

Americans 25 Miles From Paris; 50-Mile Solid Front on Riviera

French Without Tears



Maj. Gen. Raymond O. Barton of the Fourth Division gets a bouquet and a kiss from a French girl near his headquarters. Signal Corps photographer who took the picture said she was pretty.

Two Big Fleets Now Ready To 'Powerhouse' Japs—Nimitz

Even as Adm. Chester W. Nimitz declared at Guam yesterday that the American Third and Fifth Fleets were "ready to wage non-stop war against Japan" with the use of "powerhouse tactics," a Japanese spokesman warned his people of a two-pronged American offensive in which the Japs will face "an enemy superiority of three to one."

The War Today

France—Gen. Patton's Third Army within 25 miles of Paris after crossing Aunay River. . . . Yanks capture Chartres, Orleans and Dreux, key cities on three main roads to capital. . . . German report says, gunfire heard in Paris from three-pronged American drive. . . . All beachheads in southern France joined in continuous front 50 air miles wide. . . . Allies are more than ten miles inland and hold 500 square miles. . . . Seven towns firmly held. . . . Stockholm hears Nice and Cannes also taken.

Pacific—American fleets are ready for "non-stop war against Japan," Adm. Nimitz says. . . . Japs claim Allies have a 3-1 edge in superiority and forecast "decisive battle between the Philippines and Japan proper."

Russia—Germans admit Soviet breakthrough four miles from East Prussia. . . . Russians admit loss of town seven miles east of Warsaw to counter-attacking German panzers.

Italy—Germans using tanks in Florence streets to shoot down civilians and military police, according to patriots returning across Arno demarcation line. . . . Allies hold mountain strongholds from Empoli, 15 miles west of Florence, to Pontassieve to the east.

Asia—Allies drive remnants of Japs' "invade India" force across frontier and smash forward three miles into Burma. . . . Thakwagon, 21 miles down Mandalay railway from Mogaung, cleared of Japs. . . . Chungking announces heavy air assaults on Tengchung garrison.

Allies Hold 500 Sq. Mi. Of S. Coast

Drive Nearing Toulon, Cannes; Nice Seized, Stockholm Hears

All beachheads in southern France have been joined to form "a continuous front inland with anchor points more than 50 air miles apart" and some 500 square miles of coast are in Allied hands, a special communique announced last night.

"The swift advance of American and French troops inland continues," the communique said, "and numerous additional towns and villages have been taken."

The regular Allied communique revealed earlier that some troops were more than ten miles inland and still going forward.

"Unloadings have exceeded expectations," it said. Soon afterward, Acting Secretary of War John J. McCloy told a Washington press conference that the invasion was one day ahead of schedule. And from Advanced Allied Headquarters came a Reuter correspondent's report that Allied casualties were moderate, while enemy losses were believed heavy.

The latest official summary of the three-day-old Riviera operation placed the coastal towns of St. Tropez, St. Maxime, St. Raphael, Frejus and Le Levandou—as well as the inland towns of Le Muy, Le Luc and Moru—"firmly in our hands."

Allied forces, it said, "are now within ten miles of both Toulon and Cannes." Earlier the German communique had said the Allies, "after a heavy struggle, succeeded in penetrating into Cannes," and Berlin dispatches reaching Stockholm reported Cannes and Nice had been captured. German News Agency at the same time reported new Allied "landing attempts on both sides of the fortress of" (Continued on page 4)

Some Shortages, but None At the Front, Nelson Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (Reuter)—Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, told the Senate War Investigating Committee today that while "specialized shortages" existed in the war supply program "there is no shortage at the battlefronts," committee members said.

At a closed session, Nelson emphasized that the WPB order lifting the ban on the production of hundreds of civilian articles in areas where the labor situation is not critical and material is available "will in no way interfere with the war effort."

A Foot Wedged in Hitler's Door

Fuller Brush Man in GI Clothes Spins a Glib Fib, 406 Nazis Quit

By Bud Kane

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
BOURG BLANC, Aug. 17—Sgt. Alexander Balter, of Pittsburgh, member of an armored unit sweeping up through the Brittany peninsula, personally captured 406 Germans within 24 hours—and never fired a shot. In fact, the entire day's haul for his reconnaissance unit was more than twice the total number of men in his company.

At the request of his commander, Capt. Allen A. Scullen, of Boston, Balter took a jeep with a white flag attached, rode into an enemy stronghold and gave the commander a word picture of his situation which was far from true—although the German didn't know that.

"You are surrounded on three sides," said Balter, "and our air forces are awaiting the time, one hour from now, when they will bomb your entire area. In addition, our artillery will deliver a barrage guaranteed to destroy your forces. You can surrender now and avoid all this."

Orleans, Chartres, Dreux Fall; Police In Capital on Strike

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army troops neared Paris last night after capturing Chartres, Orleans and Dreux—three key cities on three main roads into the French capital. The German High Command reported heavy fighting about 25 miles from Paris near St. Arnoult, on the main Chartres-Paris road.

The sensational American advance broke through on a 60-mile front between Orleans and Dreux in what Berlin termed "an all-out drive for Paris" by strong tank and motorized artillery formations.

Paris was already a front-line city, said a German report. The people heard U.S. gunfire. The police were on strike and the subway out of action.

As Berlin reported that three American columns were advancing on the capital, a United Press dispatch from the U.S. front said that one column jumped the Aunay River and had a bridgehead across it only 32 miles from Paris, 13 miles beyond Chartres. Another spearhead crossed the Eure River, the UP said, and a third captured Chateaudun, southwest of Chartres.

Light Resistance Indicated

Berlin spoke significantly of the American drive being met by German "covering forces"—a phrase that usually means screening forces, not in very great strength.

It was officially announced that the Third Army had accounted for about 100,000 German casualties, including 11,000 killed, 41,300 captured and 47,000 wounded.

On the Falaise front, dispatches indicated that confusion was spreading in the German ranks. Prisoners captured over a 12-hour period represented 12 different divisions, the AP reported; many of the captured Germans had had no food, while some had no shoes. "The German Army is completely disorganized," British staff officer told a Reuter correspondent.

Other than that, the situation in the Falaise gap—Falaise itself was captured but there were no reports of the gap actually being closed—remained obscure. Dispatches on the number of Germans still inside the pocket were widely at variance, as were estimates of what percentage of Von Kluge's armor had managed to escape. One report said flatly that the bulk of Kluge's panzer force had gotten out.

However, a Canadian Army spokesman told a Reuter correspondent that the Germans had not been able to get any great amount of men or material out. The spokesman said that "a number of panzer and infantry divisions" were still (Continued on page 4)

112,673 U.S. Casualties

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—American losses on the Normandy sector from June 6 to Aug. 6 were 16,434 killed, 76,535 wounded and 19,704 missing for a total of 112,673, the War Department announced today.

Mediums Bomb West of Falaise

Risle River Bridges Hit; 8th AF Sums Up Two Years of Operations

Eighth Air Force fighter-bombers hammered enemy communication lines in Germany, France and Belgium and railway lines south of the Rhine yesterday as Marauders and Havocs of the Ninth Air Force poured over 400 tons of explosives on roads and highway bridges across the Risle River west of the Falaise battle area.

