

'Secret' Drive 12 Miles From Paris; South France Invaders 25 Mi. Inland

Soviets Stand At the Border Of E. Prussia

While hard-pressed German troops fought back savagely yesterday to prevent overwhelmingly superior Soviet forces standing on East Prussia's pre-war border from crossing onto Reich soil, Berlin told the German people that though the present struggle was "grave" it was only a curtain-raiser for "a new and still greater Soviet summer offensive" slated to begin "any time now."

The doleful news that present operations were "overshadowed by the plans now being hatched by the Russian command" was broken to the Reich by Col. Alfred von Olberg, German Overseas News Agency military analyst.

From neither Berlin nor Moscow was there any sign that the Red Army had crossed the East Prussian frontier. Thursday night's Moscow communique reported that the boundary had been reached northwest of Mariampole, a town 24 miles from the border and 12 miles south of the Kaunas-Insterburg-Konigsberg railroad.

Reports Strength Switched

Von Olberg, reporting that a major proportion of the Russian fighting strength had been switched to this front, said the Reds were making a "major attack" with 14 infantry divisions supported by powerful plane and tank forces. He said the Russian advance toward the southeastern corner of East Prussia from Bialystok had been stemmed. News of the East Prussian fighting was sketchy. Along the Kaunas-Insterburg railway, Soviet pilots found the German frontier town of Schirwindt burning briskly, along with other towns and villages near the border. The Germans apparently were using their own "scorched earth" policy.

Nearly 100 miles to the north, massed German tanks and infantry counter-attacked Gen. Ivan Bagramyan's army in the Siauliai area of northern Lithuania, 80 miles south of Riga. Red Star said Soviet troops "are firmly beating back the enemy and causing him huge losses."

There was no fresh news of the German counter-attack east of Warsaw or the street fighting in Sandomierz.

The War Today

France—Berlin reports an American column 12 miles from Paris. . . . British, American and Canadian forces said to be pinning German Seventh Army back against the Seine River, where bridges have been knocked out by planes. . . . Falaise gap is narrowed. . . . German propaganda prepares home front for loss of Paris. . . . Allies in southern France deepen big bridgehead to 25 miles. . . . German resistance officially described as "crumbling." . . . Main Riviera rail yards and highways held for 55 miles. . . . Casualties light.

Russia—Germans counter-attack along East Prussian border as Reich's people are told that "new and still greater Soviet summer offensive will break any time now." . . . Red Army officially reported at Reich's pre-war boundary, but Moscow gives no hint line has been crossed. . . . Bitter Baltic battle begun below Riga.

Pacific—Activities of Allied planes threaten Japanese defense lines around the Philippines. . . . Force enemy to use smaller craft to haul supplies. . . . 23 Jap planes destroyed in raid on Miti airfield on Halmahera, south of Philippines.

Italy—Sniping and tank fire subside in streets of Florence. . . . Polish troops continue to thrust forward across Cesano River in the Adriatic sector. . . . Greek brigade in Italy reported ready to go into action soon.

Asia—Heavy fighting continues for Tengchung and Burma Road towns of Lungling and Manshih, main objectives in Salween offensive. . . . Losses of withdrawing Japs along Tiddim Road in India mount.

Allies Thrust For Toulon And Cannes

Resistance Is Reported Crumbling; Main Rail Yards, Roads Seized

Deepening their Riviera bridgehead so swiftly that some elements had pushed 25 miles beyond their landing points in three days, the Allies' steadily-growing army in southern France advanced within nine miles of the naval fortress of Toulon and within 4 1/2 miles of Cannes yesterday against resistance officially described as "crumbling."

Dispatches from Advanced Allied Headquarters said the troops in less than three days had achieved the largest beachhead created in this war.

"Our troops have gripped the main Riviera rail yards and highways for more than 55 miles of their length, and from the town of Cuers we are threatening the great base at Toulon from the northeast," CBS Correspondent Winston Burdett reported from the same headquarters.

Nazis Tell of New Landings

German Overseas News Agency reported new Allied landings on both sides of Toulon, but no other source mentioned them.

The Allied communique reported that casualties had been "extremely light" and that 7,000 prisoners had been taken, including a German general, whose name was not disclosed, and his staff.

Prime Minister Churchill, accompanied by U.S. Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson and Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, Army Service Forces chief, was officially disclosed to have watched the landings on D-Day from the bridge of a British destroyer.

Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal also was revealed as a witness of the invasion from Vice Adm. Henry H. Hewitt's flagship.

Allied headquarters detailed the front line for the first time. It runs through Le Levandou, 22 miles east of Toulon; Cuers, 10 1/2 miles northeast of Toulon; Besse and Le Luc, both on the main road from Frejus to Toulon; Vidauban, 7 1/2 miles south of Draguignan; Draguignan, communications center 16 miles inland from Frejus; and La Napoule, west of (Continued on page 4)

Pilot Picks Up Pal Downed In Enemy's Lines

AN EIGHTH MUSTANG BASE, Aug. 18—A P51 pilot today landed his plane in enemy-held territory north of Paris to make a daring rescue of his squadron commander who had made a crash landing after being hit by flak.

2/Lt. Royce W. Priest, of San Antonio, Tex., saw his leader, Capt. Bert W. Marshall Jr., of Greenville, Tex., former Vanderbilt University football star, jump out of his Mustang as it belied to a stop. Priest landed in a near-by grain field and taxied toward Marshall in a zig-zag pattern while Marshall displayed a bit of the open field running that won him acclaim.

1/Lt. Thomas L. Wood, of Macon, Ga., and F/O Marion L. Woolard, of Richmond, Va., buzzed 50 feet overhead to provide cover against any approaching enemy.

After a brief argument in which Marshall tried to point out Priest's risk, Priest jettisoned his parachute and dinghy to make room for Marshall.

The stocky Marshall squatted down in the cockpit and his lanky teammate sat on his lap and manned the controls. Clearing a haystack by six inches, the plane returned to base safely.

300,000 Total U.S. Casualties

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18—Casualties in the U.S. armed forces since Pearl Harbor now total about 300,000, the office of War Information announced yesterday. The Army reported 244,775 up to July 29 and the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard 54,699 up to Aug. 17.

'Now, Here's Where They're Hiding'



French civilians show Pfc Charles Randall (left), of Mio, Mich., and Pvt. Buddy S. Deemer, of New Castle, Del., of Ninth Infantry, where Germans are hiding.

Rats Deserting Sinking Paris

Laval and Japs Reported Fleeing; Radio Silent In Threatened City

Word from Paris via enemy and neutral sources yesterday was that French collaborationist officials and Japanese diplomats had fled, that the city's police were still on strike and that Parisians thronged all the churches as American armored columns swept closer.

The German-controlled Paris and Vichy Radio networks had been silent since Thursday evening.

Vichy Radio was back on the air at 7:30 PM yesterday, but Paris Radio remained silent.

Laval, Darnand and other Vichyites fled from Paris to Metz, according to a United Press report quoting a French resistance leader who reached the British front from Paris. The whereabouts of Marshal Petain were not known.

Japanese diplomats and other Japanese nationals left Paris for Berlin Thursday, according to a Tokyo broadcast recorded by U.S. monitors and quoted by Associated Press.

Short of Food, Coal

Food and coal shortages in the capital were increasingly serious, gas and electric power were cut off, traffic was paralyzed and communal kitchens were set up in the streets, according to German reports reaching Stockholm and quoted by UP.

