

3 OPERATIONS FREE OF STRIKE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

LUXEMBOURG—Eastward from the city of Luxembourg, sitting almost undamaged in the midst of its toy duchy, somewhat like a hen mothering her chickens, the fighting was tough.

Smashed-up, burned-out tanks, some allied and some German, but with a preponderance of the latter, litter the country in groups—usually at the edge of a wood, where they had fought from cover. Big bomb craters all around testify to the part played by our planes.

But in general the Luxembourg countryside is only slightly marred, and rank vegetation is rapidly covering the scars. You still have the impression of traveling over a battlefield of a long-past war.

THEN, suddenly, almost without warning, you reach the German border and in the twinkling of an eye the war moves out of the past and into the foreground of RIGHT NOW.

It is impossible to describe in words the contrast. All through Luxembourg, you have to keep telling yourself that this fighting was recent. All that ends at the rim of Germany. You KNOW it was recent, and you have to keep repeating to yourself that it happened months and not mere days ago.

In the unblasted countryside the vegetation is just as lush, for this is a rainy place, but it isn't growing over and mercifully concealing the man-made ruins—which if anything stand out more harshly because of the background of living green.

Rain or no rain, sun or no sun, these ruins stand forth in raw newness. Where wood has been splintered, the splinters are almost unweathered. The dust seems hardly to have settled over the rubble of brick and stone. The earth still looks raw where it is torn.

In London, in the outskirts of Paris, in the edges of North-eastern France and in Luxembourg you have become adjusted to SCATTERED destruction. Here the destruction is concentrated and TOTAL.

All that is left are heaps of blasted brick and stone with the twisted steel skeletons of buildings standing out grimly like sharp splinters of bone thrusting through the flesh of a shattered leg.

HERE around Trier, where the fighting was prolonged and desperate, most of it from house to house, with planes, big guns, field artillery, tanks, bazookas—practically every weapon of modern land war—contributing their part, there are no islands where destruction was not complete. All is wrecked.

When you get deeper into Germany, you are to learn that this is not universally true. There the destruction is more or less confined to the strategic areas of the bigger towns and to the smaller towns and villages where the Germans stood and fought and we had to smash everything around their ears. Farther on there will be untouched towns of fair size and the villages will be generally intact.

Here at the border, EVERYTHING is a mass of rubbish.

SPEAKING in general terms, when you've seen one smashed German city you've seen them all. What is meant by that is that they follow a pattern. Downtown business areas, war industries, railroad stations and yards—these are the things that are invariably and everywhere wrecked.

And bridges—they were all smashed, either by the Germans to keep us from following or by us to trap retreating Germans or stop them from bringing up reinforcements and supplies. We're now temporarily putting bridges in passable condition to restore necessary traffic.

From villages up to big cities like Frankfurt the rubble lies where it fell except that a passage has been cleared for vehicles in the middle of the streets. Sidewalks are still buried.

EXCEPT for clearing the streets for trucks, the wreckage of buildings lies where it fell. Usually the entire lower floors, often the second and third stories, are solid rubble heaps. From these heaps comes still at times (Continued on Page Two)

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ARMY TO STOP POINT SYSTEM FOR DISCHARGE

All Men With 2 Years' Service To Be Released

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP)—Gen. George C. Marshall told Congress today the army will abandon its point system for discharges by late winter and all men with two years' service will be released then.

At the same time, the army chief of staff advised a joint senate-house session that the present discharge score of 60 points—based on credit for service, combat and dependency—will be lowered to 70 by October 1. Another cut to 60 points will be made November 1.

Occupation Needs General Douglas MacArthur, army chief in the Pacific, advised the war department yesterday that occupation force needs in Japan and Korea could be met with 200,000 soldiers plus one marine division, Marshall disclosed. MacArthur previously had made a similar announcement in Tokyo.

Marshall made it plain that more than 200,000 troops will be required in the Pacific as a whole, however. He said the 200,000 figure applied only to Japan and Korea and that troops also were required for Alaska, the Aleutians, Hawaii, Formosa and possibly in China.

Congress Disturbed Congress, he said, "apparently was disturbed" by an earlier estimate that the army would (Continued on Page Two)

NATION'S STRIKES MAKE 210,000 IDLE

By The Associated Press Disputes along the nation's labor front, which for more than a week have kept the strike idle around the 200,000 mark, spread today, taking new groups of workers away from their jobs. New work stoppages during the last 24 hours hiked the army of idle to about 210,000 and threats of additional strikes in the oil industry indicated a new fight for the summer would be on the national total before the end of the week.

