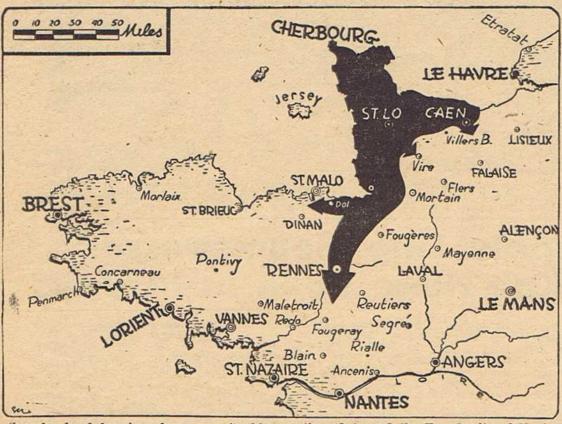
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AMERICANS KNIFE ACROSS BRITTANY



Spearheads of American forces are streaking southward toward the French city of Nantes after liberating Rennes, ancient capital of Brittany. Lt. Gen. Omar K. Bradley yesterday reported that the chief barrier to the Americans now were the collections of destroyed enemy vehicles along the roads.

Nazis Hurl All In Prussia; Southern Florence Reached

Aerial Battles Raging As Border Defense **Grows Desperate**

LONDON, Aug. 4—A great battle was reported raging on the East Prussian frontier today as the bat-tered Germans threw in all available reserves of tanks and infantry and called upon the Luftwaffe in a desperate attempt to slow down the Russian advance into German soil

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great air battles were being fought in the skies above East Prussia as the Luftwaffe put in a long-delayed appearance and that the fighting along the border had reached a new peak of ferocity.

Another threat to East Prussia developed, however, as General Ivan Chernyakovsky, striking the Germans a surprise blow north of Kaunas in Lithuania, sent a large mobile column racing toward the mobile column racing toward the important Shavli-Tilsit highway. This latest thrust placed the Russians 50 miles of the East Prussian cities of Tilsit and Insterburg and only 90 miles from the capital city of Koenigsberg.

These developments coincided with a Moscow announcement that the Russians had established a bridgehead 20 miles wide and 15 miles deep across the Vistula Ri-ver, southwest of the Polish city of Sandomierz, 115 miles south o Warsaw. This latest drive, the Ger mans admitted, had outflanked Warsaw and brought the Russlan armies within 70 miles of Cracow and only 120 miles from Silesia, heart of Germany's industrial cen-

Meanwhile, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's armies entrenched themselves firmly across the Bialy-stok railway, northeast of Warsaw, and pressed against the eastern Edward Linkomles.

Neutral sources admitted surprise that the Germans had taken no counter measures to forestall roots had gained control of Saxon although it was becoming increasarders, the city's largest district.

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Edward Linkomles.

Succeed pro-German designing to succeed pro-German had taken no successful Nazi coup are diminishing to successful outskirts of the Polish capital. In-side the city, Polish patriots were reported to have joined the battle against the German defenders, in the northern, western and southern sections. One report said the Patriots had gained control of Saxon Gardens, the city's largest district.

Hitler Dismisses Four **High Ranking Officers**

LONDON, Aug. 4-The German News Agency announced tonight that one field marshal and four generals have been expelled from the German army.

The announcement said the ler to carry out his purge of ele-ments at odds with the German leader and that a court of honor, empowered to inquire into the attitude of German military leaders, had fired the marshal and quartet of general officers as its first official act.

Names of the dismissed officers were omitted in the agency announcement.

New Finn Regime Seeking Way Out

LONDON, Aug. 4—Field Marshal Baron Carol von Mannerheim, in his first official act when he assumes presidency of Finland, will repudiate the Ryti Government's pact with Germany prohibiting Finland from making a separate peace, BBC reported today.

Such an act, observers said, would clear the way for immediate Finnish-Russo peace negotiations which, according to late reports from Stockholm, have not yet be-

A Reuter's dispatch from Stock-holm said the formation of a new Finnish cabinet had not yet been completed and hinted at possible surprises in the choice of a new premier to succeed pro-German Edward Linkowles

Foe Ruthlessly Blows Bridges Over Arno; 5th Sector Quiet

ADVANCE ALLIED HEAD QUARTERS, Aug. 4 — Sweeping through the last German defense line, 8th Army troops of a South African division gained the south-ern part of Florence, historic art center of Europe, a special com-munique announced this evening. ACC Chief Nominated

Recon patrols rushing forward to gain contact with the enemy found five out of the six bridges over the Arno River within the city of Florence already destroyed. The sixth, the Ponte Vecchio, was found intact but houses had been demolished on either side to cause read ished on either side to cause road blocks to the approaches.

nored Columns **Aiming For Nantes**

Tanks Lunging Ahead In Brittany, Leaving Infantry To Mop Up Rennes Remnants

LONDON, Aug. 4—Powerful American tank columns, rolling south from captured Rennes against feeble German resistance, pushed to within 60 miles of the important city of Nantes today in a continuation of their drive which threatened to cut off the entire Brittany Peninsula.

Leaving behind infantry to mop up German remnants in Rennes, armored spearheads smashed forward toward Nantes, capture of which would isolate the peninsula with its great naval bases of Brest, Dorlent and St. Nazaire.

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LONDON, Aug. 4-For the first time in several weeks a large force of Allied heavy bombers rained destruction on German military installations when 1,000 heavy bombers of the 8th Air Force today struck marshalling yards at Saarbrucken, Mulhouse and Strasbourg, an oli storage dump at Merkwiller and additional military targets in

Department announced that over 61,000 tons of bombs were dropped on targets in German occupied Europe by the U. S. Strategic Air Force between June 6 and July 30. During this attack on German industry and transportation, coordinated with the landing operations, more than 27,000 sorties were flown by bombing planes. In the week by bombing planes. In the week July 16-23 alone more than 8,000 bombers sorties and 5,000 fighters were flown against a wide variety

Temporary Brigadier

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 — Col.
William O'Dwyer, chief of the economic section of the Allied Control
Commission, was nominated for temporary rank as brigadier general by President Roosevelt today, his promotion going to the Senate for approval. Col. O'Dwyer, Brook-

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Opposition from the vaunted Luftwaffe was practically nil, and so was the anti-aircraft fire over the targets. The 8th Air Force reported one of the smallest losses in the history of large scale attacks—just seven bombres and six fighters were listed as missing. This means the Allies lost less than 0.7 percent of the total bomber strength on this attack. The enemy lost 17 all told.

Other air news came from Washington yesterday where the War Department announced that over 61,000 tons of bombs were dropped tanned out like lingers on an extended hand, moving down numerous roads so rapidly that front
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lines are where you can find them
"if you move fast enough."

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In Rennes this morning 1,000 German soldiers led by their officers marched in formation down the main road from the city without arms to surrender. Because the Americans had no troops or transports to spare the Nazis, their white flags flying high, oblighingly proceeded unescorted to the nearest Allied POW camp. Many other groups of Germans—numbering between 100 and 400—also are reported to have surrendered near Rennes.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stim-

The wanton destruction of the fine architectural bridges was cited as another example of Field Marshal Kesselring's order to his troops (Continued on page 8)

eral by President Roosevelt today, Dwight D. Essenhower's headquasters are stimated that German casualties since D-day have been approximately 190,000. The General, himself, paid another visit to the Army.

Army Ends Philly Transport Tieup

Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 4—The
Army seized Philadelphia's entire
transportation system on authorization of President Roosevelt today to end a three-day walkout
that curtailed production in the
station's second largest war producing center.
Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes, Command, was designated by the War
Department "to see that trolleys,
buses, subways and elevated lines
resume normal operations at their
regular starting time beginning tomorrow."

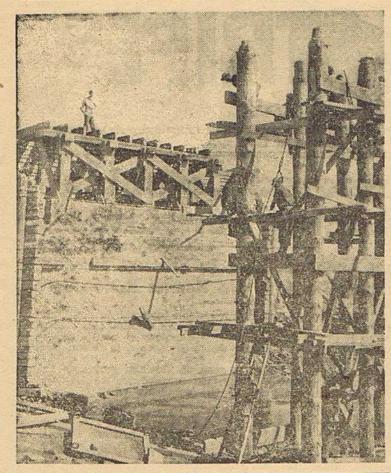
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Henry L. Stimson who announced,
the Army was taking over, said
"those who have created this stoppage in Philadelphia have a great
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responsibility."

