

EQUIPMENT LOSS STAGGERING BLOW TO NAZI FORCES

Enemy South of Seine Virtually Stripped of Tanks, Guns, Mortars, Transport

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On the Western Front, France, Aug. 23. — (U.P.) — Authoritative military sources said today that the German army in France is in a "complete tail spin" as a result of the wide-open allied military tactics and apparently has "lost all capability of further offensive action."

A spokesman, reviewing the operations of the past month which transformed stalemate into rout, said that there were two

"Up In Mable's Room" Coming



The famous old stage play, "Up in Mable's Room" is on the screen at the Craterian theatre next Sunday, starring Marjorie Reynolds, Dennis O'Keefe, Gail Patrick and Charlotte Greenwood.

major factors behind the allied success:

1. A gamble by the Americans "in view of the delicate supply problem."
2. A "gross miscalculation" by the Germans of the strength of U. S. armored forces available for the scythe-like sweep which sealed off Brittany and now is enveloping Paris.

Yankees Gambled
"It can be said that we gam-

bled to a certain extent, especially in view of the delicate supply problem," the spokesman said. "But in the main our strategy was boldly premeditated, whereas the Germans put all their eggs in one basket in counterattacking in the direction of Avranches."

"The failure of this counter-attack and the Germans' gross miscalculation of the strength of the United States armored forces

available to move southeastward and subsequently on the northward sweep proved fatal."

Strong United States forces are converging upon the important ports of Brest, St. Nazaire, and Lorient on the Brittany peninsula and the new drive toward the northwest directly threatens the great seaport of Le Harve. Hence, by the time the storms develop in the English channel, harbors other than Cherbourg should be available to allied shipping.

Equipment Lost
The capture of enemy organizational equipment stranded inside our lines by the swift movement of battle is regarded by some as even more important than the great bag of prisoners.

It still is possible that the total bag of prisoners in the Falaise-Argentan sacks will total close to 100,000 in the opinion of some military quarters.

The Germans south of the Seine have been virtually stripped of tanks, guns, mortars, and transport. Prisoners include the commanding general of a German army corps and his entire staff. The general revealed that his predecessor was killed by bombing near St. Lo, scene of the great armored break-through last month.

The Germans at best are believed capable of rallying 10 or 15 divisions for the defense of Paris. Disorganization shown by the number of high ranking German officers found racing thru the countryside smack into our lines indicates that the Germans have no future military plan in France, hence current allied operations may affect the entire course of the war.

Some quarters even wonder

Comradeship in New Guinea



HIGH ABOVE the jungle of New Guinea, American nurse Lt. "Woodie" A. Ray, of Jefferson, Georgia, lights a cigarette for one of the Australian casualties during the flight from the front line back to a base hospital. American nurses take great pride in doing this work and the Australian boys think the world of the nurses who not only act as nurse, air hostess and "mother" to them, but take a keen interest in where their charges lived before the war and what they want to do when it's all over.

what is keeping the Germans in the war other than the buzz-bomb and V-2 installations in the Pas De Calaise area, on which the Germans have based most of their recent morale-building propaganda.

PORTLAND JUNIORS LOSE TO TUCSON

Billings, Mont., Aug. 23.—(U.P.) — Staging a three-run rally in the eighth inning, a fighting American Legion junior baseball team from Tucson, Ariz., upset highly favored Portland, Ore., 5-4 here last night and forced the Western Sectional tournament into an extra game.

The contest will be played here tonight and the winner will gain a place in the National Junior world series at Minneapolis Aug. 26.

Portland, who went through a regional playoff and the first round of the Sectional tournament without a defeat, appeared to be off to another victory last night when the Oregon boys took a two-run lead in the third inning.

However, Arizona Catcher Jerry Dodson paved the way for the Oregonians defeat in the eighth when he smashed a long drive into right center field that scored two men.

A pinch hitter, Carl Lopez, then singled to score Dodson and take the game.

KLAMATH SERVICE MEN CALL AT ASHLAND USO

Ashland, Aug. 23.—Sunday morning a large party of marine sergeants and navy chief petty officers and their wives from Klamath Falls stopped at the Ashland USO club en route to Gold Hill to visit the "House of Mystery." Every weekend some military personnel drops into the club en route to nearby scenic spots, and hostesses on duty have noted that a large number comment on the excellence of the club and the beauty of Lithia Park.

DONATION PRIVATE

Duncan, Okla.—(U.P.)—A Duncan bank has agreed to donate one ton of paper to the scrap drive — on one condition. The bank wants to "bundle the mass of old records into a tight bale and deliver it to the freight car personally." Furthermore, the bank wants a pledge from drive officials that no prying eyes will open the bundle. The privacy stipulation was readily agreed upon.

PRaise FOR PHONE GIRLS
Vinita, Okla.—(U.P.)—Vinita's telephone operators have been honored by the Vinita Rotary club as "unsung heroes." A special guest at a luncheon meeting recently honoring the operators was Mrs. Marie A. Nix, who recently retired after 30 years of "hello" work.

KELLINGTON TO PRACTICE LAW

William Kellington, who successfully passed the state bar examination July 11 and 12 in Salem, said today he planned to resign his position as deputy sheriff and enter law practice here on Nov. 1.

He is one of 11 men and three women listed Monday by Arthur Benson, clerk of the state supreme court, as having passed the examination. Kellington obtained all his knowledge of law by studying in various local law offices and in the county sheriff's office, and expressed his appreciation to the Medford attorneys who helped him in his studies.

PICKING OF BARTS OVER IN 10 DAYS

Harvest of the Bartlett crop of the valley is now well underway, and will be finished in another 10 days, according to Assistant County Agent C. B. Cordy. Next variety to be picked will be Howells, always a small crop, and D'Anjous. There is an average crop of D'Anjous reported and the same applies to Bartletts.

Shipments of some cannery Bartletts have been made within the past week, for Willamette Valley canneries. No shipment has yet been reported of packed Bartletts to eastern markets.

Five Blue Stamps Good September 1

Washington, Aug. 23.—(U.P.)—The Office of Price Administration announced today that five more blue stamps, worth ten points each, will become valid for buying rationed processed foods beginning Sept. 1.

The stamps—G5, H5, J5, K5 and L5—will be good indefinitely.

Michigan leads the states in value of war contracts reported between June, 1940, and February, 1944, with more than \$20,000,000,000; California and New York tied for second place with nearly \$17,000,000,000 each.

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mothers who are working in the arsenal small arms shop. Five of her six sons are overseas.

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