Figures released by the Eighth Air Force on the occasion of its second anniversary of flights across the Channel into occupied Europe disclosed that its individual airmen had made 1,750,000 crossings into enemy territory in two years.

From the date of the first venture, Aug. 17, 1942—when 12 Forts dropped 18 tons of bombs on railway yards at Rouen, in France—the Eighth has flown 301,000 sorties, 162,000 by Forts and Liberators and 139,000 by Mustangs, Lightnings and Thunderbolts.

Over 8,500 enemy planes were shot out of the air, 5,688 by bomber gunners and 2,913 by fighter pilots, apart from 1,150 parked enemy planes strafed and those destroyed in frequent bombing attacks upon enemy airdromes. The Eighth losses in the two-year campaign were 31,000 men listed as killed or missing in action—a large number are known to be prisoners of war—and 2,900 bombers and 2,000 fighters due to enemy action.

Yesterday's raid was the eighth time since the Allies began closing the Argentan-Falaise gap that Ninth medium and light bombers struck at rail and road targets ahead of the actual battle area.

Targets along the Risle, which extend in a line more than 20 miles south from (Continued on page 4)

Crack Nazi Line Near E. Prussia

A Soviet breakthrough at the north-eastern edge of East Prussia, less than four miles from the pre-war border, was admitted by Berlin last night while German panzers 200 miles to the south launched a series of frenzied counter-attacks east of Warsaw after wresting the suburban town of Ossow from the Russians.

The loss of Ossow was the first town the Red Army admitted evacuating in two months, but Moscow's communique described it as "insignificant" and dispatches from the Soviet capital said the Germans had driven only a narrow wedge into the Red lines seven miles east of the capital.

The Soviet breakthrough apparently was achieved west of Virbalis in Lithuania. Meanwhile, Moscow reported the German garrison of Sandomierz, 120 miles south of Warsaw, almost completely surrounded and likely to fall soon.

Maquis Using Airborne Artillery

GENEVA, Aug. 17 (UP)—Artillery parachuted to the Maquis was in action tonight for the first time following risings in the Haute Savoie near the Franco-Swiss frontier.

D-Day Landing in Brittany Is Revealed

Isolated French Paratroops Battled On for Two Months Waiting the Big Break

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

VANNES, Aug. 17—A French paratroop battalion dropped near this city on D-Day and its remnants fought savagely for two months to disrupt German communications and to organize the French resistance army in Brittany.

Its story can be told now that U.S. forces have broken through the German resistance to free the isolated paratroopers roving, hitting and hiding, fighting all over Brittany.

From June 6 until the day the Sherman tanks showed up in Vannes on Aug. 3 the French paratroopers armed loyal Frenchmen with Sten guns; they took up miles of railroad track, tore up cable lines and generally played havoc with German communications and transport.

All Kinds of Guns

The battalion was divided into squads, each led by one officer. The men had light machine-guns of all descriptions, Sten guns, Bren guns, tommy guns, pistols and carbines. They had mortars and bazooka guns when they landed and it wasn't long before they had captured more mortars.

Whenever possible the paratroopers avoided pitched battles with the Germans. Their assignment was not to fight, or they would have had no time for their important jobs.

Their biggest battle came June 18, more than six weeks before they hoped for help from the beachhead landing

force. The paratroopers had been living near Maledroit on a large French farm. The Germans began to notice that Allied planes circled over that particular farm regularly and frequently and they soon discovered that supplies were being dropped in the fields near the farm.

The German commander assumed that the farmhouse garrison was a routine gathering of parts of the French resistance army. Under-estimating the size and strength of the force, the German commander proceeded as usual. He rounded up a large force of Georgian soldiers and ordered them to march on the farmhouse and wipe out the group there. It was 4 AM when they first attacked. They came forward singing and marching in open file, unaware that behind the farmhouse walls waited one of the world's toughest fighting units.

The paratroopers waited. Finally, with the upright, marching German soldiers only 20 yards from the muzzles of their machine guns, they opened fire. The withering burst cut the German ranks in two and the remainder retreated in disorder.

There were 120 paratroopers and about 400 French patriots in the farmhouse garrison, and when the German commander realized its strength he reinforced his attacking party until there were 3,000 German soldiers with him. The battle continued with wave after wave of German infantrymen attacking. Each time they fell back, badly beaten. At 10 o'clock the following morning the paratroopers took advantage of the confusion

in the German lines to launch a counter-attack. For the loss of only two paratroopers the counter-attack further depleted the German force by almost 100 men.

That midnight, after the paratroopers had killed 500 Germans and wounded 600 more, they withdrew with the patriots and vanished into friendly Brittany where the Germans couldn't find them.

The cruel Georgian troops were offered a standard price of one million francs for every French paratrooper officer they captured and 50,000 francs for each enlisted man.

Cracks Into Woods

One of the Frenchmen wounded in the Maledroit battle was hit in the throat; in the stomach and in the thigh but he managed somehow to crawl to a nearby woods. A French woman helped him with his wounds and while he lay helpless on the ground a party of German soldiers discovered him and filled his dying body with slugs from their machine pistols.

The philosophy of the Georgians, was that according to the paratroopers, was that if they were captured by the Allies the Russians would make sure they were shot as traitors; if they were abandoned by the Germans the French people would kill them; if they did not fight, the Germans would kill them.

Of the French fighters who are left, most plan to settle down in a free France after the war. But one Frenchman who spent 15 years working in a restaurant in Los Angeles plans to return to the U.S.

Hash Marks

Tit for Tat. "Can you tell me how your town got its curious name?" This was an Englishman's question addressed to a GI from Kalamazoo. The Englishman lives in Bishop's Ichington.

We feel that this delightful tale by Bennett Cerf bears repeating. Nat Wartels, head of Crown Publishers, had a closer shave than he bargained for in a New York barber shop last week. His manicure girl was very beautiful and Wartels suggested dinner and a show that evening. "I don't think I ought to," said the girl demurely. "I'm married."

One GI, telling about a girl he had



met, moaned: "She's a knockout in the blackout—but a fright in the light!"

History Repeats Itself. Four war correspondents ducked into French print shop to dodge a flying bomb that had gotten off its course. They came out with a gift for Gen. Eisenhower—a color print showing the British Army's first use of "flying rockets" in 1830.

Today's Verse is entitled "Normandy Nocturne," by Pfc H. Witkoff. Now I lay me down to sleep, Into my foxhole I do creep. If on my roof a shell should thud, I hope like hell it will be a dud!

Signs of the Times. First three graders at Col. Donald W. Graham's Mustang base surprised everybody by giving a free open-air beer party for the GIs they boss. "Looks like some of them sergeants are getting worried about a quick end to the war," said one ungrateful GI.

Oddities in the News. William Nagle of Reading, Pa., is a patient man but he finally filed a suit for divorce against his wife, Imogene, who, he complained, deserted him in 1897.

Straight from the Front (by Joe Lipsman). A colonel took a few of the boys up to reconnoiter a town. Greeted by shells and sniper fire they ducked and dodged their way along. Hugging a



pile of rubble, the colonel remarked, "Take it easy, son. I'm not as young as I used to be." "Yes, sir," replied the GI, "I will, sir. I'm not as old as I would like to get."

