

Americans Reach Marne, Push East

Allies Menace Rocket Coast Entire 200-Mi. Front

Moving On Area That Decided War in 1918

Soldiers of Gen. Eisenhower's armies moved eastward on a 200-mile front yesterday toward the battleground where the great victory offensive started in 1918. And while they had to fight—and some to die—reports at SHAEF indicated that the Germans had comparatively little organized force to halt Allied progress toward Germany and Belgium.

American soldiers who reached the Marne River at Lagny, 16 miles east of Paris, were 35 miles downstream from Chateau-Thierry, where their fathers hurled the Germans back in June, 1918, in one of the turning points of the Allied campaign.

A second point on the Marne, also the scene of critical battles in the last war, was reached by Allied troops at Meaux. From there they moved eastward along the south bank of the river.

Northwest of Paris, meanwhile, an estimated 20,000 men in five depleted Nazi divisions, trying to retreat eastward from a Seine "killing ground" across three loops of the river, were blasted by mass guns, fighter planes, fighter-bombers and rocket-firing Typhoons.

10 Divisions, Nazis Say

The chief of the War Department's intelligence division, Col. Albert L. Warner, declared in Washington that destruction of the German Seventh Army as a fighting unit had undermined the whole enemy position in northwest France. And Allied Headquarters in southern France reported heavy losses inflicted on the German 19th Army. In both northern and southern France, Warner disclosed, Allied troops have bagged 195,000 prisoners.

The scope of the new American threat to German forces in northern France was indicated last night by German radio, which reported that three U.S. corps—with a strength of ten divisions—were attacking in a north-

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Some V-2 Sites Already Fallen To Push North

The battle for the rocket coast of northern France appeared to be on yesterday and Algiers Radio reported that Allied forces were only about 22 miles from the main launching sites for flying bombs.

British troops previously had been reported heading north from their Seine bridgeheads toward Dieppe and Abbeville, and Canadian First Army men pouring across the Seine threatened to outflank Rouen in a drive for the Pas de Calais.

U.S. Third Army infantry, streaming into tank-won territory between the Seine and the Marne, formed a consolidated front from which they could stab north in a deep encircling move to cut off the entire rocket coast.

As Allied troops clearing the area west of the Seine came across an increasing number of V-2 sites, in varying stages of construction, Gen. Eisenhower's men pushing east from the Seine met German rearguard resistance which tried to screen defense preparations along the vulnerable rocket coast.

The German 15th Army has been ordered to defend the rocket installation area, according to an AP field dispatch, which declared that there was no full armored division in the 15th, and that

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Reds at Fringe Of Ploesti Fields

Galatz Seized; Germans Admit Cossack Thrust Into Transylvania

Cossack cavalrymen crossed the Carpathians yesterday into Hungarian-occupied Transylvania, Berlin reported last night, as spearheads of two powerful Russian armies reached the fringes of the Ploesti oil fields after flooding into the Galatz gap, last good defense line protecting the heart of Rumania.

The entry into Transylvania, reported by German News Agency's Col. Ernst von Hammer, apparently was made through the Biczul pass from the town of Piatra Neamt, 60 miles southwest of Jassy, where the German communique described a breakthrough attack earlier.

Biczul pass controls the shortest and one of the best highways into Transylvania, about half of which was taken from Rumania and given to Hungary by Germany and Italy at the 1940 Vienna conference. Von Hammer's broadcast said flatly the Russians had entered Hungary, but maps showed it was the Hungarian-occupied area transferred by the Vienna award which had been reached.

The Soviet armies in Rumania, covering better than 30 miles in a day, were

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Aircraft-Engine Workers Call Off Strike in Detroit

DETROIT, Aug. 28 (ANS)—A two-day strike which halted production of aircraft-engine parts and sub-assemblies at the Ford Motor Co. Highland Park plant ended last night when 8,500 employees resumed work.

The walkout was attributed by UAW (CIO) leaders to an "accumulation of grievances" which included wage problems and alleged violations of seniority agreements. The strike had threatened production at Ford's River Rouge and Willow Run plants, which depend on the Highland Park unit for parts.

Finns, Bulgars Still Dickering

Secretary of State Cordell Hull disclosed in Washington yesterday that the Bulgarian government had been in touch with the Allied Powers regarding an armistice and withdrawal from the war. Hull gave no details as to the progress of the negotiations, but his statement was the first authoritative word that Bulgaria sought to follow Rumania off the sinking Axis ship.

At the same time, Hull said that a formal armistice with Rumania would be signed in Moscow. The U.S. will be represented both diplomatically and militarily, he added, but Rumania being in the Russian military sphere, the matter is being handled primarily by the Soviet Union.

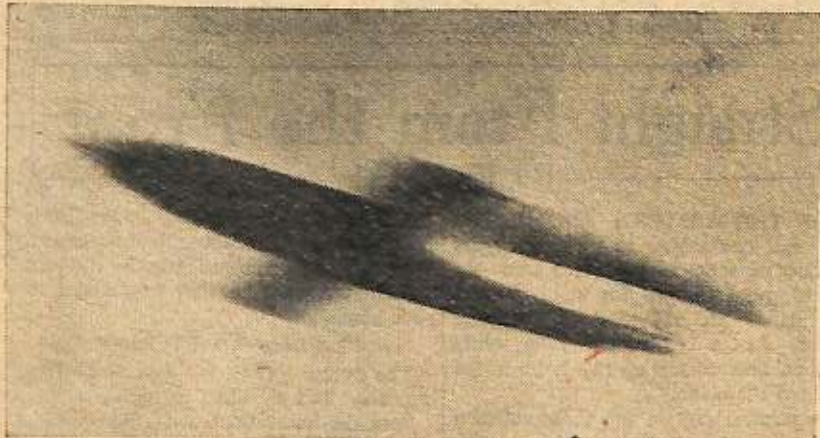
The presence in Istanbul of British and American ambassadors to Turkey and the Bulgarian minister, Balabanoff, led to the presumption that an armistice between the United Nations and Bulgaria was likely to be signed there.

Unconfirmed reports reaching Stockholm diplomatic circles said that Juho Paasakivi had been in Moscow for the last few days in connection with Finnish peace negotiations.

Museling In 'on Blackjack's Territory



Stars and Stripes Map



This closeup of a robot bomb in flight was taken by the Germans and received in London from a neutral source.