"I am sure," he stated, "that as
loyal Americans they will immediately put, their shoulders to the
wheel and return to work. Inability
of Philadelphia workers to get to
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GI Fire Fighter's Life Race With Flame, Shell WITH THE 5TH ARMY-Infantrymen don't think much

By Sgt. BOB FLEISHER Staff Correspondent

WITH THE 5TH ARMY—Maybe blind with nothing but a prayer and Junior wouldn't be so eager to be a hose. So far we've been lucky a fireman if he knew the toils and as far as mines are concerned, but a fireman if he knew the toils and troubles of an army fire brigade overseas. One particular platoon has been eating smoke and dodging shrapnel all the way from Tunisia to Leghorn and any one who thinks they're "rear echelon" need only look at their list of eight Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars and a Soldier's Medal.

The fire-fighting platoons with

Soldier's Medal.

The fire-fighting platoons with the 5th Army joined the men at Anzio and for them the beachhead was "hot" in more ways than one. "Our platoon alone fought 297 fires on the beachhead," recalled Lt. Walter McFadden, Astoria, N. Y. "Heavy German shelling and bombing against our beachhead positions started conflagrations as fast as we could put them out."

"Once we had eight fires in one morning," said platoon sergeant Stanley J. Greshel, Herkimer, N. Y., a fireman in civilian life. To top that off we were pinned down by artillery fire for an hour and a half"

One of Jerry's favorite tricks

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One of Jerry's favorite tricks when he starts a fire by bombing is to come back and strafe the fire and, incidentally, the fire fighters. Everybody agrees that ammo dump fires are by far the worst type. When stuff begins to explode, everyone in the area can dive for cover. But not the smoke eaters. They have to stay there and take it.



General scene during construction of huge high-water wooden bridge which 5th Army engineers completed in 14 days. LEFT—Capt. A. G. McKain, Jasper, Texas, examines the concrete piers and offers a comparison for the bridge's size. (APS Photos by Berman

Supply Line 'Seamstresses' Knit Huge Span In 14 Days

By Sgt. AL KOHN Staff Correspondent

about bridges, because they're usually way up ahead of them, but comes November and the Italian rainy season, front-line GIs will

rainy season, front-line GIs will be glad that the engineers constructed over one river the longest bridge ever built by one company. Traffic moving north on Highway I once detoured over an ordinary bypass neither better nor worse than a hundred others like it, and passengers were not likely to remember the trickling river as they crossed. But when the rains start, and later when the mountain snows melt, the river becomes a roaring 26-foot-high wall of water which would sweep away anything in its path and prevent the passage of rations and supplies to the men who are fighting the war.

Allowed only 14 days by 5th Army headuarters, this Company C of a famous engineer regiment.

Army headuarters, this Company C of a famous engineer regiment worked from 0430 to 2230 hours daily to complete the span. "But we knew we could do it." said 1st Lt. R. S. Altman, Johnsville, S. C., Things are fairly quiet now for the smoke eaters. They are just averaging a couple of fires a day. "Nothing serious," said Sgt. Greshel, "just the kind that get you all dirty and sweaty and make you mad."

WITH THE 5TH ARMY—Some idea of the labors performed by front-line litter-bearers can be obtained from this brief report company company commander.

Most of the damage to this bridge was done by our own planes. What bombs didn't destroy, the Germans bombs didn't destroy, the Germans did when they pulled back late last month. The bombs added to the engineering problems, since they dug great craters in the river bed

into which the pieces of the bridge fell.

Driving piles for the high-water wooden bridge presented something of a problem since there wasn't a pile driver in Italy which could reach high enough. So Lt. Carroll E. Talbutt, Augusta, Me., designed a two-story Bailey Bridge on which the pile driver operated under the direction of T-Sgt. Christian Kirk, a trade union volunteer from San Francisco.

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To Rescue Three Yanks

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concrete in the states would require five months to build, accordquire five months to build, according to S-Sgt. Milton Johnson, Beverley Hills, Calif., who was construction boss on the job. But here three platoons worked in overlapping eight-hour shifts. Sgt. Johnson, a veteran of nearly every big bridge job on the Pacific coast, is fond of quoting the remark of a paesano who was impressed by these engineers who have followed the 5th Army since they landed at Paestum below Salerno on D plus 12.

The things which took Musso-lini two years to build, the Italian said, were destroyed by the Ger-mans in five minutes and rebuilt by the Americans in two days.

Through the thunderous noise of the piledrivers, air hammers and cats like that driven by Pfc. William Thomas, El Paso, Texas, Foreman Johnson liked to shout the merits of his men. For each he had a good word and for S-Sgt. James Boyer. a Kentucky boy, he went into superlatives. But then. Sgt. Boyer also has won praise from Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers for his work Through the thunderous noise of

Pigeons Used To Give Nazis 'Bird'

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With the area can dive for the house covered as the standard with the single control of the surface leafly said Sgt. William J. Brand, Parsonburg, Md. "was when we were with the 7th Army near Martur. That blace covered and leading of an a company of control of the surface leading of the sur

Clark Blames CIO. For Defeat; Fish Just Squeezes By

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4—The CIO Political Action Committee, pledbed to the election of President Roosevelt for a fourth term, emerged to-day as a powerful factor in the November balloting as committee-backed candidates piled up overwhelming majorities in state primaries.

In Missouri, Sen. Bennett Champ Clark conceded defeat to State Attorney General Roy McKittrick who built up a 22,000 vote lead in the Democratic primary with the help of the CIO group. St. Louis, Clark's home city, gave his opponent a 17,000 majority, and the senator charged McKittrick's victory represented "a notable temporary triumph for the Communist-controlled CIO in its efforts to take control of the Democratic party." In Missouri, Sen. Bennett Champ

take control of the Democratic party."

McKittrick's victory halted, at least temporarily, a public career that began as a page boy in the House during the tenure of Clark's father, Champ Clark, as speaker of the lower house of Congress.

In New York City, Rep. Martin Kennedy, Tammany Hall candidate who lost the Democratic nomination to CIO-sponsored Rep. Vito Marcantonio, charged some Democratic leaders "worked out a deal with Marcantonio."

Kennedy, In Congress since 1930, said his designation as the organization candidate was made "on the insistence of President Roosevelt."

He said Mr. Roosevelt had rejected the plan of Tammany Leader Edward V. Loughlin to give Tammany designation to Marcantonio "because he thought such a plan would help the Republicans in the national election and other voters of the Catholic faith by falling to place at least one of that group on the congressional slate in New York."

In a prompt reply, Rep. Marcantonio termed Kennedy's charges "ridiculous and patently false."

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The victory of Marcantonio, who clso won the Republican primary, and victories of three other CIO-endorsed candidates was halled by Joseph Curran, president of the New York CIO Council, as a "ringing endorsement and support of President Roosevelt's war leader-

In New York State, the stage was set for a renewal of the Hamilton Fish-Augustus W. Bennet election fight. Fish squeezed through in the Republican primary by 4,000 votes over Bennet, narrowest margin of his long public career, but the victory failed to impress Wendell Wilkie.

"It looks as if Ham's long tenure will come to an end this fall," said the 1940 GOP presidential candidate referring to the election day contest between Fish and Bennet.

No Partisan Politics In Foreign Committee

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4—Demo-crats and Republicans of the Senate Foreign Relations Com-mittee agreed formally today to discourage the entry of partisan controversies into their delibera-

tions.

In line with that stand, Chairman Tom Connally (D., Tex.) and Sen. Arthur Vandenberg (R., Mich.) turned down an invitation to debate party foreign plank declarations over the radio.

"Permanent world peace," Connally told reporters after today's session, "is of such transcendant importance that I hope it may not become involved in partisan political controversy."

26 GOP Governors

Missourians Against Any Prohibition Law

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4—Twenty-six petitions of 650 Missourians objecting to "any form of prohibition legislation" was entered in the Congressional record today at the request of Rep. Clarence Cannon (D., Mo.).

Hobos Have A Candidate And Boy, What A Platform

CHICAGO, Aug. 4 — With all eyes and ears focused on the recent Democrats and Republicans meeting here nobody paid much attention to the Hobo Convention and its selection of a Presidential candidate at the Dill Pickle Club. But, brother, the 'bos did things! They, too, elected a candidate on the first ballot, and they whipped up a honey of a one-point platform quicker than the most agile members could hop a freight rain.

CHICAGO, Aug. 4 — With all get a guy with a platform like that you won't stop short of making dogtages before going into battles, and the civilians' habit of moving are the soldiers' habit of switching dogtages before going into battles, and the civilians' habit of moving around within the states without notifying the casualty office of their changes of address.

The office works 24 hours a day and has a staff of 2,220 civilians and 67 officers.

South Carolina Demos members could hop a freight unity.

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The standard bearer of the

A four-hour work-day and a two-day week.

"The way I see it, boys," the one-armed orator told the assembled delegates in the smoke-filled convention hall of the Dill Pickle Club, "the course of the world is too much work. I'm for a world where much work. I'm for a world where for lunch, and quit at five. And if you've got any sense, when you lowed the delegates failed to select a running mate for their candidate, so "Wingy" seems to be the only Presidential hopeful strictly on his own.