A spokesman of the Allied Supreme Command, speaking over ABSIE radio, exhorted:

"Police of Paris: In case Darnand should order you to Nancy, refuse to obey. Hide in Paris. Do not leave the capital under any pretext. The day is not far off when you will have to rise and chase out the enemy and his accomplices."

As to the Vichy government, Reuter's continental observer wrote: "There is some doubt whether the Vichy government still exists at this moment—even formally. It has certainly ceased to exercise effective authority in any part of France, or even to have a declared policy."

Three Powers Agree On Reich Occupation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt told his press conference today that a general understanding had been reached between Russia, Britain and the U.S. regarding the occupation of Germany.

This understanding was arrived at regardless of how or at what date Germany capitulates. A general understanding on details, including the sections of Germany to be occupied, has not yet been reached, he added, but discussions "are proceeding satisfactorily."

Mr. Roosevelt also said that he was going to confer with Prime Minister Churchill soon.

Planes Strike In Paris Area

Batter Roads, Rail Lines; Lowlands, France Hit In Heavies' 3 Missions

Fighter-bombers of both the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces struck yesterday in support of U.S. columns driving toward Paris as American heavies, which mounted three missions, hit a wide variety of enemy targets.

In a concerted campaign to frustrate Nazi efforts to halt the Yank offensive toward Paris, Eighth fighters bombed and strafed roads and rail targets north of the former French capital and Ninth aircraft pounded rail lines leading to the city.

Marauders, too, switched their tactical support of ground troops from the Falaise region to the Paris area, setting ablaze enemy fuel reserves at Valenton, seven miles south of Paris.

Contingents of Ninth fighter-bombers, however, maintaining the furious tempo of the assault on German troops retreating in the Falaise area, hammered Nazi tanks and transport between Eflers and Argentan.

The Eighth Air Force heavy-bomber offensive was directed against airdromes to which the Germans have been forced to withdraw by the capture of fields in (Continued on page 4)

West Front News in Grip Of Blackout

Nazis Ready Reich for Fall Of Capital; 7th Army Is Driven Toward Seine

The Nazis cranked up the propaganda machinery yesterday to minimize their prospective loss of Paris, as they reported an advance column of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's racing armored forces only 12 miles from the city.

The unconfirmed enemy report was one of the few specific ones to emerge from the Western Front as the Allied generals moved their men in dramatic secrecy toward the climax of the week which Gen. Eisenhower had said could be made "a momentous one in the history of this war."

The day's dispatches from the front were uniformly optimistic, but as uniformly devoted to generalities. One told of the Wehrmacht suffering "its greatest defeat since Stalingrad," another of the German Army "fleeing in a race through France that made their 1940 drive look slow by comparison." Just where that Army was doing its fleeing was not specified.

Pushed Against Seine

They referred also to the prospective trap threatened by the American thrust toward Paris and the Seine River flowing from the capital to the sea, with its bridges blasted out by the air forces. The Associated Press reported that "the Germans were being pushed by British, American and Canadian forces back against the Seine River," but here again specific details of whatever progress was made were not forthcoming.

The Germans were concentrating barges in the Seine River in an apparent effort to ferry troops to the eastern bank, said an AP bulletin from France.

At British forward headquarters, a United Press correspondent was told, "It looks as if the entire Seventh Army is going to be wiped out, either before or on the Seine."

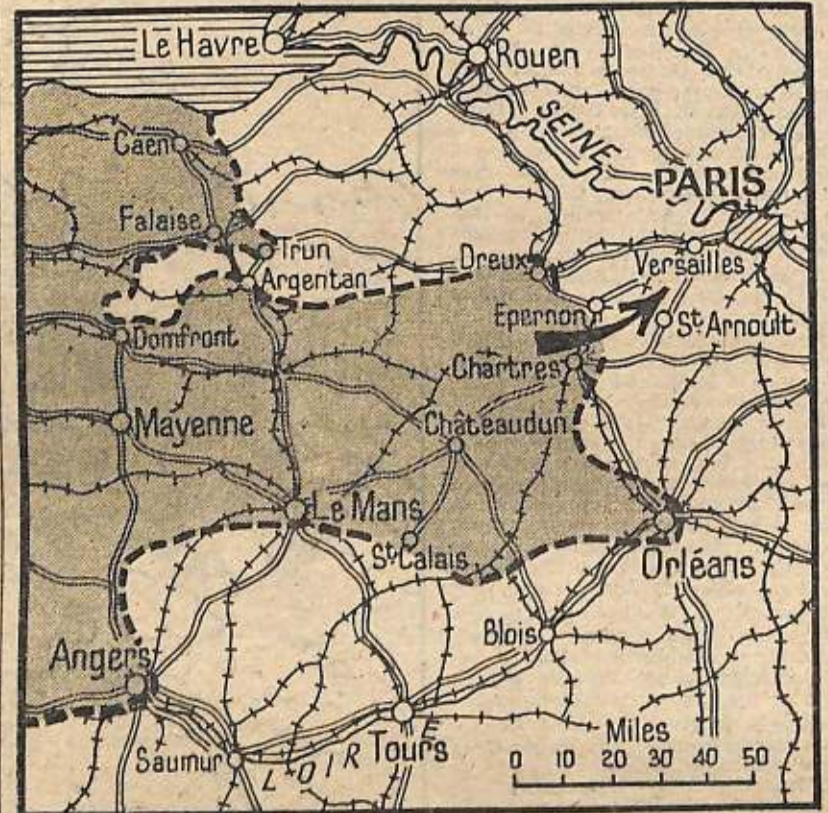
As Canadian and Polish armored units (Continued on page 4)

Brig. Gen. James Wharton Killed in Action in France

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18—Brig. Gen. James E. Wharton was killed in action in France last Saturday, the War Department announced last night.

Details of his death and the identity of his command were not made public.

Any Time Now



Stars and Stripes Map

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Target—Berlin

PRESIDENT Roosevelt, returning to Washington from his 15,000-mile war trip into the Pacific, gave the world the first official indication of what will follow unconditional surrender should German and Japanese resistance collapse short of the enemy borders.

"They (the Germans) quit before we got in the last time but they won't be spared invasion this time," the President told correspondents as his special train neared Washington.

From the Russian front, through Central France, where the American armored columns are nearing Paris, to the rapidly expanding salient in southern France, the military picture shows the Germans pinned down and being worn out.

"We know nothing of internal troubles in Germany that can make us feel sure the German war machine will blow up early. We hope there will be more trouble inside Germany," he added.

The President then declared there is an interesting psychological study not only of the German people but of their military command—a characteristic to throw up the sponge when their borders are menaced because they don't want Germany overrun.

As for Japan, that nation "must be sealed off from the peace-loving world until she proves herself willing and able to live with peaceful countries."

France in Revolt

IN the ten weeks since the Allied troops fought their way ashore over the bitterly defended Normandy beaches, the Germans in northern France have suffered a stunning defeat which is bound to lead them into further difficulties ahead.

This is a "pretty optimistic picture," admits Acting Secretary of War McCloy, "and there is no reason to disguise that the course of the war is favorable for Germany seems to be definitely on the toboggan, although there are large forces in western France which have not yet been committed to action."

In his opinion, all the operations—in Normandy, on the south coast and by the resistance forces in the interior—add up only to the first steps in the battle of France.