"What do you want, Calvados in your bath water?" is supplanting the old saying, "What do you want, egg in your beer!" as a stymie for grippers in a QM truck unit with the Ninth AF service command in France. Pvt. Warren Johnson was unloading five-gallon water cans from his truck and dumping them into the detachment's showers tank. In with the stuff went five gallons of hard cider one of the men had acquired on the way to the water point. The first bunch of bathers just stood under and gulped!

J. C. W.

Straight From the Front

By Ernie Pyle

NORMANDY—One afternoon I went with our battalion medics to pick up wounded men, men who had been carried back to some shattered houses just behind our lines together with some others right off the battlefield.

The battalion surgeon was Capt. Lucien Strawn, of Morgantown, W. Va. He drives his jeep himself and goes right into the lines with his aid men. We drove forward about a mile in our two jeeps, so loaded with litter bearers they were even riding on the hood.

Finally, we had to stop and wait until a bulldozer filled a new shell crater in the middle of the road. We had gone only about 100 yards beyond the crater when we ran into some infantry. They stopped us and said, "Be careful where you're going. Germans are only 200 yards up the road."

Strawn said he couldn't get to the wounded men that way so he turned around to try another way—a side road to the left at an angle from the shattered village we had just passed through. He decided to try to get up that road, but when we got there the road had a house blown across it and it was blocked.

We went forward a little on foot and found two deep bomb craters also impassable. So Strawn walked back to the bulldozer and asked the driver if he would go ahead of us and clear the road.

How Close to Front?

The first thing the driver asked was, "How close to the front is it?" The doctor said, "Well, at least it isn't any closer than you are right now."

So the bulldozer driver agreed to clear the road ahead of us. While we were waiting, a soldier came over and showed us two eggs he had just found in the backyard of a jumbled house.

There wasn't an untouched house left standing in the town and some of the houses were still smoking inside. Also, while we were waiting, two shock cases came staggering down the road toward us. They were not wounded, but were the completely broken kind that stab into your heart. They were shaking all over and had to hold onto each other like little girls when they walked.

The doctor stopped them. They could barely talk, barely understand that he told them to wait down at the next corner until we came back and that they could ride. When they turned away from the jeep they turned slowly and unsteadily, a step at a time, like men who were awfully drunk. Their mouths hung open and their eyes stared and they still held onto each other. They were just like

idiots. They had found more war than the human spirit can endure.

At the far edge of the town we came to a partly wrecked farmhouse that had two Germans in it. One was wounded and the other was just staying with him. We ran our jeeps into the yard and the litter bearers went on across the field to where the aid men had been told some of our wounded were lying behind a hedge.

The doctor sent an able German soldier along with our litter bearers to help carry. He was very willing to help. I stayed at the house with the doctor while he looked at the wounded German lying in the midst of scattered debris of what had been the kitchen floor.

The German didn't seem to be badly wounded, but he sure was full of misery. He looked middle-aged, and he was pale, partly bald, had a big nose and his face was yellow. He kept moaning and twisting. The doctor said he thought the morphine was making him sick.

The medic took his scissors and began cutting his clothes open to see if he was wounded anywhere except in the arm. He wasn't, but he had been sick at his stomach and then rolled over. He sure was a superman Sad Sack.

Pretty soon the litter bearers came back. They had two wounded Germans and one American on their litters. Also they had two walking cases, one hearty fellow with a slight leg wound and one youngster whose hands were trembling from nervous tension.

Can't Stop Shaking

The doctor asked him what was the matter and he said, nothing except that he couldn't stop shaking. He said he felt that his nerves were all right, but he just couldn't keep his hands free from trembling. He was a machine-gunner on a half-track.

Strawn talked kindly to him. "Who sent you back?" he asked. "We've got a new lieutenant," the boy said, "and he told me to come back and to report to an aid station for a rest."

"You're not in very bad shape and they need men too badly up there," the doctor said. Just a shade of disappointment passed over the boy's face, but he was game. "That's what I told the lieutenant," he said. "I think I'm all right to go back."

I could tell the doctor liked his attitude. There was nothing yellow about the kid.

"I'll tell you," the doctor said, "get on this jeep and go back to the aid station. We will give you some sleeping stuff and you can just lie around there on the ground for a day or two and you'll be all right."

And with that compromise, the kid, relieved at even a two-day respite, got into the jeep with the wounded men and went back down the road.

This Is The Army

CPL. William Monroe, of Louisville, Ky., an armored vehicle driver, noticed that his hydraulic-operated accelerator went bad while in convoy to board an LST bound for the Normandy beachhead. The standing orders were that any vehicle not able to keep up would be left behind. Monroe immediately set to work on the defect.

He rigged up a contraption consisting of a system of ropes and pulleys attached to the carburetor and running up along the turret from the rear motor compartment to his front driving compartment. The entire arrangement gave the appearance of a locomotive, Monroe holding the cord in his left hand and driving with his right. Occasionally, he was forced to use both hands, holding the cord between his teeth to maintain proper convoy speed.

Notes from the Air Force

THE Legion of Merit has been awarded Col. Frederick W. Ott, Fortress group commander from San Francisco, for "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services."

Returning from an attack on Strasbourg, France, 2/Lt. Paul S. Evans, of Jackson Heights, N.Y., recently crash-landed his B24 Reliable Babe on a British base after plunging through around 30 trees, as well as hitting the control tower, a truck and an automobile. No one was hurt.

AN assistant clerk in the executive office of the President of the U.S. before entering the Army in January, 1942, S/Sgt. Graham W. Hutchinson, of White Stone, Va., is now a personnel clerk at a Fortress base.

2/Lt. Roy E. Guy, of San Diego, Cal., piloted his Liberator, minus controls and with three engines damaged, from Brunswick, Germany, to England in order that his crew might bail out over friendly territory. Later Guy leaped leaving the plane to dive and crash into an open field.

TWO brothers from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., met in France recently and learned that they had both been promoted to first lieutenant the same day. They are Archimedes and Oswald Doria. The former is with a Ninth AFSC signal depot company, while the latter is serving with a Ninth Air Force fighter group.

When his Liberator became a target for Nazi ack-ack on a recent attack against an airfield in France, 2/Lt. Duane R. Kinsey, of Uhrichsville, Ohio, put the plane through such violent evasive action that four crew members, thinking the plane in an uncontrollable plunge, bailed out over enemy-occupied territory.

AN Army snafu took nine medical officers more than 30,000 miles to six countries before they finally landed at their original destination—England. Before arriving in the ETO, the medics visited Australia, India, Egypt, Sicily and Algeria, traveling by boat.

"The only orders we saw were the ones we got at Florida," Capt. Ben. A. Dreibradt, of San Antonio, Tex., flight surgeon with Col. Wilson R. Wood's unit to San Francisco—and from then on we were on our own."

The medics earned their pay en route by setting up station dispensaries and evacuating troops. By the time they mended three times for their work. Four-months' accumulation of mail, back pay—and a Spam ribbon.



Says He Got Conquered From His Unit, Sgt. Clin Ho's I T e M untain Infantry!

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Entertaining GIs

SOLDIERS in grease-paint, the Army's Special Service Section calls them, and the girls and men of the U.S.O.-Camp Shows in Normandy are proving their right to that name by entertaining thousands of GIs daily within sound of the front-line guns.

