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British Over Somme at Amiens

Bucharest Falls To Russian Army Tanks Drive 60 Mi. in 48 Hours; Americans Thrust Past Laon

Reds Battle Flames In Ploesti Oil Fields

Russian soldiers entered Bucharest yesterday little more than 24 hours after driving the Germans out of Ploesti.

An order of the day from Marshal Stalin last night announced that spearheads of Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's veteran Second Ukrainian Army had forced their way into the Rumanian capital after routing German troops north of the city.

Entry into the capital climaxed a swift 36-mile advance that left Ploesti's flaming oil wells, fired by the Germans, far behind.

Behind the fighting men Russian chemical engineers and Rumanian technical experts moved into captured Ploesti with specially-equipped fire fighting squads to battle an inferno left by the Germans.

Pipelines Blown Up

Although Moscow Radio quoted a Red Star reporter as saying the Germans "had little opportunity to destroy oil refineries, stores and industrial plants," and "many establishments fell intact into our hands," a United Press correspondent in Moscow asserted "the enemy succeeded in setting fire to the oil pits and blowing up many pipes and refineries."

Nevertheless, said Izvestia, the Russian troops arrived in the nick of time to help Rumanian troops confine the fire. Soviet units were reported to have entered Ploesti through walls of flame and street battles went on all night in the midst of the fires. The paper added the Red Army cornered one group of German firebugs, dressed in civilian clothes, in the offices of a refinery.

The Soviet communique revealed the Germans fought hard for Ploesti, even using anti-aircraft guns as artillery in the

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Columbo's Mother Dies Still Believing Crooner Son Alive

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 31 (ANS)—Mrs. Julia Columbo's life ended last night and with it one of the tenderest deceptions ever enacted in this capital of make-believe. She was the 78-year-old mother of Russ Columbo, handsome crooner and film actor. She died still happy in the belief that he was winning fame abroad, mercifully unaware that actually he died a decade ago.

Russ was killed Sept. 2, 1934, at the age of 26 at the crest of his career. He and some friends were examining a Civil War pistol which they thought unloaded. The weapon was discharged and the bullet struck him in the brain.

His mother was too ill from a heart ailment to be told of his death. So each week she received a letter from "Russ." Actually it was written by her husband or one of the other four children.

Fish Wants Release Of Married Men 35 At Reich's Defeat

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (ANS)—Rep. Hamilton Fish (R-N.Y.) announced today that he would offer an amendment to the pending surplus war property disposal bill which, if passed by the House and Senate and signed by President Roosevelt, would require the Army and Navy to discharge all married men over 35 when the war with Germany ends.

Meanwhile Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) of the House Military Committee said he believed that the order in which soldiers are discharged should be a matter solely for the War Department to decide.

May's comment was not in connection with Fish's proposal but with the demobilization plan on which the War Department now is putting the finishing touches and which it will soon submit for the committee's consideration at May's request.

Well-informed congressional sources predicted the Army would give first consideration in discharges to men with the best military records, regardless of their marital status.

Yanks March Through Paris



After driving 60 miles in 48 hours, halfway from the Seine to the Belgian border, British armor won a bridgehead across the Somme River yesterday at Amiens, where the "Black Day" defeat of the German Army in 1918 forced Ludendorff's quest for peace.

As the British broke out into the open, the U.S. First Army stabbed north of Laon toward the Belgian border—an unconfirmed report said U.S. troops were 26 miles from Belgium—and Gen. Patton's Third Army rolled through St. Dizier, east of Vitry and little more than 80 miles from Germany, and northeast from Rheims and Chalons.

Three Allied armies were attacking north and northeast along a 115-mile front from Laon to Rouen in what a Reuter dispatch from SHAEF called one coordinated drive toward the rocket coast, while German resistance was collapsing along almost the whole line, said an AP dispatch from SHAEF, suggesting that Field Marshal von Kluge finally—and perhaps again too late—had decided to pull out even from the Somme.

The German rearguard action was becoming an outright race to get away, with the prospect of forfeiting at least half the flying-bomb area and the whole of northern France, the AP said, as German News Agency declared: "The entire area east of Paris is aflame with the extremely fierce fighting of a huge battle of movement."

Between the Marne and the area of the Aisne and Oise Rivers, American forces breached the German lines in three places, the Germans admitted. A senior RAF officer, quoted by Reuter, said that if the American thrust to the Marne and the Aisne continued and the Germans were unable to hold the river lines, they would have nowhere to stand until they reached the Siegfried line.

Gen. Eisenhower, asked at SHAEF about the strength of the Siegfried line, pointed out that no defensive line was better than the men holding it, but added that by the time the Allies reached the Nazi frontier he hoped German morale would be badly shaken.

He said he foresaw the time when the Germans would try to withdraw their troops from Denmark and Norway to reinforce their badly-beaten army, and that Allied air superiority would be extraordinarily invaluable in making this as difficult as possible.

U.S. First Army men, under Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges, captured Laon after hard fighting. At Laon, 36 miles from the Belgian border, they also wiped out three trainloads of retreating Germans and pushed on at least two miles nearer to Belgium.

An FEI broadcast from Paris said that American troops captured a village only 26 miles from the Belgian frontier.

Drive North From Paris

Yanks driving from Paris reached Senlis, 23 miles north of the capital, and Crepy, 15 miles farther to the northeast. The German High Command, in a radio statement, spoke of "hurricane enemy attacks, supported by massed bomber and artillery formations" on the Paris-Senlis highway, and at Crepy.

By this drive, the Yanks closed in on Compiègne—where the freedom of France was signed away in 1940—to link the Allied northward sweep into a solid assault front aimed at the Somme line, already outflanked.

A Reuter dispatch said that U.S. forces were within three miles of Beauvais, a hot bomb depot already captured by a British column which then, after a 30-mile advance from their Seine starting-point, pushed on 14 miles farther northeast to Provinlieu.