American Guns Are Littering Robot Alley With KOD Bombs

By Arthur W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A U.S. ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY GROUP, Aug. 28—America's most modern anti-aircraft guns and equipment have been helping for a month to defeat flying-bomb attacks on England, and Gen. Eisenhower has sent his congratulations to the gunners.

Although U.S. guns comprise only about 23 per cent of those studding "bomb alley" they are claiming approximately 35 per cent of the total kills and the percentage is rising daily, according to the commander of this group.

In one area more than half the "divers" are falling to Americans, and some batteries have shared in the destruction of 70 or more.

Since the gunners of this group fired their first shells at a robot, practically every U.S. gun in the area has been in

action, except for lulls, during every 24-hour period. The firing has been so terrific and sustained that some gun barrels have been worn out and had to be replaced.

British and American batteries work in close cooperation and usually several share in the destruction of every "diver."

The CO said his men have a great admiration for the British AA crews and were amazed to see ATS girls in action alongside the men. British gunners for their part, said the Yanks had proved their mettle and that they had never seen better shooting. "Our barrage is talking with an American accent now," said one Tommy.

The top-scoring U.S. battery, commanded by Capt. Joseph Adderley, of Pensacola, Fla., has a large number of red swastikas painted on the iron roof of its CP, but visitors usually regret making the trip to watch them do their stuff. The route to the battery, right on the water's edge, lies along a road sandwiched between guns, and invariably when callers are jeeping along it a robot drones in and the sky begins to rain hot shrapnel. That road is "purple heart corner" as far as the locals are concerned. Casualties have been caused among the unwary.

Pfc Ernest Langenhorst, of Dayton, (Continued on page 4)

The War Today

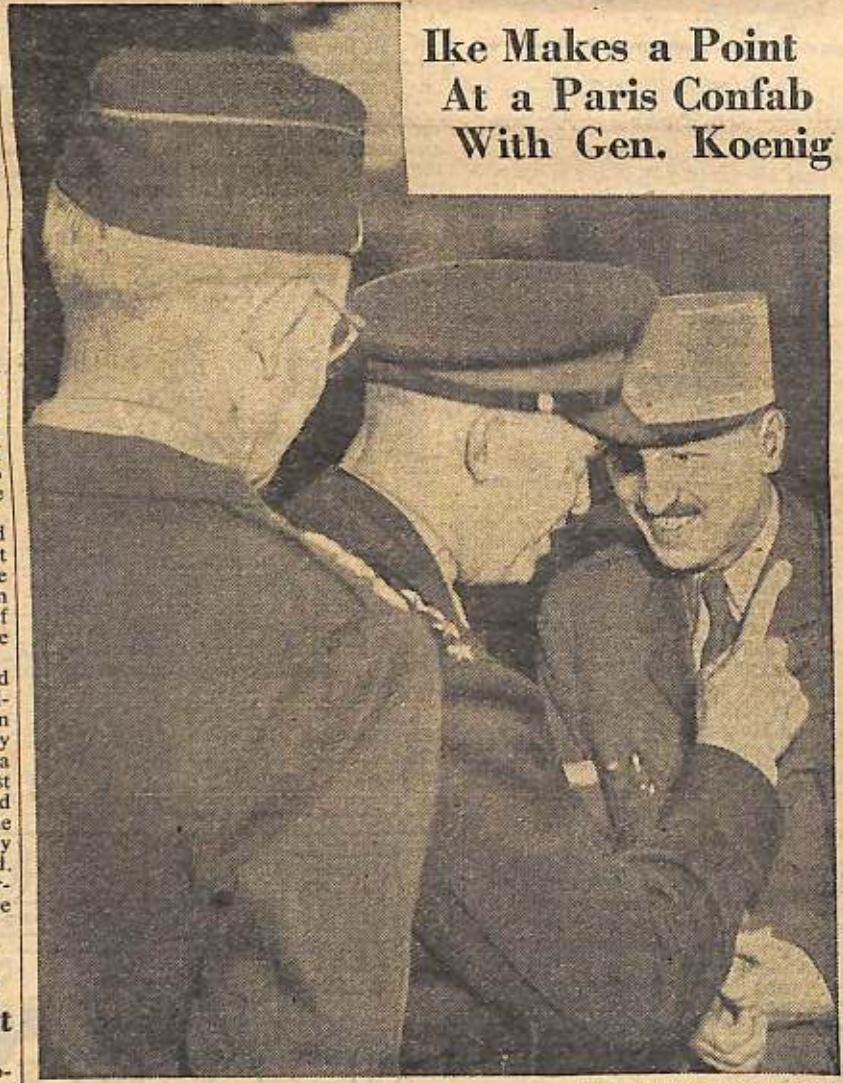
France—Americans drive to victory battleground of 1918. . . . War Department says 195,000 Germans captured in northern and southern France and destruction of German Seventh Army as fighting unit has undermined whole enemy position in northwest France. . . . Heavy losses inflicted on retreating German 19th Army in southern France. . . . German radio says four U.S. corps attacking from Seine area. . . . Eisenhower's four armies move eastward on 200-mile front. . . . British and Canadians drive on Rouen. . . . Tons of food brought to Paris. . . . Disorderly elements of Maquis and FFI roam streets of capital.

Russia—Russians reach edge of Ploesti oil fields after taking Galatz, Danube port, and crashing through Galatz gap between Carpathians and river. . . . Germans report Cossacks across Carpathians into Hungarian-held Transylvania, taken from Rumania in 1940.

Pacific—Jap troops, fleeing overland from Manokwari, in Dutch New Guinea, intercepted by American troops from Sansapor. . . . 320 Japs killed, 199 taken prisoner. . . . B24s drop 42 tons of bombs on Jap positions at Iwojima, in the Volcanic Islands just south of the Bonins. . . . Tokyo reports 80 "long-range bombers" attack Kyushu, on Jap mainland, again, but no confirmation received from Washington.

Italy—Eighth Army troops fight in Bibbiena, central outpost of Gothic line, and in hills east and west of the town. . . . Poles across Arzila River to within five miles of Pesaro, important Adriatic port, and 20 miles of Rimini, edge of Po Valley.

Asia—Barracuda bombers raid Sumatra, blast big cement works at Indaroen, eight miles east of Padang, and damage shipping and installations at port of Emmhaven.