Wendorf, who probably knows train schedules better than any of his rivals for the high office, was busy mapping his itinerary for a whirl-wind schedule.

train.

The standard bearer of the knights of the road will be Charles "Wingy" Wendorf, U. S. A., who swept to victory on a program which steered completely clear of international issues, and almost everything else of even a slightly controversial nature. However, no quibbler he! "Wingy" came out four-square with an unequivocal endorsement of one of the paramount issues of all time, to wit: A four-hour work-day and a two-day week.

To clinch the nomination the convention committee retired to a cloakroom, and consulted a ouija board to learn the wishes of the late Dr. Ben Reitman, former king of the hobos. Evidently he sective mention committee retired to a cloakroom, and consulted a ouija board to learn the wishes of the late Dr. Ben Reitman, former king of the hobos. Evidently he sective mention committee retired to a cloakroom, and consulted a ouija board to learn the wishes of the late Dr. Ben Reitman, former king of the hobos. Evidently he sective mention committee retired to a cloakroom, and consulted a ouija board to learn the wishes of the late Dr. Ben Reitman, former king of the hobos. Evidently he sective mention committee retired to a cloakroom, and consulted a ouija board to learn the wishes of the late Dr. Ben Reitman, former king of the hobos. Evidently he sective mention committee retired to a cloakroom, and consulted a ouija board to learn the wishes of the late Dr. Ben Reitman, former king of the hobos. Evidently he sective mention conmittee retired to a cloakroom, and consulted a ouija board to learn the wishes of the late Dr. Ben Reitman, former king of the hobos. Evidently he sective mention conmittee retired to a cloakroom, and consulted a ouija board to learn the wishes of the late Dr. Ben Reitman, former king of the hobos. Evidently he section of the motion pronto because the motion conmitted a ouija board to learn the wishes of the late Dr. Ben Reitman, former king of the hobos. Evidently he section of the motion pronto because the motion conmitted a ouija board to learn the wishes of the

Baltimore Paper Breaks Tradition, Supporting Dewey

BALTIMORE, Md., Aug. 4—The Baltimore Sun has come out in support of Dewey for President, the Associated Press reported today. This marks the third time in the 107 year history of the newspaper that it has backed a Republican nominee. In the past the newspaper backed William McKinley and Wendell Willkie.

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Its editorial says in part: "Roosevelt's decision to run for a fourth term makes it necessary for the Sun to oppose him in order to do what it can to forestall the evils which such decision brings. An administration which uses its power and substance of its people to win a labor vote or vote of any organized pressure group is corrupting its administration, and its moral basis is as bad as an administration which bids for the support of monopolists or any other vested inmonopolists or any other vested in-

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4—The War Department is 99 to 100 percent accurate in reporting news of soldiers killed, wounded, missing or taken prisoner, officials of the casualty branch of the department said today. This is an improvement of six percent over the record of World War I.

This figure does not include follow-up reports on men classed as

low-up reports on men classed as missing, whose fate may be revealed

later.

Minor employees and trained experts alike realize they are dealing with human emotions and that "every piece or paper that goes through the section may mean a heartache for somebody, somewhere," said Col. George F. Herbert, chief of the branch.

The staff works from boxes of cards flown from all over the world or from coded radio information. Each telegram to the relative listed by the soldier is followed within

Each telegram to the relative listed by the soldier is followed within a few days by a letter of sympathy. In cases of wounded men, progress reports are sent out every 15 days and once a month blanks are mailed to the wounded soldier's family on which they may write five-word messages of cheer—the personal suggestion of General personal suggestion of General George C. Marshall. A special staff is on hand at all times to handle long-distance calls from distressed relatives.

Endorse FDR Electors

COLUMBIA, S. C., Aug. 4— Threat of a revolt by South Caro-lina state Democratic electors against the party's national ticket faded today when state Democrats in a special convention endorsed Presidential electors pledged to the Roosevelt-Truman ticket and ac-cepted by silence the national party platform.

platform.

Some delegates had raised the threat that state electors might withhold votes from the national ticket. However, in a meeting only lasting ten minutes, shortest on record, the convention in effect voted approval of the national platform, and authorized the executive committee to name eight electors bound to support Roosevelt and Truman, which was done after the convention adjourned.

It Happened At Home

AT MEMPHIS, where the temperature dive bombs upward, Malcolm Platt and Charles Knowlton, both 17, were fined 100 dollars for tossing snowballs at motorists. They operated from under the loading platform of an ice plant, rolling their own from the "ice dust" sifting down from the saws.

In Chicago, the landlady of Frank Estis complained that

In Chicago, the landlady of Frank Estis complained that her tenant's 10-ton collection of old magazines prevented her from getting fire insurance and would the court please do something about it. Result—a sidewalk full of Pathfinders, Libertys, Saturday Evening Posts, Horror Stories and whatnot, with the 50-year-old veteran of the last war looking for a new home. In Jonesville, Mich., pretty, 21-year-old Mary Ellen Gries simply wasn't hungry and died because of it. Efforts to feed the girl by injection failed because of her fierce resistance. Physicians wrote "malnutrition and psycho-neurosis" on the death certificate. She weighed only 43 pounds when she died.

And in Chicago, "Big Boy," a rooster whom the court sentenced to country life when too many neighbors complained of his crowing, is dead of a broken heart at Libertyville. His owner, Mrs. Odeal Doyle, says he missed the lights, glamor and music of the city but those who heard "Big Boy" crow at 4 AM say it was a case of romantic frustration. The nine-pound Plymouth Rock, who always wore red nail polish on his claws and went for dally walks with his owner, had ten offers of marriage when news of the trial hit the papers. Mrs. Doyle, a comely widow, also received a couple. But "Big Boy" stayed single to the end.

The world's biggest lawyer has just graduated from Marquette University law school in Milwaukee. He is Clifford M. Thompson, who is eight feet, seven inches tall and scares the scales at 460 pounds.

For many years a showman, Thompson says that two years ago he was persuaded by his five-foot, five-inch wife to return to school so "I could earn my living in one spot and have a home

my size with furniture and door-ways in it my size."

Thompson's 40, weighed 12 pounds at birth and was six-feet, six when he was 16. He wears a size 19 and a half collar, a size 22 shoe and can pass a half dollar through the ring he wears on his little finger. His nearest rival in size is Jack Sarl, Texan class whe measures a like the same size to the measures of the same size to the measures. giant, who measures eight feet, six and a half inches. Of course he played basketball.

Babies In Hollywood

Orson Welles, who produces as well as acts, wants to have 17 children, but Mrs. Welles, or Rita Hayworth, thinks three or four will be enough. "You know Orson—he always has to exaggerate a little,"



be enough. "You know Orson—he always has to exaggerate a little," said Rita, who's expecting her first in December . . . Lassie, collie dog star, his son Laddie, and June Lockhart, daughter of Gene and Kathleen Lockhart, will star in "Son of Lassie," successor to "Lassie Come Home." . . The Hit Parade of July 22 lists the tunes like this: "I'll Be Seeing You;" "Swinging On a Star;" "Long Ago and Far Away Amor;" "The Get By;" "Goodnight, Wherever You Are;" "Sweet Lorraine;" "And Then You Kissed Me;" "Milkman, Keep Those Bottles Quiet." . . A new company to entertain overseas troops has been formed by the American Theater Wing War Service. It will book through the USO Camp Shows, the initial production being "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," with Katherine Cornell and Brian with Katherine Cornell and Brian Aherne. Others in the company are Guthrie McClintic, Brenda Forbes, Margalo Gilmore and Robert Ross. Beatrice Lillie and Bert Lahr will star in Billy Rose's "Seven Lively Arts" next B'way season . . "People Will Say We're In Love" led the 25 top song hits of the year (July 1, 1943—July 1, 1944), with blanket finishers being "My Heart Tells Me," Shoo Shoo Baby," "Besamo Mucho," and "I Love You."

Pennies From Washington

A total of 2,578,640,270 domestic coins, valued at 109,464,836.70 dollars, were turned out by U. S. mints in the fiscal year ending June 30, The record coinage was caused mostly by an increased demand for pennies, Treasury officials said. Produced were 50,683,800 half-dollars, 111,250,800 quarters, 244,422,000 dimes, 253,630,000 nickels and 1,918,653,670 pennies. No silver dollars have been minted since 1935.

A GI named Bill, stationed at Ft. McPherson, Ga., sent a postcard to Miss Dovie Chandler, addressed to the Lincoln Memorial with the complaint: "Why in the devil don't you give a return ad-dress sometime? A postcard of the Lincoln Memorial is no help. Where are you?" . . . Elsewhere in the nation's capital, the Patent Office reported on planners, one of whom pictures the postwar man relaxing in a free-swinging canopy hammock, clad in a kind of glorl'ied diaper and eating a chocolate-covered banana. Other patent ideas include a non-skid tie, a collapsible drawer, non-skid

overshoes, and gloves that won't tear at the thumbs . . . The WPB relaxed rules on the manufacture of can-openers, and brides breathed easier . . . The Army has returned 91 of the 158 passenger planes it took over from domestic fleets... There are 6,140,000 employees on the government payroll, costing the Treasury 989,000,000 dollars... MPs in charge of an exhibit of captured enemy equipment at the Washington Monument are having a tough life. Junior dogfaces have gone so far as to remove one wing of a JU-88 in their souvenir-hunting zeal.