"The active cooperation of the French resistance forces throughout the interior of France has become so extensive as to amount almost to a general uprising against the Nazis," Mr. McCloy told newspapermen.

From General Eisenhower on down, the leaders of the Allied armies are united in their praise of the work of the heroic members of the Maquis who, heeding the call of Gen. De Gaulle and the Allied commanders, have greatly increased their resistance since the first "D-Day."

Paris itself now hears the roar of Allied guns, and her loyal citizens are doing their part, too, to harass and hinder the fleeing Germans.

Speaking to all Frenchmen, a spokesman of the Allied Supreme Command, has told the inhabitants of Paris to remain underground until the order is given them to rise against their oppressors.

Thus, as the tide of battle surges ever nearer to the beautiful city on the Seine which symbolizes France to the entire world, the men and women and children of France are gallantly paying their full, active share in the liberation of their homeland and the overthrow of Nazi tyranny.

Hash Marks

Even the censors celebrated the other day when a supply of German equipment fell into Allied hands. The censors use blue pencils to delete and red pencils to make deletions okay—if they can be talked into it.

It Must Be War Nerves. A stranger stepped up to Mrs. Martha Martin on a Denver street and batted her in the eye.



He immediately apologized, saying, "I'm sorry—I thought you were my mother-in-law!"

Margaret R., a little British orphan, had a big time visiting her Troop Carrier squadron sponsors. Classic remark of the day came when she asked the commanding officer, Major Dayton E. Sherman Jr., "Are you a sergeant?"

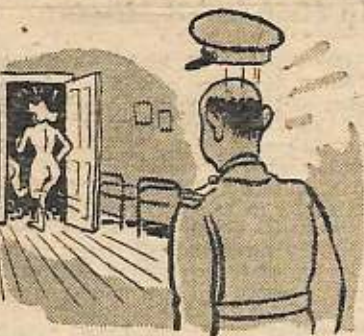
It occurs to me—and I can't resist observing—sez Major Ralph A. Colbert, "that if the air forces continue to wipe out enemy transport vehicles at the current rate of destruction the German army will soon be back on its feet again."

Funny Coincidence. When Berlin radio repeated the announcement of the attempt on Adolf Hitler's life they followed through with martial music in place of a previously scheduled discussion on "The Extermination of Rats."

Overheard: "I'll bet the guy who said there is dignity in labor never went out on an Army fatigue detail."

GI Philosophy: Soldiering is a game of give and take—give the topkick some back-talk and take Sunday KP.

Military life in the States must be fun. Some newly inducted WACs received a list of things and stuff to be laid out on



their bunks for an important formal inspection. Whoever made out the list was a bit over-zealous. In a frantic, last-minute appeal the list was revised—else the gals would have been standing inspection in their birthday suits, as it were!

Total War. Herb Caen, on a trip to Normandy, spied two foxes digging a manhole.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Well, Riley, how far away's the old front line this morning?"

He'll Make This Bomb V-o



Capt. Floyd C. Caulfield, of Centerville, Mass., tells a Frenchman not to worry about that 2,000-pound German bomb which crashed his home at Mortain—Caulfield is going to render it harmless.

Devon Area Is Cleared of Mines By Army So British May Return

By Arthur W. White

FORMER U.S. BATTLE AREA, Devon, Aug. 18—American Army engineers are hauling unexploded mines out of the beaches and retrieving charges of TNT and mortar shells scattered throughout this 25 square miles of English countryside.

Soldiers who went to school here graduated on bloody French beaches across the Channel and there won't be any more classes. Soon the 3,000 men, women and children from eight villages and 80 farms who had to leave their homes last November so that U.S. troops could move in with their tanks and artillery to train for the Normandy assault will be coming back.

Clearing Up Beaches

The 154 men of the Negro engineer outfit who have been clearing up should be finished within two weeks, said Capt. R. D. Watson, of Chicago. His men pegged the beaches in lanes with white tape and worked them over for hours with detectors and probing bayonets.

S/Sgt. Henry Bell, of Philadelphia, supervised the removal of masses of barbed wire and tank obstacles, and a squad under S/Sgt. Ferris Vickers, of Oklahoma City, is scratching its way down the last mile of still dangerous beach. Other groups have searched every house from top to bottom for explosives.

A medical officer, Capt. William L. Cassio, of New Orleans, has been stand-

ing by in case of accidents, but so far luck has held.

Thousands of Yanks know this part of Devon—chosen because of its resemblance to the Cherbourg coast—almost as well as their own hometown. The area comprises the villages of Strete, on the brow of a 350-foot cliff, and Slapton, 50 feet above sea level (these two bore the brunt of the constant assaults); Torcross, Stokenham (where the Church House Inn got a direct hit from naval artillery); Chillington, East Allington, Millcombe and Blackawton.

Most Windows Broken

Almost all the windows in the villages were broken, although blast played its usual tricks and some glass porches and hothouses remained intact near shattered houses.

All churches and buildings of historic interest were marked with yard-wide strips of white tape and great care was taken not to damage them. Despite this, Slapton church, which is invisible from the sea, got a direct shell hit on the roof of the south nave which shattered the graceful grey stone arches and stained-glass windows.

The troops built German-type pill-boxes on the beaches and attacked them. They put down barbed-wire and learned how to get through it. Now the concrete is twisted and torn like cardboard, and the rusting wire is piled like old rope along the deserted shore.

The evacuated country folk know that the familiar beaches are battered and the fields that formerly produced fine crops are neglected and overgrown with weeds. But they know, too, that the lives of thousands of American soldiers were saved by that battle training, and they say they are proud to have played a part.

The Americans who have been clearing up and who have made friends with these people said that the pat phrase "reverse lend-lease" has a new meaning for them now.

This Is The Army

S/SGT. Lawrence Swain, Second Division infantryman from Vernal, Utah, related how a freakish bullet entered the lower front of his helmet, followed the curve over the top of his head between the plastic liner and steel and came out the bottom at the back without touching him. The helmet shows a furrow up, over and down the other side.

A photograph of an LST unloading vehicles and personnel of the Fourth Infantry Division onto a rhino barge on D-Day, which was taken by Lt. Martin Lederhandler, of Brooklyn, N.Y., former AP man who is now the commanding officer of an Army Signal Corps photographic detachment, was published in a German newspaper.

Lederhandler learned that his carrier-pigeon did not get through to England, but the actual fate of the photograph wasn't determined until noticed in the newspaper which was among items captured from Nazi troops in Normandy. The caption pointed out that the barge was destroyed by German coast artillery fire.

PVT. Louis De Pasquale, of New York, who operated a Times Square barber shop "in the good old days," and numbered among his clientele such Hollywood personalities as Clark Gable, John Barrymore and John Garfield, is now clipping GIs in Normandy.

Woman's Angle On France—Via the WACs

By Selma L. Chapmond

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH THE WACS IN FRANCE; Aug. 18—The WAC contingent in France grows steadily. Since the first group landed a month ago, four more detachments have arrived.

Sixty WACs have already taken over the switchboards at a headquarters here. Half of them were flown from the U.S. to England on D-Day for this job.

The farmhouses in the area have been turned into shops where WACs and GIs buy cherries, cider, and sometimes an egg.

T/5 Mildred Meyer of the Bronx, N.Y., shopping for cherries, went into her act of pointing to a tree, drawing a cherry with her hands, rubbing her stomach, smiling and licking her lips . . . but the French woman didn't get it. So Mildred drew more pictures and the woman tried to oblige by bringing out different articles.

