

S & S Weatherman . . .
LONDON and VICINITY
Mod. S.W. Winds. Fair with
rising temperature.
MIDLANDS and E. ANGLIA
Fair and Warmer.

. . . Predicts for Today
W. ENGLAND and WALES
Unsettled. Partly Cloudy. Cool.
SCOTLAND
Fair and Warmer. Possible
local Showers.

Nimitz Raps A Critic of Okinawa

The last three hills dominating the eight-square-mile area into which the Jap garrison on Okinawa has been squeezed were captured by U.S. forces yesterday as Adm. Nimitz defended the tactics employed in the island battle against criticism by columnist David Lawrence that the conduct of the Okinawa campaign was an example of military incompetence worse than Pearl Harbor.

Supporting the prediction by Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner Jr., 10th Army commander, that the Okinawa Japs could not last another week, troops of the 96th Division took Yuza Hill, from which the Japs were harassing the 1st Marine Division flank, and drove down the southern slope. Two near-by heights also fell.

In a special press conference, Nimitz referred specifically to Lawrence's criticism of commanders for not making landings behind the Japanese lines after the original invasion on Apr. 1. New landings, the Admiral said, would have had to be made over very unsatisfactory beaches against alerted defenses, would have involved heavy casualties, and would have created unacceptable supply problems.

Tactical decisions, Nimitz stated, were made by Buckner and "were his own, but they have my concurrence."

The Pacific Commander-in-Chief said Lawrence's criticisms "give the impression he (Lawrence) has been made use of for purposes which are not in the best interests of the United States." Nimitz added that he did not know where the columnist got his information but stated that "it must have been from somebody with an axe to grind."

In Washington Lawrence said Nimitz had been "misinformed" about his article and that the material used was based on a dispatch from Okinawa written by Homer Bigart, New York Herald Tribune correspondent, which was cleared by Navy censors.

In New York the Herald Tribune stated that Bigart, in a dispatch from Guam, acknowledged that Lawrence had quoted him as seeking to condemn Okinawa as a fiasco.

"This correspondent," Bigart declared, "still believes a landing on the south coast of Okinawa would have been better employment of marines, but to call the campaign a fiasco is absurd. This writer covered the Italian campaign during the Anzio and Cassino action and he knows what a fiasco is."

Lawrence's article charged that Army (Continued on back page)



'EVERYTHING THAT DOESN'T GROW . . .':
German Army and Navy officers who once planned to sweep the world now concern themselves with momentous details such as policing up the area and wrestling with pots and pans in the kitchens at Esterwegen prison camp, controlled by Canadian occupation forces. Top photo, Nazi brass line up to be told they'll have to get out of their braided uniforms and study the duty roster from now on. Below, they line up in denims and overalls and get instructions in the art of trapping a stray bit of paper.

Proud U.S. Can Hardly Wait To Hail Ike on Arrival Today

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—Ike will be home tomorrow, home from the wars for a few weeks to see his wife and his mother and the rest of his family, to report to President Truman and Congress and to receive the grateful plaudits of his nation and his neighbors.

The Supreme Commander was winging his way homeward today in the giant C54 that carried the late President Roosevelt to meetings all over the world and which in a few weeks will carry President Truman to San Francisco and

Vignette of Peace Killer-Diller, But No Duelist

STEARNS, Ky., June 17 (ANS)—Wilburn Ross, holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor for killing 38 Germans in World War II, thought it was pretty swell when he met Alvin C. York, World War I hero, yesterday. But his pleasure turned to confusion before the State Attorney General settled Ross' first civilian problem as hundreds of residents of this Kentucky-Tennessee border town looked on.

After being commissioned a colonel—Kentucky style—by Gov. Simeon Willis, ex-private Ross was sworn in as a state highway patrolman. Attorney-General Eldon Dummit began reading the oath: "I have not fought a duel with deadly weapons within this state, nor out of it. Nor have I sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons."

Ross looked puzzled until the Attorney-General gave the official explanation—killing 38 Germans does not constitute fighting a duel.

Suntans Flown to Ike; Winter's Over—in U.S.

NEW YORK, June 17 (ANS)—Ike and his ETO party won't sweat out their receptions in the June heat of Washington or New York—because somebody in the War Department was on the ball and got the whole crowd fitted out in summer uniforms.

Realizing that winter clothes would be too hot for the U.S. weather and that summer clothes were not available in the ETO, a hurry call was put through to a Fifth Avenue department store for 50 uniforms. Measurements were sent up from files in Washington. Factories in New York, Boston and Rochester turned the uniforms out in a day. And they were on their way to Europe by air the next day, along with a fitter and two expert tailors.

then to Berlin. Eisenhower had left Paris yesterday in a flight of four Skymasters, a converted Fort and a converted Lib, along with a party of 53 other homecoming heroes—27 Army and Navy officers and 26 GIs.

Flying up tomorrow from Bermuda, Eisenhower's party will be met at the coast by 100 bombers and fighters, which will form an escort to the national capital. There he will be met at the airport by Mrs. Eisenhower and Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall. And then he will be swooped up into a round of activities making up the biggest reception Washington has ever accorded a returning hero.

