

JOYOUS FRENCH CHEER, LAUGH AS YANKEES ARRIVE

Invasion Forces Find Eager
Welcome in Move Inland;
De Luxe Landing for Most

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Three miles inland on road from Ste. Maxine and Plan De La Tour, France, Aug. 16—(U.P.)—French men, women and children stood in front of their houses along this road last night and this morning weeping, laughing, throwing kisses and

cheering their liberators. I moved inland with the first French troops landing in southern France. All along the way the civilians shouted happily: "The liberators. Long live France. Go get those Boches. Things will be better now."

Share Red Wine

French units mingled with Americans and shared bottles of good red wine which the villagers passed up and down to the truckloads of soldiers.

The first French civilian I saw was standing in front of a waterfront house which had been ruined by the pre-invasion naval barrage. He alternately embraced the French soldiers and thrust out a bottle of wine. "You Frenchmen, drink!" he urged. "I have lost everything but it doesn't matter. Vive La France! Drink! Drink!"

I did not get a swig from that bottle. It was for Frenchmen only. Many women in shorts rode calmly by on bicycles, weaving through the lines of jeeps and trucks. Civilians were scarcer near

the invasion beaches around which four out of five houses had been destroyed or damaged by preparatory shelling.

Invasion De Luxe

This was an invasion de luxe and a dry landing for most of the Americans and French and this correspondent.

When I went ashore from a British luxury liner at 9 o'clock last night, troops were flowing from the landing ships onto the beaches where wire netting made a firm roadway leading through breaches blasted in six feet high, five feet wide cement anti-tank wall onto the tarred coastal highway.

Only once in the course of the evening and night was there a sign of Germans. That was early in the evening when two Nazi sneak raiders tossed bombs harmlessly into the bay and provoked a brief fire.

Later about 150 silent German prisoners were marched out of the darkness like sheep, guarded by a few Americans and they settled quietly at the edge of the beach for the night waiting to be shipped back to prisoner of war camps.

NUMBED NATIVES GLAD TO GET OUT OF SAIPAN CAVES

Nude Woman Walks Thru
Crowded Camp Without
Attracting Glance.

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Saipan, Aug. 7—(U.P.)—I stood by a barbed wire fence today and watched a hot and skillfully contested game of baseball played without benefit of bats or gloves, and as I turned away a 40-year-old woman walked down a crowded street without attracting so much as a glance, although she was stark naked.

Two pretty girls walked by and managed to smile and bow, despite the five-foot-long four by fours balanced on their heads.

Young and old women squatted on their haunches outside the rows of barrack-like structures roofed with tin and sided with thatch. They cooked rice over tiny fires. All of them smoked long cigarettes.

People Everywhere

There were people everywhere, sleeping by the dozens inside the houses, gathering at the cisterns in the town square; the women in sleazy blouses and silk ankle length pants, the men

in cheap greenish khaki of the Japanese uniform.

This was the "city" of Camp Susupe, the home of the 15,000 civilians who fled to Saipan's caves when our attack came and have been surrendering in increasing numbers ever since. It had grown in six weeks from a tiny compound to the size of a small American town.

I wandered around the camp today with Lt. C. G. Barry, a navy civil affairs officer who used to be in the newspaper business himself.

The baseball game was in the Korean section of the town, and involved two dozen excited kids of high school age who used an old tennis ball and batted it with their hands.

Terror Takes Mind

The naked woman wandered listlessly through the Japanese area, pitiful but harmless, her mind gone in the days of terror in the caves where the Japanese soldiers daily assured the civilians the American monsters would torture them. She has been given clothing but forgets to wear it.

The cleanest, happiest part of the town is that reserved for the Chamorro natives, who look like gentle, dreamy Mexicans, speak Spanish and are all Spanish Catholics.

The civil affairs and army and navy and marine officers who have had jurisdiction here have struggled with great problems of food and sanitation. Covered latrines have been dug, but many of the Japanese neglect to use them.

There is a hospital of tents, with clean cots and cooperative Japanese nurses to aid the white doctors.

Camp Susupe is full of evil

smells and tragic sights, but hope is coming back in the faces of its one-numbed inhabitants.

NIMITZ EXPECTS REINFORCEMENTS

By United Press

Admiral Chester W. Nimitz was revealed today to be expecting reinforcements soon from the European theater to accelerate the war against Japan while American airmen struck again at the Philippines and other enemy targets through the Pacific.

Nimitz' disclosure was made at a press conference in Guam after a six hour tour of the recaptured island.

He described the newly conquered Marianas islands as all important to the allied campaign in the Pacific but said that Japan could not be defeated by naval action alone and that bases would be needed in China to insure victory.

He emphasized his belief that even if the Japanese surrendered before the homeland was invaded, the country would have to be occupied to "win the peace."

ANGELS SELL ENGLISH

Los Angeles, Aug. 18—(U.P.)—The Los Angeles Angels today announced sale of Third Baseman Charlie English to the Oakland A's in an outright cash deal. English, late in reporting this season, had not been playing regularly for the past two weeks.

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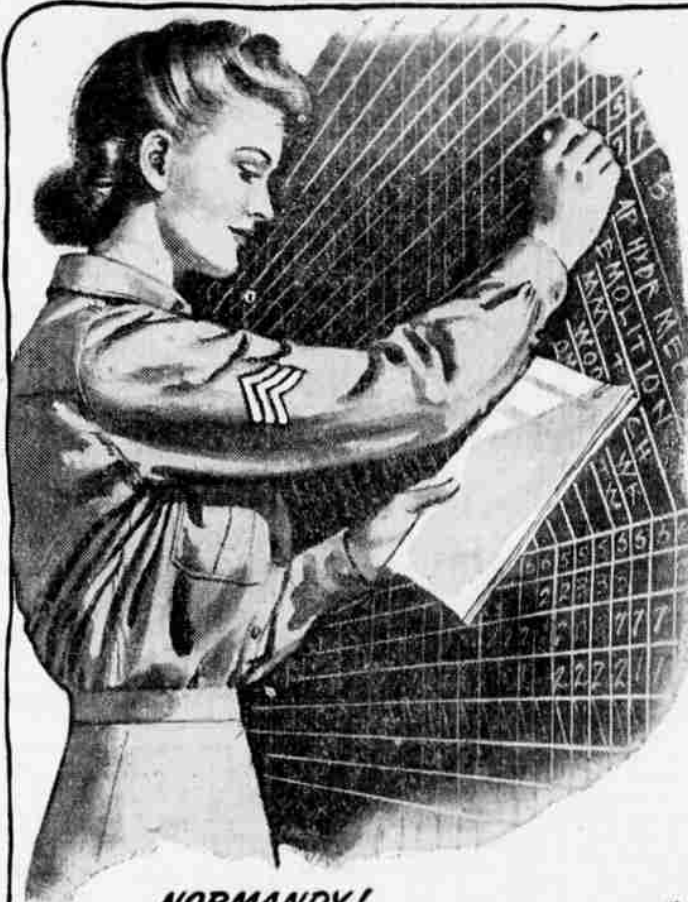
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