

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Next Sunday afternoon 25 young women from Salem and vicinity who have been recruited by the Salem naval recruiting office will leave to enter duty as WAVEs. Others will join them in Portland to make up a full platoon of 32 who will go on to New York for training at Hunter college. This is the first time that a full platoon has been dispatched at once, and is testimony to the diligence of the local recruiting office and the response of Oregon young women.

However, those in charge of the recruiting station here say that they are running head-on into public complacency traceable to the feeling that the war is about over. Some girls have come in and inquired if they could get through their training course of four or eight weeks "before the war is over!" The progress of military action in Europe is causing a premature letdown at home. General Eisenhower said Tuesday that our armies are still a long way from the Rhine, which a glance at the map will show; and Germany's defense of its homeland will be fierce. So the war even in Europe isn't over, and no one can set a date for its termination other than by guesswork.

As far as the navy is concerned, its need for WAVEs is increasing rather than lessening. A new ship for the navy is launched every two hours on the average. To man these ships men are required, and the navy is draining its shore stations of all eligible men for sea duty. This means that women must be obtained to handle the duties formerly taken care of by men. Right now there is a marked expansion in navy hospitals to take care of

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French Patriot Forces Linking Allied Drives

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCES, Aug. 16 (AP)—The twin Allied drives into France from the north and south were disclosed today as already linked from the channel to the Mediterranean and from the Atlantic to the Alps by powerful operations of the French forces of the interior, who now are fighting with armor.

An announcement of an official roll of achievements during the last few weeks included:

1. Capture by storm of four Brittany towns.
2. Entry into six other towns in collaboration with the American clean-up of the peninsula.
3. Trapping of 1500 Germans around Palmpol, Brittany.
4. Annihilation of Nazi garrisons at Moutiers, near Rennes, and Bourg St. Maurice, in Savoy mountains.
5. Hammering of Tarantaise garrison in Savoy into surrender against the "anvil" of collaborating Italian Maquis.
6. Destruction of 400,000 gallons of precious German gasoline in northern France.

In a tribute to the French partisans supreme headquarters reported they had entered the towns of Sixun, Braspart, Playben, Chateau Neuf, Coray and Milliz and had taken by storm Quimperle, Bannalec, Chateaulin and Dournezer.

Bombers Raid Mako's Base

CHUNGKING, Aug. 16 (AP)—Liberator bombers of Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's 14th air force last night raided the Japanese naval base of Mako in the tiny but strategically important Pescadore islands, it was announced today.

No details were given on the bombing, the first allied blow against the islands, which lie between Formosa and China. Mako is approximately 1700 miles southwest of Tokyo and 400 miles north of the Philippines.

The Pescadores, under a decision of the Cairo conference, will be returned to China, after the defeat of Japan.

Liberators also made a night attack on Takao harbor in southwestern Formosa.

Burma Yank Thinks Of Christmas Early

LINCOLN, Aug. 16—"Send my Christmas package immediately so I will get it in time for Christmas." This is the message received this week by Mr. and Mrs. L. I. Mickey from their son, Pfc. James W. Mickey stationed with the 14th army air force in the China-Burma sector.

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Gain Firm Foothold On Coast

Gen. Patch Leads Newest Assault Of Seventh Army

ROME, Aug. 16 (AP)—French and American invasion troops, now identified as the Seventh army, under the veteran US Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, were fighting as they moved a long way from the Rhine, which a glance at the map will show; and Germany's defense of its homeland will be fierce. So the war even in Europe isn't over, and no one can set a date for its termination other than by guesswork.

Disclosing that the land, sea and air forces making this latest breach in Hitler's continental wall were under an all-American command, Allied headquarters announced tonight that "all initial objectives have been taken" and that casualties of all services had been "exceptionally light."

Four in Equipment.
The Allies tonight were pouring ashore by sea and air a steady stream of new fighters and equipment. British and American airborne troops, landed on a big scale behind the lines, were effectively blocking German attempts to rush reinforcements to the invasion scene.

The Americans used flame-throwers to burn Germans out of stone emplacements.

Long Glider Trains
The highly-trained and expert airborne forces were landed from towed gliders which formed a train fully 50 miles long and several miles wide; and by parachute from transport which kept more than 1000 men swing in the air at a time.

Although serious opposition was encountered at one undisclosed point, preventing the Allies from debarking, most of the opening assault "overran intricate beach obstacles strongly protected by German coastal guns," headquarters disclosed tonight.

No Strong Opposition
No powerful or general German opposition had yet developed, persons arriving from the beachhead reported.

