

NINTH, FIRST RACE FOR BERLIN

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles F. Sprague

While the war is taking large chunks out of the civilian lives of our youth, it is filling the void with varied experiences. Nor are those experiences all ones of combat and bloodshed. The length of time in front lines positions is short compared with the months and years of training and camp-life, so there is time for observation. Perhaps the greatest values aside from the association in the comradeship of war come from travel. Young men and women from all parts of America are being sent to nearly all parts of the globe. They are getting an opportunity to study geography at first hand.

And don't think they are missing the chance of learning about land and sea and life and climate everywhere, in Burma and India and Iran and Egypt and Europe and Australia and Alaska and the Aleutians and Panama and hundreds of places between. While home always seems best, whether it is in some prairie town in South Dakota or in a dingy industrial street in Passaic, N. J. still they find things of interest and often of delight in the countries where they are stationed.

The letters that come back are full of observations and comments, and give home folk much information. I have just been reading the copy of a letter which Otto Paulus has received from Alfred Lauraine, who will be remembered as a former instructor in dance here—the one who trained the dancers for the Salem Centennial in 1940. He enlisted in the signal corps early in the war and is now on duty in the Philippines. His description of the country and the people is so vivid and interesting.

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Most of Vienna West, South of Danube Seized

LONDON, Wednesday, April 11 (AP)—The Russians seized all of Vienna west and south of the Danube except the narrow island between the river and the Danube canal yesterday and thrust within three and one-half miles of the German rail escape route northward to Brno (Brunn), the Soviet communists disclosed last night. Fall of the remainder of the old Austrian capital appeared imminent, as heavy street fighting raged on, and Moscow told how the enemy's defenses were crumbling in announcing that on Monday 2000 soldiers were captured along with 72 tanks and 75 field guns inside the city.

Russian artillery from three sides were raking the three-mile-long, half-mile-wide crescent of land between river and canal, where the Germans still were holding out in the old Jewish quarter of Leopoldstadt and in Brigittenau and Prater commercial districts.

Within the battle zone were two large railway stations, the 125-acre Augarten park, Vienna's modern sports stadium, and the modest site where in 1867 the younger Johann Strauss wrote the Blue Danube waltz.

German Radio Quit 5 Hours

LONDON, Wednesday, April 11 (AP)—German radio news services resumed broadcasting shortly after midnight following an unexplained silence of more than five hours for some stations.

DNB's European service that went off the air at 8:20 p. m., came back at 12:40 a. m., with an announcement that a holdout garrison at Wuerzburg had surrendered. Its service then was interrupted again by a loud whistle. The German agency's home service, which had stopped at 7:05 p. m., resumed at 12:40 a. m., also. The trans-ocean agency was silent, except for call signs, from 8 p. m. to 10 p. m.

No allied bombers were reported over the Reich before 10:20 p. m.

White Flags Flying

LONDON, April 10 (AP)—Thunderbolt pilots of the U. S. Ninth air force who attacked the reported that white flags began German city of Brunswick today to appear throughout the city while dive bombing was in progress.

Weather
San Francisco 58 45 9
Eugene 51 41 10
Salem 49 42 10
Portland 51 43 11
Seattle 49 43 12
Willamette river 9 ft. 1 in.
FORECAST: (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field) Cloudy with light rains today. Temperatures about 8 degrees below normal.

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Major Italy Drive Opens; Coal Agreement Reached

Miners Win Big Pay Boost

235 Mines Taken Over by Ickes To Stop Strikes

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Soft coal miners won broad pay concessions in a new contract agreed on tonight, shortly after federal seizure of 235 mines. A basic wage of \$10 a day for the average inside miner—up \$1.50—was understood to be embodied in the agreement reached by operators and President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers. Lewis abandoned a demand of 10 cents a ton royalty. The plan will be ready for ratification tomorrow afternoon by the full negotiating committee. It will be subject to review by the war labor board and Economic Stabilization Director Davis.