Ike Makes a Point At a Paris Confab With Gen. Koenig

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Gen. Eisenhower emphasizes a point with his finger at conference in Paris with Gen. Koenig, military governor. At left, Gen. Bradley.

Planes Sweep Europe's Skies

Boosting their toll of Nazi transportation to phenomenal heights, Allied fighters flew wide over German-held Europe yesterday as nearly 750 Italian-based U.S. heavy bombers pounded an oil refinery near Vienna and other objectives in Hungary and northern Italy.

In sweeps which began at 7 AM, Eighth P47s, P38s and P51s bombed and strafed transportation facilities and airfields in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, ranging as far north as Nijmegen, in Holland, and as far east as Frankfurt, in Germany.

For the loss of 19 pursuits, mostly to flak, the 400 warplanes destroyed 270 locomotives and 265 rail cars, damaged 1,231 rail cars, blew up two ammunition trains, shot down nine Nazi planes and

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Airliner Crash Is Fatal to 26

PRESTWICK, Aug. 28—Twenty-six persons, including seven crewmen and 14 passengers, were killed early today in the crash of a Sky Master en route to this Transatlantic ferry base from America.

Visibility was bad and observers reported that the four-engine transport appeared to be circling the field before it crashed, demolishing four houses and killing five residents.

American soldiers and British civilian-defense workers joined in a search for additional victims.

In another air accident Saturday, 14 U.S. airmen were killed when two bombers collided in the air near Hitchin, Herts. Four crewmen escaped by parachute. A bomb from one of the stricken craft fell through the roof of a bungalow, killing a woman and child.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Fighting the Robots

THE anti-aircraft barrage roared upward into Britain's "bomb alley" yesterday when American soldiers fought the robots, as they have for a month, side-by-side with the British.

"Bomb alley" is showing once again that no battle in World War II can be considered a personal sideshow for the country that is periled if a comrade-in-arms is able to lend a hand.

The coalition against the robots must be causing the enemy to wonder, all over again, why it is that every time he attacks a Briton an American bruises and rises in defiance to fight him all the harder.



Once and For All

Dear Stars and Stripes, Who won the Battle of Normandy is a question that will probably be argued for the next 100 years. But, in the interests of international amity and for the sake of presenting the facts once and for all, the importance of the stand made by the British at Caen while Patton was driving across Brittany and towards Paris should be pointed out.

[To argue over which Ally won in Normandy is as assinine as arguing over whether the Notre Dame backfield or linemen are responsible for trouncing an opponent. In North Africa the great British Eighth Army executed its brilliant piston thrust and copped the headlines while the Yanks held down their sectors.

'Goldbricks' Without Glory

Dear Stars and Stripes, We here in a hospital ward note that four enlisted men have been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services."

Goering Relative?

Dear Stars and Stripes, Talking about unusual pets, our Company of the "Famous Fourth" has one that beats them all, including the burro flown to the ETO from North Africa.

When we are in a tough spot, advancing under shell fire, it is an amusing relief to see Hermann perched on a soldier's helmet or band whistling shrilly like an incoming shell—which keeps us all alert.

Hash Marks

The last gum chum item we'll run this week. Sgt. Vincent McGrath, confronted by a gum-seeking youngster, noted the lad was already chewing a large wad of the stuff.

Everything's Mechanized these days. You should see the fancy gadgets the officers at a certain mess are supposed to



dry their hands with. You press a foot pedal at the bottom and hot air shoots out and does the business. Some swank, eh!

It's tough to be a celebrity. The phone in a headquarters office jangled merrily and a voice on the other end said calmly, "This is Bing Crosby. Will you please send a car to pick me up at the BBC."

Silly Fable. Cpl. John Makin claims his air base has the fastest and most efficient mechanics in the ETO. The other day a pilotless plane landed and the mechanics refueled it and sent it off again before anybody had a chance to spot what kind of craft it was.

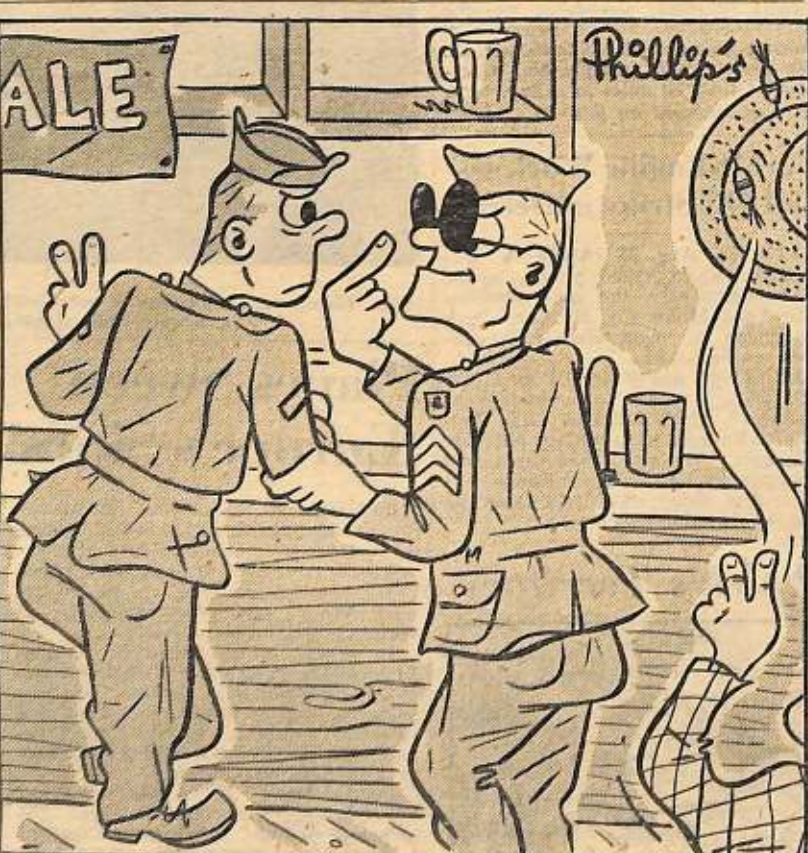
In a discussion on the Soldier Vote, a 2nd Lieutenant had gone into a lengthy talk on the subject and done a good job of covering all points. Finally he reached that awful point when he had to say: "Any questions?"

