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254,539 In ETO Have 85 Points

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PARIS, June 8—The number of soldiers in the ETO who have an adjusted service rating score of 85 points or higher and who are thus eligible for consideration for discharge is 254,539, including 36,361 members of the USAAF, Brig. Gen. Ralph B. Lovett, ETO adjutant general, revealed today.

The total, computed before the award of points for the Ardennes and central Europe campaigns, was considered surprisingly low, and was seen as an indication that the final critical score, which is expected to be announced in the next three weeks, may be lower than 85. The reason is that a lower critical score would be needed to fill the discharge quota.

The Army plans to release from all theaters about 2,000,000 men. Of these 1,300,000 will be released under the point system and the rest for age and physical disability.

650,000 From the ETO

In its original announcement May 5 the War Department estimated that of the 1,300,000 to be discharged under the point system, about one-half, or 650,000 men, would be drawn from the ETO. At the 85-point level, therefore, there is at present a gap of almost 400,000 between the 254,539 figure of men with at least 85 points and the approximately 650,000 who may be discharged from the ETO on points.

Until it is known how many men in other theaters have 85 points or more, the final critical score cannot be determined. The ETO figures were computed six days ahead of schedule.

The figures show that 2,250 WACs in the ETO have 44 or more points and are eligible for consideration for discharge. Forty-four was the interim critical score established for WACs.

The total of 254,539 ETO soldiers with 85 points or more was based on a computation that did not include points for participation in the Ardennes and central Europe campaigns, and when the stars for these campaigns, each worth five points, have been awarded the number of men with 85 points will jump considerably.

Can't Exceed 175,000

The maximum increase, however, cannot exceed 175,000 as that is the number of men who have between 75 and 85 points without the two new stars.

The tabulation, dealing solely with enlisted men, showed that 218,178 members of the ground and service forces and 36,361 members of the air forces have at least 85 points. Of the 2,416,205 members of the ground and service forces and the 281,267 members of the air forces in the ETO when the survey was made, the score of only 137,199 were unreported. Some of these men undoubtedly will have 85 points or more.

The tabulation disclosed that 2,135,000 men had fewer than 75 points. Of these, 669,000 had 40 points or fewer.

Chinese Units Enter Liuchow

CHUNGKING, June 8 (Reuter)—Liuchow, site of a former U.S. 14th Air Force base in Kwangsi Province and rail junction on the enemy's southern corridor into Indo-China, has been entered on the north by Chinese troops, who have thus isolated 200,000 Japanese forces in this south China province, it was announced today.

Bitter fighting was reported in the suburbs of the strongly held town, which served as a "bomb-Japan" base in the initial phase of American air warfare against the Nippon mainland prior to its capture by the Japs last October. Other Chinese forces are advancing on Liuchow from south, east and west, the nearest units being 28 miles away.

On the east coast Chinese troops were in the outskirts of Fu-ting, 450 miles west of the U.S.-held Okinawa capital of Naha.

First ATC Base Set Up in Reich

The first permanent operating base in Germany of the Air Transport Command has been officially activated at Hanau airfield, near Frankfurt. ATC headquarters announced yesterday.

C47s now are making three flights a day to Frankfurt—two from London via Brussels and Paris, and one from Naples through Rome, Munich and Frankfurt to Paris. A fourth daily flight from Paris via Reims will be inaugurated shortly.

House Votes Self Expenses

WASHINGTON, June 8 (ANS)—The House voted itself \$2,500 annually for expenses yesterday. President Truman later said he would not veto the measure, although he would have preferred a direct pay raise instead.



Gen. Omar N. Bradley

Bradley Gets Hines' Job as Veterans' Chief

WASHINGTON, June 8 (ANS)—Gen. Omar N. Bradley, who commanded 1,000,000 troops in Europe and who is popularly known as "the doughboy's general," yesterday was named by President Truman to succeed Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines as Veterans' Administrator.

Within 60 days Bradley will take over the office which Hines has held for 23 years, the President said, adding that Hines would be retained in another capacity.

The shake-up in the Veterans' Administration came as no surprise. Some time ago the President had said that the organization needed modernizing.

At the same time, newspaper and magazine articles criticizing hospital care for veterans has stirred an inquiry by the House Veterans' Committee. Legislation also has been introduced which would reorganize the entire Veterans' Administration setup, particularly its medical program.

