

French Tanks Smash Into Paris

Hustling Along



Stars and Stripes Map

Rumania Units Quit, Nazis Say

Berlin Concedes Russia A 'Cheap Victory' In the South

Berlin frankly admitted last night that the Rumanians had quit on them in the south and given the Russians "a cheap victory."

In the enemy's first confession that his erstwhile allies had deserted, Col. Ernst von Hammer of German News Agency told the Reich:

"The Rumanian divisions, which only a few days ago fought magnificently at the side of their German allies, have abandoned well-fortified front sectors together with their arms, regardless of their German brothers-in-arms."

The Russians, after sweeping most of the enemy's strongpoints in Moldavia and Bessarabia, were reported near Focșani last night, little more than 100 miles northeast of Bucharest and hardly 40 miles from the Danube port of Galatz. In 48 hours they had covered nearly half

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The War Today

France—French armored troops battle Germans in center of Paris, as Berlin reports Americans in suburbs attacking German defenders from west, southwest and southeast. . . . One report says liberation of Paris is now a fact. . . . German forces west of Seine River are nearly encircled, as Canadians sweep around from mouth of the river. . . . British reach the Seine within sight of Le Havre. . . . Communique announces capture of Cannes but situation in Marseilles left obscure by correspondent's report that city has not been taken in spite of Allied claim.

Russia—Berlin admits Rumanian divisions at southern end of front have laid down arms and quit, giving Russians "cheap victory." . . . Red Army, with most of Moldavian and Bessarabian strongpoints in its grasp, advances swiftly within 100 miles of Bucharest and only 40 miles from lower Danube port of Galatz.

Italy—Eighth Army takes Acquafredda against weakened German resistance, arousing speculation Germans have determined on withdrawal to Gothic line ten miles beyond. . . . Only patrol activity in Florence sector.

Pacific—Adm. Nimitz says most of Pacific now is under Allied domination and that Jap supply lines are being severed. . . . Gen. Vandegrift emphasizes Jap's fanaticism. . . . Halmahera again bombed by American planes.

Allied HQ Claims Fall Of Cannes

But Earlier Announcement Of Marseilles' Capture Is Disputed

Allied Headquarters announced the capture of Cannes, on the Riviera, yesterday, but it was anybody's guess who held Marseilles, in spite of Thursday's flat official communique reporting the city's seizure.

"Marseilles has not yet been taken, in spite of previous statements to the contrary," a CBS correspondent with the French reported. He said the French held only a third of the city.

Yesterday's communique said that inside the city "mopping-up of enemy resistance near the port is in progress."

Although official silence hid the whereabouts of a U.S. column reported at the Swiss border Thursday, other Allied forces pushed west within eight miles of Arles, 26 miles up the Rhone from the sea, while French troops cleaning up Toulon met stiff German resistance around the base's naval arsenal.

French and American warships heavily shelled Toulon's coastal guns, which were also targets for Thunderbolt dive-bombers.

Capt. Ludwig Serorius, German military spokesman, meanwhile reported "fast enemy detachments, with the support of Partisans, have now reached the Rhone between Montelimar and Valence," 85 to 110 miles from the Mediterranean.

The count of prisoners taken in the 11-day operation officially passed the 25,000 mark, of whom 5,000, including two German generals, were reported seized at Marseilles.

Giving Lip Service to Joy of Liberation



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Mademoiselles greet U.S. infantrymen with kisses as they march through Evreux.

Fall of City Is Believed To Be Near

Nazi Forces Are Battered In Seine Pocket; Claim Yanks Near Troyes

French armored troops of the U.S. Third Army fought the Germans in the heart of starving Paris side by side with French underground forces yesterday, as Berlin reported that American troops in the suburbs were attacking German defenders of the capital from the west, southwest and southeast.

Heavy air support aided strong Allied tank forces, Berlin said, and it appeared from field dispatches that Allied possession of the whole capital was a matter of hours.

Most reports agreed that the Allies controlled a majority of the city and suburban areas. An American broadcast from Gen. Eisenhower's Headquarters declared that the liberation of Paris was a fact.

Drawing Pocket Tight

Northwest of Paris, meanwhile, Allied troops strengthened their grip on the pocket gradually encircling German forces west of the Seine River. Although the Germans threw the bulk of their forces in the Elbeuf area against the Yanks, who were threatening to cut off their escape entirely by driving 25 miles farther to the mouth of the Seine, the Canadians were reported to be sweeping around the Germans from their position near the mouth.

British, Canadian and Belgian troops compressed the pocket on the west by smashing up to 12 miles toward the Seine on a 20-mile front. The British reached the Seine within sight of Le Havre, which was already within range of Allied guns only four or five miles from the great port.

Allied planes, out in force, hammered the Germans fleeing across the river and retreating from Le Havre toward the Pas de Calais. Reports from SHAEF said there was no evidence of any real defense line west of the Rhine. This was virtually admitted by a German military commentator, who said that German strategy now was to concentrate the German Army in the west along "the shortest possible line falling short of the German frontier."

Night reports from Allied pilots told of German trucks racing eastward along the rocket coast—their headlights full on

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Unit Officers Are Named To Take GIs' Negatives

Army Exchange Service announced yesterday that unit exchange officers had been appointed who would accept film from GI amateur photographers for developing and printing in the event regular PXs were not accessible. Film should not be sent to the Photographic Division of AES by individuals.

Charges, collected in advance, will be on a flat roll basis in accordance with a price list. Negatives and prints will be returned directly to the soldier, or, at his request, to friends or relatives in the States.

Reich Gets New Double Blow; Rumania, Nazis Oil Output Halved in 90 Days Reported at War

In a furious co-ordinated assault more than 1,350 heavy bombers of the Eighth and 15th Air Forces yesterday pounded German aircraft plants, airdromes, air-force stations and other objectives.

Yesterday's attack followed Thursday's massive offensive by more than 1,900 British-based and Italian-based heavies—the largest number of USSTAF bombers ever dispatched. The record task force battered seven enemy oil-production centers in another of the Allied assaults which in a 90-day campaign slashed Nazi oil and gasoline production by more than 50 per cent, according to a joint statement released yesterday by the USSTAF and Air Ministry.