Peace Over The Horizon Department: The wooden horses which long have barred pedestrians from the Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalk in front of the White House have been removed without explanation. Ditto the MPs, and tourists once again are sticking their noses through

Capital planners envision the razing of all temporary buildings along the Mall, including the Navy Department and Munitions Buildings, as part of a postwar project to last from five to 15 years. Four new bridges will be built.

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Dear Editor: In reply to Lt. James L. Howard, July 25 issue, nobody is ahead of the infantry. He's wrong. We've been pretty well in front of them the last 75 days, or since the big push started at Minturno. There

are Krauts ahead of us, because it's been our job to find them. That's what reconnaissance does. We are in a Tank Company of this squadron, and have been pretty

squadron, and have been pretty
well in front of our own recon foot
troops many times. We've really
looked for the infantry there, too.
We do agree that the TDs are
way in the hell back, but they
really boost our morale up, because
we know the Army got them behind us somewhere. The infantry
does good work when they catch
up.

-Pfc. Sam Archambeam Pvt. A. D. Donovan T-5 Chuck Motisi T-4 Howard Henshow Pfc. E. Hopmann Sgt. Ivan Marion

Terracina? Who did the engineers follow until the last minute to chisel us out of making contact with the Anzio beachhead? Who was the first in Rome? Who lead the task forces for over 100 miles above Rome? Who brought up a sector on the flank of an armored division while the infanty was takdivision while the infantry was taking a two-week break around Rome? Who do they call for when contact is lost? This outfit is the only unit that has been going since May 11 with only a four-day break for an ordnance check

for an ordnance check.

-Lt. W. J. Gallagher
T-4 J. Etienne
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T-5 Robert V. Miller

... The TDs and the infantry have had their say; and this was something we just have had to get off our chest. The TDs and the income the income the income the income the income that it is a second to the income the income that it is a second to the income that it is a second t our chest. The 1Ds and the Infantry claim they are always up in front of everybody. Well, did you ever hear the word "Reconnaissance?" If you did, do you know what it means? Our job is to find the enemy and report him, but our motto is to find him and fight. motto is to find him and fight him. With all due respect to the TDs and the infantry, we hope we've caused no offense to the That your Cross isn't there. above mentioned.

-Sgt. J. Estas T-4 Martinez T-4 Gardner Sgt. Moloch Popeye S. E. C. Heimdahl

U. S. Shoulder Patch

Many nations are fighting here in Italy. Different nations are wearing similar uniforms. There should be some distinction.

The soaring spires of Oxford, The rolling Sussex downs; A silent Loch midst towering hills; Our own particular towns.

Fish and chips on Saturday picht.

On our blouse and shirt the right shoulder is blank. Why can't a shoulder patch in the form of an American flag be designed for all American troops? This is one insignia all Yanks would be proud to wear, and it would straighten out difficulties in recognition.

When we landed in Africa in Nowher the Pupter stand, and give a GI dreams of home While he's stuck in a foreign lar

vember, 1942, we had the American flag on our sleeve.

If we had it then, when we were alone, why can't we have it now, when we are many?

-Cpl Charley Green

Pay For POW's

Dear Editor:
Several of the men in this outfit have been set to wondering after reading the following paragraph in the attached "Servicemen's News Letter," clipper from
the Kansas City Star:

"German prisoners of war are available as farm laborers to farmers of Jackson County. Prisoners must be contracted for in groups of ten. They will be accompanied by one American guard and one German overseer and will receive 50 cents an hour per man. Prisoners will be available Monday at a side camp in North Liberty."

If it is true that German POWs in the United States are receiving more pay for their work there than the American privates are getting for their work here, then there is something radically wrong somewhere. Someone has apparently made a mistake in the payroll. Who is responsible, and we'll go to work on 'em?

—M-Sgt. Gayle B. Lunday

certain Lt. James L. Howard, "the only time anybody is ahead of the infantry is when there are no Krauts there."

That's a pretty broad statement, I've been a TD and am now a tanker with the best of outfits. We have worked with about every infantry outfit there is, and I can say we have waited many a time to have the infantry catch up.

—Pvt. Charles L. Bishop

Who was the first in Fondi. one dollar apiece? Many GIs would really appreciate a book of this sort, and the fact that it took awhile for the first book to run out means nothing. We didn't even know about that book until you printed that there were just a few left.

When they finally did arrive after your notice, many fellows didn't get any because of the limited amount.

So how about a real thick book of this front's most able cartoonist.

—Pvt. M. M. Rosenthal

Anzio Memories

Set I. M

Oh, To Be . . .

The glitter of London's pavements On a showery April morn; A winding country lane, between Hedges of flowering thorn.

The soaring spires of Oxford,

A drink and a game of darts. Familiar memories cherished in A million British hearts.

So come on, Chicago and Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Penn We've got our ideas from the Mov-

While he's stuck in a foreign land?

Give us the "Pukka Gen."



By Sgt. RALPH G. MARTIN Staff Correspondent

EMPORIA, Kan. - At first the small group of men in the corner of the lobby of the Broadview Hotel were talking about the four-mo-tored plane that crashed in the town's outskirts the day before. Then the subject switched to crops and then to cattle and postwar real

estate values and then one neatly-dressed business man said, "And what do you think we ought to do with all the money the town raised for this William Allen White me-morial?"

morial?"
Somebody said that they ought to build a life-size statue of Bill and put it up right in the middle of town, where everybody could see it. Another man said that a statue was allright but they ought to have a museum or something to go with it. After all, he said, Bill was a great man, he was a personal friend of all the Presidents, he put Emporia on the map, he was the most famous country newspaper editor in the world, he was . . . "Maybe we ought have a fancy

itor in the world, he was "Maybe we ought have a fancy water fountain with Bill's name on it, the biggest one in the Middle West," interrupted another man, suddenly inspired.

A little farmer with white hair who had been mumbling to himself spoke up sharply.

"You fellas sound as if you didn't know Bill very well."

Everybody hushed up.

Simple Tastes . . .

"Bill never went in for fancy stuff like statues or fountains," he continued. "Why don't you give the money to some hospital or some-thing like that. That's what Bill would want."

He was still staring when I walked over and introduced myself and told him that I had come to Emporia to write a story about Bill White and would appreciate anything he could tell me.

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Before many minutes ne was telling me all sorts of things—about how he first met Bill when Bill bought the Gazette for 3,000 dollars back in 1895, and how Bill became famous overnight when he wrote that editorial, "What's the Matter with Kansas," back in the McKinley-Bryan presidential campaign in 1896. McKinley's manager liked it so much he printed and circulated a million copies of it and offered White any "political plum" position he wanted.

"And Bill turned them all down," said the farmer. "If you drop in at the Gazette and look in his office you can still see a personal note from Mark Hanna to President McKinley which tells all about Bill and then winds up, "This young man wants no office."

The old farmer scratched his head and said. "Well, he did run

The old farmer scratched his head and said, "Well, he did run for office once. That was in 1916 . . ."

Got Dander Up ...

That was during White's bitter campaign against the bigotry of the Ku Klux Klan. When neither party took a stand against the Klan. White got so mad that he decided to run for Governor as an Independent without the faintest shred of party organization.

"He just hopped into his Dodge with his wife Sallie and Young Bill," said the farmer, "and they traveled 2,700 miles in six weeks just talking to people all over

just talking to people all over Kansas. He didn't poll enough votes to be Governor, but he did what he wanted to do; he kicked the Klan out of Kansas."

Sounding very proud indeed, as if he were talking about his own son, the farmer continued to list the lif-ferent things Bill had done. He told how Bill won the Pulitzer Prize for one of his editorials and how he wrote a dozen books and turned down all kinds of big-money offers just to stay in Emporia and how he was an intimate friend of all the Presidents and how he was invited to the White House lots of times and how he founded the Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies way back in 1940 and lots of other important committees.

"And do you know what he was proudest of?" continued the farmer who was serious now. "Not be-cause he knew a lot of bigshots or go and Boston, iphia and Penn s from the Movs from the Movs Gen."

—V. R. Turner

Cause he knew a lot of logshots or was such a famous writer, but because people always dropped in to bring him watermelon and popcorn, just because they liked him, because everybody was his friend . . ."

UP FRONT ...

By Mauldin



"You leave Weelie alone, or I'll never speak to you again."