Bradley's job will be to supervise the care of wounded and ill veterans and benefits due them, including schooling. His organization also will administer the GI Bill of Rights.

Names Surplus Chief

WASHINGTON, June 8—President Truman yesterday appointed Stuart Symington, of St. Louis, as chairman of the Surplus Property Board, succeeding Guy M. Gillette, who has resigned effective July 15.

The President also appointed John B. Hutson, now an assistant to War Mobilizer Fred M. Hess, as under secretary of agriculture, and Paul M. Herzog, of New York, as chairman of the National Labor Relation Board. The latter replaces H. A. Millis, who will resign June 30.

U.S. Reporter Is Threatened

NEW YORK, June 8 (AP)—The New York Times published a dispatch today from its Buenos Aires correspondent, Arnaldo Cortesi, saying that he was warned last Tuesday by Adm. Alberto Teissaire, Argentine minister of the interior, "not to be surprised at anything that may happen to you."

The Argentine official was reported incensed by Cortesi's dispatch a week ago in which the correspondent said the Farrell-Perone government had "deprived the Argentine people of what small remains of freedom they still possessed."



SHE MISSED HER MARK: Leaving from the wars, Gen. Mark W. Clark, 15th Army Group commander, greets his wife with a kiss following a homecoming parade in Chicago. Daughter Ann looks on.

Jap Garrison on Okinawa Split in Two by Marines

One Pocket Is Sealed Off On Peninsula

American marines sealed off Oroku Peninsula and split the Jap garrison defending the southern tip of Okinawa into two parts yesterday as Tokyo radio prepared the Japanese people for the loss of the island and outlined the procedure to be followed when the invasion of their homeland began.

One group of stubbornly-resisting Japs was isolated on the peninsula when marines of the 1st Division, driving south down the center of the island, swung west and drove to within 300 yards of the west coast north of Itoman. This concentration was trapped between the 1st Division and the 6th Division which was driving south from recently-captured Naha airfield.

The other Jap pocket was at the southern tip of the island behind the hills and ridges of Yaeju-Dake escarpment, extending across the island from Itoman to the east coast.

Adm. Nimitz announced that 66,324 Japs had been killed up to June 6, leaving an estimated 15,000 trapped in the two pockets.

Tokyo Reports New Landing

Tokyo Radio reported that new American landings had been made southwest of Naha and that these forces had linked up with other troops advancing overland for a concerted drive toward Oroku airfield.

Air attacks against "suicide" airfields on the southern Jap home island of Kyushu continued yesterday, Japanese News Agency declared, with 200 U.S. carrier-based planes hitting the bases for the second time in 24 hours.

20th Air Force headquarters announced that two Superforts were lost in the big fire-bomb attack on Osaka. Fighter opposition was light, but there was considerable anti-aircraft fire. The Japs were warned by Tokyo Radio to expect B29 assaults on small and medium-sized cities.

After declaring for weeks that Okinawa was vital to the defense of Japan itself, Japanese propagandists yesterday stated that "the Okinawa fighting was never intended to decide the fate of the homeland."

Resistance Handbook Issued

This report coincided with statements that a "people's handbook of resistance combat" had been issued telling the Japs that every one of the 100,000,000 members of home-defense units must be prepared to carry out a "suicide mission" to annihilate the enemy in case of an invasion.

Tokyo political commentators told the people that with their homeland likely to become the decisive battlefield of the Pacific war, Japan's government was likely to become a complete dictatorship, ruled by imperial decree. This statement was interpreted to mean that big changes were due.

On Luzon, in the Philippines, U.S. troops advanced through broken Japanese resistance along the roads to Cagayan Valley. Philippines-based bombers again raided Formosa.

Italian Premier Bonomi To Stay On Temporarily

ROME, June 8 (AP)—Ivanoe Bonomi, at the request of the Council of Ministers, today decided to remain as Italian prime minister until the Committee of National Liberation can agree upon a new government.



CHARGE AND PAYMENT: Bodies of Jap soldiers lie strewn about the ground near Maramas airstrip on Mindanao Island in the Philippines after 71 of them staged a dawn banzai charge against 31st Infantrymen, who lost two killed and seven wounded in the mele.

Navy's New Tigercat Plane Is Ready to Claw Into Japs

NEW YORK, June 8 (AP)—The fastest, most powerful U.S. Navy plane ever built—Grumman's F7F Tigercat—is ready to go into action against the Japanese, the Navy Department announced yesterday.