In a three-month drive which ended in July, the announcement said, the Eighth, 15th and Royal Air Forces, flying from Britain, Italy and Russia, cut the enemy's output of finished oil products by an estimated 49 per cent. Gasoline production alone was reduced 55 per cent and lubricants an estimated 62 per cent. Although aircraft objectives, as well as the Peenemunde rocket and rocket experimental station, bore the brunt of yesterday's blows, Eighth heavies kept the offensive against oil targets rolling

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A Rumanian declaration of war against Germany after Bucharest had been heavily bombed by the Luftwaffe was reported late yesterday by Cairo radio, relaying a Bucharest radio announcement. Rumanians were urged by their new government to rise and fight against the Nazis, the report stated.

The reported declaration of war clarified the Rumanian picture, which had been confused by the absence of official recognition in Moscow of Rumania's surrender, coupled with reports that Germany sought desperately to establish a new national government which would keep Rumania's armies in the Nazi fold.

In a special announcement on Moscow Radio, which strangely omitted any mention of King Michael's proclamation that Rumania had quit the war, the Soviet Foreign Commissariat stated that Russia considered it "imperative to restore the independence of Rumania."

The announcement added, "If Rumania ceases military operations and takes up

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National Guard May Be Kept On

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (AP)—The War Department has begun a study looking toward revamping the National Guard in the post-war military organization.

No hint of the specific problems to be tackled by a special six-man committee was contained in an announcement yesterday, but the question of political control of appointments of high officers in the peace-time National Guard was known to be a matter of considerable concern to the Army.

The Army high command is believed to favor retention of the Guard as an agency of the states except in national emergencies, although with an extension of the War Department's authority over training and over qualifications of top Guard officers.

When the Guard was ordered into federal service before Pearl Harbor the efficiency of organizations varied sharply. Some are still fighting under the same officers they had in peace-time, but in many units a number of officers were weeded out when they failed to measure up to standard during training and maneuvers.

Security-Talk Censorship Stirs U.S. Press Angers

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (ANS)—The issue of secrecy surrounding the Dumbarton Oaks world security conference threatened to overshadow the three-power talks themselves as Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, chief American delegate, told correspondents today that he would consult with Russian and British delegates to see if "something can not be worked out."

Stettinius made his statement after receiving protests from correspondents over the skeleton communique which have been issued thus far reporting only mechanical aspects of the meeting.

Fighting Irishman Doing a Foine Job Of Leading Maquis

ORLEANS, Aug. 25 (AP)—A Gallic Robin Hood, leader of 5,000 fighters of the French Maquis who have been giving the Germans hell for two years, goes by the name of Patrick O'Neill—and he doesn't care if the Germans know it.

He and his band operated for six months before the Allies landed, using deep forest shelters from which they emerged to raid German units.

It has been a long time since this wiry, six-foot colonel or his clan kissed the Blarney Stone, but he still has all the battling skill of his ancestors who forsook Erin for France.

Wonder Who Da Babe Is?

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Aug. 25 (ANS)—A police report on a 16-year-old girl victim of amnesia found wandering in Brooklyn described her as "slender and attractive" and added: "Speaks with an out-of-town accent."

We Might Even Go Extra

Plans to Cut Army at Defeat Of Reich Soon to Be Revealed

By Ben Price

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today that the order of priorities in which veterans will be discharged when the war with Germany ends would be made public shortly by the War Department.

(This appeared to indicate that the Army expected to discharge some men following Germany's defeat and before the war in the Pacific is won, although the dispatch was not specific on this point. Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, chief of the Army Ground Forces, said recently that some soldiers from Europe would be sent to the Far East.)

At the same time, Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal disclosed that the Navy had completed its plans for mustering out reservists but that they would not take effect as early as the Army discharges unless Japan's collapse accom-

panied Germany's. Generally speaking, he told a press conference, the Navy will retain its men a good deal longer than the Army.

The War Department also announced that first had been taken to plan the makeup of the post-war Army which may have occupation and policing duties in both Germany and Japan.

Stimson declined to discuss any of the proposed Army discharge details. He also refused to comment on a speech by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, chief of Selective Service, who forecast that victory in Germany would be followed by the release of between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 men.

The New York Herald Tribune, quoting a Selective Service spokesman, said that Hershey was not acquainted with the War Department's plans. "The general was sizing up the situation as a layman when he ventured his estimate," the spokesman said.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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In the Nutcracker

WAR Secretary Stimson has told correspondents in Washington that Allied military victories, coupled with the rising of French forces, have shattered German hopes of making a prolonged stand even in northern France.

He said this has been an historic week—climax of the battle of northern France, forward surge of the Allies in southern France, the continuing liberation of Paris and Rumania's abandonment of the Axis.

Mr. Stimson revealed that already the great bulk of metropolitan France has been liberated by combined actions of Allied armies and French people themselves.

Mr. Stimson said the spectacular advance of armored force of the Seventh Army in southern France, pushing beyond Grenoble, threatens to cut the Rhone in its upper regions, ruining German plans for a hard-fought withdrawal up the valley of that river from the coast.

The Soldier Speaks

Profit of War

It is strange how a person's ideas change when he looks at what war really is like here at the front.

Talk is going on here about the future of things that have become our reason for fighting. Our reasons are all pretty much the same—a wife and baby in Staten Island, the girl we left in Chicago, or a farm in Iowa.

Will our sons sit here in newer uniforms with more destructive weapons in years to come? Will the ruins we saw in Britain be seen in America?

Here today in fields that bend with the blast of shells and still carry the odor of decay of the dead, we have become educated to the responsibility that is ours to the world of tomorrow.

Would-be York

In reference to your various accounts of our newly developed Sgt. Yorks, I have this criticism to make. First you must think the average soldier is gullible to swallow most of those stories which start off where the soldier or soldiers are out strolling in the woods and come across the enemy.

Come now, if there are so many of these supermen that capture castles, Germans by the dozens and champagne why not form a battalion composed exclusively of them and send them off in the direction of Berlin?

Perhaps some of our Sgt. Yorks can tell this Corporal how to wangle an open season hunting license on Jerries and get out of his cowpasture.—Ed.]

Hash Marks

There's a popular song these days called "The Music Stopped But We Kept on Dancing." After his first visit to a buzz-bomb area Sgt. S. B. Itzkowitz changed the words to "The Motor Stopped—But We Kept On Running!"