Washington has declared the day a civic holiday, and stores and schools and as many federal offices as can afford the time will be closed for the welcome. Ike's schedule will be:

A visit with Secretary of War Henry (Continued on back page)

To Have and Have Not He Still Can't Shed Wife Who Didn't Bear His Quads

By Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
PITTSBURGH, June 17—Mrs. William Thompson, wife of S/Sgt. William (Red) Thompson, who had the world agog just before D-Day when his British girl friend, Nora Carpenter, gave birth to quadruplets, has thrown cold water on reports from England that there was a possibility she might change previously expressed views and be willing to divorce her husband.

Informed by the United Press that Thompson was reported to be on his way home (according to INS, he's still in Paris), Mrs. Thompson said, "I certainly won't be down at the station to meet him, and he'd better not come around our house, for my father will throw him out." "And I've not changed my mind about giving him a divorce," she added. "I am a Catholic. We were married in a Catholic church by a priest. Divorce is not recognized by the Catholic Church."

Mrs. Thompson said that she had thrown away all her pictures of her husband and that "I've not heard from him for a year."

The story which caused Mrs. Thompson's comment was that Red, when he returned for discharge, hoped to obtain a divorce and then send for Nora and their three children (one of the quadruplets died).

Nice Nest Egg, No Chicken, Either Want 500-Buck 'Privates'

By Andy Rooney
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
NEW DELHI, June 17—Privates driving the Stilwell Road for \$60 a month wanted to know what the hell was wrong with Michigan draft boards today when clippings from a Flint newspaper reached them. An advertisement in the Flint paper read:
"Burma calls. Five hundred skilled auto and truck repair men are needed to keep trucks rolling over the 4,700-mile Ledo-Burma road into Free China, Edward L. Cushman, state director of the War Manpower Commission, said yesterday.
"The pay of \$450 to \$500 a month will

be practically unencumbered, because men on the job will be given military uniforms, eat Army food and sleep in barracks. The program being set up by Chrysler Corp. calls for engineer-mechanic crews to man six stations along the road, with 248 persons at each station and eight other stations with personnel of 164 persons."
Sgt. F. J. Yocum, of Flint, who received the first clipping, figured that the pay offered was equivalent to that of a brigadier general's base pay of \$6,000 yearly. Yocum, who is doing the same job for \$93 a month at Myitkyina, says he does not see generals servicing jeeps where he is.

61 Hurt as French Attack Spanish Train

Official statements in Paris and Madrid yesterday agreed that no one was killed, although 61 persons were hospitalized, after French resistance forces at Chambéry, in Savoy, heart of the Maquis country, had attacked a train repatriating 470 Spaniards from Switzerland on Saturday.
The attack was made under the apparent misconception that the train was carrying members of the Spanish Blue Division, which had fought with the Nazis against Russia.

370 Ships Will Strip ETO in Year of All but Occupation Troops

NEW YORK, June 17 (ANS)—As the first American combat division—the battle-hardened 68th "Black Hawk" Division, consisting of 14,289 men and officers—arrived here today, the Army Transportation Corps announced it expected to use about 370 ships to return troops from the ETO. This compares with 287 ships used in the outbound service.

GIs Guard Symbol Of 'Why We Fight'

HONOLULU, June 17 (ANS)—The Stars and Stripes reported from Okinawa today that men in the front eligible for discharge were being treated "as carefully as expectant mothers."

One doughboy, after convincing doubting buddies he actually would be flown home the following day, was shut inside a cave while comrades took turns guarding him through the night to make sure nothing happened to him.

A sign on a narrow, twisting road near the front reads:
"Careful—Men with over 85 points working ahead."

Bomb Islands N. of Okinawa

GUAM, June 17 (ANS)—Heavy land-based and carrier-plane raids against islands 200 miles north of Okinawa were announced today by Adm. Nimitz, who also disclosed that a British task force had bombarded the bypassed Jap naval base at Truk, in the Carolines. Tokyo Radio reported that the British sea and air attack on Truk was continuing.

Okinawa-based Army and Marine fighters and Navy carrier-borne planes, presumably from the 3rd Fleet, hit air and harbor installations yesterday in the Amami Islands, which are part of the Ryukyu chain.

The strike against Truk, once the most powerful enemy base in the Central Pacific, began Thursday when about 60 carrier-based planes raided the isolated base, Tokyo said. The task force, said to include an aircraft carrier, two cruisers and four destroyers, followed up on Friday with a one-hour bombardment supported by a 30-plane attack, Japanese broadcasts claimed. Nimitz said only that airfields, docks, ship-defense batteries and radio stations were destroyed on Truk.

Search planes sank or damaged 24 vessels off Honshu, Korea and in the Yellow Sea between Korea and Asiatic mainland Friday and Saturday, Nimitz said. Thursday six cargo vessels were sunk at Kozu Island, south of Tokyo Bay.

Details of Navy Scout Plane Told

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—The Navy has revealed details of its new Seahawk scout-observation plane used for the first time in the recent invasion of Borneo.

