

First US Troops In France Landed On Docks Of St. Nazaire 30 Years Ago

By ROBERT EUNSON
ST. NAZAIRE, June 30 (AP)—Just 30 years ago Saturday the first American combat troops to land in France debarked here and unlike their sons who splashed ashore through a raking fire and a half decade later, the doughboys at St. Nazaire were all smiling and mighty happy about leaving the boats.

There wasn't a pillbox or an 88-millimeter cannon in sight. The medics, the Red Cross and the commanding general had arrived a month earlier and were on hand for the reception ceremony.

No the doughboys of 1917 wrapped on their roll-type leggings, crammed razors, cigarette papers,

pictures of mom and the kids and other soldier essentials into their knapsacks and walked ashore to earn the first 14,500 campaign ribbons issued in the ETO.

Several non-combatant units had reached France in the weeks after May 26 when a hospital unit arrived, but St. Nazaire was the scene of the riflemen's debut. Their boats began to arrive June 26 and

Flagg and two members of his staff, J. L. Kennedy, chief accountant, and E. E. Laird, attorney, were in Seattle today to attend the hearing on the company's application for rate increases in Washington totaling \$6,000,000 a year.

California gave the company a \$10,000,000 emergency increase, and the company wants \$20,000,000 more.

The company has finished presenting its case in Washington and California. The Oregon hearings will follow the same pattern, with the company first giving its case, then a recess, and then the opponents giving their side.

Modoc county now pays a bounty of 10 cents on these birds. The losers are to furnish a feed for the winners.

Clyde Blaylock, 19, and Arthur Blackmore Bowles, 28 are to be arraigned in justice court today on charges of rape and assault with intent to rape, respectively. Blaylock's bail has been set at \$3000 and Bowles' at \$2000.

They have been held in the county jail since Saturday morning on complaints signed by two married women. One woman accused Blaylock of raping her and the other named Bowles as the man who attacked her.

The incident occurred outside an auto camp cabin on S. 6th where Blaylock was living last Saturday morning.

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