

Yank Aiding French Patriots Tricks Nazis Into Surrender

(Editor's Note: Howard K. Smith, CBS correspondent, spent four days with the Maquis behind the German lines in eastern France. This story was written there.)

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BEHIND GERMAN LINES IN FRANCE (via Switzerland.)—(AP) At Le Fayet, in the Savoy mountains, the partisans had a close shave. Elsewhere the Germans were either annihilated or they capitulated when the situation became hopeless. But at Le Fayet the Germans went on fighting, largely with bullets made of wood. I have a handful of souvenirs. They make a big, scaring blast, but they scatter into splinters before they reach you. At La Fayette the German commander kept enough metal bullets to kill 40 French men and women whom he held as hostages.

When the Maquis issued him an ultimatum to surrender or they would storm the town, the commander answered that if they did he would shoot the 40 hostages. The French troops hesitated to attack.

An American officer who advises the partisans had a bright idea. He sent a personal ultimatum to the German commander, saying he had a company of American paratroopers who, as German propaganda said, were notoriously disrespectful of French lives, and they would assault and kill every German in the town, regardless of the consequences.

The German commander thereupon reconsidered and sent a message back to the American—he is a Montanan—who goes under the name of "Captain Niveau." The German said he would like to negotiate with the American and his staff. The American got worried. He didn't have any Americans and he didn't have any staff. Meanwhile, unknown to the German commander, a column of 14 German lorries with artillery was en route to relieve him at Le Fayet.

As time shortened, the American got another bright idea. He hustled together four Frenchmen who donned four British uniforms which had been parachuted down recently, and he met the German

commander in a forest. When the Germans saw the five British uniforms—the men of the Maquis in France wear mostly gray uniforms—he surrendered the town, and the main force of the Maquis was then turned against the advancing German column and destroyed it.

In Annecy we witnessed an almost Shakespearean tragedy. In the Rue Grenette we heard a gun gasp from one of the houses. German soldiers rushed into the house and up the stairs. Before they reached the door of the room a second shot rang out. When they opened the door they found the last gestapo officer whom they had not yet caught lying on the floor with his mistress in a pool of blood. The SS officer, whose name was Kamit, had shot her and himself. At headquarters we learned the woman was a spy.

There was a hint of inner nobility. In St. Julien, the day before the Maquis attacked, the Germans caught a tough little French communist bearing a revolver in the village. He was taken to the gestapo jail and beaten to a pulp with an iron poker. When we met him both his eyes were purple and his clothes red.

After St. Julien was taken the Maquis commander lined the Germans up and told the tortured lad to pick out his man. The boy pointed to the man who had done it.

"I grant you the right to do anything you wish with him," the commander told the boy. "You may even shoot him."

The boy advanced silently. The gestapo man flinched and his knees buckled. The boy fingered his revolver handle a minute. Then he grinned, he slapped the gestapo man on the right cheek and then on the left cheek. Then the boy turned to his commander and said: "Thank you, my lieutenant." And he returned to his place in the ranks.

I asked him why he did not shoot his torturer. He lit his cigarette and said: "I know I am doing; everybody says so. But what could I gain from it?"

The same lieutenant then did a thing which was at least as noble. He made a little speech to the

German. He said: "You have tortured our women and children. You have killed thousands of us. Now I can kill you. But I shall show you that we are more human than you have been."

He pointed to the French border and told them: "Go, you are free." The lieutenant was a Jew. His brother was deported and killed by the Germans a year ago.

The density of population in the Nile valley in Egypt is greater than in any country in Europe.

Lend-Lease Future Charted By FDR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—(AP)—President Roosevelt informed congress today that lend-lease shipments to the allies reached a total of \$28,270,000,000 on July 1 and urged that the program be continued after the defeat of Germany to assure a speedier victory over Japan.

discussions on whether lend-lease could not be halted after the war in Europe ends, Roosevelt warned in his 16th report to congress: "We should not permit any weakening of this system of combined war supply to delay final victory a single day or to cost unnecessarily the life of one American boy."

Lend-lease has helped raise the prospect of complete victory "sooner than we had hoped," the chief executive said, pointing out that the \$28,270,000,000 cost of the

program thus far represented but 15 per cent of all U. S. war spending.

HEARST ART ITEMS BURN
SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—(AP)—A number of rare art items were destroyed yesterday when fire razed The Gables, main building at Wynton, the William Randolph Hearst estate near McCloud.

In courtship, herons present sticks to their mates as nesting material.

Inventors Say They'll Make 'Triphibians'

SPOKANE, (AP)—"Triphibians" machines designed to run on water, land and in the air—will be manufactured at Grand Coulee, Wash., the inventors said here. Constantinos H. Vlachos and Edwin L. Rice said their machine was powered by a motor the size of a cake of soap. They admitted defeat in 20 years of effort to obtain government aid in its manufacture.

The most recent machine, Vlachos, was to induce the chine in thousands of robot bombs. A first working model was demonstrated in Washington. Vlachos claimed it had been perfected with Vlachos is a former bootblack. Rice was a senator for the Republican United States senator in 11 Washington primary



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