Small Part of Total

The mines taken over to keep steel production flowing are a small part of the 3478 total over the country. Nearly six weeks of negotiations were ended by announcement of Ezra Van Horn, chairman of the bituminous wage conference, that the two sides had gotten together on a contract to supplant the one which expired March 31. And that its form will be perfected by a subcommittee meeting at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Wildcat Strikes

The government stepped in to operate those mines affected by a wave of wildcat work interruptions which had partially closed plants turning out war-vital steel. It acted while the negotiators plodded doggedly ahead in their deliberations. Van Horn's announcement came less than three hours after the federal action. President Roosevelt ordered Interior Secretary Ickes to take over any mines where stoppages exist or are threatened. Within an hour, Ickes followed through and the government thus was back in the coal business the fourth time since the country declared war.

French Find German Plot

PARIS, April 10 (AP)—Two men wearing French air force uniforms arrested at Saint Cyr were accused by the authorities today of complicity in an enemy-inspired plot against the French state. The men, arrested in an automobile which contained several sub-machine guns and documents described officially as "incriminating," were not air force officers, police said. Pamphlets found in the car urged the population to solve food shortage problems by intercepting food trucks on the road, and the air ministry in a communique said "these tracts are the work of troublemakers in the pay of the enemy."

Marion Women Are Hostesses At Annual Homemakers Festival

By Marguerite Gleason
Valley News Editor
Homemakers of the four neighboring counties of Linn, Benton, Polk and Yamhill came to Salem on Tuesday to attend the second annual Marion county homemakers' spring festival, at the VFW hall on Hood street. Each of the 19 units organized for the extension program had an exhibit at the festival and these included a style show, a revamped furniture show, housecleaning exhibit and many other tricks too numerous to mention. More than 250 women from these units listened to words of praise for their work from County Judge Grant Murphy. Roy Rice, county commissioner, was also a guest. Judge Murphy recalled the start of the work in 1942. William Schoenfeld, director of extension, was the speaker at the luncheon attended by more than

Wins Victory



John L. Lewis

Yankees Land On Small Isle Off Okinawa

GUAM, Wednesday, April 11 (AP)—Tenth army troops landed on little Tsugen island off Okinawa's east coast yesterday while on the main island 24th corps doughboys battered the "little Soggyhead line" on the south from the sixth straight day without appreciable gains.

Some opposition was encountered on Tsugen, an island only a mile and one-quarter long about 10 miles off Nakagusuku harbor, important because in American hands it would complete American control of that onetime Japanese fleet anchorage.

The navy announced today that 5009 Japanese were killed and 222 prisoners of war taken in the first eight days of the battle for Okinawa, 325 miles south of the Japanese homeland.

There was no late estimate of American casualties. Field reports said they were running high in the bitterly-contested southern sector, where the most furious artillery duel of the Pacific war is under way.

Mexicans on Way to Salem

PORTLAND, Ore., April 10 (AP)—Three more trainloads of Mexican nationals are enroute to the north-west from El Paso, Tex. A train which left El Paso with Oregon towns receiving: Salem, 39, Troutdale, 39, Grants Pass, 43, Milton - Freewater, 15 and Medford 19. Washington will get 451 from this trainload, Wyoming 90 and Idaho 30. A train leaving El Paso Monday will bring 282 to Oregon, 415 to Idaho, 45 to Washington and 98 to Utah.

Lend-Lease Extension OK

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—The senate passed a one-year extension of lend-lease today after Vice President Truman pointed in defeating, 40 to 39, a republican amendment designed to make doubly sure that lend-lease ends when the shooting stops. The bill, already passed by the house, now goes to President Roosevelt. Administration officials have said there are no plans to use lend-lease for postwar relief and rehabilitation of foreign countries. Senators opposing the amendment offered by Senator Taft (R-Ohio) told the senate today it was superfluous and would hamstring orderly liquidation of the vast program.

8th Army Launches Assault

By Lynn Heinslering
ROME, April 10 (AP)—The veteran British Eighth army, opening what probably will be the last major battle in Italy, crossed the Senio river today on a wide front in a campaign to annihilate the German 10th and 14th armies before they can retreat into the mountain fortress of southern Germany.