Another Texas Yarn: The Texas-born captain of an all-Texas company in North Africa told his men: "Our job here is to



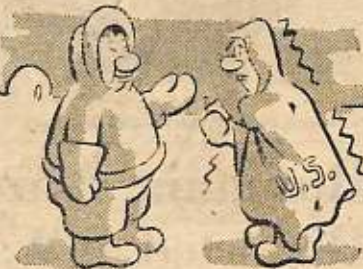
promote good will among other things. We've got to humor the natives. If they say Africa is bigger than Texas, agree with them."

Paratroopers are admittedly a bunch of rough, tough fighting men AND there's one captain who wears the paratroop insignia who has a very red face today! He received a package from home and officers and enlisted men gathered around to share in the anticipated goodies.

Shed a tear in your beer for Cpl. Dillard Bryan. He wrote home to his sister that a staff sergeant in his outfit had served in the first World War as a private with the Eighth Infantry Division.

Quip of the Week. "One GI has been asked for gum so many times that he screamed, "Are we in the U.K. or the P.K.?"

Our Spy in the Coast Guard—who has done quite a bit of traveling during this global war—reports that the difference



between Eskimos at the North Pole and Eskimos at the South Pole is this: at the North Pole they say "Glug, glug!"; at the South Pole they say "Glug, glug, you all."

Poem for Today by Pvt. Sam Elkin called "On Recent Events": Once little Jerry, mighty Hun Had everybody on the run. Now little Jerry, Superman, Is fast becoming an also-ran!



"Button that damn blouse"

Man and Machine Rocketed Into Oblivion



T/5 Floyd L. Meyer, of Potter Valley, Cal., finds this German half-track with its rocket-firing barrels and dead operator, sprawled in the ditch, far from terrifying. The weapon was put out of action by strafing Allied planes.

Straight From the Front

By Ernie Pyle

ON THE WESTERN FRONT—We came to the wrecked British plane lying there upside down and dropped on our hands and knees and peeked through the tiny hole in the side. A man lay on his back in the small space of the upside-down cockpit.

He turned his eyes toward me when I peeked in and he said in the typical British manner of offhand friendliness, "Oh, hello."

"Are you all right?" I asked stupidly. He answered, "Yes, quite, now that you chaps are here."

I asked him how long he had been trapped in the wrecked plane. He said he didn't know for sure, as he had got mixed up about the passage of time, but he did know the date of the month he was shot down.

Leg Broken, Punctured

His left leg was broken and punctured by an ack-ack burst, his back was terribly burned by the raw gasoline that had spilled, and the foot of his injured leg was pinned rigidly under the rudder bar.

All this for eight days and nights, yet when we found him his physical condition was strong and his mind was calm and

rational as though he were sitting in the London Club. He was in agony, yet in his correct Oxford accent he even apologized for taking up our time to get him out.

American soldiers of our rescue party cussed as they worked, cussed with open admiration for this British flier's greatness of heart which had kept him alive and sane through his lonely and gradually hope-dimming ordeal.

It took us almost an hour to get him out. We don't know whether he will live or not, but he has a chance. During the hour we were ripping the plane open to make a hole he talked to us, and here is the best nutshell I can devise from the conversation of a brave man whom you didn't want to badger with trivial questions.

Let Him Have It

He was an RAF flight lieutenant piloting a night fighter over a certain area. The Germans began letting him have it from the ground with machine-gun fire. The first hit knocked out his motor. He was too low to jump, so, foolishly, he said, he turned on his lights to try a crash landing.

We could see the groove it had dug for about 50 yards. Then it flopped tail over nose onto its back. The pilot was absolutely sealed into an upside-down cockpit. "That's all I remember for awhile," he told us. "When I came to they were shelling all around me."

He had crashed right between the Germans and the Americans in a sort of pastoral no-man's-land. For days afterward the field in which he lay surged back and forth between German hands and ours. His pasture was pocked with hundreds of shell craters, many of them only yards away. One was right at the end of his wing.

Only Few Are Left

He lay there, trapped in the midst of this inferno of explosions. The fields around him gradually became littered with dead. At last the American strength pushed the Germans back and silence came, but no help, because, you see, it was in that vacuum behind battle and only a few people were left.

The days passed. He thirsted terribly. He slept some. Part of the time he was unconscious, part of the time he undoubtedly was delirious, but he never gave up hope. After we had finally got him out, he said as he lay on a stretcher under a wing, "Is it possible that I've been out of this plane since I crashed?"

Everybody chuckled. The doctor who had arrived said, "Not the remotest possibility. You were sealed in there and it took men with tools half an hour to make an opening, and your leg was broken and your foot was pinned there. No, you haven't been out."

The pilot said, "And yet it seems in my mind that I was out once and back in again."

The little memory of delirium was the only word said by that remarkable man in the whole hour of his rescue that wasn't as dispassionate and matter of fact as though he had been sitting comfortably at the end of the day in front of his own fireplace.

Notes from the Air Force

2/LT. Robert S. Gleason, of Charlottesville, Va., destroyed his first Jerry the hard way. His squadron ripped into 26 Me109s and in the ensuing melee four German 20-mm. shells hit Gleason's P47 all at once.

Capt. Jean D. Tarbuton, of Houston, Tex., who helped dive-bomb the Japs into submission on Kiska in the Aleutians, is now doing likewise against the Nazis with a P47 as a member of the Thunderbolt group commanded by Lt. Col. Philip E. Tukey.

1/LT. Willard F. Jester, pilot from Riverside, N.J., and 2/Lt. Joseph M. Leone, co-pilot from Brooklyn, N.Y., both wounded, flew their battered Fortress back to England from France.

When the interceptors made their first pass, S/Sgt. Foy D. Sinclair, of Muskogee, Okla., tail-gunner, and T/Sgt. Elton B. McNeil, of Birmingham, Mich., topurret-gunner, each shot down a Nazi. 1/Lt. Durwood C. Collier, of Greensboro, Vt., bombardier, and 1/Lt. Richard Gardner, of Milwaukee, navigator, shared in the destruction of a third Jerry.

This Is The Army

THE "Society of Sidewalk Engineers," popularized in the skyscraper cities of the states, has extended to Bretons in France. Daily the French people lined the banks of the canal as U.S. Army engineers erected four bridges to keep supply lines moving.

"Occasionally, the 'sidewalk engineers' are a little bothersome," S/Sgt. Preston H. Jordan, of Oldtown, Me., construction foreman at one of the sites, said. "They want to cross the bridge while we're still working on the flooring."