The Seahawk was designed primarily for scouting enemy fleet units, spotting gunfire in sea action and during landing operations, and for search and rescue work. It is a single-seater with increased maneuverability, speed and fire power. It also is equipped to carry bombs or depth charges, the Navy announced.

CHICAGO, June 17 (ANS)—An attachment to the Norden bombsight making it "deadly effective" from heights around 50,000 feet was disclosed today by the Air Technical Service Command.

Army Rotation Plan Is Ended in All Theaters

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—The Army has suspended its rotation plan in all theaters "now that Germany has surrendered," Maj. Gen. J. A. Ulio, adjutant general, announced yesterday. However, military personnel stationed in active theaters may return troops to the U.S. on T/D for recuperation, Ulio added.

U.S. Reporter Declares: Patton Wanted In on Pacific, But Mac Said Nothing Doing

WASHINGTON, June 17—Gen. George S. Patton Jr. returned to the U.S. primarily to get a Pacific assignment, but Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander of all U.S. land forces in the Pacific, said "No," a correspondent of the Scripps-Howard Newspapers wrote yesterday.
The reason "Old Blood and Guts" is not going to the Pacific is the fear of War Department brass hats that his colorful and explosive personality would clash with the equally colorful MacArthur, the article said.

GI Wives to Go 'Home' Last

Transportation to the U.S. of British wives of American servicemen has been curtailed to permit military personnel with higher priorities to get home, UK Base HQ announced yesterday. The announcement added that it was unlikely that the Army would be able to handle a waiting list of 4,000 dependents before 10 months or a year have elapsed.

The transportation-for-dependents policy as announced on Apr. 14 still stands. Wives and children of soldiers, regardless of rank, may receive free transportation to the U.S. However, wives of EMs below the grade of staff sergeant or T/3 will have to finance the trip themselves if the husband is ordered to another station before the application for free transportation has been approved.

Personnel with higher priorities than dependents include troops being deployed to another theater through the U.S., the sick and wounded, liberated ex-PWs, candidates for demobilization and EMs 40 years or over.
Before VE-Day, the announcement said, the Army was able to find places in U.S.-bound ships for 300 wives.

Military men pointed out there was an axiom that friction arises when two such top commanders are thrown together, the writer said.
There would be no question that MacArthur would be boss should Patton get a Pacific assignment, and Patton would be the first to agree, because the commander of the U.S. 3rd Army is one of the Army's foremost sticklers for discipline and authority, the article stated, adding that "it's just that the personalities of the two outstanding generals could not mix."

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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NOTE: Lack of space forces us to limit all letters published to not more than 200 words.—Ed.

Suggestions?

To the B-Bag:

This is a memorandum to all cute nurses. We as ex-PWs have several suggestions to make. As you know we have spent months, many of us years, in barbed-wire enclosures. In prison camps, starvation made us dream of food. Women were far from our minds. Now we are back to normal with our stomachs full of good food and our minds —? We're not suffering the same kind of starvation, but the vitamin pills and eggs seven days a week are not helping our condition.

Most of us are marked ZI, and a pass is as rare as a sunny day in England. I ask you, what do you expect of us? No fraternizing is OK in Germany, but what has that got to do with us? We're all good Americans, so why let a little bar come between us? There's a man shortage back home, you know. Some day you'll be in the same situation. Think it over, lieutenants.—Ex-PW's, Ward 12, 186 Gen. Hosp.

Conchies

To the B-Bag:

About that captain's letter on conchies. I feel he owes an apology to conscientious objectors when he says they should not be called Americans. After all they are doing their part to help win this war, even if many of them are in the service, rather than the combat, forces. We're all living in a great democratic country where we have freedom of religion. Even for conscientious objectors. They should get out as soon as possible from the Army, because they don't have freedom of religion while in the Army.—A GI "Conchie."

[The original argument started over a news report that conchies serving at home in POW camps were to have a point system of their own. The report has nothing to do with conscientious objectors serving in the medical or service forces of the Army.—Ed.]

Point of Information

To the B-Bag:

I wish to point out that I am not the Sgt. Robert Wood who is going to the States with Gen. Eisenhower for discharge from the Army. I wish to point it out carefully, in fact.—T/S—T/3 Robert Wood (Stars and Stripes Copy Desk).

Thanks, B-Bag

To the B-Bag:

May we say that, thanks to B-Bag, our inquiry re delivery of rations, donated at 12th Hosp. Center PX for starved persons on the Continent, has been promptly answered. Our thanks to both S and S and Lt. Col. of the 406th Bomb Sq.—T/4 Sidney Feinstein, 12th Hosp. Cent.

That Hospital Dance

To the B-Bag:

In reply to your B-Bag letter on that hospital dance, I've been at the 4117 Hosp. Plant for three months and we lowly infantry men have been treated swell with dances, shows and many sport events, also a big three-day sports meet, with Billy Conn participating. This was all done by 1/Sgt. Anderson, a former combat man and his PT staff, all former combat men. Let's give them a hand and not pull them down. If you're well enough to go dancing, you can get clothes, or do you want eggs in your beer?—Pfc Ivan Justinus, Det. of Pat., 4117 Hosp. Plant.