The headquarters of Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, Briton who is commander-in-chief of the Allied Mediterranean forces, disclosed tonight that the invasion was under American command, on land and sea and in the air.

Polio Strikes In Silverton

SILVERTON, Aug. 16—Marlin Hutton, 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hutton, is suffering from infantile paralysis. It was stated by the city health officer, Dr. P. A. Loer, Wednesday night. The case is "not too severe," Dr. Loer said but the paralysis has affected his legs. The family lives on McClain street. This is the first case reported in Silverton during the current epidemic, Dr. Loer said.

Leukemia Victim Dies

SPRINGFIELD, O., Aug. 16 (AP)—Jackie Krumholtz, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Krumholtz, who had been suffering from acute lymphatic leukemia since mid-July and whose case had attracted nation-wide attention, died tonight at 10:32 p.m.

House Committee Argues Over Unemployment Benefit Plan

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP)—A move for unemployment benefits up to \$30 a week gathered headway at the capitol today with the reported blocking of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes.

House backers of the senate-defeated Kilgore bill, which would have set federal standards up to \$35 a week, gave indications for a time that they might settle for the later figures, but later Rep. Celler (D-N.Y.) announced he will make a floor fight for the Kilgore bill with the maximum pay cut to \$25.

Byrnes, in an executive session of the house ways and means committee, endorsed the principle of the George "state's rights" bill passed by the senate last week,

Canadians Storm Into Falaise

Tanks Move Inland After New Landing



American infantrymen and amphibious vehicles move inland on a road leading from the southern coast of France east of Toulon as the beachhead area established in the new invasion move. (AP Wirephoto via Signal Corps radio.)

German Radio Admits Nazis Withdrawing

LONDON, Aug. 16 (AP)—After contending all day that the allied beachheads in southern France were widely scattered along the Riviera and "isolated from one another," the German radio tonight suddenly announced that the defending forces had destroyed harbor installations at Nice, Cannes and St. Tropez and were withdrawing inland to get out of range of naval guns.

"The critical hour is expected not on the coast, but inland," said the German Transoceanic agency in seeking to explain the withdrawals. It said many coastal points were "under the heaviest fire of allied naval artillery."

Major landings, according to the German broadcasts, were at the mouth of the Anger river and on the St. Tropez peninsula, but others were said to be expected.

Allied airborne troops were declared by the Germans to be attacking the defenses from the rear, "especially at St. Raphael," and also in the Nice area.

Burma Allies Driving South

SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, Aug. 16 (AP)—Allied troops in north Burma, driving south along the Mandalay railway, now are about 22 miles southwest of Mogaung, having reached a point two miles north of Pinbaw, headquarters announced tonight.

(The Japanese themselves acknowledged withdrawal into Burma from India where, the Tokyo radio admitted, "they are prepared for battles." The broadcast was recorded by the Associated Press.)

British troops continued their advance down the Tiddim road and in the Kabaw valley in western Burma.

with the suggestion that the federal government set up minimum standards ranging up to \$30. Celler, immediately after Byrnes' appearance in the committee room, said he would accept a compromise that would guarantee "twenty or twenty five dollars a week" with Uncle Sam supplementing funds of poorer states.

Late in the day, however, he issued a statement calling the senate bill a "gold brick" and announcing his plan to fight for the \$25 maximum for unemployed veterans and displaced war workers with dependents.

The house itself, he said, must decide whether it "shall concur in the abdication of responsibility to the American people represented by the George bill."

Frenchmen in Haute Savoie Fight Germans

ON THE FRENCH-SWISS FRONTIER, Thursday, Aug. 17 (AP)—Frenchmen throughout Haute Savoie, supplied with guns and ammunition dropped by allied planes during the past week, fought on bitterly this morning in a major revolt against the nazis they had learned so well to hate during four years of occupation now drawing to an end.

Just after midnight big fires could be seen on Mount Saleve just outside Geneva. Germans were smoked out of the school buildings at Villie La Grande where they had held out all day Wednesday.

The region was completely under partisan control. Just before midnight allied planes dropped new supplies to feed the battle. It was reported reliably that a series of supply gliders landed in the French Juras just after dusk Wednesday.

There was no doubt that a general uprising, a real revolt, was in progress. Village after village was liberated during the afternoon. Fighting French appeared at custom posts. Fighting between German soldiers and SS units helped to spread chaos in the nazi garrisons.

German army troops at Thonon-Les-Bains fought a bitter, day-long battle with machine guns, rifles, while outside the town between Avian and Thonon partisans carried out a heavy offensive against occupation troops. Big fires were started in the village of Amphion and nazi troops there fled in disorder.