Drive in Rain and Mud

The British armored columns which reached Amiens, 25 miles up the Somme from Abbeville and within two days' march of Calais, made their sensational 60-mile advance to this industrial center partly through rain and along mud-bound roads.

Only the question of supplies and fatigue prevented more rapid progress, said a UP dispatch from British Army headquarters. The dispatch said first elements passed groups of German stragglers lying by the wayside too tired to trudge on.

Three strong British columns of tanks, armored cars and motorized infantry followed first elements into Amiens and Beauvais and drove forward, dispatches

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400,000 Lost By Germans in North France

Bradley and Montgomery Now Hold Equal Rank, Eisenhower Says

Allied forces in northern France have taken toll of the equivalent of 47 Nazi divisions from D-Day to Aug. 25, Gen. Eisenhower reported yesterday to the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

They have inflicted more than 400,000 casualties on the enemy. These include more than 200,000 prisoners, of whom 135,000 were captured since July 25. They also have captured or destroyed 1,300 German tanks, more than 20,000 motor vehicles, about 500 assault guns and 1,500 field and heavy artillery guns, plus much coastal artillery.

The German Seventh Army and the newly-formed Fifth Panzer Army have been decisively defeated, and into this defeat has been drawn the bulk of the fighting strength of the First and 15th Armies.

Losses Broken Down

German losses by divisions were broken down thus: The equivalent of 20 infantry divisions eliminated and another 12 very badly cut up, including three crack parachute divisions.

The equivalent of five panzer divisions destroyed and six more severely mauled, including one panzer grenadier division. Two infantry divisions and one parachute division cut off in Brittany ports with no hope of escape; and another infantry division isolated in the Channel Islands.

At a press conference in London, Gen. Eisenhower also disclosed that Lt. Gen. (Continued on page 4)

Army Casualties Jump 23,249 In Past Week

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—U.S. Army casualties increased to 284,838 up to Aug. 31—an increase of 23,249 over the total of a week earlier.

The War Department said that the new figures reflected the cost of the breakthrough against fixed German positions.



American armor and American infantry march in impressive might down the Champs Elysees of liberated Paris on their way to the front lines. Gen. Eisenhower said yesterday that the deployment was made to establish in the city a feeling of confidence and to assist Gen. deGaulle with his problems.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

American Soldiers Shoot at Snipers in Paris



Civilians hug side of building and plug their ears as Yanks blaze away at snipers who continued to resist in Paris after city was liberated. Elderly Frenchman at left with field glasses spotted them for the Americans.

Hash Marks

Quip of the Week (by Sgt. I. W. Harker). "It seems apparent that a large number of Germans are being driven 'in-Seine.'"

Adm. Kiichi Endo, commander of a Jap fleet routed recently off New Guinea, is believed to have fled his sinking ship



and perished in the Cyclops jungles. An American staff officer with a flair for signposts erected one in Endo's memory at a plantation bordering the jungle. It read: "Admiral Endo Slept Here." On Pim Beach, near Hollandia, is another sign: "Admiral Endo Flew Here." And deep in the jungle is this final memento: "Admiral Endo Dead Here."

Significant Retort. A babe giving a GI the old brush-off, quipped "Better luck next war!"

Signs of the Times. S/Sgt. M. Davis of an Engineers outfit swears he has seen a sign on the outskirts of a town reading "This Town Off-Limits To All MPs."

Latest Grab out of the Bag of Classroom Boners. Asked to tell how Achilles (invulnerable except for his heel) got his start in life, a student wrote in all seriousness: "He was dunked by his mother in the River Stinks until he was intolerable."

From Pfc Jim Kruse comes a suggestion for another decoration for Chairborne Troops—the DFC, Distinguished Filing Cross.

GI Switchboard Operator, Cpl. Joe Surzyn, has a bad case of telephone nerves these days. His very close pal is a guy



named Cpl. Dominic Nicoletti. One day a call comes through, "I'm Major Nicoletti. Is this the Army Air Force Station Number?" "It ain't the Navy base!" quips Surzyn, who thinks his pal Dominic is pulling his leg. Amid the spluttering on the other end of the wire comes a request for transportation. So Surzyn says, "Stop it Nick, you're breaking my heart; and please get off the line. I've got a lot of calls coming in." At this point the spluttering over the line becomes so terrific that the operator lets the call through to transportation and discovers that he has been talking to an officer just arriving at the outfit to take over a new assignment—Major Louis J. Nicoletti.

Today's Daffynition. GI with a cold. "A lanky Yank with a leaky beak." J. C. W.

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Dumbarton Oaks

THE conference at Dumbarton Oaks, announcing its agreement on the broad basis of a peace structure, is now getting down to the thornier issues of structure and procedure, says the New York Herald Tribune.

General editorial opinion of the delegates' mission is expressed by the Chicago Sun, which declares "it is more important to establish a minimum workable structure now than to ask for immediate works of perfection."

Why the conference was not thrown open to the public is explained by the Baltimore Sun: "The conference has adopted tentatively a bare outline for the post-war organization. . . . Men working on complicated and delicate problems must have freedom from interruption."

The Atlanta Constitution sees "good ground for encouragement" in the opening addresses. The Seattle Times calls to the attention of the conference the demand of Italy's new government, voiced by Count Carlo Sforza, that all colonies be surrendered to international administration.

Summarizing the first week's discussions, the Philadelphia Inquirer says that the "conferees are able to state their general agreement on the form of a world security organization. . . . This would comprise an assembly of 'all peace-loving nations,' whose equal sovereignty would be recognized, and a council of 'a smaller number of members' composed of the 'principal states' and some others. This means, of course, a council ruled by the United States, Great Britain, Russia and China, with the possible later addition of France." The role of the smaller countries is not defined.