Transport Pilots

To the B-Bag:

We transport pilots fly in all kinds of weather, get all the dirty jobs and are generally kicked around. Now we're flying regular, scheduled airline runs between the U.K. and the Continent. Here's the hitch. Airline pilots in the States make about 800 bucks a month while we average 350 bucks or so, and do twice the flying time. I thought we were fighting for justice.—Underpaid Transport Pilot.

[B-Bag editors do pretty well back there now, too, we understand.—Ed.]

Rear Echelon Martyrs

To the B-Bag:

Sometimes I lie on my hospital sack crying over the way you poor, dear, mistreated rear-echelon martyrs have been mistreated over the handing out of combat stars. Like hell I do. You guys don't know what combat is, so why bitch.

OK, some of some other rear-echelon-ites grabbed off battle stars. Whoever saw fit to award those Piccadilly Commandos coveted combat stars should be discharged with Section 8s. I'll gladly trade four battle stars for two good fingers.—A wounded dough, Hosp. Plant 4129.

—Tokyo Was the Tub—

Thumper Flies Home After 40 Good Thumps

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17 (ANS)—Battle-scarred and weather-worn Thumper, the first B29 to fly over Tokyo and the only survivor of the original group of 30 based at Saipan, has returned to the U.S.

The one-time experimental Superfort, which led a charmed life while completing 40 missions over Tokyo and Osaka and which was hit more than 100 times by fighter and anti-aircraft fire, was piloted home by Lt. Col. Robert E. Haynes, of Hermosa Beach, Cal., veteran of 102 combat missions.

Aboard the ship was the first B29 crew to return to the States on the rotation plan, after completing the required 30 missions. The crew had remained intact, with the exception of the pilot, from start to finish.

Although glad to see the San Francisco skyline after nearly eight months in the Pacific, the Thumper's crewmen griped about the order removing all insignia off airplanes. Now, they complained, they have to call their planes by numbers—instead of remembering them by the Walt Disney drawings and pictures of near-nudes.

The Breath of Life

OKINAWA, June 17—From U.S. Marine Corps combat correspondent Sgt. Ed Meagher comes the story of a marine lieutenant whose right leg was gone at the hip. His right arm was shorn off just below the elbow, but he was conscious.

"I've got to keep breathing," he muttered as he was lifted to the operating table. "Keep me breathing, doc," he said. "Keep on talking, son," said the doctor, Commander Robert J. Crawley, of New Orleans, "I like to hear you talk."

Anesthetic was being applied, but the man who would live continued talking. "Our Father, Who art in Heaven," he started. He finished the prayer and then slowly started over again. His voice trailed off, but he kept breathing, and the medics say he will be breathing for a long, long time.

Shelling Out for Okinawa

NEW YORK, June 17—Artemus L. Gates, assistant secretary of Navy for air, revealed in a speech in Philadelphia that American surface vessels had hurled more tons of shells on Okinawa than on any previous objective in the Pacific war apart from heavy bombing.

Wild West in Okinawa

OKINAWA, June 17 (ANS)—American tankmen used a trick from covered wagon days to supply services engaged in a pitched battle for Kunishi Ridge.

Tanks formed a circle around the weatherneck company of Lt. Richard Breen, of New Orleans, to permit marines to come out of foxholes. Tanks shielded the marines from Japanese fire as the leathernecks gathered up food and ammunition. After the marines moved the supplies into foxholes, the tanks left and the fight went on.

66th Div. to Man Staging Areas, Port

PARIS, June 17—Members of the 66th "Black Panther" Infantry Division have been assigned to staff three staging areas and the port of Marseilles, it was announced today by Com Z HQ.

Activated in April, 1943, at Camp Blanding, Fla., the division arrived in Europe last Christmas Day and was assigned the job of containing the 50,000 Germans penned in the Atlantic coast pockets at St. Nazaire and Lorient. The division is commanded by Maj. Gen. H. F. Kramer.

—Those Points Piled Up in an Orderly Fashion—

Ike Wins a War, Trip Home, but Loses Mickey

By Charles F. Kiley

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, June 17—M/Sgt. Michael J. (Mickey) McKeogh, 29-year-old orderly, chauffeur and general utility man for Gen. Eisenhower since July, 1941, left here yesterday on his last trip with "The Boss."

McKeogh, with 115 points, left for the States in Eisenhower's party and when the celebrations and home comings for the Supreme Commander in Washington, New York, West Point, Kansas City and Abilene, Kan., are over, Mickey's job will be over, too. The former New York bell-hop from Corona, L.I., will then report to Fort Dix, N.J., to be discharged from the Army.

The General had to declare the curly-haired Irishman as a "non-essential" in order for McKeogh to be eligible for discharge. Orderlies are not exactly "essential," and The Boss had to let him go, although there were occasions in the last four years when Eisenhower must have felt that Mickey certainly was a vital cog in his machine.

But Mickey is married. His wife, the former Pearl Hargrave, who as a WAC worked as a clerk in Eisenhower's offices in Algiers, London, Normandy and Versailles, expects to present Mickey with an heir or heiress in September.