Mildred murmured to her escort, "I wish I had a French book, but it probably wouldn't have cherries in it."

"Cherries!" exclaimed the French woman—and she brought them all they could carry.

The WACs have anxiously been watching the construction of showers—but they're still not finished. Helmets, no doubt, are very good for protecting the head but they are a bit small for a bath tub.

Washing is an art—especially in a helmet. When a heavy piece of field clothing is crammed into the helmet there is no room left for the water.

Pfc Arvilla Johnson, of Washington, D.C., M/Sgt. Raymond Willie, of Granite City, Ill., and T/Sgt. John Ennis, of Stamford, Conn., took their wash to the creek. A French woman allowed them, to use her laundering equipment and showed them the procedure.

They laid their clothes in the edge of the water on a large porous rock and Willie took over the paddle. To him it was a familiar bit of equipment, but he said his mother had used a paddle for different purposes when he was a kid.

Everything went fine for a while but the soap slid into the water and the boys flipped a coin to see who would go for more. By the time the washing was finished they had lost four bars of precious soap.

Pressing is a simpler matter. T/5 Marian Hanna, of Blue Earth, Minn., started the vogue for sleeping on the woolen trousers to put a crease in them. It worked so well that many of the other girls tried it. The plans work as long as they don't roll over during the night, otherwise the trousers have accordion pleats.

Notes from the Air Force

COL. Anthony Q. Mustoe, of Bellevue, Pa., led his Fortress group on its 200th combat mission Aug. 3. The group's gunners have been credited with the destruction of 330 enemy aircraft.

The Ninth Air Force Marauder group commanded by Col. Joe W. Kelly, of Columbus, Ind., has completed one year of combat operations.

1/LT. Oscar T. Hanson, pilot from Bemidji, Minn., and T/Sgt. Paul A. Shull, engineer and waist-gunner from Kansas City, Mo., have been awarded the DFC for heroism in bringing back and landing their burning Liberator after the eight other crewmen had bailed out.

At a Third Bombardment Division Liberator base, 1/Lt. James C. Hestand is a radio communications equipment officer; T/Sgt. James E. Beaver is base personnel sergeant major, and T/Sgt. Bradford L. Myers is a chief airplane armorer. In pre-Army days Beaver was a teacher at the Anson (Tex.) High School where Hestand and Myers were his students.

LT. Col. Theodore R. Aylesworth, of Knoxville, Pa., has been named commanding officer of the Ninth Air Force A20 Havoc group formerly commanded by Col. Harold L. Mace, of Jacksonville, Fla., who is now CO of a combat wing.

When ack-ack fire had damaged the aileron control cables on the Fortress Richter's Reckers over the target in France, T/Sgt. Cassius C. Ball, of Rock Island, R.I., went back into the bomb bay and crouched there for two hours, manipulating the wires by hand to assist in safely steering the Fort to its home station. 1/Lt. Francis J. Richter, of Centralia, Wash., was the pilot.

A Mustang pilot, 1/Lt. Irwin D. Fernandes, of Oakland, Cal., shepherded a crippled Fortress through enemy flak and lowering overcast and fought off three German planes before seeing the Fort over the target when the bomber was forced to turn back because of a failing engine.

Capt. Neil R. Johnson, of Missoula, Mont., and Capt. John R. Steinbacher, of Williamsport, Pa., completed a tour of operations as B24 pilots and are starting on another—as fighter pilots—in Col. Roy W. Osborn's P51 group.

Browns Win; Sox, Tigers Tie

Ty Cobb Swings Again



Ty Cobb, holder of more baseball records than any man living or dead, takes a crack at a fast one in ceremonies preceding the Pacific Coast All-Star game at Seattle. The South team (San Francisco-Hollywood) defeated the North (Seattle-Portland), 7-1.

Lanier Notches No. 16 as Cards Top Giants, 7-0

Bucs Subdue Phils to Run Streak to 11 in Row; Yanks Stop Tribe

NEW YORK, Aug. 18—Rain yesterday added a temporary half-game to the St. Louis Browns' margin in the American League race as the Red Sox and the Tigers were washed out at the end of the fifth inning with the count tied, 3-3, at Boston, while St. Louis slapped the bedraggled Athletics, 10-5, under the Scheibe Park lights.

A barrage of 15 hits, including Vern Stephens' 15th homer, aided Nelson Potter to notch his 12th victory as the Browns routed the A's. Floyd Baker, Al Zarilla and Mark Christman, in addition to Stephens, were the big guns of the St. Louis attack, batting across two runs apiece. Jesse Flores, Carl Scheib and Woody Wheaton shared the mound chores for the Macks, while George Caster relieved Potter in the ninth when the A's rallied for three runs. Potter and Caster yielded 12 blows between them.

Cramer's Single Counts

Doc Cramer's single in the fifth with Bob Swift and Joe Oringo aboard gave the Bengals their five-inning deadlock with the Sox, which will be finished off in a twin feature today. Jim Tabor's two-run circuit smash in the second and a tally in the third accounted for the Boston markers. Trout was opposed on the hill by Pinky Woods and Frank Barrett.



Johnny Lindell

Johnny Lindell sprayed doubles all over the Yankee Stadium yesterday, his four two-baggers tying the major league mark as the Yankees scalped the Indians, 10-3. Coupled with a single for a perfect day at bat, Johnny knocked in two runs and tallied three himself. Walt Dubiel went all the way for the Bombers, allowing ten blows, while Jim Bagby, Joe Heving, Ray Poat and Ed Klieaman were blasted for 17, each Yankee getting at least one hit.

The White Sox eked out a 1-0 triumph over the Senators in an arc light affair, Hal Trosky's fly in the ninth scoring Guy Curtwright with the lone run. Bill Dietrich bested Mickey Haefner in the mound duel with the Pale Hose out-hitting the Griffs, 6-5.

Verban Paces Redbirds

Air-tight five-hit chugging by Max Lanier handed the Giants their second straight shutout at the hands of the Cards, 7-0. It was Lanier's ninth in a row, his seventh shutout and his 16th win. Ewald Pyle and Ace Adams dished up 13 hits to the Redbirds, St. Louis putting over single runs in the first and second and icing the triumph with three in the fifth. Emile Verban's three bingles set the pace for the winners, all of whom hit safely.

A double feature victory over the Phils, 7-6 and 6-5, extended the Pirates' winning streak to 11 games. Pete Coscarart's single in the tenth of the nightcap toppled the Phils after the Bucs had whittled a five-run lead to tie the count in the eighth. The Phils hopped Max Butcher for the five markers in the second, but the Bucs pecked away at Charlie Schanz and Dick Barrett, counting twice in the second and once in the third, sixth and eighth. Barrett was the loser, Nick Strincevich the winner, the Phillies out-hitting the Bucs, 13-10.

The opener was decided in the eighth when Bob Elliott tripled with Johnny Barrett on first and two down. Xavier Rescigno was credited with the win while Andy Karl, who took over from Bill Lee in the seventh, was the victim.

To Jim Tobin went the credit for snapping the Braves' losing string at eight, Tobin gaining his 15th decision as Boston clipped the Cubs, 7-5. Tobin was liberal with hits, allowing 14, and needed help from Ira Hutchinson in the ninth. Bob Chapman, Eddie Hanyszewski, Bill Fleming and Paul Derringer hurled for the Braves, Hanyszewski taking the loss. The Braves made 15 hits to the Cubs' 14.

