

FLEEING GERMAN LEAVE EVIDENCE OF THEIR CRIMES

Wake of 7th Army Strewn With Articles Stolen from Thousands French Homes

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With British Troops, Beyond Trun, Aug. 22—(U.P.)—Amid the wreckage of the German Seventh army lies the telltale evidence of how the Nazis robbed the French—even when they were surrounded and their outlook was hopeless.

The fields and hedgerows around here are strewn with the small goods the Germans stole from thousands of French homes with the hope of taking them back to their homes in the Reich.

Kept Loot to Last

They had held onto their loot—clothing, shoes and little trinkets—until the last minute. They abandoned them only when they threw away their tin hats, put on peaked caps and came out of hiding with hands clasped behind their heads as prisoners. But even before that, hope itself long had gone from the hearts of these men. Only a couple of 19-year-old SS troops, among all the Germans I talked to, thought the war possibly could be won. They based their faith on the still unrevealed V-2, which will have to be something apocalyptic to justify the hopes of this handful of Germans believing in victory.

In the faces of the men who streamed into prisoners' cages today by the tens, twenties and hundreds, there was no hope. In one case, there were several thousand without the slightest sign of spirit. They lay on the ground quietly or sulked or chatted fitfully. Most of them were the common garden variety of infantry men—not fanatics.

Prisoners Dazed

During the day, dozens of trucks carried them farther back, about 50 at a time. And as the trucks moved on, they stared out over the tailboards in a daze.

The strang thing about these men was how they tried to cling to their loot—all sorts of odds and ends—long after they discarded their fighting equipment, which lies scattered over 500 square miles of fields, woods and villages.

They carted the stuff along even when their transport was shot up and wrecked along the ditches and hedgerows.

One of the prizes strewn among the debris of war machines was an imitation caracal cape, which shines under the hot sun. It was not the sort of genuine fur which the Germans once stole in Russia, but the man who took that from some French home thought it would be a fine memento back in Berlin or Mannheim or Cologne.

Cookbooks Taken

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You find big red French elder-down quilts, women's dresses and bolts of cloth. At one place was a battered little statuette which might have come from a French cathedral.

Alongside a burned-out German amphibious Volkswagen I picked up a pair of size nine women's shoes. They were shoddy, but brand new. There were a few pink underclothes made of artificial silk.

Behind a ditched truck were a couple of chairs, one of which was gilded and looked like a Louis XIV or a good imitation. They apparently had been loaded on the truck to enable the master race to retreat in reasonable comfort.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How Different Will be Post-war Homes?

Matt Doory, our local carpenter, has been showing us architect's drawings of the kind of post-war houses that we're going to live in. Some of them look like squared-off dominoes; some are streamlined like they were going to fly. And they're all filled with fancy things like air-conditioning and what-not.

"Sure change our home life!" Matt says importantly.

"Shucks," says Dan Mason. "It isn't the shape of a house, or the gadgets in it, that make up your home life."

"What is it then?" says Matt.

MEDFORD FRIENDS ARE REUNITED AT POST IN JUNGLE

Two Medford men, close friends throughout their school years and later in civilian working life and army life, are still together, stationed now in India in the same aviation engineer unit and billeted in the same basha (native bamboo hut), it was revealed today by the wife of one of the men.

Sgt. Roger J. Headlee and Cpl. Bruce Merrifield both attended the Medford schools, graduating from Medford Senior high school. Later, living in the city, both young men were members of the local Masonic order and both went to Panama with a group of civilian engineers to serve 7 months in that country. Following this, they volunteered for induction into the army in August, 1943, and were trained as aviation engineers at Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash. After a short period in New Mexico, the unit was split before being sent overseas, the section in which Headlee was included going in April to the China-Burma-India theater of war by way of the Mediterranean sea, and Merrifield's group going to the same area by the Pacific route. Reunited in India, the men have remained together since their arrival there, living now in the jungle, Mrs. Headlee states.

Headlee's wife makes her home in Central Point now and his mother is Mrs. William A. Morand of Portland. Mrs. Merrifield and small daughter live at Loring Court, Medford.

Ration Calendar

Gasoline

September 21 — Expiration date of stamps No. 12 in A book (three gallons each). B3, C3, B4, C4, T, R1 and R2 stamps worth 5 gallons each; D, 1½ gallons; E, 1 gallon.

Fuel Oil

September 30 — Expiration date of period 4 and 5 coupons. New period 1 coupons may be used as soon as received.

Meats Fats

Red 17 mps A8 through Z8 and A5 through D5 in ration book No. 4 valid indefinitely. Each stamp worth 10 points.

Processed Foods

Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through F5 in ration book No. 4 valid indefinitely. Each stamp worth 10 points.