The chief problem as far as the U.S. is concerned, thinks the Inquirer, is how to contribute and apply its share of the armed forces to curb an aggressor in view of Congress' sole power to declare war. Certainly, as the Christian Science Monitor points out, "The American people seem ready to set aside part of their armed force for police action under terms definitely stated in the covenant of a new world organization. They seem to be convinced that such an organization can be the guardian of their own peace as well as that of other peoples. Given honest information and clear leadership, they will not long refuse to approve plans for making action in the event of the organization swift and effective."

Salute to Medics

EVERY GI can thank his lucky stars for the Medical Corps and the wonderful work they are doing to save the lives of men wounded in battle. Since D-Day, The Stars and Stripes has received scores of letters from soldiers paying tribute to doctors and nurses and medical corpsmen who have carried on their work of mercy under enemy fire in every battle.

Now the Office of the Surgeon General of the Army reports that modern mobile surgery and reconditioning treatment are setting unprecedented records for recovery of the Army's war wounded.

Experience to date has shown that fully 96 per cent of all men wounded on battlefields recover and of these about two-thirds return to duty.

And to implement this fine record, the American Red Cross, at the request of the Army and Navy, is now providing whole blood for shipment by air to Europe to supplement the use of plasma in the cure of the war wounded.

Never before in the history of war have the wounded received the skilled attention right behind the lines and farther back which GIs get today. Our combat troops are unanimous in taking their hats off to the medics, many of whom have paid with their own lives for their courage and devotion to duty.



A Pet and a Gripe

I want to report a baby owl our Tank Destroyer found two months ago. We have watched it grow from just white down to a full feathered bird; we have fed it raw beef, raw pork and milk, and now it has a 6ft. by 6ft. by 6ft. pen. Please give our pal, Pvt. Bolivar Owl, a few lines.—2nd Lt. James S. Florence.

P.S.—We are very angry about the tank destroyers being called tanks! Nearly every picture of tank destroyers is labelled TANKS!

Straight From the Front

By Ernie Pyle

PARIS—Other correspondents have written so thoroughly and so well about the fantastic eruption of mass joy when Paris was liberated that I shall not dwell on it much longer.

But there are some little things that I have to get out of my system so we'll have at least this one more column on it.

Actually the thing has floored most of us. I know that I have felt totally incapable of reporting it to you. It was so big I felt inadequate to touch it—I didn't know where to start or what to say. The words you put down about it sound feeble to the point of asininity.

I'm not alone in this feeling for I've heard a dozen other correspondents say the same thing. A good many of us feel we have failed in properly presenting the loveliest, brightest story of our time. It could be that this is because we have been so unused for so long to anything bright.

At any rate let's go back to the demonstration. From 2 o'clock in the afternoon until darkness around 10 we few Americans in Paris on that first day were kissed and hauled and mauled by friendly mobs until we hardly knew where we were.

Rulers Had Set Grins

As you drove along gigantic masses of waving, screaming humanity clapped their hands as though applauding a fine performance in the theater. We in jeeps smiled back until we had set grins on our faces, we waved until our arms gave out.

And then we just waggled our fingers. We shook hands until our hands were bruised and scratched. If the jeep stopped we were swamped immediately. Those who couldn't reach us threw kisses at you and we threw kisses back.

They sang songs. They sang wonderful French songs we had never heard, and they sang Tipperary and Madelon and Over There and The Marseillaise. French policemen saluted formally but smilingly as we passed. The French tanks that went in ahead of us pulled over to the sidewalks and were immediately swarmed over.

And then some weird cell in the mystic human make up caused the people to start wanting autographs. It began the first evening and by the next day had grown to unbelievable proportions. They shoved notebooks and papers at

you to sign—it was just like Hollywood. One woman on the second day had a stack of neat white little slips, surely 300 of them, for people to sign.

The weather was marvelous for Liberation Day and for the next day too. For two days previously it had been gloomy and raining but on the big day the sky was pure blue, the sun was bright and warm—a perfect day for a perfect occasion.

Beauty, Fellows, Beauty

Paris seems to have all the beautiful girls we have always heard it had. The women have an art of getting themselves up fascinatingly. Their hair is done crazily, their clothes are worn imaginatively, they dress in riotous colors in this lovely warm season and when the flag-draped holiday streets are packed with Parisians the color makes everything else in the world seem gray.

There was one funny little old woman, so short she couldn't reach up to kiss the men in the military vehicles, who appeared on the second day carrying a stepladder. Whenever a car stopped she would climb her stepladder and let the boys have it with hugs, laughs and kisses.

The second day was a little different from the first. You could sense that during those first few hours of liberation the people were almost animal like in their panic of joy and relief and gratitude. They were actually crying as they kissed you and screamed, "Thank you, oh thank you for coming!"

But on the second day it was a deliberate holiday, it was a festival prepared for and gone into on purpose. You could tell that the women had prettied up especially. The old men had on their old medals and the children were scrubbed and Sunday-dressed until they hurt and then everybody came downtown by two in the afternoon. The kissing and shouting and autographing and applauding were almost deafening.

The pandemonium of a free and lovable Paris reigned again. It was wonderful to be here.

Notes from the Air Force

MAJ. John D. Landers, Mustang pilot from Joshua, Tex., developed engine trouble soon after leaving his home station as the leader of a P51 group commanded by Col. George T. Crowell, of Chicago.

The 23-year-old veteran of the South Pacific Theater radioed back to the field to have another plane ready. After taking off again, Landers caught up with his group and led it to the target, escorting heavy bombers on an attack on Gdynia, in Poland.

Returning from a bombing attack over Germany on only two engines, the Fortress Gin Rickey belly-landed at the Liberator base commanded by Col. Lawrence M. Thomas, of Woodmere, N.Y.