A major we know is still a little shaken by an incident that took place during his first visit to London's famed



"Cheshire Cheese." Sitting on a bench he was telling some tall tale which had attracted quite a few listeners. A parrot caged in the corner broke up the party just as the story reached its climax by squawking a loud parrot-ty equivalent of "Aw, nuts!"

Lt. Lawrence J. Kaplan suggests dehydrated icicles for desert troops—just add water! Tee, hee!



"It's the only way I can tell the DARK from the Light!"



With smoke from blasted German armor filling sky, American troops move forward in France. GI in foreground has bazooka on his back.

Straight From the Front

By Ernie Pyle

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.—We had sent one soldier to the nearest aid station as soon as we discovered the British pilot trapped for eight days in his plane. He had to drive about six miles. Just a few minutes after, other soldiers finished tearing two holes in the sides of the plane.

A medical captain and three aid men popped through the hedge and came running. The doctor knelt down and sized-up everything for a few seconds. He asked an aid man for morphine. The pilot willingly held out his right arm and the doctor stuck a needle into the bend of the elbow. The pilot never flinched, but looked on almost approvingly.

To Make It Easier

"You're in good condition," the doctor said to him. "This is just to make it easier for you when we start to pull you out. We'll wait a few minutes for it to take hold."

While we were sitting there on the ground beside the plane waiting for the morphine to take effect, the pilot said: "I am delaying you from your work. I'm frightfully sorry about it."

One of the soldiers, touched by the remark, blurted: "Good God, lieutenant, you aren't delaying us. This is what we're here for. We're just sorry we've been so long getting you out."

The pilot momentarily closed his eyes and put his hand on his forehead and then, as if in a resignation at his own rudeness in bothering us, he said: "Well, I don't know what I should do without you."

Doesn't Put Him Out

So incredibly strong was that pilot's constitution that the morphine never put him out. They waited about ten minutes. Then two soldiers took off their web belts and looped them around the pilot's armpits. Medics on the other side said they had hold of his trapped foot and could gradually free it.

"It's my back that's weak," the pilot said. "All the strength seems to be gone from the small of my back. You'll have to help me, there."

They pulled. The pilot, although without food for eight days, was tremendously strong and he reached above his head to the plane's framework and helped lift himself. The belts slipped

and soldiers took them off. They knelt and lifted his shoulders with their hands. They had padded jagged edges of the torn aluminum over which they would have to slide him.

Promise To Go Easy

The doctor said: "We'll be as easy as we can. Tell us when to quit." And the brave man said: "Go ahead, I'll stand it as long as I can."

They pulled again. The pilot made a face and exerted himself to help them. They slid him slowly a few inches through the hole until he suddenly called: "Whoa, whoa, whoa, my back. It's stuck to the ground. We'll have to break it loose slowly."

They surveyed the possibilities while trying to figure a less painful way of getting him out. There wasn't any. He said: "I can't raise my behind at all. If you could slide something under me to carry the weight."

A soldier went running to the next field looking for a board. We waited. In a few minutes he came back with a short, thick board. The pilot reached up with his strong arms, made a face and lifted himself from the ground, and the doctor slid the board underneath him. Then the doctor, still kneeling, lifted one end of the board.

Had To Stop Twice

Gradually, the pilot came out. Twice he had to stop them while they rearranged his injured leg. He said it was twisted, but apparently it was largely agony of suddenly straightening out his cramped knee that had lain bent for eight days. At last, in spite of a final surge, he came clear of the plane.

They crawled backward with him on hands and knees, struggling to hold his back off ground. You could see that he was steeling himself fiercely. "Quick, slide that litter under him," the doctor called.

The pilot said: "My God, that air—that fresh air." Three times in the next five minutes he mentioned the fresh air. When they finally laid him tenderly onto a canvas litter and straightened his leg leg you could see tendons relax and his facial muscles subside, and he gave a long half-groan, high sigh of relief. And that was the one single sound of normal human weakness uttered by that man. A great courage in the hour of his liberation.

Notes from the Air Force

COL. Harold W. Bowman, Fortress base commander from Arlington, Va., presented an American flag to the Bishop of Peterborough to wave from the tower of the midland town's 800-year-old cathedral.

1/Lt. Jackson W. Phipps, of Charlotte, N.C., adjutant, led a procession from the west courtyard into the cathedral. He was followed by various organization guidons, a color guard, and then Bowman and members of his staff, Maj. L. T. Davison, of Valdosta, Ga., executive officer; Capt. Ward Fellows, of Boston, protestant chaplain, and Sgt.-Maj. R. E. Adams, of Oxford, Pa.

THE Fortress group commanded by Col. Anthony Mustoe broke ten ETO "records" in a single flight over Germany recently.

The wax discs were formerly used on the American Forces Network to fill in one-minute spots between programs on the GI-operated radio station. They were brief musical recordings sung by one "Happy Norman," who plugged War Bonds, V-mail, military haircuts, etc.

The AFN received numerous letters from GIs requesting that the "Happy Norman" interlude be abolished. Consequently, the entire collection of recordings was sent to the Fortress station, whose "annoyed-by-it-all" personnel fulfilled their promise to attach them to bombs which would be dropped over the Reich.

Giant APOstoffice Set for Yule Rush

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (AP)—The Army is getting ready for the Christmas mail rush by building the nation's largest one-story post office.

The Engineers' Corps has telescoped a year's construction job into little more than three months to have the building ready by Sept. 1—two weeks before the start of the Christmas-mailing season to overseas troops.

The site is in Long Island City, just across the East River from Manhattan, Madison Square Garden Bowl, pre-war scene of championship boxing matches.

Col. E. W. Garbisch, district engineer and former West Point football star, is in charge of the \$3,500,000 project, which will provide nick-of-time relief for New York's present postal facilities.

The flood of Christmas mail through this city will total nearly 90,000,000 parcels to troops on 11 fronts, on the computation of Col. R. E. Eggleton, postal officer of the New York port of embarkation. That's more than went of the same areas in all of 1943.

The new building's 528,000 square feet of floor space—more than the area occupied by radio city—will be staffed during the Yule mailing season by 10,000 postal employees and 2,500 enlisted men.