Thumbnail Of War!

By the Associated Press

Southern France: American-French troops drive eight miles inland after establishing 70-mile beachhead.

Western France: Canadians enter Falaise, narrowing Allied trap, but crippled German army still escaping from eight-mile gap in trap's jaws; Germans press die Allies setting another snare cutting off retreat to Seine.

Interior France: French rise against Germans on Swiss border.

Italy: Battlefronts mark time while Allied governments moves food into Florence.

Russia: Germans, battling to hold Warsaw, counterattack and push Russians out of Ossow.

Pacific: Pescadore Islands, between Formosa and China, raided for first time; southern Philippines, Truk bombed.

China: Chinese open drive near Ichang, westernmost Japanese base in central China, and continue offensive to reopen Burma road.

RAF Planes Blast Berlin, Stettin, Kiel

LONDON, Aug. 17 (AP)—A fleet of possibly 1000 RAF bombers blasted the German cities of Stettin and Kiel last night while a force of Mosquitos carried out their third successive night assault upon Berlin, the air ministry announced today.

Stettin is the chief Baltic port used by the Germans for supplying troops in Finland, and is on the upper flank of the Russian front. The city, which had a pre-war population of about 270,000, is the site of oil refineries and chemical industries. Kiel, some 200 miles west of Stettin, is a naval base and shipbuilding center. Both have been frequent bombing targets.

The allies threw another one-two aerial punch at the German homeland yesterday as more than 1000 Britain-based American heavy bombers hit aircraft and synthetic oil plants inside the reich and Liberators from Italy bombed the Friedrichshafen chemical works.

Allies Destroy 11 Nip Planes

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, Thursday, Aug. 17 (AP)—Allied bombers in new blows at the Philippines and the Spice Islands raided Davao, on Mindanao, and destroyed 11 airplanes at Halma-Hera, headquarters announced today.

A patrol plane, probably from a Dutch New Guinea base, attacked the wharf area of Davao, principal city in the southern Philippines, Sunday night. The damage to this important port, from which the Japanese formerly sent a flow of troops and supplies to Halmahera and New Guinea, was not disclosed.

Patrol planes have attacked Mindanao half a dozen times this month. Prior to the end of July, the Philippines had been beyond effective allied bomber range since April, 1942.

GSO-USO Plaque Will Be Dedicated Sunday

Tribute to the more than 30 young women from the membership of the Girls' Service organization in Salem who have entered one of the nation's uniformed services, the GSO-USO plaque will be dedicated Sunday afternoon at the USO clubhouse. The public is invited to the 3 o'clock ceremony.

AFL Excludes Strikers From Local's Order

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 16 (AP)—The AFL International Machine lodge 68 voted tonight to exclude union members employed in five navy-seized machine shops from the local's order prohibiting more than a 48-hour work week. E. F. Dillon, lodge business agent, announced.

Nazis Try To Hold Warsaw

Germans Throw Gigantic Forces Against Russians

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 17 (AP)—The Germans threw gigantic tank and infantry forces into an all-out struggle to hold Warsaw yesterday and forced the Russians out of the town of Ossow. Seven enemy tanks, seven self-propelled guns, 11 armored troop carriers and four armored cars were left wrecked on a battlefield strewn with hundreds of nazi dead before the Russians pulled back.

Red Smash Expected
Moscow military observers took the view that the ferocious German counterattacks were but the prelude to a Russian operation to smash the Germans at Warsaw.

Repeated German counterattacks in Estonia, on the Latvian-Lithuanian front and elsewhere were announced by the Russians as German resistance generally stiffened. All these were declared to have been thrown back, while the Russians themselves broke into the big south Poland town of Sandomierz, on the flank of their trans-Vistula bridgehead, and engaged in street fighting.

Russian accounts underscored that the red army had the situation in hand all along the front and that the offensive still lay with the Russians, although the German counteroffensive north-east of Warsaw was admittedly the most serious blow by the nazis since the beginning of the great summer campaign.

The Russians never had announced capture of Ossow, marking their closest approach to Warsaw since they began the siege of the capital July 31 after seizing Wolomin, 10 miles northeast.

Sgt. Predeek Is Missing

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 16—Sgt. Wilbert Predeek, 25 year old US army infantryman, is missing in action in Normandy since July 15, according to information from the war department received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Predeek.

Sgt. Predeek went overseas last December and has been in France since early June. His family heard from him on an average of three times a week but have not heard from him since July 12. That letter was written in a fox hole in France, July 5.