Flashes From The Front

WHEN CAPT, HOWARD HICKOK, Ames, Iowa, returned to his when capt. Howard Hickor, ames, lowa, returned to his home base from a mission over Italy he found he couldn't get the wheels down on the Thunderbolt he was piloting. He circled the field nervously and then asked control to clear the runway for a belly landing. "This is the Colonel's plane," he told the control tower. "I hope the old man doesn't take it too hard." "Come on in sport," came the reply, "this is the Colonel speaking."

WHEN GENERAL SIR BERNARD LAW MONTGOMERY left the 8th Army he bequeathed his canaries to the operations staff. The birds are quartered outside the armored control vehicle in their special cage with the 8th Army badge painted on the front but the elements have depleted their numbers. Driver V. Berry, Ightham, Sevencaks, looks after the remaining two yellow chested mules, one big fat canary and a lone budgerygar. To see them in 8th Army headquarters reminds visitors that General Montgomery's spirit is still with the army he led to victory in the desert.

ONE FIGHTER WING OF THE 12TH AIR FORCE has reverently erected markers over its old latrines, giving the date the pits went into and out of action.

SGT. LLOYD B. BALDWIN, OLATHA, KANSAS., and Opl. Joseph Gorsche, Jr., Kenton, Mich., took advantage of a lull in the fighting recently to brew a pot of coffee—for the Krauts! The coffee was almost to the boiling point when German anti-tank guns opened fire on their



tank. The coffee began to boil—everything began to boil—and Kraut infantry advancing toward the GIs forced them to withdraw sans coffee, sans cups, sans everything. From their new position Baldwin and Gorsche watched the Krauts drinking their coffee, seemingly very grateful for the stimulant.

THE NIGHTS PASS SLOWLY up in the front lines when both sides are sweating each other out and lights are taboo. Sgt. Rocco Liberatore of East Boston, Mass., a 22-months veteran of the 34th Division, thinks it would be a swell idea if some talented chap back in the States would manufacture dice with phosphorescent spots. "Crap games sure help to while away the time," Liberatore said. "But how can we play at night and know whether we made our point or fell can we play at night and know whether we made our point or fell off if we can't see the dice?" he asked.

"EINSTEIN OF THE 5TH ARMY,, IS WHAT HIS ARTILLERY battalion calls Pfc. Lawrence Bechman, Wendell, Minn., because he's so handy at repairing watches. Recently a buddy left his wrist watch on the fender of a loaded truck. The truck started off and the time-piece fell under a wheel. Undaunted, Pvt. Beckman went to work on the flattened case and movement and had it running within a day.

CPL. OTTO P. HAGENAH, BROOKLYN, N. Y., NOW RATES AS the most congenial man in the 5th Army. As a result of a recent ex-perience his buddies say that he now stops for a minute to talk to everybody. A few nights ago he was corporal of the guard. While chatting with one of the guards a shell landed just about on the spot he would have been had he not halted for a little conversation. "I'll never be an introvert in this Army." said the lucky two-striper.

AS THINGS ARE NOW, S-SGT. KENNETH JOHNSON, WASHington, D. C., can't visit his wife, but the next best circumstance occurred recently when he met her sister in Italy. The 5th Army mess sergeant's sister-in-law, Vivian Nesgode, is on duty as a nurse.

RIFLEMEN IN ONE BATTALION of the 34th Division don't josh headquarters men about their soft jobs. The battalion CP has lost six men killed and 18 wounded in three months, Normal personnel of the

Things Are Fine Back Home Despite War-Time Rationing

Yanks Need Not Worry, Home Folk Not Naked **Nor Going Hungry**

"How was it back home?" is the question invariably asked of all those returning to Italy after a stay in the United States. Generally speaking, you can say that home is swell, that it is not much different from the way most of us left it months ago, America is so rich and powerful that she's been able to produce practically all the goods of war demanded of her and still has managed to keep substantially the same standard of living.

In some details, however, the "How was it back home?" is the

In some details, however, the country has changed and here is an attempt by one recently returned to answer a few of the more

turned to answer a few of the more frequent questions:

1. FOOD. In case any serviceman overseas is worrying about whether his family back home is getting enough to eat, forget it right now. The home folks have plenty. Nobody who has money to buy food is going hungry, and from all appearances practically everybody has money to burn these days.

Land of Plenty ...

The only rationed foods include a few canned goods, roast beef, beef steak, butter and some kinds of cheese. The allowance in each item cheese. The allowance in each item is very generous. Sugar rationing is still in force in principle, but the amounts allowed are so ample that virtually no one ever thinks of it being rationed. Lamb, pork, ham, chicken, milk, eggs can be bought freely. As of the early summer, ice cream was plentiful. There was plenty of coffee, tea and chocolate. The markets never looked better, with their full array of practically every type of fruit and vegetable. Bananas were scarce, but on the every type of fruit and vegetable. Bananas were scarce, but on the other hand fresh pineapple could be bought freely. It was true that prices on fresh fruits and vegetables, largely unregulated by the ceiling price system of the OPA, were very high. For example, a pound of tomatoes came to 30 cents in early July in New York. People often talked about the black market, but I met no one who bought black market foods. Black markets really flourish when food is scarce.



but there is apparently no limit to over-the-bar sales.

2. CLOTHING. Shoes are rationed to three pair a year perperson but practically every other article of clothing can be bought freely. Only fast-growing children are in dire need of more than three pairs of shoes a year and there the OPA shows understanding. If parents go to the OPA and explain that their youngsters are growing out of their shoes so fast that they have to go barefooted, the OPA will not hesitate to divvy up more coupons.

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lars a pair.
There seems no doubt that clothing for civilians has a much poorer quality than it had three or four quality than it had three or four years ago. Even a soldier buying a uniform from a civilian store will find that the uniform isn't nearly as well made as those at PXs. Alterations now take days. Anyone having a suit tailored especially for him will find that he may have to wait months.

3. TRAVEL. Everybody seems to ple often talked about the black market, but I met no one who bought black market foods. Black markets really flourish when food is scarce.

Beer is plentiful. For the harder stuff, rum is now substituted in many places where rye or bourbon was formerly drunk. Most liquor shops will reserve their supplies of Scotch only for old customers. Bottled rye can be bought only a quart at a time, if at all,

anywhere from two to six weeks in advance. Most civilians have given up traveling by air unless they can get a priority. Too many people have been taken off at stops enroute to make way for essential military traffic and have been stranded for days at out-of-way air-ports.

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Fourth of July traffic out of New York was the greatest in history despite every attempt by the government and by the railroads to persuade people to stay home. The railroads have carried on an extensive advertising program to try to reduce civilian travel, but apparently without much effect. Half the Pullman cars are now devoted to military traffic and they have recently added to their load hospital trains. Not only are people traveling more now than in peace time, but unlike other times no one has the necessary gas to make long car trips. The highways are the least crowded part of America.

trades should experience a real boom.

5. MOOD. America is confident of winning the war, but it is also without false optimism over the length of time it will take or the cost of the struggle. The country follows the war news closely, but it's difficult for everybody back home to picture adequately or even understand the trials that men in the field undergo the field undergo,

Postwar Plans . . .

America is discussing intensely right now plans for the reconver-sion of industry, plans for jobs for returning veterans and plans for a postwar America and a postwar world.

Recently there has been a lively controversy over what should be done with Germany. Two prominent groups have come out on op-posite sides of this question. One organization called The Society for the Prevention of World War III stands for a harsh peace with Germany and in general believes that the German people and not merely the Nazis are responsible for the last two big European conflicts. This organization believes that the German people are diseased ment-

Bert Andrews of the New York
Herald Tribune, which is a Republican paper, said the GOP strategy will concentrate on smoking the President out and "compelling him to doff his nonexistent uniform of Commander in Chief for the ordinary business suit of a practicing politician that every companies and Dewey doesn't intend to key his appeal prematurely."

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Andrews outlined the Roosevelt staking their cue from the President will attempt to make this "the most unusual Presidential campaign in American history" by having the President confine himself to "two or three lofty Commander in Chief speeches from within or without continental United States."

Andrews predicts, however, that Dewey barbs based on "specific charges at specific Democrats" will draw the President out into the open before election time.

Different was running in the 29th New York Congressional District.

Drummond sums up Dewey's precampaign objectives thusly: One, he is seeking to create the impression of a calm, unhurried, purposeful political leader keenly aware of the great problems which confront the nation and determined to master his own proposed solutions before he speaks.

Two, he intends to refrain from defining his own stand so sharply as to cut off potential support or foreclosure on the widest possible area of agreement among his potential supporters.

Three, he is seeking to develop and Navy before Japan is defeated.

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Three, he is seeking to develop and Navy before he actually begins his public campaign.



Writers Present Overall

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ahem . . . questionable repute who are loitering around pl where service men congregate.