Capt. Frank Sturken, serving with an MP escort guard company whose primary duty is watching prisoners of war, was traveling along the front with his driver, Pfc Julius Merlin, when they ran into two Nazis with hands above their heads, calling: "Kamerad."

When given a receipt for the prisoners at the PW enclosure, Sturken remarked: "Now I'm satisfied. We've guarded thousands of prisoners, but these are the first we ever captured."

THE position of the Germans was reported from a U.S. outpost to T/Sgt. Charles Blaszyk, Second Division infantryman from Milwaukee, Wis., where the noise of some 25 yelling and arguing Nazis was heard.

One of two mortar rounds made its mark. Because of descending darkness it was considered unwise to fire mortars for fear their position would be revealed. Blaszyk then called for an artillery salvo of four guns which made a direct hit. A second salvo was fired. Later, the rumbling of carts carrying out the Nazi dead and wounded was heard.

With Blaszyk were S/Sgt. William P. Stewart, of Glenwood, Ark.; Pfc John F. Colacchio, of New York; Pvt. Guy F. Tootman, of Clarksburg, W. Va., and Pfc Albert S. Farranton, of High Point, N.C.

Sports SIDELIGHTS

The real story on Rollie Hemsley, the Yankee catcher, didn't come out until Rollie was drafted. Rollie had been with the Yanks for three seasons and had been a model character, which just wasn't in keeping with the record he had built up at Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Cleveland. The deal that finally cut him loose from the Indians happened on a train. Rollie was traveling with the club and had been imbibing heavily. In a playful mood, he started throwing lighted matches into upper berths, doused the porter in the ice water cooler and finally crawled into an upper to sleep... the upper occupied by Manager Oscar Vitt. Vitt sent Rollie back to Cleveland on the suspended list, and it looked like he was through. But when he stepped off the train, two business men met him and introduced him to that society of ex-drinkers, Alcoholics Anonymous. From that day on Rollie hasn't taken on any fire water, and he did some wonderful work with the Yanks.



Rollie Hemsley

Cmdr. Gene Tunney, who still has plenty of those long green bills stuck away, is said to be angling for a pro football franchise for Baltimore.

The report from the Waco Airbase that Sid Hudson, former Washington star pitcher, was through with the game with a bad arm seems to have been a little premature. Hudson, whose arm has been in a bad state, laid off pitching from May 28 to Aug. 1, then went back and pitched Waco to a 1-0 victory in a Texas tournament, allowing only four hits and fanning 14.

Mutual Network and the Gillette Razor Company have signed an agreement for broadcasting fights the year around on Friday nights.

A few years back a little Negro boy climbed the fence in Washington to see the Joe Louis-Buddy Baer fight. Now that same kid, Aaron Perry by name, is one of the headline boxers under Mike Jacobs, who also promoted that Louis-Baer fiasco.

Flight Officer Leo Houck Jr. got a decoration for his work as a glider pilot on D-Day. He's the son of the famous Penn State boxing coach. And Lt. Jimmy Jones, son of Calumet trainer, Ben Jones, is in charge of the Coast Guard Mounted Beach Patrol around Charleston, S.C.

It's now 99-1 that the annual Army-Navy game returns to Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium. The Navy Director of Athletics, Capt. Charles Humphries, and the Army equivalent, Lt. Col. Biff Jones, recently had a conference in New York and Biff put his okay on the deal. Johnny VanderMeer has currently fanned 68 and walked only eight in his eight victories at Sampson Naval this year.



Johnny VanderMeer

Frick Slaps Muzzle on Lip's Grandstand Act

NEW YORK, Aug. 25—Ford Frick, president of the National League, stamped his foot down emphatically today with a new edict—and the prey's size-12 brogan landing right in the middle of Leo "The Lip" Durocher's cranium.

Not that Frick pointed the finger of scorn at Lippy because his statement was of general interest to managers throughout the circuit. But there's only one Durocher and Frick's conversation left little to the imagination.

No More Pensions

It seems that the president is fed up with shrewd managers who draw suspensions for contributing to the unhappiness of Frick's umpires but continue to give orders to their athletes from a vantage perch in the stands during their period of exile.

Henceforth, the National League boss decreed, any manager suspended by the league office will be liable to automatic extension of his time in the doghouse if, "in the umpire's opinion, said manager carries on any communication with his team from the stands while a game is in progress."



Ford Frick



Leo Durocher

Now, and this is the \$64 question for American aliens whose travels never have brought 'em to the fertile fields of

Brooklyn, what do you suppose ever brought that on? Right again, Egbert! It's the result

of Lippy's movement to conduct business as usual from a box seat near the dugout of his (beloved) Bums since he was handed a five-day vacation without pay last Saturday.

Durocher was fined and banished for spouting off in the umpires' dressing room after he had been thumbed off the field at Cincinnati. Nothing Leo said that sunny afternoon could be repeated in a Sunday School classroom, so they say, but that is nothing new for the fiery idol of Flatbush.

Refused to Elaborate

Frick refused to elaborate on his new edict, but the scribes were able to coax a statement from the prey when they mentioned Durocher.

Would Lippy be called into the league office for a little fatherly advice?

"No," Frick reported, "I haven't anything like that in mind for Leo. Such conferences don't make much impression on him."

When Durocher heard about Frick's ban on grandstand managing, he gayly asserted, "Guess the next time I get the heave-ho I'll have to pack my fishing kit and hit the road. Bucking Frick is becoming too expensive for me."

No Ax for Boudreau in Tribe Shakeup

Alva Bradley Silences Critics, Promises Housecleaning

CLEVELAND, Aug. 25—Although the bleacher critics are ranting for Lou Boudreau's scalp because of Cleveland's low stature in the American League whirl, the scrappy Tribe manager is not being blamed by the front office for his club's inability to challenge the pennant contenders.

At least that's the case today. Alva Bradley, owner of the Indians, is on Boudreau's side despite the team's recent nosedive, during which Cleveland has garnered only six decisions in 22 games on the road, and the shortstop who put Harvey, Ill., on the map is not going to get the gate this winter.

Bradley said he would string along with his youthful pilot in what he termed "winter housecleaning." This stopped, at least temporarily, the conjecture about who might succeed Boudreau at the helm for 1945.

"I'll Go Along With Him" "I suppose there'll have to be some changes in the lineup," Bradley said, "and I suppose Lou has definite ideas about which players he wants to keep. I'm willing to go along with him as far as we can."