Wilbert Predeek was born near Silverton, Dec. 19, 1919, and came with his family to Mt. Angel in 1928. He attended Mt. Angel schools and college. There are three brothers and four sisters.

RCAF Plane Crashes

VANCOUVER, B. C., Aug. 16 (AP)—A twin-engine light transport plane carrying three airmen is missing from a west coast Royal Canadian air force station, it was announced tonight by Western Air command.

Valley Beans Spoil on Vines For Want of Enough Pickers

For want of pickers, beans are spoiling on the vines here in the mid-Willamette valley.

Several hundred more men, women and children are needed today in the beanyards of this area, farm placement personnel declare.

Buses from the farm placement office in the 300 block of Chemeketa street will leave at 8:30 to accommodate families which must get other members off to other jobs in town, while a special recruiting effort for workers to aid in the harvest Saturday afternoon and Sunday is expected to draw additional workers of all ages.

A West Stayton grower believes that a one-day delay in picking beans in his field cost him 30 to

Enemy Faces Another Trap Toward Paris

War Bond Redemptions Almost Equal Sales For 14 Days in August

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP)—War bond redemptions in the first 14 days of August totaled \$129,622,063, compared with sales of \$147,292,098.

This was disclosed in the treasury's daily statement today. The only apparent explanation for the heavy redemptions was that the cashing of war bonds usually is heavy following the conclusion of a bond drive.

For the current fiscal year, beginning July 1, war bond sales totaled \$2,272,347,694 and redemptions \$356,653,536.

Dewey Warns Against Cynical Power Politics

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's warning against "cynical power politics" today highlighted one of the knotty problems facing framers of the postwar peace:

How to give small nations a voice in the world peace-enforcing agency and yet satisfy demands, notably from Russians, that the little countries not be permitted to impede swift action to quell threatened aggression.

There was no immediate comment from the state department on the statement by Gov. Dewey, who said he was deeply disturbed by reports indicating that at the Dumbarton Oaks conference opening next Monday "it is planned to subject the nations of the world, great and small, permanently to the coercive power of the four nations holding this conference."

Senator Taft (R-Ohio) called Dewey's statement a "timely warning." Chairman Connally (D-Tex.) of the senate foreign relations committee had no immediate comment.

Senator Thomas (D-Okla.) said: "Dewey's remarks are strangely reminiscent of the republican chant of the last war. It sounds like a theme song of isolation. If the big powers don't get together and form an organization with power to back it up, certainly the little fellows can't be expected to do anything. They (republicans) are beginning to sidestep, question and straddle. Whatever is proposed from now on will be opposed by Dewey."

Escape Questionable
It was a defeat of an army, one officer said, but not an annihilation, and it remained to be seen, in view of the new threat to the Germans in the Paris direction, how many actually would escape. (The German high command reported heavy fighting in the whole Chartres-Dreux area some 60 miles northwest of Le Mans and 40 miles west of Paris. The Germans declared the purpose of this new sweep by American armored forces was not yet clear but that it suggested the intention of a new encirclement cutting the German retreat to Paris and the Seine.)

There was no allied substantiation of the German report. The whole sector east of the Falaise bottleneck was complete as that which masked Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, jr.'s cutoff drive north of Le Mans a week ago.

Navy Morale High

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 16 (AP)—Navy chaplains serving in every theater of action report that the morale of personnel is exceptionally high. Capt. Stanton W. Salisbury, assistant director of the navy chaplains' division, said today.

When the Mill City Manufacturing company mill went down this week to give its employees their annual summer vacation, a US employment service recruiter went to work and now 80 men a day are going into canneries work at West Stayton from the communities along the North Santiam. Other members of the same families, sometimes riding in the same school bus, prefer outdoor work and are helping to harvest the legumes for which the area is famous.

Brooks Fire Burns Trailer
BROOKS, Aug. 16—Fire destroyed the trailer house and contents of Miss Gladys Cramer at Bethel Gospel park, a quarter mile north of Brooks Wednesday afternoon. Miss Beverly Johnson lived with Miss Cramer and both are missionaries planning to leave soon for San Francisco from where they will leave shortly to return to the mission field.

The Brooks fire department responded to the call and put out the fire which had spread to lumber in the vicinity of the trailer house. No other damage was done by the fire. The trailer house and contents were valued at \$1500.

Weather

Maximum temperature Wednesday 84 degrees; minimum 53; no rain; river -4 ft.

Partly cloudy north portion; clear south portion Thursday and Friday with few showers north coast late Thursday; cooler Thursday evening between Cascades and coast.