From the leading stars to the little blonde chorus girl in the back row, these American troupers are living in Army tents, washing in their helmets, spending long hours at night in their slit trenches to escape flak and tracer bullets and eating Army chow. And when the Army moves forward, they move too, in order to play to the men in rest camps near the front.

To GIs who the day before were killing Germans the nostalgic things in a performance of a USO show bring back poignantly thoughts they had forgotten when they embarked on their mission of destruction, and give them a chance to laugh and relax.

"Never have we had such enthusiastic audiences as in Normandy, where the soldier response is electric and a bond of fellowship is generated throughout the entire area by a sort of mutual participation in the performance," declares the executive administrator of the USO-Camp Shows in the ETO.

"The stars as well as the bit players all are filled with the exhilaration which accompanies a victorious army and are wowing their audiences at every performance."

USO-Camp Shows, which operate under the Army's Special Service Section, now have 20 shows playing in Normandy, and top flight artists are expected soon.

"We played on the beaches when we first arrived in France and now we are playing in every part of the American sector," a USO official explained. "To do it we had to cut our shows in England, which formerly played to 90,000 boys a week, down to six shows. But we are rapidly building up these shows to meet the needs of the hospitals and rehabilitation centers here."

To the troupers who are bringing joy and relaxation to the front-line GIs, The Stars and Stripes extends a grateful tribute straight from the heart of the Army.

Help for Housewives

TO relieve civilian shortages and to utilize local surpluses of labor and machinery, WPB Chairman Donald Nelson has just lifted the ban on making 79 classes of civilian articles as part of his program to provide "a mechanism for partial conversion of industry from wartime to peacetime production."

"For the time being," Nelson warned, "it is not anticipated that any large increases in production of civilian goods will be possible."

Among the "preferred" items listed by WPB as scarce and badly needed, and included in the new order, are: Vacuum cleaners, electric ranges, sewing machines, typewriters, and kitchen utensils.

The order will be good news to housewives lucky enough to obtain some of the new articles to replace their worn-out pre-war equipment.

More About States

THIS is to let a few of those guys who like to brag about their home States know that none compares with New Mexico. Do the others have the White Sands? No. Do they have anything like Carlsbad Caverns? No. I could go on like that for days. Our climate is the healthiest; there's fishing at Elephant Butte, skiing at Cloudcroft, which also has the highest golf course in the world. Look our State over before you start bragging." Pvt. George H. Long.

"If California has the biggest rock in the world—well, just what the hell is it good for? Maine is conservative. We say we have some of the—not the—best potatoes, fishing lakes, paper mills, weather and vacation spots. And boys, after it's all over and you get the urge to sleep out with the stars overhead with your gun handy (this time for a different sort of reason), and your rod and reel by your side, come to the Pine Tree State. That's what I tell the boys who come alongside to refuel from our little tanker." Charlie Reed, US-ATS-41.

"Giving vent to love for his home State one GI departed from the glorious realm of truth and entered into the unstable field of fiction when he claimed for Ohio the coveted title 'Mother of Presidents.' Virginia has given eight illustrious men to this high office compared to seven from the Buckeye State. My State embodies so many famous features it would take volumes to merely mention them. I trust you don't object to receiving communications from the Navy." Taylor F. Campbell, Yeoman 2c USNR.

(Editor's note: Our Masthead states that this is the "Daily Newspaper of the U.S. Armed Forces in the ETO," which includes you, too.)



"Gonna own a jeep after the war, sir?"

Sports SIDELIGHTS

The Japs got some fancy football tactics during the invasion of Guam. In the first bunches that went ashore were five former football stars. Lt. Danny McFadden was formerly an end at Boston College, Johnny Robinson was quarterback at Kentucky, Dick Phuhl held down right half at St. Louis U., Don Miller once starred for Wisconsin then played fullback for the Green Bay Packers, and Billy O'Brien played with John Carroll U.

When George Case of the Senators beat Thurman Tucker of the White Sox in a match race over 75 yards in Chicago, he ran the distance in 7.6 seconds. That would be equivalent to a 10.2 seconds 100 yards and it was over soggy turf in baseball spikes and full uniform.

They are touting Domingo Hines from the Canal Zone as one of the coming sprint champions of the world. The 14-year-old Corzal speedster has been clocked in 6.2 for 50 yards, a better mark than the American junior record.

When Arch Derby bought his trotter, Yankee Maid, last year for \$1,300, he thought so little of his buy that the seller, Henry Knight, assured him that he could have his money back at any time that he wanted it. This winter he was offered \$30,000 and turned the offer down. He proved wrong on his first opinion but right in not selling when the little daughter of Volomite rolled home a straight heat winner in the Hambletonian. The Wichita, Kan., oilman thus became the first owner from west of the Mississippi River ever to take the Kentucky Derby of harness racing.

Those Brooklyn Dodgers are some ball club. They lose consistently to the weak clubs, then snap losing streaks when facing the Cards or Reds. In the midst of another bad session they went out to Chicago and handed Great Lakes its first defeat by a major league team and only its second in 40 games.

Not exactly in the sporting line, but there are 85,000 sailors at Great Lakes and only 600 WAVES.

After the recent Lee Oma-Lou Nova fight in Detroit, one of the local sports scribes wrote, "Baseball isn't the only sport that has star catchers. There's boxing's Lou Nova, just as a star."

Big Bill Voiselle, trying hard for the honor of winning 20 games as a rookie, can thank the Pittsburgh Pirates if he makes the grade. Bill has faced the Pirates six times this season, beaten them five times and tied the other game. Currently he has won 14 games, and according to his figures can make 12 more appearances. Just to show he isn't bashful Bill also wants to work 300 innings and lead the loop in strikeouts.

Kentucky's Walnut Farms, which boasts of having had the sire or dam of every Hambletonian winner, had the sires of four of the six money winners on Hambletonian day at Goshen.

When Twilight Tear was beaten in the Belmont Alabama Stakes, it was the first time in history of the mutuel machine that a 1-20 shot was beaten.

Bengals Edge Red Sox, 4-2, Near Second

James Finds Hitting Dirt Harder Than a High C

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17—Orchestra leader Harry James was hobbling about with his fractured right foot in plaster cast, the result, he said, of a sandlot baseball accident.

The trumpet tooter and members of his orchestra were playing a sandlot nine when the maestro hit a double to center. Trying to steal third, he twisted his foot sliding into the bag.

Favorites Win In PGA Play

Nelson Outclubs Demassey As Field Goes to Second Round

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 17—Byron Nelson, of Toledo, drubbed Mike Demassey, of San Jose, Cal., 5 and 4 over 36 holes as match play started yesterday in the 26th PGA tournament.

The Toledo, Ohio, pro fired a three sub-par 69 on the first round and in the afternoon he kept even with par and ended the match on the 32nd hole.

Nelson's most dangerous opponent, as usual, was Jug McSpaden, of Philadelphia, who shot nine birdies and 22 pars to eliminate Bruce Coltart, of Absecon, N.J., 7 and 5. Willie Goggin, of White Plains, N.Y., also advanced, knocking off Purvis Feree, of Winston-Salem, N.C., 8 and 7.

