug. 15 1000 Headlines Victory Parade with Will Osborne, 1015 Personal Album with the Delta Rhythm

1100-Headlines-Morning After (Command Per-

formance).*

1130 Donne Bag-Cpl. Johnny Kerr's Musical Hit Kit.*

1315 John Charles Thomas with Victor Young's

Grichestra.*

1315—John Charles Thomas with Victor Young's Orchestra.*

1345—Blandwagon—Lawrence Welk Orchestra.*

1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour—Front Line Theater.

1545—On the Record—Pic, George Monaghan, the AFN Record Man.*

1700—Headlines—Grand Old Opry House.*

1730—Raymond Scott.

1755—American Sports News.*

1805—GI Supper Club—Sgt. John McNamara spins your requests.

1905—Gracie Fields.

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1905—Report on the Western Front.

2115—Here's to Romance—Jim Ameche, Ralph Bloch and his Orchestra, the Swing Fourties and Harry Chol.

2145—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.*

2200—Headlines—Ten O'Clock Special—With Cpi. Ben Hoberman.

2500—Final Edition.

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0600 Headlines—Rise and Shine.
0830 Music in the Modern Manner—With Freddie
Marrin's Orchestra.
0900—News, Program Summary at Dictation Speed.
0920—Combat Diary.
0935—Barry Leader's Orchestra.
1400—Headlines—Variety Bandbox.
1725—Sandy MacPherson at the Theater Organ.
1815—The American Swing Sextet.
2005—American AFF Dance Band.
2115—Ann Shelton.
*Indicates programs heard on both networks.

FDR Orders Seizure Of Five 'Frisco Plants

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (Reuter)

—President Roosevelt today directed
James V. Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy, to seize and operate five strikebound plants at San Francisco producing materials for the U.S. Fleet.

The dispute had been certified to the White House as involving the refusal of the workers in five machine shops to work longer hours as directed by the War Labor Board.

The President's order said that Forrestal should operate the plants, but hould give the management full opportunity to continue managerial functions.

Warship Texas' Heroism Bared

Old Battleship, Crippled By Direct Hits, Blasted Forts of Cherbourg

WITH ALLIED NAVAL UNITS IN THE CHANNEL, Aug. 14 (AP)—It may now be revealed that in a three-hour duel with powerful German coastal batteries of Cherbourg harbor, the old U.S. battleship Texas fought back, despite crippling direct hits, to beat the Nazi coastal defenses. In addition to two direct hits, the Texas survived innumerable near-

misses.

Three times she came on, twisting and turning through a lane of shell-bursts with her 14-inch guns blasting a trail of death at the enemy forts on the mainland with half-ton projectiles.

In the middle of her second run, German gunners scored a perfect hit. A nine or 11 inch shell hit the top of the conning tower which bless up with a terrific ex-

tower, which blew up with a terrific explosion, also wrecking one-third of the navigation bridge eight feet above.

The commanding officer, Capt. Charles A. Baker, of Washington, D.C., miraculously was unhurt and carried on from what remained of the conning tower.

Six U.S. Labor Leaders In Britain on a Tour

Six American labor union leaders have arrived in Britain to visit U.S. Army installations and to obtain first-hand information on how war equipment is being put to use, it was announced last night.

night.

They are R. J. Thomas, United Automobile Workers; David J. McDonald, United Steel Workers; Sherman Dalrymple, United Rubber Workers; Frank J. Fenton, assistant to William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor; Albert Wegener, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Eric Peterson, International Association of Machinists.

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area in close support of ground troops, were out again yesterday in the drive to harry German movements on French

roads.

With the railroads northeast of Paris paralyzed by refentless air attacks, between 500 and 750 Fortresses and Liberators bombed bridges northeast of the French capital, as well as airdromes in northeastern and eastern France and will work in southwarran France and

ni normeastern and eastern France and rail yards in southwestern France.

No Luftwaffe craft rose to intercept the fleets and only one heavy was lost. All the escorting Mustangs and Thunderbolts returned.

Proof of the havoc wrought by the Allied assault was given by fighter pilots, who reported that some areas flown over yesterday were littered with torn-up tracks. wrecked cars and burning vehicles on the deserted highways. Other airmen told of convoys fruitlessly trying to escape bomb-

convoys truitessly trying to escape bombing and strafing attacks.

German panzers trying to escape
encirclement were being pursued and
punished by American tanks and Ninth
Thunderbolts. P47 pilots, reporting on
Sunday's operations, in which more than
1,700 Ninth aircraft were engaged, said tanks flushed the panzers out of cover so that fighter-bombers could dispose of them on the roads.