And Mickey says his family comes first, now.

McKeogh joined Eisenhower when the Supreme Commander was a colonel and chief of staff to Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, then commander of the 3rd Army, at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Mickey was a buck private.

They went through the Louisiana maneuvers together, then to Washington in February, 1942, to London in June and North Africa in November. After Africa, Sicily and Italy, it was back to England, then to France and Germany.

Mickey was a buck sergeant when he came overseas, and The Boss was a major



M/Sgt. Michael J. McKeogh

general. Then, as Ike added three more stars, Mickey got three rockers under his three stripes.

"You get me one and I'll get you one," was the off-the-record agreement between them.

When Eisenhower's forward headquarters was in Versailles, France, Mickey and the girl he met in Algiers were married in the Royal Palace chapel. The General was among those present.

Mrs. McKeogh left for the States shortly afterward, in compliance with the regulation that Army husbands and wives shall not be together in the same theater.

Before he left Mickey said it was going to seem strange not to be "looking out for The Boss," but he said he was grateful for having had his job.

Four other enlisted men also were mak-

By President Who'd Rather Be One of Four

Army Private and 3 Marines Awarded Congressional Medal

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—An Army private, who smashed a German counter-attack in Belgium after playing dead, and three Marines received the Congressional Medal of Honor from President Truman Friday in a White House ceremony.

In presenting the nation's highest military award, Mr. Truman said he "would

rather have this medal than be President of the U.S."

Pfc Geno J. Merli, of Peckville, Pa., was decorated for repeatedly feigning death last September when his company was driven from its position in Belgium by superior German forces. Merli stuck to his machine-gun to cover the withdrawal, and when enemy units overran his position he played dead. The Germans overlooked him and as soon as they passed he opened fire. They returned, prodded him with bayonets, decided he was dead and went on a second time. Merli opened up again and kept it up all night.

In the morning, counter-attacking U.S. troops captured 885 Germans. Merli, covered with his own blood and that of his buddies, was found with 52 enemy dead scattered around his gun.

Maj. Everett P. Pope, of Wollaston, Mass., won the medal for leading an attack on Peleliu, beating off counter-attacking Japanese with his bare fists and ammunition boxes after the ammunition ran out. Also fighting on Peleliu, 1/Lt. Carlton R. Roub, of Lindenwood, N.J., was decorated for falling on a Japanese grenade to save his comrades.

One of the only two living enlisted marines to hold the Medal of Honor, Pfc Luther Skaggs, of Henderson, Ky., won it for valor in the Guam landing last July, when he fought eight hours with a shattered leg which later was amputated. A Medal of Honor also was awarded posthumously to Pvt. Robert Henry, of Greenville, Miss., who died in a single-handed attack on a German machine-gun nest last December.

Hollywood Glamour Called a Mirage

NEW YORK, June 17 (S & S)—According to Mary Davis, who has just written a book "Famous Bodies I Have Known," Bette Davis, the movie actress, walks like a giraffe.

"It (the walk) is not as fluid as it should be," Miss Davis—who said she used to be a posture teacher in Hollywood to many of the stars—said in an interview with Scripps-Howard columnist Erskine Howard last week. "She doesn't bend her knees—they're too stiff."

And Ginger Rogers, according to authoress Davis, "swings her hips too much." Jane Russell's long legs give her an awkward walk and she doesn't know what to do with her hands.

Betty Grable's smile is artificial; Rita Hayworth's hair is too thick, making her head too big for her luscious body, the body expert said.

And to rub it in, the expert declared that "war workers have a lot more sense about improving themselves than a lot of Hollywood stars."

PRIVATE BREGER



"Hey, Dave! See if there's a letter for the Adjutant-General from a Fifi d'Amour of Hollywood!"

Liberated Flier's Story

How Belgian 'Slave' Girl Saved GI From SS, Won His Love

NORMANDY BASE SECTION, June 17—A romance that blossomed despite the watchful eyes of SS troops was revealed here today by S/Sgt. Robert C. Roy, formerly with the 95th Bomb Group of the 8th AF.

Roy, who was captured by the Germans Oct. 17, 1943, three days after his B17 was downed in Germany, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from a stalag two months later.

His next effort, on Apr. 4, 1945, proved

more successful because of the assistance of a Belgian girl, Janine Jans, whom the sergeant recently married.

"Janine hid me in her room just above the Nazi SS Headquarters," Roy explained. "The SS men were suspicious but Janine managed to keep me out of sight whenever they came around to search the room."

Roy stayed with the girl almost a month. She was called down for questioning several times but each time managed to reassure the SS men.

"On May 6 we decided to try to reach the American lines," Roy said. "We were in love and wanted to get married. We were in Saarningstein, Austria, in the area where the Germans were scheduled to make a last stand." They stole an SS auto and made their way to Perg, where they met a U.S. tank officer, who directed them to Linz. There they were married by a division chaplain with permission of 7th Army officials.

"She's quite a girl," said Roy. "She was at Dunkirk for four hours helping the British retreat and received several wounds. The Germans captured her and sent her into forced labor in 1943. In Germany she risked her life many times to help GIs escape. She gave them food and as much help as she could."