Former big leaguer Sammy Byrd went six under par for 33 holes and eliminated Bill Stackhouse, of Sequin, Texas, 4 and 3. Bob Hamilton, of Evansville, Ind., Craig Wood and Fred Annon, of Mamaroneck, N.Y., Harry Bassler, of Culver City, Cal., Ed Dudley, PGA president, Jimmy Hines, of Amsterdam, N.Y., and Tony Penna, of Dayton, Ohio, also advanced to the second round.

Navy Ban Hits Seven All-Stars

CHICAGO, Aug. 17—Seven members of the college All-Star football squad chosen to oppose the Chicago Bears Aug. 30 at Dycie Stadium, Evanston, Ill., have been declared ineligible by the Ninth Naval district.

The players affected are: Bill Daley, former Michigan and Minnesota star; Bill Godwin, Georgia center; Meredith Cushing, Cornell center named as blocking back for the All-Stars; Alex Kapter, Northwestern guard; Vic Schleich, Nebraska tackle; and Jim White and Ziggy Czaroski of Notre Dame.

All seven are in the Navy and, according to Rear Admiral Arthur Carpenter, district commandant, they're prevented from playing because a Navy Department directive bans participation of Navy personnel in any event requiring more than 48 hours' absence from the station.

A's Overcome Brownies, 4-2; Indians Slide

Chicago Moves Into Fifth Place; Cardinals Get No. 80

NEW YORK, Aug. 17—Detroit's fast-moving Tigers moved to within a half game of second place in the American League whirl yesterday, the Bengals subduing the Boston Red Sox, 4-2. However, although the Browns succumbed to the Athletics by the same score, the Detroit nine is still seven games off the pace.

Rudy York's potent clubbing gave the Tigers their victory, his three-run circuit smash in the seventh erasing Boston's one-run margin tallied on single scores in the first and third. The other Tiger counter came in the sixth. Winner Rufe Gentry was touched for seven knocks while Detroit could muster only five off Rookie Rex Cecil.

Christopher Stymies Browns Six-hit pitching by Russ Christopher stymied the Browns in the opener of their four-game series at Shibe Park last night. Christopher drove home what proved to be the winning run, driving in George Kell from second in the fourth, one of 11 raps given up by Jack Kramer. The Macks also pushed over single runs in the first, second and fifth, while St. Louis' markers came in the fifth when Milt Byrnes circled with Mike Hayworth aboard.

The White Sox unseated the Cleveland Indians from fifth place, the Dykesmen slapping the Senators, 7-2, while the Yankees were mauling the Tribe, 11-8.

Chisox Ed Lopat doled out seven hits while his mates garnered nine off the combined offerings of Johnny Niggeling, the loser, and Wilfred Lefebvre. Two walks and three hits, including Mike Tresh's double with the bases full, scored three Chicago runs in the fourth. Niggeling fanned 11 and when he was lifted for a pinch hitter in the eighth the Sox jumped Lefebvre for five hits and four runs in the ninth.

Yanks, Tribe in Slugfest

Thirty-five base hits rattled off the Yankee Stadium fences as the Ruppert Rifles outlasted Cleveland, Bud Metheny's 13th round-tripper with two on and two out in the ninth breaking an 8-8 tie. Yankee Nick Etten rapped out his 14th homer in the fourth with the bases clear, while Mickey Rocco slapped his eighth in the first and Roy Cullenbine his 12th in the sixth for the Clevelanders. Jim Turner followed Hank Borowy, Atley Donald and Johnny Johnson on the mound to win the nod, while Ed Klieaman, Joe Heving, Ray Poat and Paul Calvert toiled for the Indians, Poat being the loser.

It took the Cardinals just one inning—the first—to win their 80th game of the season, the earliest in league history, breaking the Dodgers' mark of 1942. The Giants were the victims, going down, 5-0, before the five-hit performance of Freddie Schmidt, Redbird reliever who made his third start of the season. Ray Sanders' single with the three men aboard gave St. Louis two runs in the first and George Kurovski's bingle added another. The remaining Card tallies came in the sixth. Bill Voiselle, who retired in the sixth for his 14th loss, was followed by Johnny Allen.

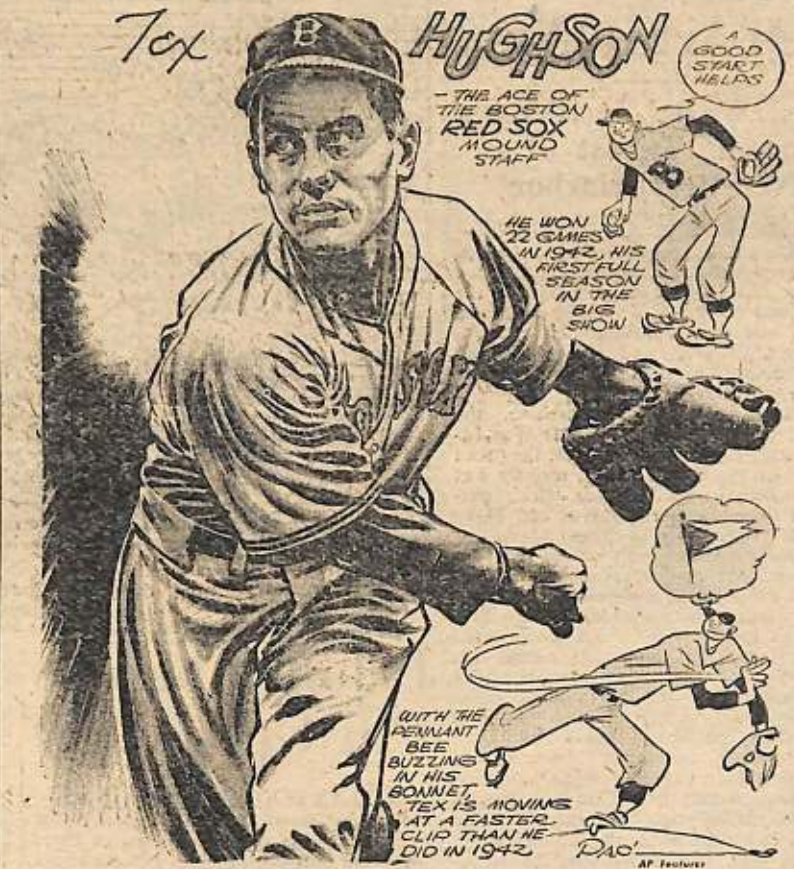
Dodgers Halt Reds

Brooklyn's unhappy Dodgers ended their five-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory over the Reds, Cincinnati's first defeat in seven games. Curt Davis scattered 11 singles for the Brooks while his mates clipped Ed Heusser for eight. Three successive singles in the sixth plus Gee Walker's boot of Howie Schultz's bingle gave the Bums two runs, the extra score being added in the eighth.

The Cubs lowered the boom on the Braves and came out on the long end of an 11-3 score. After racking up four runs in the first inning off Nate Andrews, they unloaded six on Woody Rich in the third, the big blow being Bill Nicholson's 27th homer with the bases full. Red Lynn allowed Boston ten hits while his mates massacred Andrews and Rich for 16.

Pittsburgh and Philadelphia were rained out after two innings with the Phils leading, 2-0.

Top Twirler By Pap



Army, Navy Rumored Backing Eastern Grid Rule Innovations

NEW YORK, Aug. 17—The eastern football moguls who me, the other day and instituted some drastic changes in the playing code seem to have the military and naval academies on their side—and this alliance with service schools promises to spread their innovations far beyond the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association's sphere of influence.