The Eighth, with a brilliant record reaching back to El Alamein, moved into action last night after a six-month lull behind a murderous artillery barrage and the greatest coordinated aerial assault ever carried out in Italy. The barrage, which opened at 7:30 o'clock last night, was preceded by an aerial assault by US 12th and 15th airforce and RAF warplanes. All three air forces resumed the assault today.

Shortly before noon 3400 100-pound high explosive bombs and 180,000 fragmentation bombs had been dropped in front of the British.

The break across the Senio was accomplished near Lugo, a town of some 14,000 inhabitants about 13 miles west of Ravenna, and junction point of the Faenza-Ferrara and Ravenna-Bologna roads. Initial objectives were gained against relatively light opposition and the Tommies continued to press forward over the swampy terrain, interlaced with numerous drainage ditches. An allied advance westward beyond Lugo would endanger Nazi strongholds upstream along the Senio into the northern Apennines.

3 PTA Groups Will Support Tax Proposal

Officers of Salem's three Parent-Teacher associations, representing a membership of 500 persons, voted unanimously Tuesday night to support the proposal upon which taxpayers will vote Friday, April 27, namely, authorizing a tax levy \$67,215 over the 6 per cent limitation.

School Board Eyes Teacher Slate for Fall

Salem school directors voted Tuesday night to offer contracts to eight elementary and one junior high school teacher and gave initial consideration to another group who may fill staff vacancies here if details of training prove satisfactory. Resignations of Gladys Humphrey, English teacher at Parrish junior high school, who is to be married, and of Robert Craig, industrial arts teacher who has accepted another position, were accepted. Contracts are offered to Janet Jucht, Avon SD; Genevieve Curry, now teaching at Roberts; Thelma Delzell, Corvallis; Pearl Metcalf, Lima, Ohio; Edna Turner, Wallowa; Lila Swenson, Tacoma; Betty Lou Phelps, who is returning to the Salem system after special work at Columbia university; Pearl Cleaver, Salem, who is now teaching at Independence, and Don Dawson, now at Benson Polytechnic, who will teach at Leslie junior high school.

5 Arabia Royal Princes Arrive for Peace Meet

NEW YORK, April 10 (AP)—Five royal princes of Saudi Arabia, each accompanied by a bodyguard, arrived here today on an ATC plane en route to the San Francisco conference to which they are delegates. His Royal Highness Namir Faial Ibn Abdul Aziz headed the delegation.

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LOS ANGELES, April 10 (AP)—An electronic control "stick" described as enabling a pilot to guide a heavy bomber with less effort than a child uses in turning a bicycle, was unveiled today with army approval by the Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator company.

Everybody Calls Herr Goering Mr. Meyer These Days

MUEHLHAUSEN, Germany, April 10 (AP)—Early in the war Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering told the German people that "if ever a single bomber is able to fly over Berlin my name will be Meyer." Now that the German capital has been largely reduced to ruins everybody is calling Goering "Mr. Meyer," captives said here.

Yankee Airmen Destroy 397 Nazi Aircraft

LONDON, April 10 (AP)—American fighter pilots and bomber gunners destroyed 397 German aircraft today and shattered eight aerial warfare records in the most devastating blow ever delivered against the once-feared Nazi Luftwaffe.

Countless other German craft were damaged as both American and British planes again assaulted the German Reich. Losses of the US Eighth airforce were announced as 25 heavy bombers and 15 fighters.

In attacks on more than 26 enemy air fields, 336 German planes were destroyed on the ground and 61 were shot down in aerial combat. Twenty of the 61 were the deadliest jet-propelled fighters, the largest bag of these high-voltage interceptors ever collected in a single day.

Fighter pilots destroyed 284 parked planes and shot down 21 others, while bomber gunners accounted for 17 enemy aircraft. Continent-based US Ninth air force pilots, in attacks on 15 air fields, destroyed 39 planes on the ground and shot down 18 others. The Ninth lost five fighter bombers.