Brooklyn's game at Cincinnati was postponed.

Diamond Final at Bury

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, Aug. 18—Two Strategic Air Depot planes will battle here Sunday on Victory Field for the Eighth AF Service Command diamond title. Game starts at 2:30.

Warner Credited by Marshall With Liberalizing Grid Rules

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 18—George Preston Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins, who has been known to venture an opinion whether solicited or not, gives the major credit for the liberalization of college football rules, generally attributed to professionals, to 72-year-old Glenn "Pop" Warner.

Marshall, who played a major role in inducing the National Football League to adopt the open style of play, said Warner sold him on the idea 12 years ago.

The former Stanford coach tried in 1932 to get college officials' approval of players running with a fumble, passing from anywhere behind the line and other changes calculated to make the game faster. Dick Hanley, Northwestern coach, agreed with Warner and together they proposed certain changes only to be refused by collegiate authorities.

About that time, the professionals were suffering from lack of customers, and Hanley and Warner told their plans to Marshall and helped put them over with other National League owners. New rules were adopted, and since then the professional game has been flourishing.

Now Warner is having his laugh because his rules have been adopted in the east and probably will spread westward 12 years after he suggested them.



American League					
St. Louis 10	Philadelphia 5	(night)			
Boston 3	Detroit 3	(called, end of fifth, rain)			
New York 10	Cleveland 3				
Chicago 1	Washington 0	(night)			
National League					
St. Louis 7	New York 0	(night)			
Pittsburgh 7	Philadelphia 6	(first game)			
Pittsburgh 6	Philadelphia 5	(second game, 10 innings)			
Boston 7	Chicago 5				
Brooklyn at Cincinnati	postponed				

Leading Hitters					
American League					
Doerr, Boston	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Fox, Boston	114	424	85	140	.330
Siebert, Philadelphia	91	373	58	120	.322
Boudreau, Cleveland	94	339	38	109	.322
Johnson, Boston	111	433	65	137	.316
	102	361	80	111	.307
National League					
Walker, Brooklyn	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Musial, St. Louis	109	395	56	141	.357
Hopp, St. Louis	111	417	89	155	.355
Medwick, New York	98	370	84	125	.338
Hughes, Chicago	102	395	57	131	.332
	87	348	52	112	.322

Runs Batted In					
Doerr, Boston	82				
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 90					
Sanders, St. Louis, 82; Elliott, Pittsburgh, 79.					
Home Run Hitters					
American League—Doerr, Boston, and Stephens, St. Louis, 15; Eiten, New York, 14.					
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 27; Ott, New York, 22; Northey, Philadelphia, 14.					

Plan to Reopen Texas Loop
DALLAS, Texas, Aug. 18—The Texas League, which hasn't played since the '42 season, may be back next year. J. Alvin Gardner, league president, said a meeting will be called for Sept. 16 to decide on measures for putting the loop back into operation.

Macks Acquire Peck From Milwaukee Nine

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18—Connie Mack announced today that the Athletics have purchased Outfielder Hal Peck from the Milwaukee Brewers of the American Association for delivery next spring.

The A's gave cash and four players to be announced later in exchange for the former Dodger outfielder who went back to minors when his speed was affected as result of 1942 hunting accident in which he shot two toes.

Peck is hitting .357 with 118.

Five Links Aces Fail in PGA Play

Byrd Wood, Hines, Penna, Manero Fail to Reach Quarter-Final Round

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 18—Five of the nation's top golfers—Tony Manero, Sammy Byrd, Craig Wood, Jimmy Hines and Tony Penna—went down to defeat in the second round of the 26th renewal of the Professional Golfers' Association tournament at the Manito club yesterday, leaving four big names and four local hotshots in the running for today's quarter-final round.

The brilliant summer play of Byrd, former Yankee outfielder, was marred when his putter failed him and he yielded two and one to Chuck Congdon, of Tacoma, Wash. Byrd, third-ranking money winner of the year, received a consolation prize of \$350.

Wood fell three and two before Arthur Bell, of San Francisco. Bell was three over par for 27 holes, but started the last nine with three birdies, and that was Wood's finish.

Goggin Takes Manero

Manero was the first name golfer downed when Willie Goggin, of White Plains, N.Y., took the former national open champ's measure, four and three. George Schneider, Salt Lake City pro who was last of 32 to get by in the final qualifying round, tumbled Penna, four and three, while Ed Dudley, PGA president, eliminated Hines in the closest match of the day when he holed a 15-footer on the 37th hole after they finished the regulation 36 all even.

Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden advanced as expected. Nelson was the first favorite home, eliminating Mark Fry, of Oakland, Cal., seven and six, and McSpaden, top money winner of the year, showed he has his eye on the \$3,500 top money by trouncing Fred Annon, of Mamaroneck, N.Y., star of the first qualifying round, eight and seven. Bob Hamilton, of Evansville, Ind., trimmed par in the afternoon by one stroke to eliminate Harry Bassler, of Culver City, Cal., six and five.

Minor League Results

International League					
Jersey City 5	Montreal 1	(first game)			
Montreal 9	Jersey City 1	(second game)			
Other games postponed.					
Eastern League					
Wilkes-Barre 1	Elmira 0	(first game)			
Wilkes-Barre 11	Elmira 9	(second game)			
Scranton 8	Williamsport 7				
Other games postponed.					
American Association					
Indianapolis 1	St. Paul 0	(first game)			
St. Paul 6	Indianapolis 3	(second game)			
Milwaukee 2	Columbus 0	(first game)			
Columbus 6	Milwaukee 5	(second game)			
Other games postponed.					
Southern Association					
Nashville 4	Atlanta 3				
Mobile 3	Chattanooga 1				
New Orleans 6	Memphis 4				
Little Rock and Birmingham	postponed.				
Pacific Coast League					
Hollywood 5	San Francisco 4				
Los Angeles 3	Oakland 2				
Sacramento 4	San Diego 3				
Portland 5	Seattle 3	(first game)			
Seattle 9	Portland 6	(second game)			
W L Pct.					
Los Angeles 76	57	.571	Oakland 65	68	.489
Hollywood 70	73	.526	Seattle 64	70	.478
Portland 65	67	.508	Sacramento 63	70	.474
S. Francisco 66	66	.500	San Diego 61	73	.455

Ronzani Seeks Luckman's Slot

COLLEGEVILLE, Ind., Aug. 18—Gene Ronzani, one-time Chicago Bears' quarterback from Marquette, will rejoin the Bears, who are training here for their Aug. 30 game against the college All-Stars.

Ronzani will be a candidate for the quarterback job vacated when Sid Luckman entered the Maritime Service. The Bears hope Ronzani's return from retirement will be as fruitful as Bronko Nagurski's. The Bronk was a bulwark in the Bears' line last fall after several years' retirement.

Hillenbrand Joins All-Star Eleven

EVANSTON, Ill.—The college All-Star football team drilling here for its Aug. 30 game against the Chicago Bears was practically completed today with the arrival of five men, four of whom came from Fort Benning, Ga.

Lts. Bill Hillenbrand, Charlie Jacoby and Lou Saban, all of Indiana, and Lt. Bill Rheinhard of California came from Benning and Pvt. Bob Jabrusch, guard on Ohio State's 1942 Western Conference champs came from Camp McCoy, Wis.