There was comparative calm in the labor-troubled Detroit area where some 80,000 workers are idle by strikes and shutdowns but there apparently was no letup in the CIO oil workers' movement to strike in efforts to attain their demands for a 30 per cent wage increase.

Oil Workers Quit Oil workers already have quit their jobs in refineries and plants in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia and in Texas where the issue threatened to sweep over the entire oil-rich Gulf coastal region. More than 13,000 oil workers were off the jobs in Texas plants while in the Chicago area five plants employing nearly 4,000 were closed.

New work stoppages during the last 24 hours idled 20,000 at the Nash-Kelvinator plant in Kenosha, Wis., in a strike the company termed "wildcat," while 3,500 shipbuilders in the New York metropolitan area struck over what CIO marine and shipbuilding workers spokesmen said was a dispute over holiday pay and seniority.

Name Brands Now Available As KF Cigarette 'War' Ends

"Snooping for stoopies," the little war game played these past few years by the rag hounds, promises to become just another memory along with gas coupons and blue stamps.

Klamath cigarette stocks were generous this week and the name brands were available "two packs to the customer," in at least a half dozen Main street stores today. By mid-October, one of the large distributors reported, the local situation should be back on the pre-war basis of name-brand and take a carton.

Coming Here



The Archduke Felix of Austria will come to Klamath Falls September 28 to address the local Knite and Fork club in its initial meeting. Story on page 7.

AMNESIA VICTIM'S IDENTITY REVEALED

The identity of a 24-year-old amnesia victim, who was found lying alongside the Merrill road Tuesday morning, was revealed today as being Ruby Case, who has been staying at the B and M auto court on S. 6th.

Her mind cleared last night, said Dr. Peter Rozendal, county health officer, when he talked to her in the Klamath Valley hospital where she was taken after being brought to Klamath Falls by Ted Bulpin of Tulelake.

Bulpin saw her lying by the road and brought her here Tuesday morning.

She told Dr. Rozendal that she had been working at Mallin as a potato sorter. On Tuesday morning she missed her regular ride and started to hitch-hike. She said that she was picked up at the Lakeview-Merrill junction by five people in an old car. They offered her whiskey, she said, and when she refused, the people became angry. They turned off at Henley school and threw her out of the car, she declared, and she got up and began walking toward Merrill.

At this time, she passed out and was found a few minutes later by Bulpin.

She is still in the hospital under the care of Dr. Rozendal, who stated that her condition is rapidly improved. The matter is being investigated by law enforcement officers.

Air Power Beat Japs, Lemay Says

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, who directed B-29 Superfortresses attacks on Japan, said today that "the atomic bomb had nothing to do with the end of the war at all."

"The war would have been over in two weeks without the Russians coming in and without the atomic bomb," Lemay said at a news conference called to discuss the flight which he and two other generals made from Japan to Washington yesterday in three Superfortresses.

The three planes, scheduled to make a non-stop hop to the capital, were forced down short of their goal at Chicago.

Asked whether Japan could have been beaten solely by air power, the three generals at the conference table—Lemay, Lt. Gen. Barney M. Giles, and Brig. Gen. Emmett O'Donnell—said almost in unison "That is what we did."

ALLIED FORCES IN OCCUPATION MUST INCREASE

Eichelberger Finds Jap Problems 'Easy'

TOKYO, Sept. 20 (AP)—Several thousand American navy men headed for home aboard 17 third fleet warships today, while General MacArthur's headquarters reported army occupation forces would increase to 400,000 before dropping to his predicted 200,000 "duration" total—and Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger said he couldn't have asked for an easier occupation.

Handling occupation problems through the Japanese government has made the allied move into this conquered nation "surprisingly successful and extremely easy," said Eichelberger, commander of the eighth army, which occupies central and northern Honshu.

Situation Seen If the Japanese government had been dissolved, many more allied troops and much more time would have been required, Eichelberger told Associated Press Correspondent Hamilton W. Faron.

"We've had a minimum of friction with the Japanese authorities and with the Japanese people," he added. "If when I left Okinawa I could have been permitted to ask for just what conditions would have pleased me most, I couldn't have asked for anything better than the working arrangements we now have, and the results thus far obtained."