No Look-In For Neutrals At S. F. Meet

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—There will be no look-in for neutrals and other uninvited nations at the San Francisco conference, Secretary of State Stettinius indicated today.

Stettinius disclosed at his news conference that some countries had inquired about sending informal observers to the golden gate conference on world organization, but they were told it was impossible to arrange.

Meanwhile, the United States delegation to the conference, having agreed upon making unit decisions by a majority vote, worked toward a meeting of minds on matters of policy likely to arise. The members are meeting at the state department all this week.

Bonds Over America

OREGON CAPITOL
Oregon's capitol at Salem is now one of the fine structures which Americans buy War Bonds to protect. It's new and beautiful; one of the nation's prized possessions. It is worth buying a great many War Bonds to provide planes and material for our fighting men to use in its defense. Oregon City and Corvallis were capitals of the territory for brief periods but Salem became the permanent capital when Congress provided funds for the erection of territory capitol buildings there and the U. S. Treasury refused to provide the funds for construction anywhere else. Fire destroyed the first capitol and also another in 1855.

U. S. Treasury Department
Editor's note: The above layout was issued nationally to all newspapers this week by the U. S. treasury department in connection with appeals for continued purchase of war bonds. It is published here in reciprocal recognition of the worth of that cause.

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41st Vets Invade Jolo Isle

Move Gives U. S. Full Control of Sulu Archipelago

By Fred Hampson
MANILA, Wednesday, April 11 (AP)—Veteran infantrymen of Maj. Gen. Jens A. Doe's 41st division invaded Jolo island Monday and quickly seized the capital city and its airfields to take "complete control" of the Sulu archipelago, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported today.

He announced also that all organized resistance had ceased on southern Luzon island, and that American invasion forces had liberated hundreds of Filipino lepers in the Culion colony by occupying Cron bay, fleet anchorage between Busuanga and Culion islands north of Palawan.

The 41st division, which captured the big harbor of Tawitawi in the Sulu chain only 30 miles from Borneo on April 2, swept ashore at the Jolo city waterfront, on the 20-mile-long island's north coast.

They swiftly seized the city and struck inland eight miles, scattering all enemy resistance. There was no indication of the intensity of the opposition at Jolo, but MacArthur said two weeks aerial pounding had disrupted enemy defenses.

Jolo, the shrine city of the Moros, is the capital of the Sulu archipelago, which stretches between southwestern Mindanao and northern Borneo. It is the finest port in the string of islands.

Artillery Ammunition Output Slashed; New Tank Plans Out

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Announcement of big cuts in artillery ammunition production and a decision against completing 12 new tank plans combined tonight to reflect official pleasure at progress of the war.

Army ordnance men at Chicago announced the ammunition program change and the war department at Washington said the army has now decided it won't need the dozen tank plans which were not scheduled for peak operation until autumn.

The 1945 schedule now contemplates a 10 per cent reduction in the army's artillery ammunition program authorized last December. That was at a time when the Rundstedt breakthrough made the situation dark on the western front.

Howard Smalley Killed in Action On Escort Ship

Howard Jasper Smalley, jr., S 1/c, listed as missing in action February 21, has now been reported to have lost his life on that date while on duty as signalman aboard an escort carrier sunk during the battle of Iwo Jima. Howard was born in Salem, May 3, 1926. He was graduated from Salem high school in 1943, entered the navy, September 17, 1943, and finished his boot training and signal school at Farragut, Idaho, in April 1944. Howard was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Smalley, sr. He also leaves a wife, Eleaner Smalley, and a sister, Mrs. Marvin O'Brien, jr.

Memorial services will be held Sunday, April 15, at 7 p. m., at the First Baptist church, with the Rev. Irving A. Fox officiating.

Maybe She Will Lay a Golden Egg Next Time

GRESHAM, April 10 (AP)—A goose happy because she was not roasted for Christmas dinner (the W. W. Ball family was too tender-hearted) determined to reward her owners. She lay an eight-ounce egg every other day for weeks. Then she tried doubly hard and produced a 12-ounce—as heavy as six large hen eggs.