When Esquire Magazine's First Annual All-American boys' baseball game was held at the Polo Grounds the East won from the West 6-0. Major league scouts dotted the stands, looking over the youngsters, but as far as the outstanding player was concerned the scouts could have "stood in bed." Billy Pierce, a southpaw artist from Detroit, hurled the first six innings for the East and allowed only three scratch hits and fanned seven. He got the most valuable player award that carries a four-year college scholarship. But drooling scouts could only sit and watch as little Billy is said to be all but signed, sealed and delivered to the Detroit Tigers. He certainly looked better than some of the hopefuls that have worked in the majors this year.

One of the overlooked facts about the past major league All-Star game was that Rip Sewell, in working a three-inning stint without giving a hit, did something that has been done only twice before in the history of baseball. Diz Dean did it first in 1936.

Welterweight Artie Dorrell was washed out as an Army pilot 12 days before he was to receive his wings. The reason was (believe it or not) lack of co-ordination. Whoever heard of a good boxer lacking co-ordination?

The manpower shortage in football is pretty acute again this year. Things are so bad that Notre Dame will actually have a Kelly and a Sullivan on the "Fighting Irish."

Jim Mello, Bob Palladino, and Bob Hanlon, from the Notre Dame backfield of last year, will operate as a unit for Great Lakes this season.

Dick McMahon, who drives the Calumet Farm's harness horses and won the Hambletonian with Warren Wright's Calumet Butler in 1931, attended the recent Lexington and Saratoga yearling sales and picked up a few horses. While he was there he commented that he felt fairly safe in buying whatever he liked. Seems Wright had only been mad at his purchase once when he paid \$10,500 for a mare named Dustwhirl. Every time the boss gets out of hand, McMahon just looks at him and wins the argument. Dustwhirl was the mammy of Wright's Whirlaway.

Ducks Unlimited, the organization for helping increase the quacker crop, reports that the duck population jumped 25 million last year since gunners can't get shells. Things will be in good shape in the old blinds when shells are obtainable and there is someone home to use them.

Mike Gonzales, Card coach who gained fame with his terse wire report on a player that read, "Good field no hit," recently gave a short talk at a St. Louis dinner. Said he, "This is fine town. I hope I live long enough to spend the rest of my life here."

Babe Ruth's lifetime major league salary totaled \$896,000. That's exclusive of all the extras from testimonials, appearances and other sources.

In case you ever found a sucker for some of the other baseball questions that have appeared in this column, try him on these. Who was the only major league batter to win a league championship without hitting a single home run? It was Zach Wheat in 1918 with the Dodgers. His average was .335 with no circuit clouts. Also, only one major league team has ever scored in every inning of a ball game. Know who it was? The Giants, in 1923, when they walloped the Phils, 22-8.

Ned Garver, an 18-year-old hurler with Newark in the Class D Ohio State League, has a pitching record of 18 won and three lost, maintains a batting average of .438, has hurled a no-hitter and all in his first year in organized ball. He belongs to the Browns.

Help Wanted
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Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 887, U.S. Army. Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131.

APDs Wanted
PVT. Bonnie L. BANTO, Garfield, Ark.; Pvt. Jessie BRIGHT; Pvt. Alfred G. BERRY, Jamestown, N.D.; Cpl. George BLACK, Huntington, W. Va.; T/Sgt. Joseph W. BRYAN, London, Ohio.; William L. BODINE, 1805224; Sgt. Helen BABUK, Meriden, Conn.; Cpl. R. E. BOWMAN, 1916541; Lt. Henry CURRY, Detroit, Mich.; Cpl. Ralston W. CAVENDER, Charleston, W. Va.; Cpl. Richard P. COLLINGWOOD, Toledo, Ohio.
HENRY COUTURE, Lawrence, Mass.; Lt. Charles J. CHESSMAN, Cleveland, Ohio.; WAC Elizabeth G. CLARKE, Bloomfield, N.J.; Herbert M. CASEY, USN, Port Byron, N.Y.

Personal
WILL the American soldier who rescued baby in the pond at Colchester recently on a Saturday write to Help Wanted, as the baby's father is very anxious to trace him.
ODONEL Caldwell, 3248827—You won model airplane in raffle, sponsored by St. John's Ambulance Brigade, Contact R. T. Budd, 1, Holly Villa, Shipton Bellinger, Hants.

Lost
ADOLPH, Come Home. Air-crew mascot, parti dachshund and parti beagle, lost chasing rabbits somewhere in England. \$100 reward offered by members of the crew, T/Sgt. Stephen M. Sweeney.

Reunions
THE following towns and districts will hold reunions at the ARC Mostyn Club, Edgware Rd., London, W.1: Monday, Aug. 28, Birmingham, Montgomery, Mobile, Ala.; Tues. Birmingham, Montgomery, Knoxville, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Wednesday, Aug. 30, Jackson, Vicksburg, Natchez, Miss.; Thursday, Aug. 31, Atlanta, Augusta, Athens, Macon, Ga.



By Courtesy of United Features

NEWS FROM HOME Back-to-Land Boom After the War Foreseen

Congress Studies Plans For Sale of Farm Areas Acquired by U.S.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (ANS)—A nationwide back-to-the-land movement rivaling that of the depression era was envisioned today by Congress in the post-war sale of several million acres of farm land acquired by the Government for war-time military uses.

Both House and Senate have shown themselves in almost complete agreement that surplus lands should be parceled into family-size farms and re-sold by the Government either to former owners or returning veterans.

Estimates of Government-acquired acreage have run as high as 15,000,000 acres, but not all this would be re-sold as surplus.

A bill now under House debate would give former owners of such land reasonable time in which to buy it back at a price not to exceed that paid by the Government. If they did not elect to buy the land would be sold in small parcels "in so far as possible to persons who expect to live upon and cultivate such land."

A bill before the Senate would provide that a surplus-property administrator be empowered to limit acreage sold to individual buyers, and the policy laid down would be that the administrator "encourage disposal of such lands to operators with prior farming experience, including both owners and tenants, and to veterans qualified to engage in farming operations."

Coughlin Group Dissolved

DETROIT, Aug. 18 (ANS)—The National Union for Social Justice, organized in 1934 by the Rev. Fr. Charles E. Coughlin, was dissolved yesterday with the filing of papers at the Secretary of State's office in Lansing. No comment was available from Fr. Coughlin.

A Price on Their Heads

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 18 (ANS)—The National Tube Co. has offered its employees \$3 for every new worker recruited who stays on for a month. An extra \$2 is paid to the recruiter when the new worker completes two months' employment.