The new twin-engine, rocket-firing Tigercat carries either a full-size torpedo or a record 4,000-pound bomb-load and its undisclosed firepower can smash a Japanese bomber with a single burst, the statement added.

Said to be the answer to the best Jap plane in existence the Tigercat is much larger than the Grumman Hellcat, its predecessor. It has a top speed of 425 miles an hour and is powered by two engines of 2,100 hp each. Almost 100 miles an hour faster than any other torpedo plane, with a climbing rate of over a mile a minute, a low landing speed and a tricycle undercarriage, the Tigercat is made to order for crowded carrier-deck handling.

The fighter version of the Tigercat will carry only one man, but the night-fighter and patrol types will seat a two-man crew.

In Washington, Sen. Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) strongly urged the staff of the War Relocation Authority, headed by William F. Halsey, to discount recent reports of Japanese advantage gained with a new fighter plane, adding that enemy superiority would be "of short duration. . . . Our job is to find out what the Japs have sacrificed in the way of guns and armor for the sake of speed and maneuverability," he said.

Japan Defense 'Plan' Reported

NEW YORK, June 8 (AP)—The first ten days of concentrated B29 bombing caused Japan to make defense fortresses of her home islands, according to an article in Collier's Magazine.

The article, written by Mark Gayn, one of six persons arrested yesterday on charges of espionage, was based on "intercepted Japanese broadcasts, radio-grams and confidential reports from various military and diplomatic sources," Collier's said.

"Japan's toughest generals, who once carved the map of Asia, are called back to defend her home soil," the article said. "The home defense armies are split in two, to permit resistance in one half if the other half falls."

Gayn wrote that in the first bombings, members of the Diet (Japanese Parliament) were killed, and in Tokyo alone more than 200,000 were killed or rendered homeless.

2 Fliers, WAC in Lost Valley

Plane Falls in Shangri-La

DUTCH NEW GUINEA, June 8 (Delayed) (AP)—Deep in a remote and hidden valley 150 miles west of Hollandia, locked tight against the white man's civilization by the Oranje Mountains, two U.S. Army airmen and a WAC are living a weird adventure.

Sole survivors of an Army plane crash in which 21 were killed, they have been joined by paratroopers, dropped to help effect their rescue from their fantastic Shangri-La.

They have been in their valley since May 13, when their transport plane crashed into a vertical mountain wall rising 17,000 ft. The survivors—a lieutenant, a sergeant and the WAC—

Russians Yield On Frisco Veto

SAN FRANCISCO, June 8—Prospects were bright today for the United Nations conference to close on a successful note in perhaps ten days as Russia yielded on the security council veto question and thus broke the Big Five deadlock.

Russia's surrender on the conference's most vexing problem—reportedly made after President Truman had made a direct appeal to Premier Stalin and the Big Five in complete agreement that any nation had a right to bring a dispute before the council for discussion.

This out of the way, the main job facing the conference is to complete the actual writing of the charter. "United Nations" was formally adopted today as the name of the new world organization. It had been urged by the U.S. delegation as a tribute to the late President Roosevelt, who first suggested it.

Eventual admission of Sweden, Switzerland, Eire, Italy and Spain to the United Nations was seen following adoption of a proposal by the membership committee which would ultimately make it possible for the whole world of nations to join.

Further details of the military organization of the security council also became known today. The council, it was said, would have a military staff composed of the chiefs of staff of the Big Five which would operate the way the combined chiefs of staff have operated during the war.

Trieste Agreement Reported to be Near

The U.S., Britain and Yugoslavia will soon sign an agreement settling the Trieste controversy it was learned reliably in London last night, according to United Press.

The agreement will be signed in Belgrade by British and American diplomatic representatives and Marshal Tito, UP said.

suffered only slight burns and shock. Their valley, 25 miles wide and four deep, is populated by a tribe of tall, dark, spear-wielding people who are said to be strikingly different from other New Guinea natives and to enjoy a civilization superior to the others. Since the crash, the survivors have been kept alive by supplies dropped by plane. They keep in touch with their rescuers through a walkie-talkie. Among the items dropped to them were 20 wooden crosses and a Star of David, which marks the grave of a Jewish WAC killed in the crash. Chaplain Cornelius Waldo, of Indianapolis, said a burial service for the victims while flying over the valley.