2 U. S. Armies Only 110 Miles From Capital

Hannover Topples; Brunswick Entered; Third Captures 258 Members of Foreign Ministry

By AUSTIN BEALMEAR
PARIS, Wednesday, April 11 (AP)—The U. S. Ninth army, in a neck and neck race with the American First army toward Berlin, quickly toppled Germany's 12th city of Hannover yesterday and swept on 28 miles into Brunswick's outskirts at a point only 110 miles from the Reich capital.

While tank units of the Ninth also overran Salzgitter, site of the Goering steel works 10 miles southwest of imperilled Brunswick, U. S. First army troops in a 40-mile advance on the south smashed into Nordhausen and likewise struck within 110 miles of Berlin with the seizure of localities near Auleben, 45 miles west of Halle and 57 miles from Leipzig.

Farther south the U. S. Third army, capturing 285 members of the German foreign ministry at Muehlhausen, rolled on and reached the outskirts of Erfurt and Coburg, 50 miles from the Czechoslovakian frontier in the swelling drive to split Germany.

Thousands of allied warplanes were aiding the explosive advances into the heart of Germany and destroyed 377 German planes during the day.

In the north the British Second army sent back columns across the shattered Weser river line north of fallen Hannover, a city of nearly a half million population, and reached the Aller river at a point within 60 miles of Hamburg, great German port. Berlin said units of this army already had crossed the lower Aller and were only 50 miles from Hamburg.

(British troops, last reported Monday five miles south of Bremen, have entered the western suburbs of that big port, ABSIE, the OWI transmitter in London, said in a broadcast heard by NBC.)

Canadians Drive on Emden
To the west the Canadians plunged within 25 miles of the seaport of Emden in their race to close the last corridor leading into Holland where between 100,000 and 200,000 Germans are pocketed. Other units fought deeper into Holland itself.

At the southern end of the 400-mile front curving deep into Germany the U. S. Seventh army struck within 45 miles of the Danube headwaters and the French First army captured Pforzheim, 15 miles southeast of Karlsruhe and 22 miles from the big communications center of Stuttgart.

Elements of the First and Ninth army fought savage rear actions as they compressed the shrinking Ruhr pocket where 100,000 Germans were trapped. Field dispatches said the Germans were flying in old planes by night and trying to rescue key officers and personnel.

Asked to Protect Docks
General Eisenhower's headquarters, in a broadcast declaring that "German resistance in the west has collapsed," called on the German population in the big ports in the north to keep fanatical Nazis from destroying what's left of those city's dock installations.

Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's Ninth army doughboys riding captured German half-tracks stormed and captured Hannover, which gave the current English monarchical line to Britain. Troops of the 84th infantry division under Maj. Gen. Alexander Bolling made the quick conquest of the city which mostly was a pile of bricks after five years of constant bombing. Thousands of the city's peacetime population of 472,527 still were living in ruins.

Able-bodied Soldiers Will Go Overseas

WASHINGTON, April 10 (AP)—Every able bodied soldier in the United States who has not seen service overseas is earmarked to go abroad just as fast as he can be replaced by a returning veteran.

Secretary of War Stimson set this forth in a communication made public today by Rep. Mahon (D-Tex.), member of the house appropriations committee. "According to February figures, wrote Stimson, there were approximately 8,050,000 men in the army, 5,150,000 of whom were overseas. "Of the 2,900,000 on duty in the United States, almost half (roughly 1,400,000) have already been earmarked for overseas duty and are being trained accordingly either in tactical units or as individual replacements and students in replacement training centers, training regiments and schools; 180,000 others were in army hospitals."

14 British Parachutists Shot by German Captors

LONDON, April 10 (AP)—At least 14 British parachutists have been shot by Germans who captured them, Sir James Grigg, war secretary, told commons today. He said strong protests have been made to the German government through neutral Switzerland.