Army Warehouse Burns

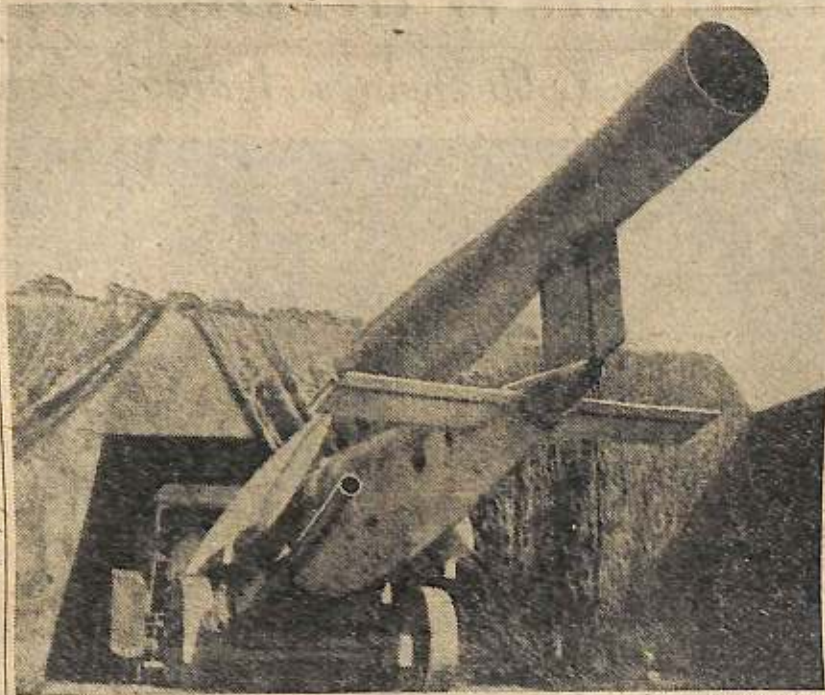
GRANITE CITY, Ill., Aug. 18 (ANS)—Twelve soldiers and two civilians were overcome by smoke and fumes in a fire which destroyed a warehouse full of crated machinery parts at the Army Engineer depot here.

GI-ATS Musical Closes Two-Day Stand Tonight

An Anglo-American musical featuring GIs and British ATS girls opened a two-night stand at the Scala Theater, London, last night. The show, "Together We Sing," was produced by Sgt. Bernard Brown, of Baldwin, N.Y.

Two more performances will be given to-night.

A Robot Moves to Launching Site



A German robot bomb is towed into a camouflaged concrete structure preparatory to launching, says caption on this picture just received from a neutral source.

Revamp 'Ban' In GI Vote Law

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18—The House completed congressional action yesterday on the Senate-approved amendments to the Soldier Voting Law to ease restrictions which, as they have been interpreted by the War Department, have caused the withholding of some reading matter from members of the Army.

The House vote was unanimous, as was that of the Senate. The measure now goes to the White House.

Dealing with the "propaganda" amendment inserted into the legislation by Sen. Robert A. Taft (R.—Ohio), changes were made to clarify the intent of Congress.

Taft co-operated in drafting the amendments and aiding in their passage, but contended they were not necessary. The trouble which has developed, Taft held, was attributable to "unreasonable and nonsensical" interpretations of the restrictions by the War Department. The Navy, Taft pointed out, had had no trouble at all.

Taft Is Critical

Taft also said that the War Department had created "a get-out-the-vote organization that would be the envy of any political organization in the country" in its instructions to officers on carrying out provisions of the soldier voting law.

The instructions, Taft said, direct that company or unit voting officers be appointed to personally "assist" troops in obtaining federal or state ballots for the November election by supplying information and ballot application forms.

"They do say in the instructions that 'no soldier shall be ordered to vote or marched to a voting place,' but it seems to me this business of personal solicitation is going a little too far. Full instructions posted where soldiers could see them would be proper," Taft said.

Maids of Orleans Biggest Obstacle to U.S. Seizure of City

ORLEANS, Aug. 18 (UP)—Orleans fell after one of the strangest battles of the war.

There was no organized German resistance to the advance into the city, but infantrymen had to fight their way in through crowds of cheering French who flooded the streets to greet them.

Heavy tanks came rumbling in behind the infantry with French girls throwing fruit and flowers to their crews. Just ahead, the infantry were still pressing forward through the crowds, with their rifles at the alert as they watched for snipers.

A mine went up and an American infantryman near by could not dodge the debris. A French girl leaning out of a window behind him had her arms around his neck.

"I don't think loving and fighting should come out of the same bottle," he remarked.

Aerial Blockade On Philippines

Allied planes have seriously threatened the Japanese supply lines around the Philippines and are forcing the enemy to reduce shipping activity in the Southwest Pacific, Gen. Douglas MacArthur's communique said yesterday.

The blows make it necessary for the Japs to use small ships and vessels, which are not effective in hauling essential war goods, to the outlying garrisons of Halmahera and Ceram, south of the Philippines, and into the Banda and Afrapura Seas, the communique said.

The report added that 23 Jap planes were destroyed in the latest Allied air attack on Miti airfield in northern Halmahera. Night patrols operating in Davao Gulf, in the southern Philippines, sank a 1,000-ton freighter.

Meantime, in Washington, the Navy Department announced that torpedo production would be cut at four plants in October as the result of "outstanding successes of U.S. task forces in the South Pacific and the effectiveness of submarine and aviation operations against Japanese shipping."

The announcement said that the number of enemy submarine targets had been reduced materially.

Army Gives Up Control Of Philly Transport Lines

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 18 (ANS)—The Army relinquished control yesterday of Philadelphia transportation Co. facilities seized two weeks ago to break a strike which seriously crippled war production here.

The strike started Aug. 1 when PTC upgraded eight Negro employees in an operator-training program. It continued for six days and resulted in arrest of four strike leaders on charges of violating the Smith-Connally anti-strike law, and a federal grand-jury investigation, still in progress.

Bubbles From The Political Pot

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (ANS)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull said yesterday that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey "can rest assured that the fears which he expressed" that the small nations would be cold-shouldered in the peace settlements "are utterly and completely unfounded."

"No arrangement such as that described by him which would involve a military alliance of the four major nations permanently to coerce the rest of the world is contemplated by this government or, as far as we know, by any of the other governments," Hull's statement said.

Spending Probe to Start

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (ANS)—Investigation of political campaign expenditures will be stated Monday by a special House committee, with Sidney B. Hillman, head of the CIO Political Action Committee, Democratic and Republican officials and members of Congress testifying.

25 Miles Inland In South France

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Cannes, on the fringe of Cannes airdrome.

The advance thus far has struck no prepared positions in the hilly hinterland behind the coast, according to a Reuter correspondent with the troops. "They have met only a few anti-tank guns, one or two tanks, some mortar fire but no heavy artillery," he said. The morale of a majority of the prisoners was low, he added, and they gave up readily.

While tactical aircraft roamed ahead of the ground troops, heavy bombers from Italian bases struck Rumania's Ploesti oilfields twice Thursday, by day and by night, and day heavies also raided enemy airdromes at Nish, Yugoslavia. In all operations 23 planes were lost.

Patch Gets 3 Stars

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt today nominated Maj. Gen. Alexander Patch, commander of the invasion ground forces in the south of France, to the rank of lieutenant general.

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northwest France, an aero-engine works, fuel-storage depots and bridges along the Meuse River in Holland and Belgium.

The route along which the Germans attacked the Low Countries four years ago, the Meuse River, is one of the natural supply routes for flying-bomb installations in the Pas de Calais.

Among targets hit by the heavies were airdromes at St. Dizier, Romilly-sur-Seine, Metz, Mancy-Essy and Roye, southeast of Amiens; an aero-engine works at Woippy, near Metz and fuel depots at Pacy-sur-Armancon and Laneuville.

Sweeping over the Mancy field soon after it had been bombed, a P38 group now under the command of Col. Hubert Zenke destroyed 40 to 45 German planes and damaged many more in a series of attacks on the field's dispersal area. Col. Zenke, former leader of a P47 outfit which was the ETO's top-scoring fighter group, led today's attack.