The phone kept going buzz buzz. It's been buzzing ever since the It's been buzzing ever since the mayor recently ordered police to arrest unescorted women loitering around the center of town, as part of a venereal disease control drive requested by the Navy. Someone misquoted the mayor and the good ladies of Jacksonville have been on

Buzz buzz buzz goes the mayor's phone. When they find out the facts, they're mollified. Mayor Alsop has ordered police not to bother anyone they are not absolutely sure is "er . . . a client or customer, as you might say."

The mayor's police, charged with a most delicate job, have done well so far. Every one of the 12 women picked up the first night was con-

CIO, AFL Chiefs Plan Visit To War Theater

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4—Six American labor leaders will visit the European war theater to get a first hand picture of problems on the fighting fronts and watch the performance of equipment turned out by workers in the United States.

Selected for the War Department approved trip were CIO represen-tatives: R. J. Thomas, United Auto Workers; Sherman H. Dalrymple, United Rubber Workers, and Daniel J. McDonald, United Steel Workers.

AFL delegates are Frank J. Fenton, director of the organization; Al Wegener, International Brotherhood and Electrical Workers, and Eric Peterson.

BY JIM BURCHARD

NAPLES, Aug. 4-It was inevitable that Pete would finally strike out for the last time.

The little, half-bald photographer was always in there swinging, try-ing for home runs. Whether it was baseball or the battlefront, Pete's methods never varied. He shot the works. The German gun hadn't been built that could stop him from unlimbering his camera and rec-ording the scene for posterity.

He never hit a home run on the diamond. He always struck out, cursing his luck and the umpire. But that third strike always was a lusty wallop that shattered the very atmosphere.

With the camera it was different. He slammed a four-bagger almost every time. Pete took pictures for Yank, The Army Weekly. That is, he did until he was killed. His shots, many of them used in The Stars and Stripes, painted a vivid history of the Tunisian and Sicilian campaigns.

When Pete got wind of the big invasion, he had ants in his pants. He smelled pictures—big pictures. So, just as scared as the next guy, he was in the first wave. A shell shattered his hip and leg. Pete cursed his luck again, and, eyes blazing indignantly behind his thick spectacles, bawled out a sailor who asked what was Yank.

The Last Strike

Pete was carried aboard an LCI for evacuation to England. The LCI hit a mine or something. Anyway, it went down. So did Pete-striking out for the last time. And, probably cursing his luck at not being able to get a picture of the sinking.

were sorry to lose Pete. He was a swell addition to the swarm 'of reporters and photographers who cover all invasions and battles. He was tops in his field; he was always good for a belly laugh. He drove superior officers crazy by his mixed uniforms and complete disregard of military methods, but they'd have let him wear sack-cloth and ashes to get his pictures. His full moniker was S-Sgt. Pete

His full moniker was S-Sgt. Pete Paris. He was the first man signed by Yank, and in the early days of the Tunisian campaign he divided his efforts equally between Yank and this sheet. Perhaps that will explain this column. All the oldtimers knew him well. Anecdotes about Pete are manifold.

He first showed up in Algiers in December, 1942. He was rushed to the front when a full colonel found him fast asleep on an office desk.

Pete could sleep anywhere, and generally did. He slept the full 40 miles of Messerschmidt Lane from Feriana to Gafsa after he had been appointed rear lookout in a jeep. It was just fortunate that no MEs came in from behind. An hour later a QM column was shot to hell.

Lost Password

His inability to remember pa words almost produced his finish during the battle for Sened Long after dark Pete returned to headquarters from the front A sentry shouted: "Halt, who's there?" There was no reply. After a few seconds the sentry yelped, "Say something or I'll shoot."

For a split second there was slience. Then came Pete's voice in the black of night, quavering and doubtful: "Well, what do you want me to say?"

Pete say?"

Pete ways in a jam over uniforms. He appeared before a supply major in a leather aviator's jacket, OD shirt and sun tan pants. facket, OD shirt and sun tan pants. The major still goes berserk when somebody recalls the occasion. Pete wrote from London that he was miserable. The MPs were always picking him up because he forgot to button something or other.

"Now I never go out until after dark," wrote Pete. "They can't see buttons in a blackout."

That's about all. As we said be-fore, the gang will miss Pete. He was good for a lot of laughs.

Turner To Browns

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 3—The Browns have purchased catcher Tom Turner from the White Sox for the waiver price of 7,500 dollars and have sold outfielder Tom Hafey to the Senators for the same amount. Acquisition of Turner gives the Brownies three catchers.

LEND ME Joe Louis Arrives On Italy Tour

Max Lanier's Form Solidifies Cards' Pennant Chances

NEW YORK, Aug. 4—Now that Lefty Max Lanier's salary wing is back in shape, the Cards are a bigger cinch than ever to annex their third straight National League flag. Wednesday night, the stocky southpaw scattered five hits to set down the Pirates, 8-4, and hang up his 12th win of the season.

Lanier had started off the campaign with seven straight triumphs but ran into a snag after losing several close ones and had to be side-

eral close ones and had to be side-lined with a burn flipper. But he showed all his early-season form against the Bucs, although temp-orary loss of control in the fifth, when he walked two men and hit another, plus two hits gave the Corsairs three of their four runs. Rip "Euphus Ball" Sewell lasted four innings for Pittsburgh and was charged with his ninth loss against 11 victories. 11 victories.

Yesterday was an off-day in the majors, but the White Sox and the Athletics took advantage of it to play off two games that had been postponed earlier in the season. The A's took the opener, 9-3, and the Chisox the nightcap, 7-3. Ancient Tony Cuccinello, who like old man river just keeps rolling along, had a perfect day at bat in the second game, banging out four singles in game, banging out four singles in four tries, knocked in two runs, and scored two himself.

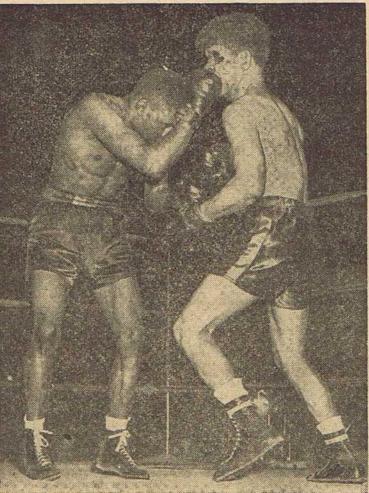
Dick Siebert, A's first baseman,

bick Slepert, A's first baseman, had three singles in three trips and moved into second place in the American League batting race with .328, while Ed Garnett, Chicago's rookie outfielder, could pick up only two hits in both games and dropped three points to .30%.

TCU Grid Coach Sees

FT. WORTH, Texas, Aug. 4— Dutch Meyer, Texas Christian football coach, has high hopes that the southwest conference in general and that TCU in particular will be play-ing better football this year than

WHATTAYA WANT, BLOOD?



Bob Montgomery, New York State lightweight champion pushes a savage right into the puss of Joe Peralta, Tamaqua, in the titleholder's last fight before entering the army as a private. Bob won. Last night he faced Pvt. Beau Jack, former champion, in a war bond bout that netted 13 million dollars. Because of difference in time, you'll have to wait until Mon-day for the result.

Better Play In '44 Newly Formed Loop Asks Professional Grid 'Czar'

territories between his newly-formed United States Professional frontball this year than they did last.

Since every school in the loop has gotten some new talent Meyer has gotten some new talent Meyer has been every school in the loop has gotten some new talent Meyer has been been every school in the loop has gotten some new talent Meyer has been been every school in the loop has gotten some new talent Meyer has been been every school in the loop has gotten some new talent Meyer has been been every school in the loop has gotten some new talent Meyer has been been will be asserted to match dollar for dollar work of the said its members are prepared to match dollar for dollar his squad in mid-season when the work of the said its members are prepared to match dollar for dollar his squad in mid-season when the work of the said its option on football the won't face that prospect this year since he has 27 civilians and 24 Navy men and only one of the civilians is awaiting an Army call. The southwest conference starts fall practice the latter part of grown and they'll play 45 games including extra conference tilts with Kansas Missouri, Oklahoma, a gagies, Louisiana State, Oklahoma, Tulane, Mississippi, Tulas, Misami and the Norman Navy Zoomers.

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Mack tonight will have ended 50
years as a major league manager.

Among those who will pay tribute
to the lean leader of the Athletics
at tonight's party will be Connie's
living All-American team. They include catchers Bill Dickey and
Mickey Cochrane, pitchers Lefty
Grove and Walter Johnson, first
baseman George Sisler, second
baseman Eddie Collins, shortstop
Honus Wagner, third baseman
Frank "Home Rum" Baker, leftfielder Ty Cobb, centerfielder Tris
Speaker and rightfielder Babe Ruth.
With the way the A's are going
Connie would no doubt give his

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Champ Immediately **Boxes Exhibition** To Inaugurate Tour

By A Staff Correspondent

NAPLES, Aug. 4—S-Sgt. Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, arrived in Italy yesterday, and before he had been here a dozen hours he was tossing leather for the entertainment of GIs in a nearby town.