Even after the holiday torrent subsides, 4,000 men will be on duty. Military mail, which was taxing available facilities last year, has been doubled in 1944.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

SIXTEEN years after James Emory Fox, just plain Jimmy or "The Beast" to students of baseball, perpetrated the dastardly crime of mauling enemy pitchers in the 1929 World Series as a member of Connie Mack's gilt-edged Athletics, his past finally has caught up with him.



Jimmy Foxx

the kill when the Red Sox asked for waivers on June 1, 1942. The Beast, long past his brighter days and then 35 years old, was of little help to the floundering Chicagoans, but that didn't perturb them in the least.

To avoid criticism, the Cub front office kept him in uniform for the remainder of '42 and welcomed him back again this spring after he spent 1943 in retirement. It wasn't until two days ago, however, that the determined campaign to exile The Beast finally came to be.

If he doesn't fret too much about his banishment to the sticks, Jimmy might develop into an excellent pilot because he has the temperament and ability to handle men. But, the Piedmont League. Well, it couldn't happen to a nicer person.

SHORT SHOTS: Unless some benevolent gent with 10,000 pounds of popcorn in his closet comes to the rescue, an intractable St. Louis World Series will mean no crunchy noises from the customers. Blake Harper, the concessions boss at Sportsman's Park, sobbed out the sad news yesterday—"there ain't no popcorn in the pantry."

Minor League Results

Table with 4 columns: League, Team, Score, and Pct. Includes International League, Eastern League, and Pacific Coast League results.

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Browns, Yankees, Bengals Split

Bombers Muff Chance to Clip St. Louis Lead

Red Sox Climb Back Into Flag Chase With Twin Victory Over A's

NEW YORK, Aug. 28—The noose encircling the four top teams in the bitter American League race was tightened yesterday as the Browns, Yankees and Tigers broke even in their twin features and the Red Sox thumped the Athletics twice. St. Louis today heads New York by three and a half games while Detroit and Boston each lag by four games.

Griff Errors Aid Yanks Joe McCarthy's awakened pupils from New York muffed a golden opportunity to climb a game nearer the leaders by splitting with the Senators. The Yanks took the early affair, 4-2, but the Griffs salvaged the second tiff, 5-4.

Cronin Heckles With Manager Joe Cronin coaching at third and calling every fast ball and curve that Russ Christopher pitched loud enough for the fans to hear, the Red Sox clustered five runs in the sixth stanza to clinch the second game.

Sweeping a double-header from the White Sox, 4-3 and 1-0, the Indians returned to fifth place. Three unearned runs on errors by Ralph Hodgins and Hal Trosky cost Joe Haynes the opener as Jim Bagby's work in the pinches left ten Chicagoans stranded on base.

When a Leopard Changes Spots



"One-Eyed" Connolly of gatecrashing fame has reversed his field. Instead of crashing gates he guards 'em now as an Andy Frain usher. Connolly is shown halting crashers at Comiskey Park, home of the Chicago White Sox.

Bucs Whip Cards; Giants Rout Bums

Tiger Eleven Wins in Debut

ABILENE, Texas, Aug. 28—The Brooklyn Tigers of the National Football League made their 1944 debut here last night by pinning a 34-13 defeat on a team of Army All-Stars.

Both elevens resorted to forward passing instead of a ground game, but the Tiger pitchers were more effective and the National Leaguers scored in every period.

Bob Masterson booted a field goal to start Tiger point production; Cub McGibbon skirted end for another six points in the second period; Guard Johnny Dixon raced 50 yards with an intercepted pass in the third quarter, and Frank Sasche contributed the final tally in closing minutes when he plunged over from the three.

Nakama Completes Grand Slam With 2 More Tank Titles

CHICAGO, Aug. 28—Kiyoshi Nakama, captain of Ohio State's team, completed a grand slam last night when he added the 800-meter title to his triumphs in the 400-meter and 1,500-meter free-style events as the National AAU swimming championships wound up three days of activity at the Great Lakes Naval Station.

The wiry Hawaiian-born Jap tank star churned along the 800-meter distance in 10:26.9 to again beat 13-year-old Jimmy McLane, of Akron, Ohio, who kept ahead of Ross Bean, of Oakland, Cal. Nakama won the other two titles Saturday night.

Segura Defeats McNeill For Meadow Club Crown

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y., Aug. 28—Francisco Segura, the two-fisted star from Ecuador, annexed another title yesterday as he trounced Lt. Don McNeill in the final of the Meadow Club tennis championships, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

The barnstorming tennis amateurs now move to Forest Hills, Long Island, where the National tournament gets under way Wednesday.

Dutton Turns Down Offer MONTREAL, Aug. 28—Mervyn "Red" Dutton, who has served as managing director of the National Hockey League since the death of President Frank Calder two years ago, has declined an offer of the league presidency.

Bobby Ruffin Discharged NEW YORK, Aug. 28—Bobby Ruffin, leading contender for the lightweight title, has received an honorable discharge from the Army. Ruffin was inducted in January and was discharged because of a sinus condition.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28—The pennant-bound Cardinals, who drop an occasional game to keep the spectators interested, bowed to the outdistanced Pirates yesterday, 14-6, in the first half of their double-header at St. Louis and the nightcap was halted by darkness after ten innings with the score tied, 1-1.

Max Lanier's ten-game winning streak was snapped by the Corsairs, who punned the Cardinal southpaw and five successors for 16 hits, including three each by Babe Dahlgren, Johnny Barrett and Frank Gustine.

Fans booted their disapproval when the windup was called off at the end of the tenth as they wanted to see the finish of a torrid pitching duel between Fritz Ostermueller of the Bucs and Harry Brecheen. The Pirates tallied their marker in the first when Tommy O'Brien singled Pete Coscarart across, while the champions evened the count in the second on Walker Cooper's home run.

Two homers by Mel Ott, boosting his season total to 24, started the Giants on the right path as they trounced the Dodgers twice, 8-1 and 4-2, at the Polo Grounds.

Al Javery was the winning and losing pitcher as the Phils and Braves halved their twin bill at Boston. The visitors grabbed the first game, 8-5, while the Beantowners won the windup, 5-4, in ten innings.

Javery started the opener, but disappeared in the fifth after allowing four runs in the third and two in the fifth. In the second tilt, he replaced Woody Rich in the fourth with the bases loaded and walked a runner across, but blanked the Phils thereafter.

Rain at Chicago kept the Reds and Cubs indoors.