Roy is here awaiting shipment home, but the whereabouts of his bride was not disclosed.

AFN Radio Program

Monday, June 18

- 1300—World News
- 1305—Grand Old Opry
- 1330—This is the Story
- 1400—Village Store
- 1430—Let's go to Town
- 1500—Beaucoup de Musique
- 1600—Globe Theater
- 1630—Strike up the Band
- 1700—Jack Carson
- 1730—Eddie Condon
- 1755—Sports Roundup
- 1800—World News
- 1805—On the Record
- 1900—U.S. Home News
- 1905—Hildegard
- 1930—McGee and Molly
- 2000—Dinah Shore
- 2030—Canadian Band
- 2100—World News
- 2115—Gerald
- 2145—Johnny Mercer
- 2200—Pacific News
- 2206—Merely Music
- 2300—One Night Stand
- 2330—Fred Waring
- 2400—World News
- 0015—Sign Off.

Tuesday, June 19

- 0555—Sign On
- 0600—Yawn Patrol
- 0700—World News
- 0705—Yawn Patrol
- 0800—World News
- 0815—Personal Album
- 0830—Modern Music
- 0900—Melody Roundup
- 0915—Remember
- 0930—Music from Amer.
- 1000—Canadian Band
- 1030—Strike up the Band
- 1100—U.S. Home News
- 1106—Duffie Bag

Plug for Mauldin Time, Willie March On

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
NEW YORK, June 17—For the first time in its history, Time Magazine has placed on its front cover a fictional character—cartoonist Bill Mauldin's Willie.

The magazine in its current issue devoted seven of its nine columns in the "Army and Navy" section to The Stars and Stripes artist, who returned to the U.S. last week, with 127 points, to be discharged.

The 23-year-old Mauldin came back both famous and wealthy as a result of his cartoons, which originated in Italy. His cartoons, which circulate in 138 papers, bring him upward of \$200 weekly, while his book "Up Front" already has netted him more than \$5,000.

The book has been ecstatically reviewed all over the country and in it Mauldin's work has been compared to that of other interpreters of the unglamorous soldier—Ernie Pyle.

Time reveals Mauldin as a bashful though forceful suitor of his wife Jeanie, who wouldn't date a man she had known less than a month. Yet they were married two months after meeting.

Most of all, the magazine shows Mauldin as a guy who knows what soldiers really are and want. "They are so sick and tired of having their noses rubbed in a stinking war that their only ambition will be to forget it," he is quoted as saying.

"They don't need pity because you don't pity brave men. They (returnees) simply need bosses who will give them a little time to adjust their minds and their hands, and also women who are faithful to them and friends and families who will stay by them until they are the same guys who left years ago."

Civilian Duds Shy, Vets Told

NEW YORK, June 17 (ANS)—The broad chest and slim waistline veterans developed in the Army will create a problem in civilian life—because GIs won't find much new clothing to drape the shape.

Keep patching those shorts because they just aren't available with the armed services still getting about 90 per cent of all cotton drawers, pajamas and white shirts? Don't be silly. Socks and handkerchief supplies are getting just as scarce.

Civilian shirt production, now at the lowest point in many years, will continue to decline. The suit and overcoat supply is also critical, and men's furnishings are at the lowest point since the war began.

Retailers are operating with extremely small stocks and empty shelves will be common in the fall. One manufacturer said that unless there was immediate relief most retail clothiers would have to close up shop for several days a week, or even completely for a period, by September.

Clothiers said veterans would be hardest hit in most cases since they cannot wear pre-war clothing because of broader chests and slimmer waists.

Perkins Demands Aid For Handicapped Vets

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—Frances Perkins, retiring Secretary of Labor, predicted today that 90 per cent of wounded soldiers in this war can become gainfully employed, but warned that this goal is largely predicated on the nation's continuing ardor to rehabilitate its wounded.

"If a veteran has the right kind of rehabilitation and if the country keeps alive its determination and its sense of responsibility for his rehabilitation then nine out of ten handicapped veterans can look forward to a useful productive life," Miss Perkins declared. "I have seen so many physically handicapped persons get back into jobs and become full producers in industry that I am tremendously encouraged for handicapped veterans."

She is apprehensive, she said, that in an overcrowded labor market a handicapped veteran may not get an equal opportunity at available jobs. "Rehabilitation for a veteran ought to be based on the best industrial rehabilitation practices in the country," she said.

Sherman Tank Output to End

WASHINGTON, June 17 (The Stars and Stripes)—Within 48 hours of the end of the Japanese war the Army will cut back 90 per cent of its contracts, Material Director Howard Bruce said yesterday. Already, he said, procurements have been pared 32 per cent from two-front war levels.

Present cutbacks are affecting the Sherman tank most of all. All production of them will cease in two months. Light tank production will be cut 76 per cent, but production of the Gen. Pershing medium tank will be increased slightly.

Other items due for a cut by the end of the year include: Garand rifles, 95 per cent; jeeps, 76 per cent; heavy field artillery, 78 per cent; 195-mm howitzers, 81 per cent; light-heavy trucks, 75 per cent.