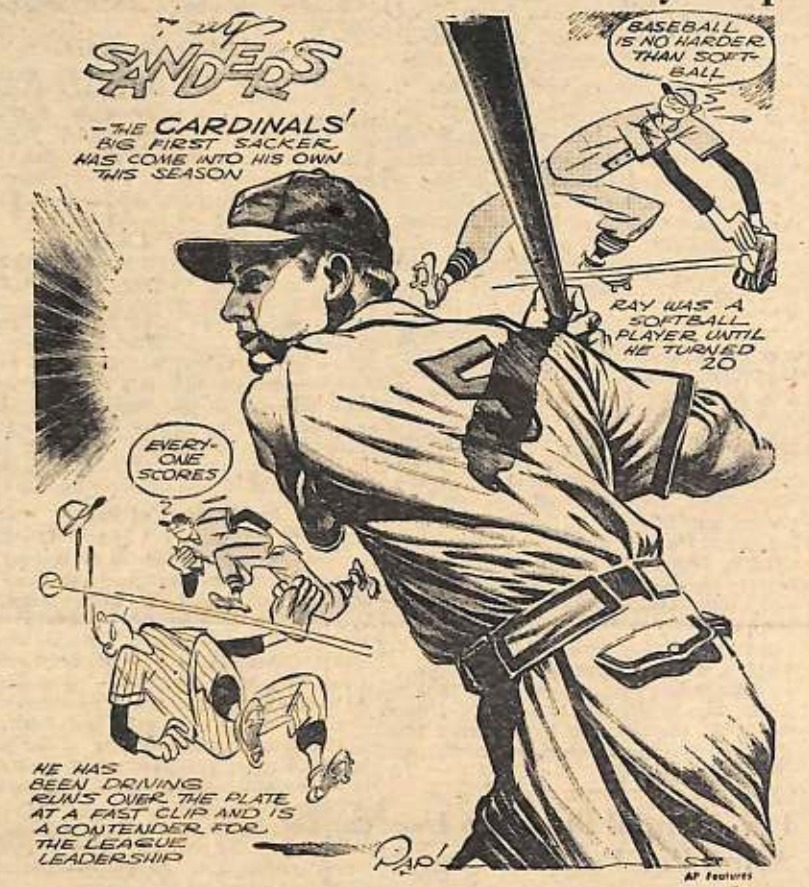
Bradley added his confidence that Boudreau is not to blame for the Indians' slump, and mentioned that he was "amazed at the remarkable brand of ball he (Boudreau) has been playing."

While the Tribe was slipping from third place to sixth in the past three weeks, the only shining light has been Boudreau's stellar performance in the field and at the plate. He lifted his batting average to .316, the third highest mark in the American League, and his fielding has kept the troubled infield from collapsing entirely.



Lou Boudreau

Cardinals' Clouter



By Pap

Cards Get 13th Over Cubs, 2-1, As Wilks Spins Three-Hitter

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 25—The Indian sign held by the prancing Cardinals over their belabored rivals from Chicago worked again last night as the National League leaders subdued the Cubs for the 13th straight time, winning 2-1 under the arc lights.

Rookie Ted Wilks spun a fancy three-hitter to fashion his tenth mound triumph in a row and his 13th win of the year against one defeat. He fell behind in the third when Roy Hughes raced home from third on Lou Novikoff's towering fly to right field, but the Redbirds shoved across both their runs in the same inning.

Augie Bergamo walked and Stan Musial plastered a single to left. Then Walker Cooper, the hero of Wednesday's 11-1 romp over the Bruins, lashed a single to center, counting Bergamo, and when Phil Cavarretta, shifted to center field by Manager Charlie Grimm, booted the drive, Musial scooted home with the unearned winning run.

Cavarretta's single and double and Stan Hack's single were the only safe blows yielded by Wilks. Claude Passeau allowed six hits as he suffered his eighth reversal of the season.

The only other scheduled tilt on the day's card, the Phillies at Boston, was rained out.

Bosox Clout Ft. Monmouth
FT. MONMOUTH, N.J., Aug. 25—The Red Sox trounced the Fort Monmouth All-Stars here yesterday, 9-7, in an exhibition game on the American Leaguers' day off.

Ring Injuries Fatal to Schenk

PATERSON, N.J., Aug. 25—The second boxing death within a month in New Jersey occurred here yesterday when Tom Schenk, 34-year-old heavyweight from Passaic, N.J., succumbed to head injuries received while training for a comeback.

Schenk, a former sparring partner for Joe Louis and Tony Galento, had been out of action several years. He was training for his third comeback when he collapsed Tuesday night, and a brain operation performed yesterday morning at the Paterson General Hospital failed to save him.

The previous victim of blows received in the ring was Lem Franklin, Negro heavyweight from Chicago, who died at Newark, Aug. 3, from brain injuries received when he was knocked out by Larry Lane in the ninth round of a ten-round July 24.

Bulla Fires 65 In Victory Play

Atlanta Ace Clips Par by 7 At Tam O'Shanter; Nelson Second

CHICAGO, Aug. 25—Johnny Bulla, the long-time booster of drugstore golf balls, fired a record-tying 65 on the Tam O'Shanter course here yesterday to lead the nation's top professionals by three strokes after the first round of the rich All-America Open golf championship.

The ace from Atlanta, Ga., shaved six strokes off par-36 on the back nine to finish seven below par for the 18 holes. His performance tied the record set by Leonard Dobson in '42 and tied by Johnny Revolta and Byron Nelson last year.

Nelson was not far off the record himself, sinking a 37-foot putt on the last green for a 68, giving him second place in the scramble for the \$13,000 first prize. In all, low finishers will share booty totaling \$42,500.

With 54 holes to go, six of the 128 players are in advantageous positions. Bulla and Nelson are out front with Gene Sarazen, the three-time PGA king, tied at 69 with Chick Harbert, Bud Lewis and Pete Cooper.