Sugar

Stamps Nos. 30, 31 and 32 in book No. 4 valid indefinitely (5 pounds each). Stamp No. 40 valid for 5 pounds home canning sugar to February 28, 1945. Stamp No. 33 valid on September 1 for five pounds.

Apply at local boards on form R-323 for additional home canning sugar, affixing spare stamp No. 37 for each person (20 pounds maximum a person).

Shoes

Airplane stamps Nos. 1 and 2 in ration book No. 3 valid indefinitely (each good for one pair).

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Counterfeit Gas Coupons Appear

Sacramento, Aug. 24—(U.P.)—The district office of price administration today announced that the first counterfeit "A-12" gasoline coupons have appeared.

In the northern California district. The OPA said the coupons were similar to thousands that have appeared in southern California cities. Since they are printed in separate sheets, not in identifying folders, service station operators should have no difficulty in detecting the counterfeit coupons, the OPA added.

ENRAGED MAN SHOOT
Los Angeles, Aug. 24—(U.P.)—Police said today that Ray Davis, 31, became enraged and shot Bob Sahaigin, 21, a Sioux Indian, in the back, in a restaurant, because the latter refused to pass him a napkin. From other patrons who beat him nearly unconscious, Davis learned that Sahaigin was blind. Sahaigin will recover.

JAPS KILL GRID STAR
Guam, Aug. 22—(U.P.)—Marine 1st Lt. Max Belko, one-time All American football star at the University of Southern California, was killed in action today while leading the assault rifle platoon which he commanded.

SPRAY BURNS FATAL
Berkeley, Cal., Aug. 24—(U.P.)—Fred W. Kiesel, 70, died last night in the Berkeley hospital from burns sustained July 19 when a sprayer he used in his orchard exploded and scattered fluid over his body.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.



AT PENNEY'S
J. O. PENNEY CO., INC.

To high school, to college, the younger set goes, All smartly dressed-up in new Back-to-School Clothes! They find the right outfits from head down to toes, By shopping at Penney's — as everyone knows!



For All-Season Service! MEN'S HATS 4.98

Style-right felt Marathons* with bound or hand-felted edges. Your choice of snap, roll or straight brims.



AS ADVERTISED IN THE WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION



For School or Work! LOOP OXFORDS 2.49

Smooth, easy-to-polish leather. Long-wearing leather heels and leather soles.

Good Mixers for School Days

Town-Clads* for Fall! ALL-WOOL SUITS 29.75

Pin and chalk stripes, plaids and overplaids... all represented in the new Fall selection styled by Town-Clad. They're all-wool-worsted, in the popular single-breasted or double-breasted models.

ALL-WOOL GREPE JACKETS 6.90

Classic three-button style, tailored of zephyr-soft all-wool crepe! In rich fall colors. Sizes 12 to 20.

ALL-WOOL GREPE SKIRTS 3.98

Soft, warm all-wool for beauty and wear, pleated all-around for a graceful swinging fit. Colors. 24-32.

GIRLS' ALL-WOOL JACKETS 5.90

Long-wearing, soft wool crepe tailored in the school girls' favorite three-button style. Sizes 7-14.

GIRLS' ALL-WOOL SKIRTS 2.98

To match her breeze-soft wool crepe jacket... a pleated skirt in lovely solid shades. Sizes 7-14.

Boys' Jim Penney* COAT SWEATERS 2.98

Wool cloth front. Knitted back, sleeves, trim.

Rugged! Colorful! BOYS' SLACKS 1.98

Poplin Twill in blue and tan. Sanforized. 6 to 18.

SPORT SHIRTS 1.98

Poplin Twill, plain colors. Sanforized for fit.



Men's Smart Towncoat* FOOTWEAR 3.79

Give you top style at low budget prices! Fine leathers in dress and sport models, expertly stitched. Russet.

Classroom Favorites for Fall and Winter! GIRLS' MISS PREP SWEATERS 2.98

Cardigan Styles Slipover Types

Classic or long-length styles with push-up sleeves... some in all-wool, others in wool-and-rayon. Colors to match or blend with her suits. Sizes 10-16.

SPORT SWEATERS FOR GIRLS 1.98

50% warm wool, 50% lustrous rayon, knitted in long or short sleeved crew neck slipover styles. Pretty colors. 10-16



All Wool BOYS' JACKETS 3.98

All-wool plaid for wear and warmth. Button front.

Sensible Shoes for School—at Sensible Prices—Penney's Shoe Department



CHILDREN'S SHOES 2.49

Moccasin oxfords for school, and dressy T-strap pumps. Sizes 12-3.



WOMEN'S SHOES 3.49

Step-ins, spectators, open-toe bow pumps and tailored oxfords.



Goodyear Welt Construction MEN'S OXFORDS 4.79

Moccasin or plaited bluchers, straight and wing tip.