The pilot, 2/Lt. A. R. Ricke, of Fort Dodge, Ia., explained: "It was pretty foggy up there, but we were sure we had reached our base. We radioed for permission to land. It was granted and down we came. The joker was that we were in contact all the time with our Fortress station a few miles away."

A FLIGHT officer in the Liberator group commanded by Col. Frank P. Bostrom, of Bangor, Me., Andrew Randazzo was honorably discharged to accept a commission as a second lieutenant which he received two days later. On the intervening day, the group went out to attack flying-bomb launching platform in France. Randazzo was navigator on the B24 Little Ironpans—although, technically, he was not in the Army.

The P51 Geechie Girl in the group commanded by Donald W. Graham has flown 81 combat missions, amassing 320 hours and 40 minutes' operational time. S/Sgt. Ardell Fiedler, of Bellefontaine, Ill., crew chief, handled the plane for 25 trips, while S/Sgt. Cyril P. Brech, of Sioux Falls, S.D., was crew chief for 56 missions.

Paris Delighted With Freedom, But Still Hungry

By Fred Schooman

PARIS, Aug. 31—They're still throwing flowers and kidding the GIs as they drive through Paris today on their way to Berlin, and home made American flags hang from nearly every building.

But the French are still pretty hungry and the black market prices which prevailed since the Allies stormed the Normandy beaches are still flourishing. For instance, an egg costs 30 cents, a pound of coffee \$40, a kilo (two pounds) of butter \$20, a kilo of sugar \$3, a package of French cigarettes \$3 and a bottle of wine which before the war sold for 24 cents now brings \$8. As for meat, the Parisian rolls his eyes and spreads his hands in resignation at the memory. When they had it the Parisians paid \$7 a kilo.

Very Little Electricity

Today in Paris there is so little electricity that the lights are on only for two hours in the late afternoon and everything is dark at night. People living on the seventh and eighth floors of hotels and apartments must climb because the elevators are not running. There is such a shortage of coal that no one has hot water, but the cold water is running from most taps. On the famous boulevards like the Boulevard des Capucines the shops are open but they have only a few clothes and novelties to sell—the Germans got the rest.

And GI drivers, who got used to the skittering of London's taxi drivers, have a hundred times tougher job in Paris for they have to dodge thousands of bicyclists—every resident of Paris, it seems, has a bicycle and is riding it in the downtown section these days. There are no taxis except single place bicycle taxis with covered tops.

Paris Still Paris

But Paris is still Paris. The Place de la Concorde is intact, although in one corner is a burned out German tank. The Rue Royale has a roll of steel rails sunk in the pavement as a barricade, and other famous streets have street barricades of sandbags, boxes, stones and other material thrown up by the FFI in their fight against the Germans.

And the children who throng all the streets already have learned to ask for gum—although they don't add the "chum."

This Is The Army

S/Sgt. Arthur C. Phelps, Second Division infantryman from Setonville, Ohio, was carrying a map—which would have been valuable to the Nazis—in one hand and a grenade with the pin pulled out in the other when a bullet pierced the hand holding the map. He dropped the map and handed the grenade to his company commander, 1/Lt. Thomas Potts, of Hollywood, Cal., who tossed it in the direction of the Germans in a hedgerow. Later, Phelps retrieved the map in an open field under machine-gun fire.



Somewhere in "Southern England."

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

WHEN critics lauded Betty Smith's current best seller, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," they obviously didn't know that Betty's tree would eventually lend its sprawling branches to a shady pastime. But, then, anything can—and usually does—happen in unpredictable Flatbush.

Just the other day, two detectives on the prowl paused to admire the beautiful vegetation in a Victory garden on Fourth Avenue in the tranquil borough where the Gowanus flows. After sniffing the onions and radishes, the detectives sniffed a little farther and stumbled on a gaudily dressed individual who was reclining in an easy chair amid corn, peas and tomatoes, his ears tuned to a portable radio.

Even in Brooklyn it isn't a crime to bask in the sunshine and listen to a radio. But the suspicious policemen didn't appreciate the throng clustered around the host; nor did they like his choice of programs.

So today the gent, who identified himself as John Cardello, of 250 Fourth Avenue, Brooklyn, is sweating it out behind bars, sans Victory garden, easy chair and radio. And only because the visitors to his plot of land were betting with Cardello that one horse could run faster than another, while the radio blared forth the results.

Bookmaking, so the city fathers say, is illegal in Brooklyn, just as it is in most of the United States.

SHORT SHOTS: The Flying Swedes met on the cinders at Stockholm Stadium again this week and Arne Andersson broke the tape five yards ahead of Gunder Haegg in a 2,000-meter race. Andersson's effort of 5:12.6 was almost a full second slower than the Wonder's world record of 5:11.8. . . . An ARC hostess in London has come up with an "infallible" system for beating the dog races. She studies the canine tails before a race, then "I bet on the one whose tail curls farthest under his hind quarters." The day we experimented, incidentally, all the dogs came out with bobbed tails and we went home in a barrel. . . . Stanley Woodward, the veteran N.Y. Herald Tribune sports columnist, is in the ETO to cover the war. "Except for the Cardinals," Woodward reports, "the baseball teams this year look like bush leaguers. And there'll be college football this fall, but how good it will be nobody seems to know."

Baseball-minded people came to the aid of Blake Harper, Sportsman's Park concessions manager, when he bemoaned the famine of popcorn for the World Series in St. Louis. A Chicago dealer popped with five tons of the precious stuff when he learned of Harper's dilemma while hundreds of other offers from coast to coast had to be turned down for lack of space in the ball park.

Oliver Subdues Wood In National Net Play

FOREST HILLS, N.Y., Aug. 31—Youth slapped down age yesterday as seeded stars sailed through the opening round of the National tennis championships.