Looking in the proverbial pink, Joe now is rounding out a tour that kept him three and one-half months in England and several weeks in

in England and several weeks in North Africa. Tonight he boxed two two-round exhibitions on a seven-

wo-round exhibitions on a seven-bout show.

With Louis are M-Sgt. George Nicholson, his sparring partner for seven years; Sgt. Robert Smith, De-troit heavy; Sgt. Jackie Wilson, Cleveland welter, and Sgt. Jimmy Edgar, Detroit middleweight.

JOE REALLY TRIES

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It is not clear at present just where in Italy Joe will tour, although if he has anything at all to do with the itinerary it will probably take in almost every single area in the theater. Joe has a record for really pitching in and making as many visits as transportation will allow.

Since he is a GI and his presence will attract great crowds, the Army is usually careful about announcing where his exhibitions will be held. However, the men is hospitals can rest assured that if anybody gets to see the champion in their area, they will get first choice.

Up to now Joe's European tour has been a tremendous success, and there is every reason to believe that it will continue see Outet almost

has been a tremendous success, and there is every reason to believe that it will continue so. Quiet, almost businesslike about his conduct, Joe has won innumerable friends—people who had only heard of but never seen the champion before—in England and North Africa.

His shows have never been perfunctory, and many fans who have seen him in action on the tour have been surprised that he and Nicholson at times have really pelted each other as though something more than an exhibition were taking place.

ERIE, Pa., Aug. 4—President Roland Pane, declaring there is likely to be plenty of cut-throat competition over players and territories between his newly-formed United States Professional Football League and the National League has proposed formation of a National Commission to function in professional grid circles the same way Judge Landis regulates baseball.

Intimating the new league was Int September.
Those who are interested in going

Pro Fight Card Features Italian Middleweights

ROME, Aug. 4—An all-professional boxing card, featuring Italo Palmarini, middleweight champion of Italy, and Domenico Di Stefano, one of his more outstanding challengers in a non-title go, will be held at the Stadium Nazionale, Via Flaminia Sunday. This will be Palmarini's first bout since he successfully defended his title in Milan last February.

The matches are being staged for

The matches are being staged for the benefit of orphans and widows of Italian patriots. The opening bout starts at 1730.

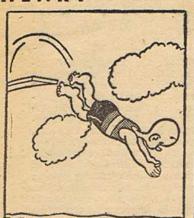
Macioszczyk!

PHIALEDPHIA, Aug. 4 — The Philly Eagles of the National Football League announced the signing of three new players, including one who promises to annoy lino-type operators almost as much as the opposing teams. He is a crash-ing fullback from Western Michi-gan named Arthur Macloszczyk, Also signed were holdovers Charley Caeur and Al Sherman.

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Cincinnati	54	42	.563	Boston	52	46	.531	Newark	56	49	.53
Pittsburgh	50	41	.549	New York	50	46	.521	Buffalo	57	51	.52
New York	46	51	.474	Cleveland	51	49	510	Jersey City	51	51	.50
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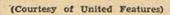


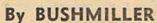
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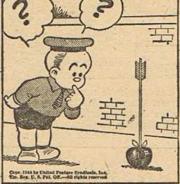




FRNIF . BUSHMILLER

GREAT CAESAR, KLOTZ! DO YOU WIGH ME TO WITHDRAW MY

THIS MOROSE



STRANGE PLANTS AND FLOWERS

MAJOR HOOPLE

THIRTY POUNDS OF WEENIES, TWENTY POUNDS OF BACON-

MISTER MAJOR, ARE YOU LIT UP LIKE A

NIGHT BALL GAMES

ALL THIS UP SHOW ME ALREADY THE

CASH YOU GOT MIT IMIDATION MONEY!

(Courtesy of NEA)

OUT OUR WAY (Courtesy of NEA) By WILLIAMS





GI SHOPTALK

Wives of soldiers aboard are beginning to wonder how long their men will have to serve in the army of occupation. They're besieging the War Department with queries about whether they can go over to join them. The department isn't ready to talk, says the queries are premature. But in 1919 wives were allowed to join their husbands, had expenses paid as they would for change of station in the United States.

The Fifth Army used 64,750,000 pounds of heavy artiliery ammo during one month of battle to crack the Cassino line. The figure applies only to heavy guns of 155 mm and above.

Free-issue candy is now promised GI's in combat and other areas where there are no PX's. Only it won't be the soft gooey kind—it will be hard stuff, half of it peppermint flavored, the rest cherry, orange, clove, lemon and lime. A pound a week will be the ration—if you want it.

Teams of GI gardeners, who can transform a small tomato seed into big, ripe tomatoes in 75 days regardless of temperature, soil conditions or rainfall are showing off on the barren atolls and islands of the Atlantic and Pacific for the benefit of 150-lated air corps units. The vegetables are grown by hydroponics—by which the vegetables are grown in a solution of water and chemicals. Such chemical gardens will be set up in Ascension Island in the Atlantic; Canton Island, Espiritu Santo and Port Moresby in the Pacific and at Karachi, India. the Pacific and at Karachi, India.

A turkey dinner for all American POWs in Germany on Christmas and New Year's Eve is the goal of the Army and the Red Cross, Turkeys, packed in 12-ounce packages, will be shipped to Switzerland in a special overseas package.

To the office of every US general in SHAEF last week came a bundle from Washington, contain-ting an elegant calfskin belt with pistol holster and a big shiny buckle embossed with the U.S. seal. One two-star general snorted—"Hell of a thing for the field—a sniper could pick out the buckle at 1,000 yards." Maybe it's for the marching through Berlin.

Hope-Dampener: the War Department warns GIs overseas that if they want to get their Christmas packages in time for the holidays, they should write the folks, reminding them that Oct. 15 is the latest date that packages can be mailed from the States for delivery to the hattlefronts in time for to the battlefronts in time for Christmas.

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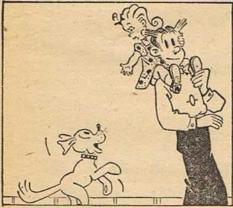
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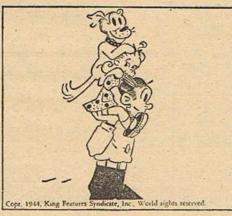
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WOULD LIKE TO

KNOW IF YOU'

By CHIC YOUNG





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MALE CALL

LOOKEE YONDER! REAL HARDWARE GENERALS IT'S THE WOLF PATROL WITH MERIT BADGES! COME IN AND WRINKLE YOUR



THIS IS NOT EXACTLY DEAL'EM AND 2 AN OFFICIAL VISIT, WE'LL PLAY 'EM! MISS LACE - BUT WE WHAT COOKS WITH SORT OF REPRESENT OFFICERS GENERALLY.



FAIR QUESTION !... NO, I'M NOT ALLERGIC TO BRASS ... I COULD GO INTO A PITCH ABOUT THE DISLIKE OFFICERS? YOU SEEM TO DATE O.D. JOKERS HAVING FEWER PRIVILEGES AND ALL THAT ... BUT YOU KNOW THOSE REASONS,



By MILT CANIFF.

IT SOUNDS SORTA CORNY TO TELL IT, BUT I'VE GOT A JOB TO DO TILL YOU ALL GET BACK TO STRIPED NECKTIES !.. YOU BRASSIES RATE A SALUTE FROM ALL E.M. - BUT JOE GEE OFTEN FORGETS THAT CIVILIANS WOULD LIKE TO TOUCH THEIR CAPS TO HIM, IF THEY KNEW HOW! ... I'M HERE TO PROVIDE SOMEONS TO SALUTE HIM FIRST !... THEN HE PASSES IT ON TO YOU! ... BUT DON'T BE DISCOURAGED -YOU MIGHT GET THE BREAKS ANYTIME ... HMMM?



Truman Gives Up North Italy Patriots Senate War Post

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 — Sen. Harry S. Truman (D., Mo.) gave up his chairmanship of the Senate War Investigating Committee today in order to free himself for a vigorous campaign as President Roosevelt's running mate.

it entirely."

His formal resignation from the committee was addressed to Vice President Henry A. Wallace. He asserted in it that his act was "one of the regrets of my lifetime."

He added: "As Vice Presidential candidate it is my obligation to present to the people the accomplishments of the Democratic party and reasons why it should continue

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to be entrusted with the administration of the government in this great national emergency.

"I don't want even the shadow of suspicion that the committee's activities are in any way determined or influenced by political considerations." considerations.'