On the other hand, these items will be boosted: Fire bombs, the kind being used on Jap cities, 172 per cent; cotton shirts, 132 per cent; 60-mm mortars, 42 per cent; Ducks, 63 per cent.

Davis Approves Anthracite Pay, Price Accord

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—Economic Stabilization Director William H. Davis has approved the anthracite wage agreement and authorized an average price increase of 75 cents a ton to compensate for the miners' pay boost.

The wage pact, approved previously by the War Labor Board, gives 68,000 miners an increase of \$1.37 1/2 daily and provides smaller raises for 4,000 other mine workers.

The anthracite price schedule, effective tomorrow, provides for an increase of \$1 a ton for domestic sizes and from 25 to 50 cents a ton for industrial sizes.

The agreement also provides for a \$75 vacation allowance, four- and six-cent hourly premiums for working second and third shifts, time and a half for work beyond a seven-hour day, and a 35-hour week.

Child-Aid Plan Offered

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—Recommendations of the National Commission on Children in War Time, calling for a minimum increase of \$75,000,000 in Congressional appropriations for child-care services and warning against compulsory military training that "might weaken national security rather than strengthen it," have been transmitted to President Truman by retiring Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins.

The commission outlined a ten-year federal-state program to include all children and eliminate conditions which caused Selective Service to reject four out of every ten men for physical and mental handicaps.

Want Higher Wage Minimum

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—The Administration is considering asking Congress to raise the minimum legal wage higher than the present 40 cents an hour as an aid to full post-war employment and prosperity, the Wage and Hours Division disclosed yesterday. The 40-cent minimum and 40-hour week were established by the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

Want Taylor Recalled

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—The Seventh Day Adventists have asked President Truman to terminate Myron Taylor's mission to the Vatican on the grounds that it violates the "traditional American principle of separation of church and state."

Laughlin Currie Quits

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—President Truman has accepted the resignation of Laughlin Currie, one of his six administrative assistants.

Gasoline for Vets' Outings

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—OPA Director Chester Bowles announced last night that special gasoline rations would be issued for transporting convalescent servicemen and veterans to sports events and other recreational activities.

Planes Back in Philly

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—Northeast Airport at Philadelphia will be opened July 1 to permit the resumption of commercial airline service to the city, the Civil Aeronautics Board announced yesterday. Philadelphia has had no scheduled airline service since December, 1943.

Mail Censorship Ends

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—Mail from the U.S. to the United Kingdom no longer will be censored, the Office of Censorship announced. Other international mail will continue to be censored.



MIRACLE MAID: It happened in New York's Stage Door Canteen. A soldier, known only as Al, hobbled in on crutches. Shortly afterward, he agreed to try to dance with Hostess Marjorie Greenstein. Before the evening was over the soldier was jitterbugging and he walked out of the Canteen without the crutches, leaving them as a souvenir for Marjorie, who is shown here with them.

Wife Wed Pal, Bore His Baby

'Enoch Arden' Hit Doubly

SPOKANE, Wash., June 17 (ANS)—Two soldiers, lifelong pals who in schooldays courted the same girl, found themselves both married to her today after one of the GIs, who previously had been reported killed in the Philippines, returned to the U.S. from a Japanese prison camp.

Further complicating matters, the double wife has a three-month-old child by her "second" husband.

At Fort Lewis, where the liberated

soldier now is convalescing, officials refused to disclose any of the names, stating that both servicemen wanted it that way because of the baby.

Post authorities, however, revealed that the wife and husband No. 2 were visiting the hospitalized man and that husband No. 1 planned to take the issue to court. Whether he would ask for a divorce or an annulment wasn't disclosed.

The mother, meanwhile, said that she loved both men.

Midwest Faces Flood Threat

KANSAS CITY, June 17 (ANS)—Prospects of a recurrence of early spring floods loomed in Missouri and Kansas today as heavy rains ranging up to five inches sent some streams over their banks.

The Missouri River was expected to hit 24 feet, two feet above flood stage, by tomorrow and river forecasters predicted the Big Muddy river would be out of its banks in central Missouri again next week in an overflow exceeding the floods of both March and April.

The Delaware River at Valley Falls, Kan., established an all-time high of between 29 and 31 feet. Thousands of acres of Missouri bottomlands were inundated as the Grand River rose nearly 20 feet in less than 24 hours at Chillicothe, Mo.

Military Solid For Peace Draft

WASHINGTON, June 17 (ANS)—With declarations that this would be the last war in which the U.S. mainland would escape direct enemy action, leaders of all U.S. armed forces were on record today as urging Congress to enact a compulsory peace-time universal military training program.

Headed by Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal, service chiefs told the House Post-War Military Policy Committee yesterday that such a measure was essential to saving American lives and that no other practical solution had been offered to the problem of national defense.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall, Navy Chief Adm. Ernest J. King and Marine Chief Gen. A. A. Vandegrift added their statements to pleadings previously made by War Secretary Henry L. Stimson and Gen. Eisenhower. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, Pacific area chief, sent a letter backing up King's declaration that "this may be the last war in which our own homeland is not hit directly and first by the ravages of battle."