An Eighth Mustang outfit caught about 500 German soldiers in a low-level attack 15 miles southwest of Compiègne and turned about 200 of them into casualties.

On roads leading out of Argentan it was revealed yesterday Ninth P47s trapped three German columns Thursday afternoon and subjected them to a merciless strafing. In all of the day's operations Ninth fighter-bombers destroyed at least 275 vehicles.

Esquire Varga Girl Inspired by the Devil, Army Chaplain Says

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 18 (ANS)—The works of Artists Varga and Petty in Esquire magazine are likened to Japanese surrender tickets and are labeled "inspired by the devil" in an editorial written by a chaplain and appearing in the current edition of the Nashville Army Air Center's newspaper.

"The devil knows that war causes men to remain for long periods without companionship of their wives and sweethearts so he encourages Varga or Petty surrender tickets in such magazines to corrupt their morals," the editorial said.

'Secret' Drive 12 Miles From Paris—Nazis

West Front News Blacked Out; 7th Army Being Driven Toward Seine

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captured Trun, 10 miles southeast of Falaise, narrowing the Falaise "gap," a Canadian officer said that the close proximity of the Canadians and Americans hampered air attacks at Germans retreating through the gap, a UP report stated. U.S. Third Army headquarters announced that the St. Malo citadel surrendered, 560 Germans being taken.

Silence on Patton's Dash

Security silence on American operations near Paris allowed front-line dispatches to say only that armored patrols were in the vicinity of the capital, and between Paris and Chartres. Air reconnaissance reported that German armor was in the area between Paris and Chartres, as well as northeast of Chartres, an AP dispatch said.

The official Nazi Party newspaper, Voelkischer Beobachter, forecast that the Germans might be forced to give up "important places and cities in the battle area." As quoted in Stockholm by the UP, the paper also said: "The German War aim now is to give the war a new aspect through total mobilization on the home front. This aim is more important than territory—even than world-famous cities."

Reuter dispatches reported indications of a breach between the Wehrmacht and SS troops, who are Hitler's own troops.

Howitzers on Patton's Tanks

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18 (ANS)—The War Department disclosed today that some of the 33-ton, 24-mile-an-hour tanks with which Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army is blasting its way into France were armed with 105-mm. howitzers—the biggest gun ever mounted in a medium tank.

A Canadian Army spokesman was quoted as disclosing that the chief role of SS troops in France now was to keep German infantry from running away.

The point at which the advance U.S. column was said to be 12 miles from Paris was not specified. Another Berlin report mentioned American tanks and motorized divisions at Rambouillet, near St. Arnoult, about 23 miles from Paris.

Tours Is Isolated

U.S. troops captured Vendome, on the road from Tours to Paris, thus completely isolating Tours from the Paris area.

The Canadian First Army captured Troarn, about seven miles east of Caen, and advanced farther east and southeast to a distance of six miles.

Voelkischer Beobachter, declaring that the German Command can no longer "attempt to hold the present front lines" in France, said: "The whole strategy of the enemy betrays his final aim of finishing the war by autumn with the defeat of Germany."

The number of prisoners taken by the U.S. First Army alone reached 81,156, said an AP front line dispatch.

More Divisions Are Identified

The U.S. Fourth and Sixth Armored and Eighth Motorized Divisions are fighting in France, SHAEF disclosed yesterday.

The Fourth Armored, which arrived in Britain in January, is commanded by Maj. Gen. John S. Wood.

The Sixth Armored, which arrived in Britain in February, is led by Maj. Gen. Robert W. Grow.

The Eighth Motorized is a development of the old Eighth Infantry Division, which was en route to France when the Armistice abruptly ended World War I. Its commander is Brig. Gen. Donald A. Stroh.

Help After Robot Explodes Wins Yank Soldier's Medal

Sgt. Chester A. Reynolds, transportation section driver from Orange, Va., received the Soldier's Medal from Brig. Gen. V. H. Strahm, Ninth Air Force chief of staff, for the aid he rendered at the scene of a flying-bomb explosion in southern England.

He carried victims to a first-aid post, then returned to help put water hoses in action. Reynolds worked with disregard for the danger of falling walls and the possible explosion of stocks of combustibles.

Radio Highlights

AFN in the United Kingdom—1000 hours—2300 hours
On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Saturday, August 19

1000—Headlines—Victory Parade, with Les Brown.
1015—Personal Album, with the Music Mails and Lee.
1100—Headlines—Morning After (Fred Allen).
1130—Duffie Bag—Cpl. Johnny Kerr's Musical Hit Kit.
1315—Great Music—Introduced by Walter Houston.
1330—Yank's Radio Edition.
1400—Headlines—Downbeat—Features Louis Jordan's Orchestra.
1430—Army Talks.
1450—On the Record—Pfe George Monaghan, the AFN Record Man.
1630—Miss Parade.
1700—Headlines—John Charles Thomas.
1730—Raymond Scott.
1905—Dinah Shore.
1935—Saturday Serenade, with Gus Haenchen Orchestra and Jessica Dragonette.
2005—Cornfield Serenade.
2105—Report from the Western Front.
2115—GI Journal—with Bing Crosby and Anita.
2145—Top of the Evening, with the Ken Darby Singers.
2200—Headlines—Xavier Cugat.
2230—Suspense.

AEF on the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours
On Your Dial
1050 kc. 285m.

0600—Headlines—Rise and Shine.
0815—Man in Blue—Sgt. John Hollingsworth.
0900—News, Program Summary at Dictation Speed.
0935—American Dance Band of AEF.
1215—Harry Perry and his Sextet.
1815—Swing Sextet, with Sat. Mel Powell.
1830—Atlantic Spotlight.
2015—Music from the Movies.
2115—Theater Orchestra.
2300—Headlines—Joanney Canuck's Revue.
* Indicates programs heard on both networks.

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Sunday, Aug. 20

0300—Headlines—Hymns from Home.
0915—Bandwagon.
0935—Hour of Charm—with Phil Spitalney's All-Girl Orchestra.*

1000—Headlines—Radio Chapel with Chaplain John Weaver.
1055—Home News from the U.S.A.*
1100—Headlines—Morning After (Dinah Shore).
1130—Duffie Bag—Cpl. Johnny Kerr's Musical Hit Kit.*
1315—Corporal Saddlebags.
1330—Sammy Kaye's Sunday Serenade.*
1400—Headlines—Information Please.
1430—Andre Kostelanetz Orchestra.*
1545—Harry James Orchestra.
1600—Headlines—Take Your Choice—Cpl. Dick Crawford's guest from the Services picks the music.
1700—Headlines—National Barn Dance—Hoosier Hot Shots, Lutabelle and Scotty.*
1730—Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra.*
1805—GI Sunner Club—Sgt. John McNamara spins your requests.
1905—Mail Call.*
1935—Guy Lombardo's Musical Autographs.*
2005—The Family Hour—Al Goodman's Orchestra and Jack Smith.*
2030—The Aldrich Family.
2130—Comedy—Caravan—Jimmy Durante, Cary Moore and Georgia Gibbs.*

AEF on the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours
On Your Dial
1050 kc. 285m.
0600—Music for Sunday.
0630—Corporal Saddlebags.
1100—Headlines—Morning After (Atlantic Spotlight).
1215—Light Orchestral Concert.
1315—Ray on the Keys.
1545—Western Five.
1815—Royal Canadian Concert.
2030—"Carnival of Music".
* Indicates programs heard on both networks.