Polish Premier, Stalin Hold Talk In Kremlin

LONDON, Aug. 4—Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin and Premier Stanis-law Mikolajczwk of the Polish gov-ernment-in-exile conferred in Mos-

Cause Foe Headaches

LONDON, Aug. 4 — Italian patriots battled the Germans so fiercely in one sector of occupied Italy this week that the enemy had to throw into the fray more than 100 tanks, according to a communique today from the Italian forces of resistance. The patriots were supported by Allied aircraft for whose assistance they had asked.

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9th Nazi Charles

4-Lt. Harry A. Parker, Milford, N. H., as hot a pilot as any flying hearabouts, bagged his ninth enemy plane in six operational days yesterday during a dogfight with ap-proximately 50 enemy planes over southern Germany. The victory was one of 18 scored by Allied gunners during the day which cost the Allies 15 aircraft.

Lt. Parker was accompanying American heavies against targets in the Friedrichshafen area, where bombing results ranged from fair to good.

Bombing honors for the day went to Tactical's medium and fighter bombers which spent their second straight day over southern France, an area which was attacked last night by RAF heavies and Welling-tons.

For the second straight day
Thunderbolts, Spltfires, Mustangs
and Kittyhawks took over targets
in northern Italy except for a
viaduct and rail bridges at Ora
and St. Michele, that the heavy
bombers carried out. The Thunderbolts worked around Mantua, Cremona and Milan; the others
pounded communications, bridges,
barracks, gun positions and transport around Florence, Pistoia,
Bologna, Lucca and Cesena, with
generally good results.

Although bomber gunners scored law Mikolajczwk of the Polish gevernment-in-exile conferred in Moscow for two and one-half hours yesterday, a Reuter's correspondent reported, but no official announcement was made of the subjects covered in their talks.

At the end of the conference, the correspondent said, the Polish premier and his foreign minister, Taddeus Rommer, left the Kremlin in jovial spirits and Mikolajczwk told correspondents he had no statement to make immediately but might issue one Saturday.

The Polish officials were luncheon guesis of W. Averill Harriman, U. S. Ambassador to Russia, and held individual discussions with both American and British envoys regarding their mission to Russia.

The historic conference took place as Moscow announced that Polish civil administrators and municipal governments are to be set up in the province of Lublin and other liberated Polish territories between the Bug and Vistula

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SOUTHERN FLORENCE REACHED

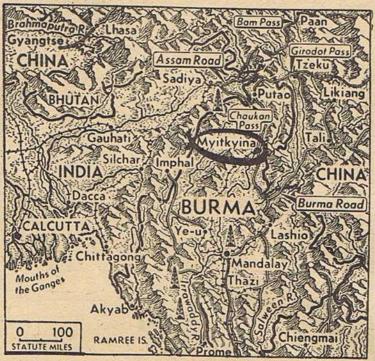
of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change their present tactics to slow withdrawal which are proving extremely costly. In the last month of the 8th Army drive, covering an insignificant distance in mileage, more than 5,000 prisoners have been taken, only 2,000 fewer than the number taken between Cassino and Arezzo.

As matters stood today 8th Army troops, without great difficulty, had advanced two miles northeast from La Romola and San Michele, once Giogoli, four miles from Florence. East of Highway 2, South African units using American Sherman tanks, moved up more than 2,000 yards, toppling rubbled Impruneta, the last sizeable town south of Florence, and were more than 2,000 yards, toppling rubbled Impruneta,

ence, and were more than a mile north of Strada in Chianti
The Krauts also abandoned Incisa on Highway 69, and tank supported reconnaissance patrols on both sides of the Arno in that region reached points more than a mile above Incisa.

It may be pointed out that while

NORTHERN BURMA CLEARED



Jap invaders have now been driven out of all the key towns of northern Burma, the taking of Myitkyina yesterday clearing the Nips from their last strongpoint. The victory opened the way to a drive southwards, and swept aside a block on the Burma supply route to China.

Krauts Nervous, Waiting Next Move By Americans

By Sgt. DON WILLIAMS Staff Correspondent

WITH THE 5TH ARMY BELOW, and a number of Nazi motor parks PISA, Aug. 4—Nazi forces of Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, holding the north bank of the Arno River, displayed increased signs of jitters this week as they waited in vain for an indication as to when the northward push of Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark's American 5th Army would be resumed.

That the Nazis looked for an No indication has yet been given.

Army would be resumed.

That the Nazis looked for an early break in the battle lull which was ending its second week was evident from the concentration of German troops and tanks along the banks of the winding Arno in the western sector of the Italian front, Hundreds of flares were thrown over the river during the hours of darkness to thwart any Allied attempt at a surprise crossing of the barrier to the Gothic Line some 15 miles to the north. Smoke screens were used to mask daylight activity east of Pisa.

Gernan positions reached with

German positions reached with increased resistance and sensitivity to American patrol activity and on to American patrol activity and on several occasions Nazi patrols attempted unsuccessfully to infiltrate American positions south of the Arno. Two enemy attempts to throw patrols across the river on the left flank were broken up before the crossing was achieved and on a third occasion a number of prisoners were captured and the remaining troops forced to retire after a patrol crossing had been ef-

campaign.

Today its American troops were on one of their very infrequent static fronts, concerned only with enemy infiltration attempts, some snipers in the coastal sector near Marina di Pisa and harassing fire from enemy guns north of the Arno.

here tonight in a broadcast that avoided China will ask for the return of Manuchuria, Formosa and the Pescadores islands as a provision for final peace with Japan.

"Japan must disgorge all her territorial conquests and she must restore independence to Korea," said Dr. Kung.

Dr. Kung.

front.

The German anxiety as to the next American move, meanwhile, has not been lessened by the activity in the other Italian sector where 8th Army troops have tightened their grip in the semi-circle south of Florence, capture of which would threaten the eastern flank of the Nazi line.

RED ARMY

to carry out demolitions with sadistic imagination.

It was pointed out that the Germans callously took advantage of the situation knowing well that our undisputed air power would not be used to destroy the bridges in Florence. It now remains to be seen whether the Nazis will carry the vandalism to the extent of destroying the Ponte Vecchio, a priceless example of bridge architecture.

The fact that the Allies can now shell the Arno River crossings west of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the first of the first of the peaks east of Highway 2, may yet cause the Germans to change the first of the first of

the sea are "deserting and refus-ing to fight" and it added that the Baltics "are becoming an enor-mous cemetery for the Germans." Arlington National Cemetery

Key Burma Bastion Of Myitkyina Falls

KANDY, Ceylon, Aug. 4-Myltkyina, largest town in northern Burma and a strategic focal point for road, rail and river communications, has been captured by the Allied armies that have been pressing upon it for the past 12 weeks, it was announced in today's Southeast Asia Command communique.

The taking of Myitkyina, hub of the north Burma railway system and a port on the Irrawaddy River, gives the Allies all three of the triangle of important bases from which the Japs had hoped to bar an approach to central and southern Burma from the north, and block the passage of supplies from India and Burma into China. The other two bases were Mogaung and Kamieng.

Scene of some of the bitterest fighting of the Burma campaign, Myitkyina itself has been in Jap hands for more than two years, but today's communique stated that not one Jap was left alive in the town

It was on May 17 that American and Chinese troops under Brig. Gen. Frank Merrill captured the Myitkyina airfield. These men, known as "Merrill's Raiders" made a daring 20-day secret march through difficult hill and jungle country. Since then the struggle for the town has gone on with bloody intensity.

Chinese troops have also been fighting towards the town, and it was reported from Chungking to-day that Chinese forces had entered the city of Tengchung, one of the main obstacles blocking their ad-

Army Takes Over Philly Transport

(Continued from page 1)

"sabotage of our country's war ef-fort," and James J. Fitzsimon, TWU International vice president, wno asserted, "a small group of self-seeking disgruntled employees were "trying to regain power over the dead bodies of American soldiers."
At least a dozen draft boards an-

nounced they were reclassifying into 1-A a total of more than 500 idle workers who previously had occupational deferments.

Taprooms and liquor stores remained closed to prevent any disorder. For the first time since 1924 Philadelphia police carried night sticks. Police reported the arrest of 300 persons, mostly Negroes be-tween the ages of 14 and 18.

From James McMenamin, From James McMenamin, strike leader, came a defiant statement that stoppage would retain support of the majority of the strikers even in case of government seizure. He said government operation without the suspension of the upgraded operators "would cause worse conditions."

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McMenamin is a high-speed operator on the Broad Street line and member of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, but the ma-jority of the strikers are members of the Transportation Workers Union. However, strikers said there

Union. However, strikers said there was no union organization involved in the walkout.

McMenamin said the strikers would be satisfied to arbitrate the issue. He said the strikers had voted to accept a seven-day work week instead of six if necessary to avert the use of Negro workers.

Quezon Rites

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4—Funeral services for Philippine President Manuel Quezon, who died Tuesday, were held here today at St. Matthews Church, Burial was in

L'IL ABNER

(Courtesy of United Features)

By AL CAPP