It is pretty safe to assume that before the eastern group made its move in defiance of the NCAA it had the support of Annapolis and West Point, which today are the biggest football powers in the East and also keys to the national picture.

Although Navy was not officially represented at the meeting for the simple reason it doesn't have anyone on the executive committee which took action, it is a fact that Capt. Charles Humphries, Annapolis athletic director, was there. And so was Col. Biff Jones, Army graduate manager of athletics.

Presumably Army and Navy endorsed one rule which will be most important where intersectional games are concerned. That is one permitting forward passing from any place behind the scrimmage line. Coaching strategy around the country will be affected materially by the eastern adoption of this rule. Outside teams with games against easterners must prepare for it.

The changes would spread easily once Army and Navy got behind them. They both would sound out Notre Dame, for instance, which would in turn sound out Big Ten members, southern and other foes. Other conferences would be dragged in whether they liked it or not.

Ed McKeever, Notre Dame coach, said the rule was passed so quickly he couldn't say what action the Irish would take. Another factor that will help the easterners' battle is the widespread resentment towards Bill Bingham, of Harvard, chairman of the NCAA rules committee. Although held personally in very high esteem, Bingham has been loudly reproached for his obduracy over the duration freezing of all rules, no matter how obnoxious they are to fans, coaches and players.

As chairman of the rules committee, he has practically dictatorial powers where "inaction," as eastern officials termed it, is concerned. In order to get his way, he needs only to refuse to call a meeting. "This he has done and continues to do. Hence the big beef against the NCAA.

Reds Buy Johnny Riddle; Petoskey to Boss Barons

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 17—Johnny Riddle, catcher and manager of the Birmingham Barons of the Southern Association for the past three years, has been bought by the Cincinnati Reds for immediate delivery.

Riddle will be succeeded as manager by Outfielder Ted Petoskey, former Michigan University athlete.

Helis Buys Valdina Orphan CHICAGO, Aug. 17—William Helis, wealthy New Orleans oil man, has paid \$100,000 to Henry Knight, owner of Alamahurst Farm at Lexington, Ky., for seven-year-old Valdina Orphan. Helis is expected to put Valdina Orphan to stud at Rancocas Farm, Johnstown, N.J., where he plans to breed thoroughbreds.

Minor League Results

International League			
Toronto 11, Jersey City 0 (first game)	Toronto 11, Jersey City 5 (second game)	Rochester 3, Newark 2	Buffalo 11, Syracuse 6
Baltimore 7, Montreal not scheduled.	Baltimore 7, Montreal not scheduled.	Buffalo 11, Syracuse 6	Buffalo 11, Syracuse 6
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American Association			
Toledo 14, Kansas City 7	Louisville 10, Minneapolis 1	Other games postponed.	
Milwaukee 82, St. Paul 64	St. Paul 64, Milwaukee 82	Toledo 14, Kansas City 7	Louisville 10, Minneapolis 1

Southern Association			
New Orleans 4, Memphis 1 (first game)	New Orleans 4, Memphis 2 (second game)	Little Rock 6, Birmingham 5	Nashville 2, Atlanta 0
Chattanooga and Mobile postponed.	Nashville 2, Atlanta 0	Nashville 2, Atlanta 0	Nashville 2, Atlanta 0

Pacific Coast League			
Los Angeles 1, Oakland 0 (first game)	Oakland 3, Los Angeles 2 (second game)	Seattle 3, Portland 2	San Diego 3, Sacramento 1
Hollywood 2, San Francisco 1 (10 innings)	Los Angeles 1, Oakland 0	Hollywood 2, San Francisco 1	Los Angeles 1, Oakland 0

Home Run Hitters			
American League—Doerr, Boston, 15; Etten, New York, 14; Stephens, St. Louis, 14.	National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 27; Ott, New York, 22; Northey, Philadelphia, 14.	Runs Batted In	American League—Doerr, Boston, 81; Doerr, Boston, 73; Johnson, Boston, 69.

Leading Hitters					
American League	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Doerr, Boston	113	422	84	139	.330
Siebert, Philadelphia	93	334	38	108	.323
Fox, Boston	90	371	57	118	.318
Boudreau, Cleveland	110	428	65	135	.315
Johnson, Boston	101	358	60	111	.310

National League					
Walker, Brooklyn	109	395	56	141	.357
Mosler, St. Louis	110	433	89	154	.356
Hopp, St. Louis	97	366	83	124	.339
Medwick, New York	101	391	57	129	.330
Hughes, Chicago	87	348	52	112	.322

Pacific Coast League			
Los Angeles 75, Oakland 65	Oakland 65, Los Angeles 75	Hollywood 69, Seattle 63	Seattle 63, Hollywood 69
Portland 66, Sacramento 62	Sacramento 62, Portland 66	San Francisco 66, San Diego 65	San Diego 65, San Francisco 66

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Personal
THE pilot of a Mustang who escorted a B17 back from Hamburg after flak had knocked out one of the engines can have a picture of himself and his plane if he wants it. A close-up shot of the P51 as it guarded the Fortress from Luftwaffe fighters when the B17 was forced out of formation was taken by S/Sgt. Harold N. Fisher, formation warden of the Mustangs, numbers 413808 D-7-U—on the tail are clearly visible and the pilot in the cockpit can almost be recognized. The grateful B17 crewmen don't know who he is, but they'd be glad to give him the picture if he will just write to them care of Help Wanted—Lt. McGrath.

Wanted
GERMAN Luger of some American-made heavy-caliber revolver. Will trade Argus 35-mm camera for same.—R. A. Kroll, SF 3/c U.S.N.



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NEWS FROM HOME

Truman Urges Consolidation Of Army, Navy

Cites 'Waste' in Present System, Threat of a New Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS)—Sen. Harry S. Truman (D.—Mo.), Democratic vice-presidential nominee, cautioned tonight that failure to consolidate the Army and Navy under a single command would not only continue the present system of "waste and wrangles" but would leave the nation wide open for another Pearl Harbor.

Writing in Collier's magazine, the former chairman of the Senate War Investigating Committee said that the "root cause" of the Dec. 7, 1941, tragedy was the two-department system which permitted the secretaries of War and Navy to issue "their separate commands to two field commanders, each reared in the tradition that co-operation carries the risk of endangering independence."

He quoted from a report by the Presidential commission which investigated Pearl Harbor to show that neither Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short nor Adm. Husband E. Kimmel informed the other of action he was taking with respect "to joint Army-Navy plans and procedures."

Mentioning "autocratic" tendencies of the two departments, Truman said that the Navy would not consider development of the helicopter, although it would be "of enormous value in reconnaissance, rescue work and anti-submarine operations." The Army then took up construction of the craft and the Navy was instructed to co-operate, he added.

Pointing to the Army's reluctance to mechanize, the Navy's early disregard of the submarine and the opposition of both branches to an aircraft program, he concluded that "What runs counter to their prejudices and preconceptions has a hard time of it."

He said that the tradition that the Army and Navy are separate and distinct and that the "success of one endangers the success of the other" must be broken up.

W-wife S-sues R-roscoe A-ates

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 17 (ANS)—Roscoe Ates, former stuttering comedian of the films, was sued for divorce today by Mrs. Leonore Bell Ates on cruelty charges. She asked no alimony and said a property agreement had been reached. Ates was a major in the Army Air Forces and recently was placed on the inactive list.