Little Rock Gets Jansen LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 28—Udo Jansen, 17-year-old first baseman who represented Arkansas in the All-American boys' baseball game in New York recently, has been signed by Little Rock of the Southern Association. Terms were not divulged.

Rains Came—May's Hunch Nets \$10,000

CHICAGO, Aug. 28—George S. May, the shrewd promoter of the \$42,500 All-America golfing jamboree at Tam O'Shanter, took out rain insurance for one day of his week-long tournament and, as you may have guessed, it was for yesterday. So May, who knows all the angles, collects \$10,000 for the washout of yesterday's festivities, which will help to pay off the \$13,462 War Bond first prize in the open division.

Now that May has reaped the harvest of his meteorology, the finals are slated for this afternoon—if the weatherman relents. May decided to postpone the last 18-hole junket of the 72-hole grind after officials and competitors waited impatiently for four hours, peering through windows at the slow drizzle.

After six days of competition, during which an average of 540 contestants teed off daily, Byron Nelson sports a two-stroke margin over Jug McSpaden and Cpl. Buck White, of Fort Knox, Ky., in the open flight. Nelson, although slipping to 73 in Saturday's round, has a 54-hole total of 211.

Sgt. Dutch Harrison, with 214, is within striking distance of the leaders, while Bud Williamson, of Lincoln, Neb., trails Harrison by one stroke. With the course in soggy condition for today's test, any of the four contenders could easily out Nelson from the top.



American League table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., and other stats for Detroit, St. Louis, New York, Washington, etc.

National League table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct., and other stats for Pittsburgh, St. Louis, Cincinnati, etc.

Leading Hitters table with columns: Player, G, AB, R, H, Pct. for Doerr, Boston; Fox, Boston; Siebert, Philadelphia; Boudreau, Cleveland.

Runs Batted In table with columns: Player, G, AB, R, H, Pct. for Doerr, Boston; Johnson, Boston; Sanderson, St. Louis.

Home Run Hitters table with columns: Player, G, AB, R, H, Pct. for Doerr, Boston; Johnson, Boston; Sanderson, St. Louis.

No 'Abner,' and All We Can Say Is: &(a)%!!?

We've been caught with our pants down again, mates. It's the second time in a month. Truth is, "Li'l Abner" hasn't shown up in the mail from New York yet. There's been a snafu somewhere, and it will be corrected quickly—we hope. Meanwhile, temporarily no "Abner."



By Courtesy of King Features

The Return of the Natives

Is U.S. Different Now? No. But We Are, Scribes Find

The War Department is completing plans for partial demobilization when Germany has been defeated. Two Stars and Stripes reporters with nearly six years of overseas service between them are in the U.S. on temporary duty. Here is their report on home.

By Bud Hutton and Ben Price

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Aug. 28—Some of it good, some of it bad and some of it perplexing; that's the way it is in the U.S.

You come back eager to hear voices you understand; to walk into drug-stores that smell of malted milk and mouth-wash; to watch a tractor plow long furrows across wide fields; to see people hurry when they have to, and to wake up in the night and hear the long blue moan of a freight train's whistle.

The drug stores are there, and the fields and the train whistles, and the people look about the same and talk about the same.

But you find you've acquired a new set of values which aren't like the values folks back home have kept.

It Was Never Better

Most folks in America never had it so good.

Statistics about war production don't mean much except that when you're in the line you almost always have the feeling that there is more than enough behind you.

Then you get home and see a big hunk of the population going about their affairs, even war work, with not much disturbance in their normal lives, and you get to thinking this must be the most powerful country in the world to turn out so much stuff and to remain so little changed.

We asked four civilians at random: "Who is commander-in-chief of the Allied invasion of Europe?" None knew. Hearing the correct answer, one of the civilians said, "Oh, I thought Eisenhower was in the Pacific somewhere."

But things that puzzle you go beyond that. Mostly they are little things. Take Sigmund Greer.

The Lieutenant Is Back

Greer said that he was a first lieutenant in the 16th Infantry in Sicily. He was wounded in 1943. In November he came home to await discharge. The fifth or sixth night after he came back to Brooklyn he went to the movies with a friend, a war worker. Greer paid 35 cents for his ticket because most of the movies give servicemen half price or something near that. His friend paid 70 cents.

"I wish to hell I was in uniform," his friend said. Greer, now that he has his discharge, is driving a beat-up old taxicab (the newest ones naturally go to people who have been driving for the company right along).

"There's no two ways about it," he said. "It's good to be home. But not as good as I thought it would be. I don't know just why. Maybe it's because there are so many incidents like that jerk and the movie ticket."

But Eddie Foulds wasn't out of the Army, or war. Eddie is a staff sergeant gunner from Stamford, Conn., and is on 30 days' leave after completing his tour of missions in B17s flying from England.

Glad to Go Back, Too

"Sure it's good to be home," Eddie said. "But I'll be glad to go back, too, in a way. I don't always get along just right here any more, and it isn't because I've seen too much flak, either." (Eddie did 31 hauls before he got home.)

"Sometimes people come up to you and they say to you, 'How did you like it over there?'"

"Now what the hell can you say to that?"

"Then there's the kind that comes up and leans forward and taps you on the chest, kind of, with the back of his hand, and says, 'Pretty rough, huh?'"