Tunnell Succeeds Truman

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 (ANS)—Sen. James M. Tunnell (D,—Del.) has been named by Vice President Henry A. Wallace to replace Sen. Harry S. Truman (D,—Mo.) on the Senate War Investigation. ng Committee.

25,000 Truckers Vote to Return On Seized Lines

Drivers Will Receive Pay Increase; Disputes in Detroit Settled

NEW YORK, Aug. 14 (ANS)— Approximately 25,000 Midwestern truck drivers who struck more than a week ago

for a seven-cent-an-hour pay increase voted unanimously to resume work today under U.S. control. The government had seized the truck lines Saturday.

Ellis T. Longenecker, of the ODT and federal manager of the seized lines, said the drivers would receive the additional pay which had been ordered by a WLB directive.

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In Detroit, labor disputes involving 7,000 men at the General Motors Chevrolet Gear and Axle plant and 3,000 employes at the Briggs Manufacturing Co. also were settled over the weekend. The Briggs walkout had suspended manufacture of ball turrets for Army bombers.

Meantime, an Associated Press survey showed there were still over 61,000 workers away from their jobs in the U.S. and Canada.

workers away from their jobs in the U.S. and Canada.

William Green, president of the AFL, urged all unions to increase their output of war materials "in order to help clinch victory which now seems near at hand."

Green said that Army and Navy heads had stressed to him the need for increased production of heavy artillery, ammunition, heavy guns, bombs, radar equipment, tank construction, tires, tentage fabric and penicillin.

Empoli Seized, **GothicLineNext**

center 16 miles west of Florence, in Allied hands, New Zealanders of the Eighth Army were clearing the banks of the Arno River yesterday preparatory to an

Arno River yesterday preparatory to an attack against the Germans' Gothic line. Gen, Sir Harold Alexander fore-shadowed the move against the next Nazi bastion beyond Florence in a broadcast to Italian patriots, whom he asked to "carry out harassing actions to hamper the enemy while he is trying to entrench himself in new positions."

Alexander said the Germans were expecting an assault against the Gothic defences, "but they know neither when nor where it will be launched." Alexander's headquarters also announced that Nazi

headquarters also announced that Nazi Field Marshal Kesselring had distributed pamphlets threatening harsh retaliation against Italian civilians for attacks which jeopardized Nazi supply and communica-tions lines behind the front.

Old Friend of Gen. Patton Dies in Normandy Action

SHAEF, Aug. 14 (UP)-Col. Harry A. Flint, a Vermont cavalry officer and an old friend of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, under whom he served in North Africa and Sicily, has been killed in action in Normandy.

The official announcement of his death, said a lieutenest general three prices.

said a lieutenant general, three major generals*and two brigadier generals, all from the cavalry, were honorary pall-bearers when Flint was buried in a mili-tary cemetery at St. Mere Eglise.

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

mander of the Nazis' beleaguered garri-

son at St. Malo's Fort de la Cite-known

to townspeople as The Citadel—has received American medical supplies in return for surrendering seven captured U.S. soldiers, who reported the "fort will hold out as long as the colonel's cognac and champagne hold out."

This was revealed yesterday as one of the most dramatic sieges in the American campaign appeared to be nearing its end

with a division's forward assault group poised for a decisive thrust against The Citadel, the only strongly-fortified Ger-man position holding out east of the

The exchange took place Friday when

a German chaplain came over to the American lines and offered to appeal to

the colonel commanding the garrison to surrender. A truce was called as the

MALO, Aug. 14-The "mad"

WITH U.S. FORCES NEAR ST.

Good Noose?



Allies Strain to Close Trap; Nazis Battle Fiercely in Flight

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countries arouses the disgust of every real soldier and every sincere German. Germany must remove Adolf Hitler and set up a new leadership which will end the war and bring about conditions that will guarantee our nation a future ex-

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istence. . ."

Fall of Osowiec, beyond the Biebrza
33 miles northwest of Bialystok, on the
road running northwest from Bialystok
to the East Prussian frontier town of
Lyck, was announced by German News
Agency. It said the town had been
"evacuated" and the German lines had
been "taken back to the west a few kilometers" (possibly two miles).

Only an hour or two earlier, Moscow
reported the Germans hurriedly switching
troops from East Prussia to reinforce the
Osowiec garrison, but Soviet cavalry,
making surprise attacks through the
marshy country bordering the river, appaiently was too fast for them.

Berlin said "a major battle" was slowly
gathering momentum on the Eastern
Front "and will soon lead to the greatest
trial of strength." The Germans' Overseas News Agency reported "fighting on

seas News Agency reported "fighting on all the main sectors has increased in in-tensity in the past 24 hours."