Charlie Oliver, a youngster from Perth Amboy, N.Y., surprised veteran Sydney Wood, winner of England's Wimbledon crown in 1931 and a ranking player in the U.S. for more than a dozen years, 6-3, 6-8, 6-1.

Bobby Falkenburg, of Hollywood, eliminated Lt. Gilbert Hunt, another old standby; Pancho Segura whipped Pfc. Dave Johnson, of Washington, and Lt. Don McNeill vanquished Bill Gillespie, Grand Isle, Neb., in other features.

Minor League Results

Table with columns for League (International, Eastern), Team, W, L, Pct. Includes results for Jersey City, Rochester, Toronto, Baltimore, Newark, Buffalo, etc.

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Bears Clip Stars, 24-21, on 4th-Quarter Boot

CHICAGO, Aug. 31—A 13-yard field goal late in the fourth quarter by Pete Gudauskas, left guard from Murray State Teachers, pulled out a 24-21 victory for the Chicago Bears over the College All-Stars here at Dyche Stadium last night in the 11th annual charity football game.

A steady downpour in the second half soaked the capacity throng of 50,000 and slowed the vaunted aerial attack of both teams. There were enough fireworks on the field, however, to keep the fans in their seats regardless of the uncomfortable weather.

The Stars rushed to a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, chiefly through the efforts of Glenn Dobbs, Tulsa's triple-threat All-American. The first break came when Dobbs quick-kicked 85 yards to the Bears' two-yard line after Sid Luckman had punted to the collegians' 18.

Boston Teams Rehire Bosses

Coleman Signed for Two Years, Joe Cronin For Three More

BOSTON, Aug. 31—Both Boston baseball teams today announced the signing of their current managers to new contracts. The Braves rehired Bob Coleman for two more years and the Red Sox, in the thick of the American League scramble, took Joe Cronin out of circulation for three years.

Coleman, whose team is reclining in sixth place today, advanced to the helm from the coaching lines last February when Casey Stengel resigned rather than "embarrass" the new owners of the club. Casey then took Charlie Grimm's job at Milwaukee when Grimm shifted to the Cubs.



For years one of the greatest short-stops in the business, Cronin came to the Red Sox from Washington in '35 in the biggest deal in baseball history. Tom Yawkey, the Boston owner who spent a fortune trying to buy a flag, gave Lynn Lary and an estimated \$150,000 for Cronin.

Redskins Scalp Brooklyn Tigers

OGDEN, Utah, Aug. 31—The Washington Redskins captured their first National Football League exhibition verdict when they defeated the Brooklyn Tigers, 14-7, last night before 12,000 fans.

After scampering 33 yards to set up the payoff play, Sammy Baugh rifled a 27-yard touchdown pass to Joe Aguirre just before half time. The 'Skins counted again in the third quarter when, after officials ruled interference on Baugh's overhead pitch to Aguirre on the 12-yard line, Frank Zeno powered his way across. A 30-yard completion from Dub McGibony to Cecil Johnson just before the game ended produced the Tigers' score.

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Lil Abner comic strip panel showing characters talking.

Yanks Jockey Back Into Second Slot

NEW YORK, Aug. 31—Luke Sewell's league leading Browns open a "crucial" series at Detroit tonight with the American League pennant dreams of both clubs hanging in the balance. By losing to the Indians yesterday, 12-7, St. Louis reaches the Tigers three and a half games in front of the Yankees and four ahead of Detroit and Boston.

An eight-run explosion in the eighth inning by the Tribe sank the Browns yesterday. Roy Cullenbine opened the fatal frame with his 15th homer, but the next seven runs were unearned after George McQuinn booted Mickey Rocco's roller that should have retired the side. George Caster was the victim, and Jim Bagby the winner.

Bombers Slap Red Sox, 9-7

Brownies Hold 3 1/2-Game Margin on Eve of Detroit Series

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Roy Cullenbine

Borowy Blows Lead

After Hank Borowy dissipated a five-run margin, Jim Turner took over and saved a 9-7 triumph for the Yanks over the Sox, although Borowy was credited with his 16th win. Jim Bucher walloped two home runs for the losers and Bob Johnson contributed another. Emmett O'Neill, who was followed by Clem Hausmann, Mike Ryba and George Wood, suffered the defeat.

Intra-League Warfare Flares In New Pro Football Circuit

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 31—More warfare flared up in the newly formed American Football League on the west coast today when Bill Freelove, owner of the Los Angeles Mustangs, aimed a barrage of well-chosen words at the San Francisco Clippers.

When he cooled down a little, Freelove declared he would lodge an official protest with League President Jerry Kenny Washington, Negro star formerly with UCLA. During his playing days, Washington was one of the slickest half-backs ever to play in the conference.

"I drew Washington in the collegiate draft," Freelove fumed, "and I never doubted for even a moment that he was my player. I even gave up two other players to get him."

Apparently Freelove is out of luck, however, because Washington said he would play for the Clippers against Hollywood next Sunday when the league season gets under way. He resigned yesterday from the Los Angeles police force and immediately joined his San Francisco mates for scrimmage sessions. He has been working out daily with the Mustangs.

Eight Candidates Seek Hockey League Post

MONTREAL, Aug. 31—National Hockey League governors will have at least six candidates to choose from when they meet Sept. 8 to name a successor to President Mervyn "Red" Dutton, who turned down the \$15,000 post for business reasons. Top candidate for the job appears to be Basil O'Meara, sports editor of the Montreal Star, who reportedly has support of owners in Montreal, Toronto and Chicago.

Lil Abner comic strip panel showing characters talking.

Ted Is Tops

WILKS BEAT BOSTON FOR HIS TWELFTH VICTORY AND HIS NINTH IN A ROW. ONLY THE GIANTS HAVE BEATEN HIM.



Ted Wilks

MANAGER SOUTHWORTH CALLED ON HIM TO TAKE UP THE SLACK LEFT BY THE DEPARTURE OF GEORGE MUMFORD AND HE RESPONDED IN FINE STYLE.