American League

No games scheduled Thursday.						
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
St. Louis	69	.51	Chicago	56	.63	.471
Boston	64	.55	Cleveland	57	.65	.467
New York	62	.55	Philadelphia	57	.65	.467
Detroit	62	.56	Washington	51	.68	.429

National League

St. Louis	2	Chicago	1	(night)		
Philadelphia	at Boston	postponed.	Other teams not scheduled.			
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Pittsburgh	69	.46	New York	53	.65	.449
Cincinnati	65	.49	Philadelphia	45	.67	.402
Chicago	61	.62	Brooklyn	46	.70	.397
Brooklyn	at New York	(night)	Pittsburgh at St. Louis (night)			
Philadelphia	at Boston	(2)	Philadelphia at Chicago (2)			
Cincinnati	at Chicago					

Leading Hitters

Doerr, Boston	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Siebert, Philadelphia	100	355	39	117	.325
Boudreau, Cleveland	117	456	71	144	.316
Fox, Boston	97	402	62	126	.313
Johnson, Boston	108	385	86	120	.312

National League

Walker, Brooklyn	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Musial, St. Louis	113	411	58	147	.358
Hopp, St. Louis	119	469	86	166	.354
Medwick, New York	108	420	61	136	.345
Hughes, Chicago	88	352	53	112	.318

Home Run Hitters

American League—Doerr and Johnson, Boston, and Stephens, St. Louis, 15.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 27; Ott, New York, 22; McCormick, Cincinnati, and Northey, Philadelphia, 15.

Runs Batted In

American League—Stephens, St. Louis, 85; Doerr, Boston, and Johnson, Boston, 76.
National League—Nicholson, Chicago, 92; Sanders, St. Louis, 89; Musial, St. Louis, 85.

Headline Writers, Please Note!

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25—Mike Pecarovich, former Gonzaga and Loyola football coach, has been signed to direct the San Francisco Clippers of the newly organized American Football League.

Minor League Results

International League

Syracuse	7	Jersey City	6	(first game)
Jersey City	5	Syracuse	1	(second game)
Montreal	4	Buffalo	1	(first game)
Buffalo	1	Montreal	5	(second game)
Newark	11	Baltimore	6	
Toronto	and Rochester	not scheduled.		

Eastern League

Binghamton	2	Wilkes-Barre	1	(first game)
Wilkes-Barre	4	Binghamton	3	(second game)
Scranton	5	Utica	3	(first game)
Scranton	10	Utica	2	(second game)
Albany	14	Williamsport	1	(first game)
Albany	14	Williamsport	11	(second game)
Hartford	2	Elmira	0	(first game)
Hartford	9	Elmira	4	(second game)

American Association

Kansas City	7	Indianapolis	2	(first game)
Indianapolis	9	Kansas City	0	(second game)
Louisville	4	Milwaukee	1	
Toledo	7	St. Paul	4	
Columbus	8	Minneapolis	7	

Southern Association

Nashville	8	Chattanooga	1			
Memphis	3	Little Rock	0			
Other teams not scheduled.						
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Nashville	36	.17	Mobile	24	.29	.453
Atlanta	34	.17	Birmingham	21	.29	.420
Memphis	32	.21	Little Rock	20	.30	.400
N. Orleans	25	.30	Chattanooga	17	.36	.321

Pacific Coast League

Los Angeles	4	Hollywood	1			
San Francisco	5	Oakland	3			
Sacramento	2	Portland	1			
Seattle	12	San Diego	4			
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Los Angeles	81	.60	Oakland	68	.72	.486
Hollywood	73	.68	Seattle	68	.73	.482
Portland	71	.68	Sacramento	66	.74	.471
S. Francisco	70	.69	San Diego	64	.77	.454

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

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(When requesting an APO be sure to include last known unit, APO, ASN and home town of the person you want as well as your own.)
Pvt. Samuel De MATTEO, Pvt. James H. PVT. DOUGLAS, 37679350; Lt. James H. FLETCHER, 0411981; Irving FLOWERDAY, Fletcher, N.Y.; Arthur R. FRIEDMAN; S/Sgt. William Francis GANNON, Revere, Mass.; Col. Harold GARY, Brooklyn; Sgt. Earlene HALL, Long Beach, Cal.; John HANSON, Chicago; Leila HARNECK, Kingston, Mich.; S/Sgt. Richard HILL, Fredericksburg, Va.; Robert KELLERNS, Ky.; Pvt. Julius KURLANSKY.

Found
CIGARETTE lighter on the London-Peterborough train Aug. 11. Owner write to Miss J. Kay Francis, 24, Homecroft Rd., London, S.E.26.



By Courtesy of United Features

Wilson Blames Policy Attacks in Quitting WPB

Critics of His Reconversion Stand Would Hamstring Him, He Tells FDR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25—War Production Board squabbles over reconversion policy got a public airing today with the resignation of Vice-Chairman Charles E. Wilson.

Wilson, in a letter to President Roosevelt, accused aides of Chairman Donald M. Nelson of inspiring attacks on him because of his opposition to Nelson's reconversion plans.

The former General Electric board chairman asked to be released immediately because it was "apparent" that with Nelson's early departure for China these attacks would be increased and would offset any contribution he could make.

The Senate committee investigating the war effort meanwhile disclosed that Nelson testified recently that with minor exceptions all critical munitions programs were being met. He said the way to keep war workers from throwing up their jobs hastily was to assure them "that civilian production is being planned in every area and shop where it is not interfering with war production."

The White House announced that Lt. Cmdr. J. A. Krug, former vice-chairman of WPB's program committee, would be acting chairman during Nelson's absence.

Russia - - - -

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the distance to Ploesti's oil fields and were 90 miles from them last night.

From besieged Warsaw meanwhile came an urgent broadcast addressed to the International Red Cross in the name of thousands of Warsaw civilians reported interned and starving in a German concentration camp at Pruszkow, 12 miles southwest of the capital.

"For the love of God help us quickly or we shall die," said a letter from the camp broadcast by the Polish underground radio in Warsaw.

"Thousands of men, women and children, 34 and well, are now interned here," the letter said, "and the Germans have now started mass executions." It asked the Polish government in London to bring about international intervention to prevent the prisoners starving to death.

The enemy's disintegration on the Rumanian front—Moscow announced 50,000 prisoners taken in five days—took the spotlight from the other sectors, but Berlin Overseas Radio admitted yesterday that the Russians had breached Nazi lines about the Lithuanian rail hub of Siauliai, 70 miles south of Riga.

The broadcast gave no details, but the report suggested a new setback for the Germans in their intensive and costly effort to keep open a corridor to their divisions in Latvia and Estonia.