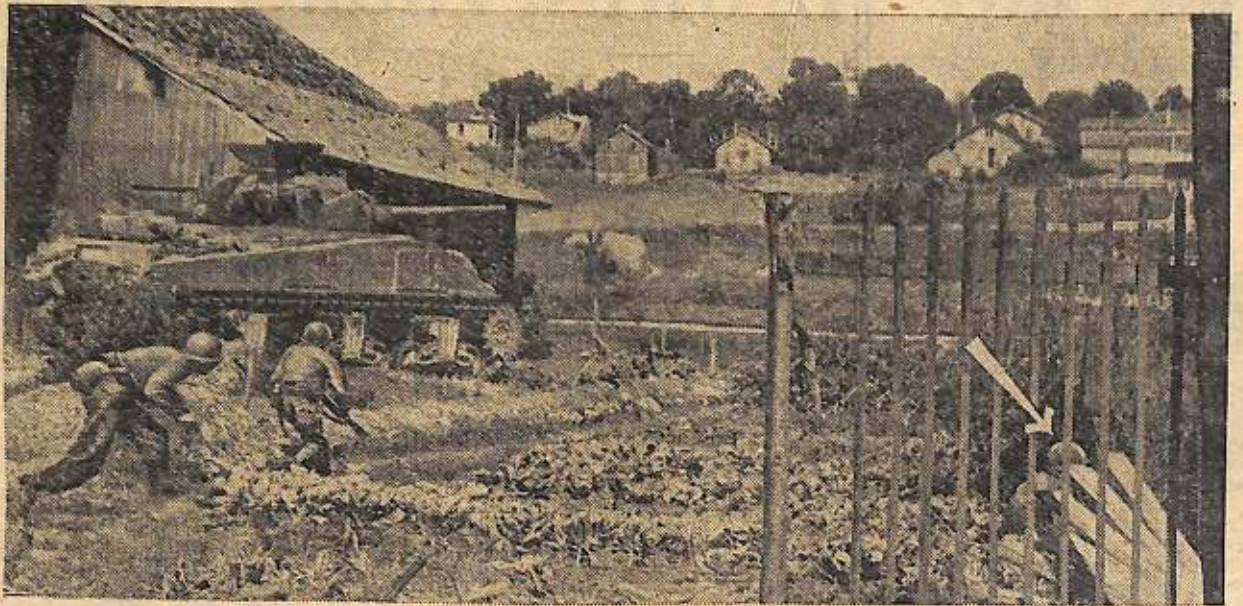
This wasn't any different than things always had been at home, the way we remembered it.

And a lot of America—certainly not booming factories grinding out war material, not thousands who work at their war jobs every waking hour, not millions of mothers and wives and kids who can only work and wait—not them, but a lot of America is just the same as it was before we went away—and we aren't.

8th Composite Command Gets a New Commander

Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Hill, of Belgrade Lakes, Me., for two years commanding general of Eighth Composite Command, has been relieved to take up an important assignment elsewhere, it was announced yesterday. His successor is Col. Harold D. Smith, of New York City, who has commanded a Composite Command station for the last 20 months.

Tank-Infantry Team Keeps Germans on the Run



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

U.S. tank, accompanied by infantry, keeps on heels of Germans retreating in France. GIs on left run for cover; man at right finds concealment behind bushes.

U.S. Expanding Output Only on Heavy Bombers

Planes Being Built to Blast Japan; No Manpower Shortage Is Seen

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28—Long-range bombers and transports—built for assaults on Japan within a few months—will remain the only "expanding" divisions of the U.S. aircraft-production program, the Office of War Information announced today.

The bombers, such as the B29 Super-Fortresses and the recently-announced Consolidated B32s, known as Dominators, were designed primarily with Japan in mind.

Reviewing the labor situation regarding various military categories, OWI said present indications did not point to a shortage in the aircraft industry, which accounts for roughly a third of the entire munitions program.

Despite declines in total aircraft production in the last two months, OWI reported that "high priority" planes were being delivered at close to current schedules.

Meanwhile, a government report on military air transport revealed that around 11,000 tons of air freight moved over a global system between the U.S. and Russia, Great Britain and other United Nations from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1944. A third of the cargo was sent to Russia and England.

In the period, the report said that 15,000,000 long tons of military goods and strategic industrial materials were moved by sea.

Calais

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there probably were not more than 15 enemy divisions east of the Seine and north of Paris.

From British headquarters near the Seine, another AP dispatch said there had been no attempt to help or reinforce German troops in the Seine area, but that all reinforcements appeared to have been switched to territory southeast of Paris to meet the American drive—which threatened to outflank the whole Le Havre peninsula and the APs de Calais.

Official secrecy left in doubt the whereabouts of drives launched northwest of Paris from the British bridgehead at Vernon and the American bridgehead at Mantes, but it was possible that both drives were aimed toward outflanking the flying-bomb depots at Creil and the junction of Beauvais, through which flying bombs are sent from the depots to launching sites on the coast.

Quads Born to GI's Wife

GAINESVILLE, Ga., Aug. 28 (Reuter)—Quadruplet boys were born yesterday to the wife of Charles E. Lee, an Army private. The babies weighed about three pounds each.

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.

Tuesday, Aug. 29

- 1000—Headlines—Victory Parade with Francis Craig*
- 1015—Personal Album with Ida James*
- 1100—Headlines—Morning After (command performance)*
- 1130—Duffie Bag*
- 1145—Bandwagon*
- 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour
- 1545—On the Record*
- 1700—Headlines—Grand Old Opry House*
- 1725—Raymond Scott's Orchestra
- 1755—American Sports Roundup—Cpl. John Yotcos
- 1805—GI Supper Club—Sgt. John McNamara spins your requests
- 1905—Gracie Fields
- 1935—Take the Air—Eighth Air Force
- 2005—Here's to Romance—With Ray Bloch's Orchestra, Harry Cool, the Swing Fourteen and Jim Ameche*
- 2030—U.S.A. Navy Dance Orchestra*
- 2105—Report from the Western Front
- 2145—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians
- 2200—Headlines—Ten O'Clock Special with Cpl. Ben Hoberman*
- 2300—Final Edition

AEF on the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours

- On Your Dial
1050 kc. 285m.
- 0600—Headlines—Rise and Shine
- 0835—Music in the Modern Manner
- 0900—News Program Summary at Distortion Speed
- 1215—Navy Mixture
- 1400—Headlines—Variety Bandbox
- 1630—Canadian Band of the AEF*
- 1830—Saludos Amigos
- 2115—Ann Shelton Program*
- 2200—Headlines—Burns and Allen
- 2230—Waltz Time with Frank Mann and Abe Lyman's Orchestra

* Indicates programs heard on both networks.

Reds at Fringe Of Ploesti Fields

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advancing so fast, after capturing the Danube port of Galatz and the communications hub of Focsani, that some Moscow dispatches forecast entry into Bucharest and Ploesti within 48 hours.

Galatz fell to Gen. Feodor Tolbukhin's army from Bessarabia, while Focsani went down before Marshal Rodion Malinovsky, striking along the main railway curving around the Carpathians to Ploesti and Bucharest. Yesterday Malinovsky was closing in on Buzau, 40 miles from Ploesti and first of the oil towns in the Ploesti field.

Moscow dispatches said the advance through Galatz smashed eight German divisions and left their broken remnants far behind.