Inflated Land Prices Balk GI Farm Loans

KANSAS CITY, June 17—One of every three war veterans who apply for loans to buy farms are prevented by inflated prices from acquiring the land, I. W. Duggan, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, said here yesterday. FCA loans are based on the land's earning power over a period of years, rather than on current market values.

Too Much Gas

Once a Cook, Always a Mess

BROOKLYN, N.Y., June 17 (ANS)—Stanley Meola is peddling fruit from his pushcart at a good, busy corner when along comes this cop and tells him to scam. Stanley is a vet, sec, so Stanley says like hell he'll scam. "I fought the war for the likes of you," Stanley yells at the cop.

So when Patrolman Leon Janpol gets Stanley up before the judge on a disorderly conduct charge, the judge gets curious about Stanley's military record, and the cop's, too.

So it turns out Janpol enlisted in the

Truck Industry Taken Over by ODT in Chicago

CHICAGO, June 17 (ANS)—Tires were slashed, windshields broken and trailers unhooked from tractors as violence flared up here today in the partial tie-up of Chicago's trucking industry, taken over by the Office of Defense Transportation yesterday under orders from President Truman.

One truck was driven into the Chicago River and one driver was slugged. Police reported the arrest of several drivers accused of stopping trucks.

About 1,500 troops were called in to aid the ODT. MPs were assigned as guards on trucks, but the Army said soldiers were not actually driving vehicles.

Officially, there was no strike by the AFL's International Brotherhood of Teamsters or by the independent unions involved. The seizure order apparently was given to prevent a strike over a long-standing controversy on wages and hours. Fourteen thousand drivers were involved. Officials of Teamsters' Local 705 estimated that 80 per cent of their men were at work.

The War Labor Board, meanwhile, ordered striking bus drivers and mechanics in eight southern states to return to their jobs by tomorrow.

In New York City buses continued to run today at a "slowdown" pace in what officials of the Transport Workers Union said was a protest against overwork. New York Omnibus Corp. termed the slowdown "a defiant attempt to exact coercion on management."

In the Pittsburgh area five steel plants closed by a "heat relief" strike of 100 coke workers were to re-open. The strikers had demanded relief crewmen after plant temperatures passed a certain point for several days.

In Detroit officials representing 400,000 United Automobile Workers (CIO) voted 5-1 in favor of a petition to the National Labor Relations Board in which they will call for an industry-wide strike.

The unionists said that the purpose of the strike was to force recognition of demands, including a 30-hour work week and an upward revision of the Little Steel wage formula.

Nazi 'Sure Kill' Still in Fight

NEW YORK, June 17 (ANS)—In service again, but only 67 per cent her old self, the destroyer escort Menges has rejoined the U.S. Navy, after she was listed as a "sure kill" by the Germans in 1944, the Navy Department disclosed yesterday.

A submarine attack blew away more than one-third of the *Menges* in the Mediterranean in May, 1944, two torpedoes destroyed a large part of the stern, killing 30 men, but the battered craft made her way home.

Another destroyer escort, the *Holder*, which had come home from Algiers with part of her hull gone, was docked beside the *Menges* at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Through a mechanical transfusion the keels of the two ships were aligned and the stern of the *Holder* was installed onto the forward section of the *Menges*.

VALLEJO, Cal., June 17 (ANS)—Scarred and battered, with her superstructure wrecked from a direct hit by a Japanese suicide plane off Okinawa Apr. 29, the 2,100-ton destroyer *Hazelwood* is docked at the Mare Island Navy Yard today, being refitted for action. Seventy-seven of her complement of 318 men are dead or missing.

After 2 1/2 Years in Stalag, GI Dies in U.S. Wreck

MILTON, Pa., June 17 (ANS)—Four servicemen and a WAC were among 19 persons killed when the Pennsylvania Railway's Dominion Express crashed into the rear of a freight train near here yesterday.

Among the dead service personnel was Pfc Herbert E. Swan, of Buffalo, who was en route to his home after 2 1/2 years in a German prison camp.

MADISON, Wis., June 17 (ANS)—Four persons were drowned here yesterday when their car crashed through the guard rail of a bridge and plunged into 17 feet of water in the Yahara River.

States Blow Hot and Cold

NEW YORK, June 17—The nation's weather picture over the week-end was a hodge podge of opposites. While snow as deep as eight inches and accompanied by freezing temperatures hit the Rockies, residents along the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts sweltered in record-breaking heat waves.



THE BLOCKBUSTER: Ex-Cpl. Joe McTurk, who won Army fame with his photo series of misadventures in Yank magazine, had relied on his acting to win a \$200 bet he made while stationed in the Aleutians. He proved no John Barrymore and he was forced to fall back on his ingenuity to collect. Here he shows how he got his footprints in cement at Grauman's Chinese theater in Hollywood to win the wager. McTurk and two cohorts hauled a 2,590-pound block of cement, with his imprint imbedded in it, and chained it to a palm tree in front of the theater.