Moscow, reporting only patrol activity on other fronts, threw a curtain over operations west of Bialystok, where the Germans three days ago reported a "grand scale" offensive toward the road and rail center of Lomza, 20 miles below East Prussia. A breakthrough here would smash German lines north of Warsaw and outflank East Prussia.

Monty Sends Dog Home With Injured Master He Saved



Sgt. Fleabite, who is looking over the Purple Heart of his master, Pvt. Roy L. Mantooth, of Abilene, Tex., accompanied the wounded soldier back to a hospital in England from France by order of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery himself.

Mantooth and his dog have been inseparable since training days in South Carolina. When Montgomery heard that Fleabite had saved his master's life during the battle at St. Lo, he directed that the dog be permitted to go back to England with Mantooth.

Fleabite accompanied Mantooth and his buddy, Pvt. Glenn Smith, of Ohio, into action.

"Smith and I were lying flat looking over a mound of dirt toward the enemy," Mantooth related. "Fleabite," lying flat, too, was right between us and would peep over every time we would.

"Suddenly I felt Fleabite race across my shoulders going like hell. For a second I couldn't understand it. Then, like a flash, I remembered how we had trained him to head for the foxholes in a shelling. He had done it so often that when he heard that 88-mm. shell coming before we did away he went, with me right after him, and Smith taking off in the opposite direction.

"After I hit the foxhole I looked back. That screaming Minnie hit right where we had been lying, or so close that it scares me to think of it. It was from that shell, though, that I collected a few scattered bits of shrapnel which put me in here."

Presidential Power to Use Army For Peace Is Urged

NEW YORK, Aug. 25 (ANS)—The New York Times says that Wendell L. Willkie has been urging Republican congressmen to support a measure which would authorize the President to use U.S. military forces without prior consent of Congress in any international organization set up to preserve peace.

French Tanks Smash Their Way Into Paris

Fall of City Is Believed Near; Nazis Battered In Seine Pocket

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—in a withdrawal toward Amiens. Pilots blasted at least 15 trucks, which blew up, indicating they were carrying munitions.

East of Paris, progress of Gen. Patton's forces was shrouded in security silence. German News Agency placed them in the area of Troyes, which lies on a cross-country road leading to the German frontier.

U.S. Column With French

An American column and the French Second Armored Division moved in for the attack on Paris, according to a Reuter dispatch from the Third Army, which added that the troops pushed on under a hail of shells and bullets.

Both American and French columns met stiff resistance in their advance, dispatches indicated, because the Germans were holding out around the city in ring positions—first regarded as a covering screen, later found to have been reinforced. This changed the whole picture, pointing toward a major battle which might involve great damage to the city, and the advance became a cautious one, looking for openings, the NBC broadcast said.

SHAEF Announcement

A brief SHAEF news flash announced that "elements of the Second French Armored Division under Gen. LeClerc have entered the outskirts of Paris." These advance elements were identified by the United Press as several Sherman tanks, two infantry sections, and a section of sappers.

"The first American tanks have entered Paris," said a Free French radio report, broadcast on the Vichy wavelength and picked up in New York.

This radio report said that the tanks passed through the Porte d'Alesia—a contradictory UP report said the Port d'Italie—and established a junction with French Forces of the Interior. The UP said these first tanks had the mission of occupying the prefecture of police and the Hotel de Ville, and of wiping out several German tanks still in the area.

Reach Heart of Paris

The French Second Armored Division reached the heart of Paris, according to a broadcast by the FFI Radio, as monitored by the FCC in Washington. It said that at 8.30 AM yesterday the French Second Armored Division began crossing the Pont St. Michel, which crosses the Seine River by way of the Ile de la Cite, seized by the FFI when they rose against the Germans last week.

The Americans, according to the same broadcast, were established in Bourg de la Reine, while the Germans were massed between Porte d'Orleans and Porte de Chantilly.

When correspondents at a SHAEF press conference yesterday morning sought to establish the reason for Gen. Koenig's premature announcement of the city's liberation, a "teapot tempest" developed, and ended with a ranking SHAEF officer announcing that "There are no official communiques other than those issued by Supreme Headquarters," the AP reported, adding that although Koenig's FFI are part of Eisenhower's command, this statement left the status of any communique by the French on operations in France as "unofficial."

Gabreski Safe, and His Fiancee's Torch Still Burns Despite a Tailoring Job



Kay Cochran, of Prairie du Chien, Wis., fiancee of Lt. Col. Francis S. Gabreski, got good news yesterday. Here she shows her picture to Lt. Robert Taylor. After meeting the handsome movie star she wrote Gabreski: "I have met the best, honey, and I still love you."

OIL CITY, Pa., Aug. 25 (ANS)—Lt. Col. Francis S. Gabreski, America's top-scoring fighter pilot, who was reported missing July 20, is a prisoner of war in Germany, his parents were notified today by the War Department.

With the word from the War Department came the decorations awarded the Eighth Air Force P47 ace, who destroyed 28 enemy craft in aerial combat.

"I always felt he was alive somewhere," his father said. "I felt we'd have good news."

VFW Decides to Keep Ranks Closed to WACs

CHICAGO, Aug. 25 (ANS)—The Veterans of Foreign Wars voted today to continue exclusion of women from membership, to demand peace-time compulsory military training and to go on record as favoring utilization of force if necessary in maintaining peace.

Defeating a proposed amendment to admit WACs and nurses, the group settled a question which had been tabled for one year.

Air - - - -

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by hitting a synthetic-oil plant at Politz, one of the largest oil-production centers in Europe.

No interceptors penetrated the screen thrown around the Eighth Fortresses and Liberators by nearly 750 P47s, P38s and P51s, but the fighters destroyed 51 German aircraft—11 in the air and 40 on the ground. Losses were 17 heavies and seven fighters.

Netting the biggest bag of the day, the Mustang squadron commanded by Lt. Col. John P. Randolph, of Schertz, Tex., destroyed 19 aircraft and ten seaplanes in a strafing attack on a Baltic Sea airport north of Berlin. Six of the kills were scored by 2/Lt. Joseph L. Mansker, of Long Beach, Cal.

Bombed by the 15th Air Force were the Brno and Lisen aircraft factories and airdromes at Brno and Prostějov, 40 miles northeast of Brno, all in Czechoslovakia. The Italian-based raiders encountered no enemy fighters and no flak.