Bucharest, the Rumanian capital, apparently was in the hands of the new pro-Allied government, but German Overseas News Agency said the city had been "encircled by German troops" and its communication with the outside world cut off.

Meanwhile, the German communique reported heavy Soviet attacks between the Vistula and Narew Rivers northeast of Warsaw and in the vicinity of Mitau, the Latvian rail junction that controls the railroads leading out of Estonia and northern Latvia.

GIs Are Warned Sept. 15 Is Deadline on Yule Gifts

Army Exchange Service announced yesterday, in a "Lament of the World's Busiest Santa Claus," that GIs should place PX orders for Christmas gifts as soon as possible. With the deadline Sept. 15, order placed now are assured of delivery before Christmas, whereas orders held up until the last day may not reach intended recipients in time.

The "Christmas Catalog, 1944," displaying gifts from War Bonds to baby dolls, is now available. Where PXs are not accessible, catalogues have been distributed to unit exchange officers, who will accept orders.

Hailstorm Toll \$1,500,000

DENVER, Aug. 28 (ANS)—The damage toll caused by a hailstorm which struck Colorado over the weekend today had mounted to more than \$1,500,000.

American Guns Are Littering Robot Alley With KOD Bombs

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Ohio, was at the wheel of our jeep when the earth seemed to open up on either side of the road. Robots were coming in through thick clouds and the guns struck with a barrage more ear-splitting than London's. Capt. Felix Pogliano, of Denver, Col., the group adjutant, passed Langenhorst his helmet and we kept going.

Within seconds, as the guns cracked hard, the clouds seemed to catch fire right above and a robot fell flaming into the sea a few hundred yards out and exploded. When it hit, a breeze flapped the jeep's canvas roof. The shrapnel was tinkling on the road—some in chunks big enough to crack the surface—and all the while black blotches in the clouds showed where the guns were tracking



DALLAS, Aug. 28 (ANS)—Texas voters sent one new representative to Congress and re-elected two others in a second Democratic primary devoid of any national issues.

District Attorney Tom Pickett, of Palestine, defeated Rep. Nat Patton, of Crockett. Rep. J. J. Mansfield, of Columbus, chairman of the House Rivers and Harbors Committee, led former State Sen. L. J. Sulak, of LaGrange. Rep. Sam Russell, of Stephenville, defeated former Rep. Clyde L. Garrett, of Eastland.

Socialist-Labor Candidate Named

NEW YORK, Aug. 28 (ANS)—Edward A. Teichert, Socialist-Labor Party candidate for President, in accepting his nomination yesterday asserted that the "vast potentialities" of this technological age could be realized only if capitalism were abolished and added that unemployment could be ended only by making industries the collective property of society.

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destroyed seven more on the ground and destroyed or damaged 237 vehicles.

In contrast to fierce dogfights which raged over the Paris area Sunday between Ninth Air Force and Luftwaffe pilots the Eighth planes yesterday met virtually no fighter opposition.

Ninth P38 and P47 fighter-bombers, in spite of unfavorable weather, struck Sunday north and northeast of Paris, knocking out 31 locomotives, 292 railway cars, 530 motor transports, 303 horse-drawn vehicles, four other vehicles, 24 barges and 44 field guns. Eleven enemy aircraft were destroyed in the air and eight on the ground. Seven fighter-bombers were lost.

Barrows' Son Killed

NEWTON, Mass., Aug. 28 (ANS)—Capt. Edward P. Barrows, son of former Gov. Lewis O. Barrows of Maine, died Aug. 5 from wounds suffered in France, the War Department notified his father here yesterday.

Yanks at Marne At Two Points

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easterly direction between Paris and the middle Seine, while another U.S. corps moved east in the Troyes area.

Gen. Patton was entering country he knew well in the last war, when he was one of Gen. Pershing's aides, as U.S. soldiers advanced generally toward the Marne between Paris and Troyes.

One American column, last officially reported 12 miles north of Troyes, was still pushing north toward Chalons and Rheims, less than 100 miles from Germany. Another column was approaching Romilly-sur-Seine, while a third, after capturing Nogent-sur-Seine, pushed 12 miles northeast and captured Provins.

North of Paris the British Second Army was crossing the Seine on a ten-mile front near Vernon, according to Berlin. British tanks crossed the Seine and two spearheads headed for Rouen, as Canadian troops met heavy opposition in their drive five miles from the city. The Germans were fighting fiercely to protect their river crossings at Rouen.

A German counter-attack against the enlarged American bridgehead at Mantes was beaten back with heavy enemy losses.

The mauled German division originally assigned to defend Paris tried a counter-attack near St. Denis, in the northern suburbs of the capital, and was thrown back.

Tell of Paris Trouble

Inside Paris, despite reports that things were "back to normal" as public administration staffs returned to their posts, postmen took up their rounds and trains ran again between city and suburbs, an AP dispatch told of "disorderly elements of the Maquis and FFI" roaming the streets, bursts of rifle fire and fist fights among the French.

"A small percentage, described as 'the rougher element,' do not intend to give up the weapons dropped to them by parachute—not until they are taken from them by force," the dispatch said.

Gen. Eisenhower, who was nearly mobbed by excited Parisians at the Arc de Triomphe on a tour of Paris, saw Gen. deGaulle, and the French leader asked him to send a couple of American and British divisions on parade through the city, the AP dispatch said, adding, "But the Supreme Commander has given no indication that he intends to take over the job of policing the city."

Hundreds of tons of food supplies were brought into the capital yesterday. SHAEF announced that the U.S. Third Army had taken 65,000 prisoners and killed 16,000 since D-Day.

Nazis Flee Along Rhone

In southern France, Allied Headquarters reported Americans inflicted "heavy losses" in a series of battles lasting several days with rearguards of the German 19th Army fleeing up the Rhone in the vicinity of Montclimar, on the river's east bank 85 miles from the Mediterranean.

On the east bank of the Riviera bridgehead, Americans covered approximately three-quarters of the 17-mile distance between captured Cannes and Nice, and were reported to have reached the Var River at several places.

Meanwhile, Berlin reported that the Americans' security-silenced tank column which took Grenoble five days ago had swung west toward the Rhone between Valence and Lyons, 100 to 160 miles from the sea, in an effort to cut off the Germans retreating up the river's east bank.



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