The eighth army commander also announced that Japan's war (Continued on Page Two)

Navy To Close KF Air Station

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP)—Assistant Secretary of the navy for air Sullivan today disclosed to the house naval committee 74 naval air stations or major facilities to be designated surplus in the last quarter of this year or the first of next.

He also told the committee that 234 outlying or satellite fields will be reduced to a similar status.

The 74 major facilities affected and to be made surplus before the end of the year, include (location and area by acres):

(In Oregon) Corvallis, 1597; Klamath Falls, 585; Lakeview, 980; North Bend, 753. (In Washington) Quillayute, 1031; Shelton, 1095.

Senator Guy Gordon has wired the chamber of commerce here that he has taken up with the chief of naval operations the possibility of continuing navy activity at the station and "hoped something could be worked out."

Shirley Gets Wedding License



While her fiancé, Sgt. John G. Agar Jr., looks on, Shirley Temple, 17-year-old screen actress, signs the application for the marriage license issued to them in Glendale, Calif. Their wedding took place last night. This exclusive picture was made by Photographer Salvador J. Felix of the Glendale News-Press. (AP wirephoto).

Even Rice Is Scarce In Tokyo



Tokyo civilians line up for their meager ration in a city where food has been rationed since the early part of the war. Rice, once plentiful, is now a short commodity; beans, which long ago became rationed, are almost gone; fish supply is good. Photo by Andy Lopez NEA/ACME photographer.

Civilian Government To Replace Military Is Jenkins' Recommendation For Germany

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP)—Frank Jenkins, Klamath Falls publisher, recommended today upon his return from Europe that a civilian government replace the military government in Germany as soon as possible.

The Klamath Falls Herald and News publisher said in an interview that Germany's rehabilitation would proceed faster under civilian government, with the military just "a club behind the door."

Commends Army "The army deserves every commendation for a magnificent job in conquering the Germans, but the sooner it can be retired as a policing agency, the better," Jenkins said.

He cited one of the incidents viewed during his two-month survey of Europe. "A small

group of Germans conceived a home building project. It wasn't much as we think of houses, but it would provide shelter. It had no connection with war-making. The price didn't seem out of line. Nevertheless, the American officer in charge said 'no.' It looked to me as if he didn't want to stick his neck out by approving, nor did he want

to bring down the wrath of his superior by passing the problem up higher."

Describes Conditions Jenkins predicted a high mortality rate in Germany and France, facing a cold and hungry winter. He reported coal production only a trickle; transportation almost at a standstill; food stocks, and processing of foods impossible.

He described \$30 Swiss watches selling to Russian soldiers for \$300 to \$400 on the Berlin black market. "But I think I got the explanation by talking in a sort of current jargon with Russian soldiers," he said. "They think, rightly or wrongly, that they can't take their invasion money into Russia, and their pockets, blouses and little bags are just bulging with the money which they are converting into easily transportable property as quickly as possible."

KLAMATHITES SINK 31 MILLION IN BONDS

The tidy little sum of \$31,054,408, is the investment figure of Klamath county residents in United States war bonds since 1941.

Andrew M. Collier, Klamath county war finance committee chairman, today announced this gratifying figure when the total of all issues was presented by the Oregon war finance committee chairman, E. C. Sammons.

By leaps and bounds, the quotas for Klamath county grew as drive after drive found local residents meeting each quota and in all instances, over-subscribing.

The first war bond drive, held in December, 1942, resulted in the purchase of \$245,689 in Series E, and in all issues, \$403,736. As a comparison, the 7th War Loan, which ended July 7, 1945, showed a purchase of \$1,718,598 in Series E, and in all issues for that drive, \$5,199,997.

There were seven war loan drives and exclusive of these campaigns, local purchasers invested \$5,987,974 in Series E bonds, and in all issues, \$7,000,896.

Somerville Asks Terminal Leave

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP)—Gen. Brehon Somervell has asked to be relieved of duty upon retirement of Gen. George C. Marshall as chief of staff, the war department disclosed today.

In a memorandum to Marshall, the chief of army service forces requested that he be permitted to go on terminal leave on the day that Marshall chooses to retire, and that upon completion of that leave be allowed to retire from active duty.

He made his request under a section of army regulations which permits regular army officers with World War I service to apply for retirement.

The granting of such a request is mandatory under the regulations.

'Mistaken Identity' Is Red Excuse For Attack

SEOUL, Korea, Sept. 14 (Delayed AP)—The crew and three observers of a B-29 shot down August 29 by Russian Yak fighter planes during a food dropping mission over a Hongo prisoner of war camp on northern Korea were on their way back to Saipan today, none the worse for wear.