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By Courtesy of United Features

Sees New Cars Ready 6 Mos. After Victory

Studebaker Chief Says Speed of Output Will Double Pre-War Rate

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 31 (ANS)—Paul G. Hoffman, president of Studebaker Corp., predicted today that new automobiles would be available for civilians six months after Germany surrendered.

He told newspapermen that expansion of plant facilities, additional machinery and tools and more supply channels for parts and accessories would provide employment for 15,000 workers at the Studebaker plant. Pre-war employment there was around 8,000.

He said that new cars would roll off assembly lines at a rate double that of pre-war days.

Plan Civilian Jeeps

CORNERSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 31 (ANS)—The American Central Manufacturing Co. is getting ready to manufacture civilian jeeps. It has been awarded a contract for 25,000 bodies for Willys-Overland when materials are available. The jeeps will be like those used by GIs but with sponge-cushion seats.

Germans Lost 3,545 Planes

Declaring that the "very cornerstone of the original invasion conception" was a belief in the effectiveness of Allied air blows against the Continent, Gen. Eisenhower said yesterday that D-Day would not have been possible without the "brilliant preparatory work of the air forces."

He reported to the Combined Chiefs of Staff that the Luftwaffe had taken a fearful beating and that since D-Day the Allies had destroyed 3,545 aircraft—2,378 in the air and 1,167 on the ground.

An ammunition dump which supplied artillery covering the German retreat north of the Seine was set ablaze yesterday morning by Havocs, striking at the request of British ground forces.

At the same time, Marauders made their second attack in 18 hours on the Ile de Cezembres, which guards the mouth of St. Matlo harbor.

No interceptors or flak were encountered on either raid and all the Spitfire-escorted Ninth Air Force bombers returned.

The assault on the ammunition dump, located in the Foret d'Arques, five miles southeast of Dieppe, was led by Lt. Col. Sherman R. Beaty, of Hoquiam, Wash., whose A20 group was on its 100th mission.

Lone Ranger Killed

LONG BEACH, Cal., Aug. 31 (ANS)—Sgt. Lee Powell, 35, the masked Lone Ranger of the movies, has been killed in action with the Marines in the South Pacific.

The War Today

France—British armor wins bridgehead across the Somme River at Amiens after 60-mile advance in 48 hours. . . . U.S. First Army stabs north of Laon toward Belgian border, and unconfirmed report puts some troops 26 miles from Belgium. . . . Third Army rolls east through St. Dizier, and northeast from Rheims and Chalons. . . . Three Allied armies reported to be attacking in co-ordinated drive toward rocket coast along 115-mile front, from Laon to Rouen. . . . U.S. First Army men wipe out three trainloads of Germans at Laon. . . . Canadians enter Rouen. . . . Yanks driving northeast from Paris close in on Compiègne. . . . Gen. Eisenhower announces toll taken of 47 German divisions and says Gens. Bradley and Montgomery now rank equally. . . . Germans fleeing up Rhone Valley disengage from Allies and reach Lyons area.

Russia—Red Army enters Bucharest after swift 36-mile drive from captured Ploesti, left dynamited and in flames by Germans. . . . Prisoner bag for southern campaign nears 300,000.

Italy—Poles batter in Pesaro, Adriatic port on Gothic line, as whole Nazi barrier faces major assault from east of Florence to the sea. . . . Germans reported preparing new south line from Bolzano in northern Italy to Vorarlberg area in Austria and from Salzburg to Munich in Reich itself.

Pacific—Allied planes pound Halmahera with 130 tons of bombs, destroy or damage a 7,000-ton Jap vessel off Celebes and sink 1,000-ton ship off Mindanao. . . . Navy Department announces 17 more Jap vessels, including two warships, have been sunk by American submarines. . . . 7,500,000 tons of Jap shipping sunk since war began, Navy Department reveals.

Asia—Resistance to British 14th Army on Tiddim Road stiffens after five-mile Allied advance. . . . On Chindwin front, Allies consolidate positions at Hwemate village and gain slightly along Tamu-Sittoung track, 25 miles to the south.



LAMAR, Mo., Aug. 31 (ANS)—Sen. Harry S. Truman tonight accepted the Democratic nomination for vice-president in a ceremony at his birthplace in a speech warning the nation against choosing for President "a man who lacks experience." Truman devoted almost the entire speech to praise of President Roosevelt, declared that the nation in its efforts to make a permanent peace was "very definitely in midstream" and cautioned against entrusting the "negotiation of the peace of the world to those who are not familiar with world affairs."

Pearl Harbor Blamed on FDR
MONTPELIER, Vt., Aug. 31 (ANS)—Clarence Budington Kelland, author and Republican national committeeman from Arizona, declared yesterday that President Roosevelt "cannot avoid responsibility" for the Pearl Harbor naval disaster which, he said, "lengthened the duration of the Japanese war possibly by years." In a speech for the Vermont State Republican Convention, Kelland charged that the Administration had neglected "elementary precautions."

Marcantonio Unopposed
NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (ANS)—Rep. Vito Marcantonio, American Labor Party, was left unopposed for re-election today when the Board of Elections disqualified Lt. Robert C. Palmer, USNR, as an independent candidate because of insufficient signatures to his nominating petition. Palmer's independent candidacy was announced following his defeat by Marcantonio for the Republican nomination. Marcantonio also won the Democratic nomination, defeating Martin J. Kennedy.

Russia - - -

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final phase of the battle. A captured German order, issued Aug. 22 by the commander of the German southern army group, described the oilfields as an area of "huge significance for the carrying on of the war." It added: "The Fuehrer expects us to hold Ploesti at all costs."