It said the Russians were "steadily pumping reinforcements into the two Vis-tula bridgeheads" and at the same time had "greatly increased their pressure northeast of Warsaw."

The enemy conceded that the Red Army made "some headway" on the Estonian front south of Pskov. Gen. Maslennikov's army, striking west from Pskov, took the rail town of Voru, 36 miles east of the junction of Valga, where the line from Pskov meets the main line connecting the Estonian capital of Tallian with ing the Estonian capital of Tallinn with Riga.

Sixty miles south, Gen. Andrei Yeremenko's army stabbing into Latvia cap-tured Madona in the heart of that Baltic state, about 80 miles east of Riga.

Churchill Meets Tito

Prime Minister Churchill is conferring in Italy with the Jugoslav prime minister and with Marshal Tito on "political and military questions," it was announced last night 'at No. 10, Downing Street. No details were given.

defense would be hopeless and suicidal

"I am a German soldier and German soldiers do not surender," the colonel—a steel-willed, fanatical Nazi—replied.

garrison was desperately in need of medical supplies and said he would con-sider turning over seven U.S. doughboys captured by his unit in return for first-

However, the colonel conceded that the

The exchanged Americans said they were placed in tunnels more than 50 feet below sea level. They said German soldiers told them that most of the 500

Citadel, which is reported to have a concrete roof 60 feet thick and walls 30

Retreat Orderly Despite Air Pounding; Yanks in **Gun Range of Falaise**

(Continued from page 1) and Berlin claimed that Argentan was still in German hands.

One dispatch said, however, that American armor smashed through Argentan, forward units beating on

Argentan, forward units beating on beyond.

But Sertorius, German commentator, said that Allied troops were pressing strongly against Argentan and on Carrouges, 15 miles southwest of Argentan—the first indication that Allied columns were not only striking forward to close the Falaise gap, but also tending to compress the German forces struggling to get clear before the gap closed.

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An all-out German effort to hold open the Falaise gap amounted to savage resistance and—on some sectors—orderly withdrawal, despite the advance of Allied ground forces and the blasting by Allied planes. The Germans were fighting hard all along the British and Canadian fronts,

and their withdrawal farther to the west was said to be effective.

Field Marshal Von Kluge was expected to defend "the narrowing escape route between Falaise and Alencon until the end," a Berlin dispatch said, and it was stated at British Second Army head-quarters that this was "in no sense the kind of retreat one hears of on the Eastern front," according to observation by Allied planes

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"The enemy managed to preserve order extremely well," said a British staff officer. "He used side roads and hedgerows. Armor was interspersed with 'soft' vehicles. There were seldom more than 30 vehicles in convoys making for the Falaise gap."

Only a few secondary roads and no major roads were open for retreat yesterday, however.

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March 27 Miles in Day

An American general, watching an unending stream of U.S. tanks and trucks roll ahead north of Alencon without any German opposition, said, "Hell, this is more of a rat race than a battle." Pointing toward two columns of sweating infantry filing past, he said proudly that they had marched 27 miles yesterday and "will probably do as much today."

The general said that in 18 months of combat he had never seen such an operation. "A case of breakthrough and pursuit," he said. "We broke through at Periers in Normandy and have been pursuing the Germans ever since."

After occupying Alencon, one dispatch said, Allied troops surged onto the town of Sees, about 12 miles northeast of Alencon and about 40 miles north of Le Mans. The Adolf Hitler SS division was cut to ribbons by a U.S. armored column, an Allied dispatch declared.

In the center of the front—the Mortain-Vire area—125 square miles of devastated terrain were choked with German dead, wrecked and burned-out

devastated terrain were choked with Gerdevastated terrain were choked with German dead, wrecked and burned-out German vehicles and stacks of enemy equipment. In some places German equipment was piled so high on the roads that engineers had to use bulldozers to clear a path for advancing U.S. tanks and trucks.

One of the most important road networks in the entire Mortain-Vire area was captured by U.S. troops punching eastward when they seized Ger. about seven miles east of Mortain.

In Brittany, German troops were still holding out in the St. Malo citadel.

The attack on Dinard continued to meet strong resistance, but slight advances were made in the vicinity of Brest. There was no change in the situation at Lorient.

or more men of the garrison were in favor of giving up, but the colonel and his staff were forcing them to continue fighting. The Nazis were said to have large stocks of food and ammunition.

American artillery and heavy bombers have dropped tons of explosives on The

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PAMPA, Tex., Aug. 14 (ANS)—Twice in as many days last week police were ordered to Central Park to chase out adults wading in a children's pool.





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Doughboys for Medical Aid

By Allan Morrison | chaplain walked across to the gates of The Citadel and told the colonel that

aid equipment.

to 40 feet wide





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