Report Rumania, Reich at War After Luftwaffe Hits Bucharest

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arms against the enemy for the return of Transylvania, the Soviet government will render Rumania every assistance for the fulfillment of this task." The implication was that negotiations were still going on.

Budapest Radio, meanwhile, reported the Germans had formed a new government which called upon the Rumanians not to lay down their arms but to continue the struggle on the side of the Nazis. It stated, however, that "a part of the Rumanian Army has decided to relinquish the struggle."

At the same time, the new Rumania government affirmed acceptance of armistice terms with the United Nations, in a broadcast to the Rumanian people. "The recognition by the Soviet Union, Great Britain and the U.S. of the injustice of the Vienna award makes it possible for the Rumanian armies, at the side of the Allied armies, to liberate northern Transylvania from foreign occupation," the broadcast stated.

An AP dispatch from Moscow further clouded the situation with a report that Red Army political officers had explained to Rumanian soldiers and civilians alike that elimination of German forces in their country must be achieved before military operations could cease and an armistice be concluded.

The same report said that the Russians recognized the need of speedy action to prevent the Germans from regrouping in the Balkans and overpowering Rumanian garrisons. It cited the example in Italy last September, when a few thousand Germans cowed more than a million disorganized Italian soldiers. Rumanian Gen. Mihai has an estimated 300,000 troops, which, if kept intact, will be enrolled in the Allied cause, the dispatch said.

A Cairo report said that Russian troops now controlled Rumania almost down to the Danube, either by direct occupation or by Rumanian troops in contact with the Russians, while Berlin Radio said that "the Russian troops are making use of the confusion among the Rumanian troops caused through recent political events."

Bulgaria's capitulation, which was said in a Reuter dispatch from Cairo to be universally regarded as imminent, was described as contingent upon four Allied demands: Unconditional surrender, the withdrawal of all troops from the invaded territories (Bulgarian troops were reported withdrawing from Macedonia and Thrace), the removal of Fascists from office and the elimination of the small group of land-owning Junkers who are the virtual rulers of the state.

Radio Highlights

AFN in the United Kingdom—1000 hours—2300 hours

On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1431 kc. 1470 kc. 1447 kc.
218.1m. 215.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Saturday, August 26

- 1000—Headlines—Victory Parade with Johnny Long.*
- 1015—Personal Album with Shirley Ross.*
- 1108—Headlines—Morning After (Fred Allen)*
- 1130—Duffie Bag—Cpl. Johnny Kerr's Hit Kit of Melody.*
- 1315—Great Music—Introduced by Walter Houston.
- 1330—Yank's Radio Edition.
- 1400—Headlines—Downtown.*
- 1439—Army Talks.
- 1545—On the Record—Pfc George Monaghan, the AFN Record Man.*
- 1630—Miss Parade.*
- 1730—Raymond Scott's Orchestra.
- 1805—Your State.
- 1905—Dishy Shore.*
- 1935—Saturday Serenade—Gus Haenchen Orchestra, Jessica Dragonette, Soloist.*
- 2000—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.*
- 2105—Report from the Western Front.
- 2115—GI Journal.
- 2145—Top of the Evening—Kings Men, and the Ken Darby Singers.*
- 2200—Headlines—Navy Cuzat with Lina Romay
- 2230—Sitcoms.

AEF on the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours

On Your Dial
1050kc. 285m.

- 0600—Headlines—Rise and Shine.
- 0815—Man in Blue—Sgt. John Hollingsworth of the R.A.F.
- 0830—Movie Tunes.
- 0935—American Dance Band.
- 1030—By Way of Music.
- 1045—The Swing Set.*
- 1070—Atlantic Spotlight.*
- 1095—Music from the Movies.
- 2200—Headlines—Johnny Canuck's Revue.
- 2230—Kavir Cuzat.

AFN in the United Kingdom—0800 hours—2300 hours

On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1431 kc. 1470 kc. 1447 kc.
218.1m. 215.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Sunday, Aug. 27

- 0600—Headlines—Hymns from Home
- 0915—Bandwagon.
- 0935—Hour of Charm—with Paul Spitalny's All-gid Orchestra.*

1000—Headlines—Radio Chapel with Chaplain John Weaver.

1055—Home News from the U.S.A.*

1100—Headlines—Morning After (Dinah Shore).

1130—Duffie Bag—Cpl. Johnny Kerr's Musical Hit Kit.*

1315—Corporal Saddlebags.

1330—Sammy Kaye's Sunday Serenade.*

1400—Headlines—Information Please.

1430—Andre Kostelanetz Orchestra.*

1545—Harry James Orchestra.

1600—Headlines—Take Your Choice—Cpl. Dick Crawford's guest from the Services picks the music.

1700—Headlines—National Barn Dance—Hoosier Hot Shots, and the Dining Sisters.*

1730—Tommy Dorsey's Orchestra.*

1805—GI Supper Club—Sgt. John McNamara spins your requests.

1905—Mail Call.*

1935—Guy Lombardo's Musical Autographs.*

2005—The Family Hour—Al Goodman's Orchestra and Jack Smith.*

2030—Burns and Alice.

2130—Comedy Caravan—Jimmy Durante, Gary Moore.*

AEF on the Continent—0555 hours—2300 hours

On Your Dial
1050kc. 285m.

0600—Music for Sunday.

0630—Corporal Saddlebags.

1100—Headlines—Morning After (Atlantic Spotlight)

1245—Songs by Sgt. Johnny Desmond.

1315—Key on the Keys.

1545—Western Five.

1815—RCN Concert.

2030—Palace of Varieties.

*Indicates programs heard on both networks.

Warns '40 Output Would Mean Jobless

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25 (ANS)—A post-war production level the same as existed in 1940 would mean 19,000,000 unemployed because of war-developed technological improvements, said Chester Bowles, chief of the Office of Price Administration.

He added that full post-war production should be under way before rationing and price controls were abandoned.

"The greatest price rise of the last war came after peace," he said, "and in May, 1920, the inflationary bubble burst, factory payrolls dropped 44 per cent and business profits 104 per cent."

Oh, to Be a Cop

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 25 (ANS)—"Let's see your driver's license," ordered Patrolman Ted Dicus. "Let's see your draft registration card," retorted Lt. Col. Norman B. Adkison, State Selective Service executive officer. Both produced proper credentials but the patrolman had the last word. He gave Adkison a ticket for ignoring a stop sign.