Moscow said the effort to carry out this instruction cost the Nazis "enormous" casualties and 15,000 prisoners. The effort apparently broke the back of Nazi resistance in that section of Rumania, for correspondents in the Soviet capital yesterday mentioned only scattered opposition which was being cleaned up rapidly by tanks and Tommy-guns.

Capture of Ploesti, which had a pre-war population of 57,500, was expected to deprive the Germans of an annual output of about 2,000,000 tons of refined oil and 5,500,000 tons of crude—a production figure far below the peace-time capacity of 10,000,000 tons. The refinery town, controlling communications westward through the Carpathians, probably was the most heavily bombed target in Rumania.

Seizure of the city, bringing the prisoner bag for the southern campaign to near 300,000, enabled Malinovsky to turn one wing of his army toward the Carpathian pass leading to Brasov in Rumania. . . . U.S. First Army stabs north of Laon toward Belgian border, and unconfirmed report puts some troops 26 miles from Belgium. . . . Third Army rolls east through St. Dizier, and northeast from Rheims and Chalons. . . . Three Allied armies reported to be attacking in co-ordinated drive toward rocket coast along 115-mile front, from Laon to Rouen. . . . U.S. First Army men wipe out three trainloads of Germans at Laon. . . . Canadians enter Rouen. . . . Yanks driving northeast from Paris close in on Compiègne. . . . Gen. Eisenhower announces toll taken of 47 German divisions and says Gens. Bradley and Montgomery now rank equally. . . . Germans fleeing up Rhone Valley disengage from Allies and reach Lyons area.

Nazis Lose 400,000 Men; Bradley, Monty Now Equal

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Omar N. Bradley, commander of the 12th Army Group, and Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, commander of the 21st Army Group, now rank equally. Montgomery formerly had commanded all Allied ground forces.

This was followed later by an announcement from the British that Montgomery has been promoted to field marshal effective today.

Emphasizing that the change was not a demotion for Montgomery, whom he called one of the great soldiers of this or any other war, Eisenhower explained that the plan to divide the command and place Gen. Montgomery in charge of the British and Canadian armies and Bradley of the American armies was known and approved by all since last January.

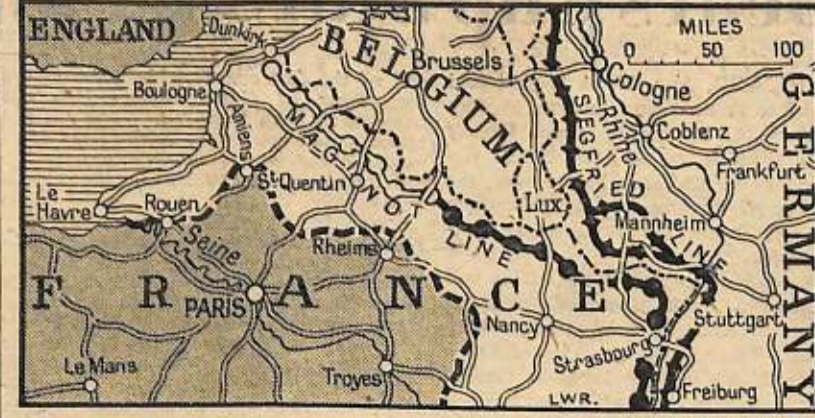
Asked why SHAEF on Aug. 16 had denied press reports that Montgomery no longer was over-all commander of Allied ground units, Eisenhower replied that the announcement was not correct at that time.

Praising the British for their part in the French campaign, Eisenhower, asserted that every foot lost by the Germans at Caen, where they were determined to stem the Allied offensive, was like the Nazi loss of ten miles somewhere else.

Caen, he said, was the strongest line of defenses the Germans had on that front and every piece of dust there was like a diamond to them.

As to when the war will end, Eisenhower smilingly said that the prediction he made in Algiers on his appointment as supreme commander still stood. At that time he said that Germany could be beaten in 1944 if everyone on the battlefield and home fronts did his full duty.

Hard Lines



Allies pushing through World War I battleground in France will soon be up to Maginot Line, which Germans are reported to have extended to the coast, and the Siegfried Line behind it.

British Over Sommeat Amiens; Drive 60 Miles in 48 Hours

U.S. to Hawaii For \$96—Later

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 31 (ANS)—Hot competition among half a dozen airplane transport companies for the route between the Pacific Coast and Hawaii put the potential post-war fare below \$100 today.

Harold M. Bixby, vice-president of Pan-American World Airways, told newsmen today his firm would offer \$96 one-way fare from Los Angeles and San Francisco to Honolulu. A round trip would cost \$172.80.

Rates proposed by five other firms seeking a permit for mainland-to-Hawaii service range from \$125 to \$201 one-way. The present fare is \$278 one-way and \$500 round-trip.

Bixby said that the use of huge land planes would make possible the fares Pan-American proposes. The planes will have a speed of 300 miles an hour, cutting the time to the islands to eight hours from 16 now required. Each plane will carry 128 passengers.

Engineering has been completed on the new planes, Bixby said, and authority to build them has been sought from the War Production Board.

Americans Thrust Past Laon in Push for the Belgian Border

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Leap-frogging ahead, one column had covered 40 miles in 24 hours, according to a Reuter report. As these British drives outflanked Le Havre and the Somme, bringing the V-1 coast under immediate threat, a Reuter report from the Second Tactical Air Force in France said that the area between Le Havre and the Somme was known to contain at least 100 installations, in addition to those already overrun.

30 Miles From Dieppe
Canadian armored troops, in an eight-mile flanking sweep of Rouen, were within 30 miles of Dieppe. Infantrymen who pushed into Rouen found it full of German snipers, despite Berlin reports that it had been evacuated.

A UP report said the Germans completed destruction of Rouen by blowing up the telephone exchange, Palais de Justice, railway station, quayside dumps, and gutting the famous cathedral.

