

War Ends a Little Too Late for Soldier With Missing Legs

By WILLIAM C. BARNARD
SEUL (AP)—The freshly wounded young soldier in the Army hospital was astonished when I told him the shooting was over. Many hours before, the armistice had been signed. But he, lying miserably in a corner of the silent ward, had not heard. There was no radio in the ward and no one had thought to tell him. "You mean they signed it?" he asked. And then his eyes shifted to the sheet covering two stumps. "If I could have just made it a few hours more, I'd be walking when I meet my wife again. I don't know what she's going to think about this." He ran his strong fingers through a shock of brown hair. "All those delays," he mused.

"They could have signed just as easy a month ago—two months ago. I'm glad the war has ended—for a lot of my buddies. All of us, was praying for it. But for me it ended a little too late. Just a little, but too late." Agony touched the hazel eyes of this 20-year-old private. "How do you think she'll take it?" I wasn't too unlucky. Two guys with me got killed and others were hurt. "We haven't been married very long—just since February. I got sent over here in May. When the Army tells her about me being wounded, will they say just exactly what's happened to me? "I sure hope they won't. I want to be the one to explain things. Maybe I can break it easier. I'll

write her just as soon as I feel up to it. "There wasn't any chance of saving either one of them. They had to take both of them off. They explained all about it to me before they operated yesterday. "I got wounded Saturday midnight and they operate on me Sunday and now the war ends on Monday. "Too bad I couldn't have lasted until Monday." ROMANCE AGELESS NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. (AP)—The "honeymoon certificate" issued by the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce is popular with newlyweds of all ages. Among recent applicants were two couples, each well over the 80-year mark.

Slavs Pan Gold On Power Project
BELGRADE (AP)—There's gold in Yugoslav hills that promise cash to meet the country's economic needs. Deposits in the mountainous regions of central Yugoslavia have been discovered during development of huge hydroelectric projects. While far from rich, they serve a double purpose. As a by-product for the power project which probably will realize far more profit in the long run, the gold provides ready cash for machinery. To get the ore out, Yugoslavia has imported American gold-extracting machinery.

Boy Attacked By Kangaroo

BRISBANE (AP)—A 5-foot pet kangaroo jumped a 6-foot fence at Laidley, near Brisbane, and savagely attacked 10-year-old Rodney Welk. The kangaroo tore the child's clothes to pieces, but before it had seriously injured him Mrs. Welk, attracted by the noise, chased it off. Rodney was taken to hospital with scratches from his legs to the top of his head. His parents said they had reared the kangaroo and its female mate, and this was the first time anything like this had happened. The Welks are now giving both the kangaroos to the Botanic Gardens, Brisbane.

Old Civilization Sought in Ruins

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—A new chapter in the slowly unfolding story of an ancient civilization in the White Mountains of Northern Arizona will be studied this summer. Archaeological students from eight schools will probe the Point-of-Pines ruins for information on life that flourished there from 500 to 1,000 A.D. The ancient city is believed to have been abandoned in the early 1400's. Students will come from Universities of Arizona, Chicago, Michigan, Oklahoma and New Mexico, and Bryn Mawr, Hunter College, and Asia Institute.

French Begin To Paint Eiffel

PARIS (INS)—The world famous Eiffel Tower is undergoing a paint job. The 63-year-old tower, which has been repainted approximately every seven years, will require 35 tons of special rust-resistant paint and 27,000 man-hours of work. The tower is being painted in three shades of Cognac brown, in a way symbolic of one of France's greatest gifts to the palate of mankind. There has never been a buffalo in North America, except in zoos, and the so-called U. S. buffalo is actually a bison.

Robin Raised On Dog Food

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)—Mrs. Paul Klev is beginning to wish it was a homing pigeon instead of a robin that she adopted while on a trip to North Dakota a few weeks ago. It was a baby when she found it. She fed it worms and poured water down its throat to keep it alive. Then when she returned by car from North Dakota she brought the bird with her. Mrs. Klev said she has changed its diet to dog food but still it is a lot of trouble. She plans to donate it to a children's zoo, she said.

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