The Russians explained it was a case of mistaken identity. Lt. J. J. Queen, Ashland, Ky., gave this account of what happened.

"When we got to the area, four Yaks came up. One appeared on our right wing, acted

Lift Of Newsprint Control Asked

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP)—Chairman Boren (D-Okla.) of the house newsprint committee announced today the committee has recommended that the war production board lift all government newsprint restrictions effective December 31.

Boren said in a statement that the committee favored a policy of not continuing controls any longer than necessary.

Newsprint is now allotted to publishers on a quota basis, by WPB order.

Five Million Would Feel Proposed Tax-Cutting Plan

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP)—A compromise tax-cutting plan that would wipe out income levies for some 5,000,000 persons began to take form today.

It also would scale down tax bills for all individuals as well as corporations.

This development came amid mixed congressional reaction to a proposal by the committee on postwar tax policy for an ultimate slash of more than 50 per cent in present tax collections.

The police committee, a private study group, called for immediate repeal of the three per cent "normal" tax on individual incomes and elimination of the wartime excess profits tax on corporations.

The compromise reported under discussion within the congress's own tax staff would provide:

1. Retention of the "normal"

PELICAN BAY MILL TO RUN AGAIN MONDAY

Big Lakes, Chiloquin Log Camps Ready For Whistle

One mill and four logging camps here were freed today from the grip of a strike that has paralyzed Klamath's lumber industry for six weeks.

CIO unionists said this afternoon that final union action was taken to end the strike against the three companies at a special meeting of the local CIO-IWA union yesterday afternoon.

Approximately 700 men will go back to work at the Pelican Bay Lumber company and two camps, Chiloquin Lumber company camp, and the Big Lakes Box company camp, Vernon Chase, CIO head, said today. Most of the men will return to the job Monday.

Agreement Chase added that these companies were "released" from the strike after a satisfactory agreement had been reached in accordance with the request of the west coast lumber commission for the men to return to work and continue negotiations afterwards.

In discussing the matter with Pelican Bay officials today, they stated that Pelican Bay men had agreed to go back under the present contract as it now exists. The company officials said that at any convenient times they would be glad to meet and discuss matters relative to mutual interests.

Chase said that all former employees of the three companies returning to work should check through the local IWA-CIO for clearance so that the union may assist these operations in filling their crews.

Pelican Bay workers are (Continued on Page Two)

25 BLAZES SWEEP CALIFORNIA FORESTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20 (AP)—Flames of 25 forest fires swept through forest and range lands of northern California today, adding to the estimated \$3,000,000 damage done by 6500 separate blazes in the state this year.

All northern California logging operations were ordered shut down. State and federal forestry service departments mustered every available man and piece of equipment. Special army engineer fire fighters, negro paratroopers, convicts and volunteers went to the fire lines.

Between 30,000 and 40,000 acres of virgin redwood and fire tracts were reported burned in Mendocino county where more than a dozen fires are still unchecked.

Ten thousand acres of pine and spruce forests have been destroyed in Butte county and another (Continued on Page Two)

EAST COAST ARRIVALS

By The Associated Press Lafayette W. Dick, Pvt., Klamath Falls. Arrived on Coaldale Victory, due at Newport News, Va., on September 19.

John E. Nuckells, Sgt., 2434 Orchard, Klamath Falls. Arrives on General Anderson, due in New York September 21.

Robert M. Brown, S/Sgt., 632 N. 10th, Klamath Falls. Arrives on General Anderson, due in New York September 21.

Arthur Wooley, T/4, Klamath county. Arrives on Thomas Barry, due in New York September 18.

Norman F. Cooley, T/5, Yreka, Calif. Arrives on Marine Angel, due in New York September 17.

Peter J. Siston, T/5, Alturas, Calif. Arrives on Marine Angel, due in New York September 17.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Washington	1	7	0
New York	6	10	0
Haefer, Appleton (7)	Carasquel (8) and Ferrell; Page and Robinson.		

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Philadelphia	0	6	1
Boston	2	8	0
Black, Berry (8) and Rosar; Hefflin and Steiner.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Detroit	1	5	4
Cleveland	6	9	2
Benton, Trout (8) Caster (8) and Swift; Reynolds and Hayes.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	3	8	0
Brooklyn	2	8	5
Logan, Hendrickson (8) and Masi, Gregg, King (8) and Danlonio, Peacock (9).			