Except for one loop south of Rouen, where Canadians closed in on remnants of the German Seventh Army, bottled up but resisting savagely, the whole of the western bank of the Seine from Paris to the sea was in Allied hands.

With the German 15th Army badly mauled and weakly reinforced, said an AP dispatch from SHAEF, Von Kluge had left only patched-up fighting forces, even including those in the Low Countries.

The Luftwaffe was giving up airfield after airfield, hastily withdrawing fighters and bombers from their old established bases toward northern France and Belgium, said a UP report from Advanced Ninth Air Force headquarters in France.

In the opinion of high-ranking Ninth Air Force officers, the report added, German squadrons were now primarily concerned with defence of German territory itself, rather than as cover for German armies in retreat.

A last-resort move to rescue some German troops from encirclements in France was indicated in an admission by German News Agency, which said that Ju52 transports—lumbering planes, now generally considered obsolete—were being used for rescue by air.

This German method dates back to Stalingrad, and more recently to the German evacuation of Corsica, when large numbers of Nazi air evacuation "convoys" were slaughtered.

The Duchess of Windsor Is to Lose Her Appendix

NEW YORK, Aug. 31 (AP)—The Duchess of Windsor has engaged a suite of ten rooms at Roosevelt Hospital and is attended by six nurses for an appendectomy.

The New York Daily News, reporting the official announcement of the operation today, referred to "the most glamorous appendix in His Majesty's realm."

Board to be Dissolved

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (ANS)—The Aircraft Production Board, created nearly two years ago to crack a bottleneck in plane output, was slated today for dissolution, its job done. With close to 68,000 planes already built this year and production rolling at the rate of 100,000 planes annually, board members recommended its discontinuance.

Murphy to Get High Job With AMG in Germany

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (AP)—Robert Murphy, political adviser to Gen. Sir Henry Maitland-Wilson in the Mediterranean Theater, is being transferred to London with the rank of ambassador to participate in the Allied Military Government in Germany, the State Department announced today. Murphy will be the ranking diplomat on Gen. Eisenhower's staff.

Samuel Reber, who succeeded William Phillips as Eisenhower's political adviser, is expected to concentrate on French affairs.

Nelson Reaches Moscow

Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, and Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley arrived in Moscow yesterday, said Moscow radio, quoted by the Associated Press. They are en route to China.

Battered Nazis Reach Lyons At Heavy Cost

Enormous Blows Inflicted By Allies at Germans Fleeing Up Rhone

ALLIED HQ, Mediterranean, Aug. 31 (Reuter)—Battered remnants of the 19th German Army broke off contact with their American pursuers up the Rhone Valley yesterday and a substantial portion have now succeeded in reaching the Lyons area.

Enormous damage and destruction have been inflicted on the routed army. To keep open an escape route to Lyons, the Germans accepted heavy casualties in the last few days.

Meanwhile, as the total of prisoners taken in southern France passed the 50,000 mark, U.S. troops entered Nice without opposition. The famous Riviera resort was not seriously damaged, with destruction confined to the port area.

The battle up the Rhone Valley took on the aspect of a real rout yesterday, with rearguards fighting only where forced to in order to escape. Road blocks and delays were effected at great cost in men and equipment.

'Canteen' Open Now in London

London's Stage Door Canteen near Piccadilly Circus opened last night with a galaxy of stars and will be open daily hereafter from 5 to 11 PM to all in the Allied services. The building holds 1,000.

There will be dancing, shows and refreshments. Featured every evening will be two separate entertainment sessions, from 5 to 8 PM and 8 to 11 PM. British stage star Dorothy Dickson, chairman of the entertainment committee, said that practically every London star had volunteered to entertain.

Soldiers last night said the most pleasing item was the "Glamor Brigade"—some of the 1,500 pretty hostesses who have been chosen to entertain on a rota basis.

Last chore for Pfc Bill Cissel, of Hebron, Md., who did many of the decorations and caricatures adorning the walls, was to run downstairs and finish his huge mural of Eve and an apple tree. He forgot to paint the word "gents" on one of the panels.

Cubs Fly From LCTs

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 (Reuter)—Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal disclosed yesterday that Piper Cubs for artillery spotting were being flown from tank landing craft. They proved particularly effective in the Mediterranean landings.

RADIO HIGHLIGHTS



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

Friday, Sept. 1
1000—Headlines—Victory Parade with Gus Arnheim.
1015—Personal Album with Joan Barton.
1130—Duffie Bag—Cpl. Johnny Kerr's Hit Kit of Melody.
1345—Melody Roundup.
1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour (Front Line Theatre).
1545—On the Record—Pfc George Monaghan, the AFN Record Man.
1630—It Pays To Be Ignorant—Tom Howard.
1700—Headlines—Music by Harry James.
1755—American Sports Roundup—Cpl. John Vrotsos.
1805—Program Resume—Music—Stage Door Canteen.
1905—Jubilee.
1935—Waltz Time—Abe Lyman's Orchestra and Frank Munn.
2000—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
2005—Village Store with Joan Davis and Jack Haley.
2030—Hit Parade—Mark Warnow's Orchestra, Frank Sinatra and Joan Edwards.
2105—Report from the Western Front.
2115—Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge.
2145—Hi Fellas, with Dinah Shore.
2200—Headlines—Ten O'Clock Special—Cpl. Ben Hoberman.

AEF on the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours
1050kc. 285m.
0600—Headlines—Rise and Shine.
0815—Songs by Frank Sinatra.
0830—Music from America—Don Voorhee's Orchestra.
0915—AEF Ranch House.
1100—Headlines—Morning After (American Band of the AEF).
1115—BBC Theater Orchestra.
1815—Stage Door Canteen.
2200—Headlines—Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge.
2230—Carnival of Music—Morton Gould's Orchestra and Alec Templeton.
*Indicates programs heard on both networks.