ODs for Heir to Beer Millions

NEW YORK, Aug. 17 (ANS)—Gert Huns von Gontard, an heir to the Anheuser-Busch brewery fortune, who was acquitted in June of a charge of conspiracy to evade military service, will be inducted tomorrow, six days before he reaches the automatically deferred age of 38. Selective Service Headquarters revealed.

Ickes Fears Land Speculation

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS)—Calling upon Congress to enact a surplus-property disposal law that would prevent a repetition of the "speculators' paradise that followed World War I," Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes proposed today that his own department be given the job of handling government land disposition.

Chicago to Buy Transit Lines

CHICAGO, Aug. 17 (ANS)—The City Council unanimously approved yesterday a \$100,000,000 proposal for municipal purchase of the surface and elevated lines.

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.

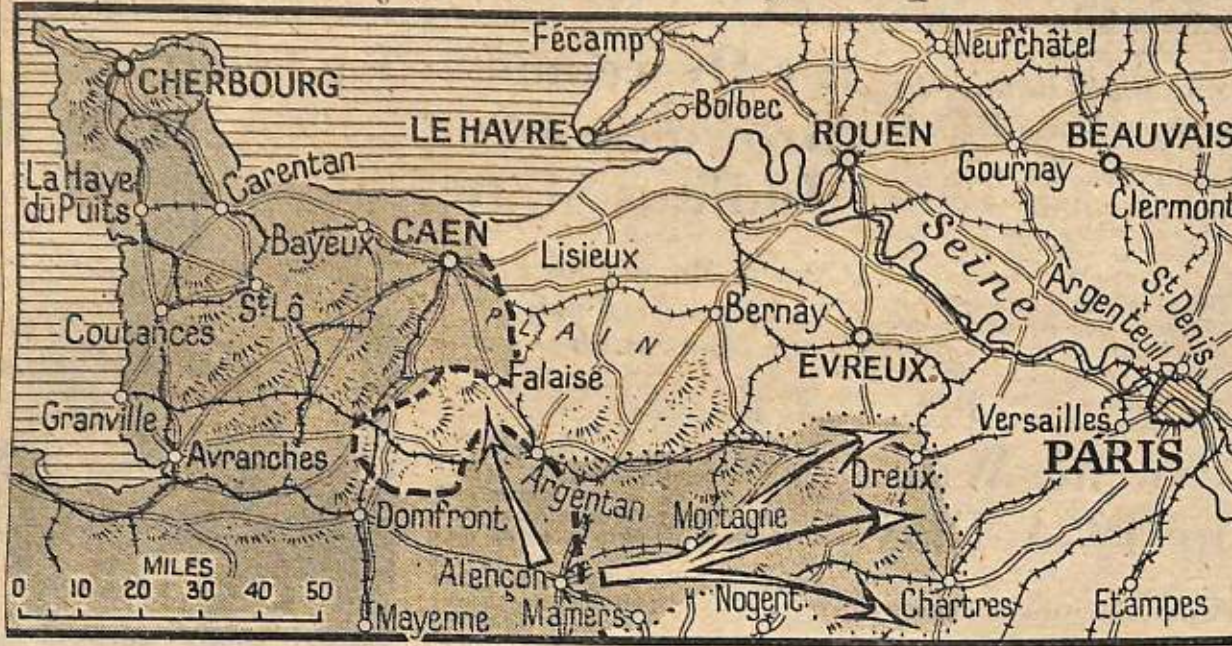
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1000—Headlines—Victory Parade with Sammy Kaye. 1015—Personal Album with Anita. 1100—Headlines—Morning After (American Band of AEF). 1130—Duffie Bau—Cpl. Johnny Kerr's Musical Hit. 1345—Melody Roundup. 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour (Front Line Theater). 1545—On the Record—Pfc. George Monahan, the AFN Record Man. 1700—Headlines—Harry James Orchestra. 1755—American Sports News. 1805—GI Supper Club—Sgt. John McNamara spins your requests. 1905—Fred Allen—with Portland Hoffa, Hi, Lo, Jack and a Dame, and Al Goodman's Orchestra. 2000—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 2005—Village Store—with Joan Davis and Jack Haley. 2030—Hit Parade—with Mark Warnow's Orchestra, Frank Sinatra and Ben Weafer. 2105—Report from the Western Front. 2115—Kay Kyser and his Kollege of Musical Knowledge. 2145—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians. 2200—Headlines—Ten O'Clock Special. 2300—Final Edition.

AEF on the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours On Your Dial 1050 kc. 235m.

0600—Headlines—Rise and Shine. 0815—Songs by Bing Crosby. 0830—Music from America. 0900—News, Program Summary at Dictation Speed. 1215—Here's Wishing You Well. 1630—Bandstand. 1815—American Swing Sextet. 1830—GI Journal—with Bing Crosby and Anita. 2200—Headlines—Kay Kyser's Kollege of Musical Knowledge. 2230—Carnival of Music—Morton Gould's Orchestra and Alec Templeton. *Indicates programs heard on both networks.

The Makings of a Bust for Cpl. Hitler



Berlin reported yesterday that three American spearheads drove toward Paris in the Chartres-Dreux area. Meanwhile Allied troops put the squeeze on German forces in Falaise area.

Felony Charges Put Up to Hall

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 17 (ANS)—District Attorney Fred N. Howser today drew up felony complaints against three unnamed filmland notables involved in a brawl on bandleader Tommy Dorsey's balcony and dropped them in the lap of actor Jon Hall.

The complaints charge assault with a deadly weapon on Hall, whose profile was flattened when someone hacked away at the end of his nose with a knife during a fight that started when he patted the shoulder of Pat Dane, Dorsey's pretty actress wife.

"Hall has been advised of the facts," declared Howser. "He can make up his own mind whether he wants to sign them."

If the handsome actor refused, Howser added, he would take the whole thing to with the grand jury.

V-for-Vergeltungswaffe

Peace Pool Holder Dives With V1 and Cools a Hot Rumor

Clairvoyant Clarence, the guardian (we hope) of The Stars and Stripes' office pool on the date of Germany's collapse, excitedly read three dispatches last night and promptly dashed home to pack his B bag.

One, from Ankara, said Turks repatriated from Germany reported the whole of the Reich was convinced the war would end in two months.

A second, from the Normandy front, quoted Nazi prisoners as admitting defeat—because V2 hadn't gone into action on Aug. 8, as promised by Hitler.

From Chungking, the Chinese Chief of Staff, Gen. Ho Ying Chin, declared that Hitler would be beaten in two or three months and that Japan would surrender unconditionally in one year.

Clarence's packing was interrupted when six V1s flew over, driving him frantically into his foxhole—under the cot.

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Pont Audemer, where a two-strand bridge was blasted, included a three-span structure at Nassandre and bridges at Montfort sur Risle, Launay, Brionne, La Ferriere, Beaumont-le-Roger and Beaumontel. The bombers were unopposed by flak or aircraft.

The RAF dispatched nearly 1,200 aircraft over Sietin and Kiel Wednesday night, while Mosquitoes again hit Berlin. Flying time was restricted by bad weather Wednesday, but rocket Typhoons in late sorties destroyed or damaged 327 motor vehicles, destroyed 14 tanks and damaged 16 Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings claimed 16 tanks and 143 military vehicles destroyed in the same period.

U.S. Freezes Argentine Gold

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Treasury last night froze Argentine gold in the U.S. Argentina has been withdrawing gold from this country for several months. The withdrawal had reached a total of somewhere between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000.

Bubbles From The Political Pot

ALBANY, Aug. 17 (ANS)—The Republican Party was committed by its Presidential nominee today to small-nation participation in vital decisions of peace after the Allied "Big Four" smashes the Axis and guides the world through its first rehabilitation efforts, the AP reported. Confidently declaring that he spoke the party views, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey etched out such a program in a blast at what he termed "disturbing reports" that the big four diplomatic conversations in Washington next week might be directed toward formation of a permanent four-power alliance to rule the world through spheres of influence.

Wins Utah Nomination

SALT LAKE CITY, Aug. 17 (ANS)—The nomination of Mayor B. H. Stringham, of Vernal, as Republican Congressional candidate from Utah's First District was conceded today by his opponent, in a runoff primary, William Peterson, of Logan.

Green Acts To Get Out Vote

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (ANS)—President William Green of the American Federation of Labor today ordered the AFL's 900 state and city federations to establish non-partisan committees to get their members to vote Nov. 7.

Green warned the groups not to tie up with any political party because "experience has shown that the interests of labor are promoted by supporting candidates whose records show them to be sympathetic with labor and by opposing those against us, regardless of party affiliation."

Tom Connally Foresees New League Before Peace

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17 (UP)—"We aim to have a League of Nations—whatever you want to call it—that is a going concern before the end of the war," Sen. Tom Connally (D.—Tex.), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said today.

He revealed that the forthcoming post-war security talks in Washington would be followed in two or three weeks by "real conferences on a higher level" and predicted that a treaty providing for a world organization would be signed by autumn.

She Had a One-Track Mind

Door, Home Shortages Make Joke of Hutton-Grant Break

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 17 (ANS)—The housing shortage trapped Cary Grant tonight in the mansion of his wife, Barbara Hutton, million-dollar baby from the five-and-ten-cent store from whom he had separated in theory only.

La Hutton said she no longer could live with her husband. It was a dignified statement. Grant announced in language equally as stilted that he had to confirm regretfully her announcement. His press agents reported he'd packed his pigskin bags and moved out of the house Woolworth dimes had built.

But it later developed that Grant couldn't move out—he'd sold his own

50-Mile Front In South France

(Continued from page 1) Toulon" but claimed they were repelled.

German Overseas News Agency said that "airborne troops who landed northwest of Cannes penetrated into the town after bloody fighting. They were attacked by German formations posted on heights on the fringes of the town and are being attacked with heavy artillery fire and infantry counter-thrusts."

But the German News Agency (separate from the Overseas agency) said Allied forces had "established themselves in Cannes."

Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson's communique revealed that the landing forces had made contact with the paratroops dropped behind the German defense zone at dawn on Tuesday. It disclosed that advanced columns had cut the main road and railway from Nice to Toulon and Marseilles, as well as a secondary mountain road farther north.

Pilots of RAF Bostons from Italy reported large fires in Nice harbor and also along the Italian Riviera, an area where the enemy apparently looked for new landings near Genoa. A German radio reporter at the same time reported the famed gambling resort of Monte Carlo had been bombed for the first time.

With the operation successfully launched, newsmen with the assault troops found time to tell some of the sidelights. Herbert Matthews, New York Times correspondent, told about the U.S. paratroopers dropped over St. Tropez by mistake. They should have been inland and they knew it instantly but, making the best of it, they pitched in and captured the town.

Guam Robinson Crusoe Gets Divorce on Return

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 17 (ANS)—Chief Radioman George Tweed, who came home from Guam after eluding the Japanese there for 31 months, has divorced his wife Mary, it was disclosed today.

Mrs. Tweed described the action as a "surprise," but Tweed said they had agreed to separate in 1941 just before his wife and children were evacuated from Guam.

Yanks 25 Miles From Paris; 3 Key Cities Fall

Orleans, Chartres, Dreux Seized, Police Strike In French Capital

(Continued from page 1) inside the pocket, and that most of these forces were committed to fierce fighting, with very little hope of escape.

On the other hand, a United Press report from the U.S. front spoke bluntly of "the failure to trap any considerable body of Germans" and attributed it not only to stubborn German resistance but also to "leaks regarding plans." The majority of the German forces escaped from the Falaise-Argentan pocket, the UP report stated, adding that the Allies "have largely failed to destroy more than a fraction of the German Army in the west."

As Canadian troops captured Falaise itself and drove more than a mile south of the town, other Allied forces seized Fiers and Conde, two western strong-points inside the pocket. American and British patrols linked up near Fiers, and British troops advanced from Conde westward to Falaise.

American forces entered Chartres—only an hour's ride from Paris—behind an armored spearhead which sped on through the city to meet another armored column driving down from the north after taking Dreux, said a delayed AP dispatch from Chartres. The dispatch declared that the first wave of motorized infantry moved in at 9 AM Wednesday and had the situation in hand by 4 PM. French resistance forces fought the Germans in the streets before the American entry, said a UP report from Chartres, and deserved a "lion's share" of the credit for capture of the city.

Report Loire Thrust

A German military spokesman spoke last night of an American attack toward the Loire River, which the UP said might refer to an American drive from Le Mans to Orleans. The German spokesman said that "the American thrust against the Loire can in no way be considered a pincer movement in connection with the new invasion in southern France."

There were no Allied front-line reports on Orleans, other than AP and Reuter flashes that American troops had captured the city.

Although the Germans reported Wednesday that St. Malo had been captured by American forces, yesterday's SHAEF communique said the German garrison in the St. Malo citadel was maintaining stubborn defense. The port of Dinard has been completely occupied, SHAEF said.

SHAEF issued the following statement about the new American drive:

"American columns striking east have liberated Chartres and Dreux, where a bridgehead has been established over the Eure River. East of Chartres, U.S. units have crossed the Aunay River. Further south our troops are in the immediate vicinity of Orleans."

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Jap bases—Chichiyima in the Bonin Islands, 600 miles south of Tokyo; Halmahera, the Molucca base between New Guinea and the Philippines, and Surabaya, former Dutch naval base in Java.

Nimitz named Saipan, Tinian and Guam as the "strategic springboards" from which American fleets will "move in various directions we have in mind." He said that while he foresaw "in the favorable European situation reinforcements from that area in the not too far future," the American offensive would not wait. "We cannot sit and wait. We never have. We have used what we've had all the way through," he declared.

Acting Secretary of the Navy Ralph Bard, in a review of the Pacific war, reported in Washington that the U.S. controlled more than 8,000,000 square miles once dominated by the Japs.

Approximately 11,000 enemy dead were counted on Guam, Bard disclosed.

63 Negro Nurses Reach U.K.; First Assigned ETO

The first contingent of Negro nurses to be assigned to the ETO has arrived in England as members of the Army Nurse Corps, detailed to active nursing duty.

The unit consisted of 63 girls selected from various Army hospitals in the U.S., headed by Capt. Mary L. Petty, of Chicago.

