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PARIS AND MARSEILLES FREED BY FRENCH

Mobs of Patriots Best Germans In Fierce Fight, Ending Over Four Years of Nazi Bondage

London, Aug. 23.—French patriot forces battling in the streets as their forefathers did in 1789 have liberated Paris, the gay heart of France and historic symbol of freedom, bringing to an end four years and two months of Nazi bondage, Gen. Charles De Gaulle's headquarters announced today.

With a great force of American armored troops poised in an assault are almost half way around the capital, 50,000 armed French patriots, aided by several hundred thousand citizens who wielded what arms they could find, defeated the Nazi occupation forces in a four-day battle ending last night.

Vichyites Arrested
The patriots occupied all public buildings and arrested all Vichy government representatives who did not flee, said a formal announcement signed by Lt. Gen. Joseph Pierre Koenig, commander of the French Forces of the Interior and newly-named military governor of Paris under Gen. De Gaulle.

Around the world—in London, New York, Buenos Aires, Algiers and scores of other cities—the release of the "City of Light" from the darkness of Nazi rule was hailed in ceremonies featuring the playing of "The Marseillaise," the historic anthem of liberty, and the

raising of the Tri-Color of the republic. Church bells were rung in London and many other cities of England.

Allied Headquarters, Rome, Aug. 23.—Vengeful French troops in their first great victory of the war, captured Marseille today as a rampant American armored column plunged 140 miles north from the Mediterranean into Grenoble, 183 airline miles from Germany.

The French struck into Marseille, second city of France, from a siege arc curled around it by Maj. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's conquering Franco-American Seventh Army and crushed all but a few pockets of Nazi resistance nine days after the Allied invasion of Southern France.

Nazis Hold Toulon
East of Marseille the bomb-groggery Nazis still were holding out in the great naval base of Toulon, but the French steadily were pushing them to the sea with bayonets and hand grenades.

The whirlwind northward drive by the American spearhead which rolled almost at will through the Maquis-controlled Maritime Alps put Gen. Patch's forces within less than 240 miles of a junction with Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army in the north.

Lions Club Bus Station Committee Reports Progress Being Made

Lion H. C. Taylor, Sr. reported to the Louisburg Lions Club Tuesday night at the regular Club meeting that his committee is making progress in the effort to secure adequate bus station facilities for Louisburg. Lion Taylor read two letters written to his committee, one from D. D. McAffee, Division Manager of the Atlantic Greyhound Lines, and one from M. E. Newton, Superintendent of Stations for The Carolina Coach Company. Both gentlemen expressed a desire to meet with representatives of the other companies operating through Louisburg and then to have a joint meeting with the Lions Club to work out definite plans in the near future. The Club is very optimistic that with the present attitude of the bus companies something can be worked out before cold weather sets in.

Lion Gaither Beam, Immediate Past-President, was presented a handsomely engraved certificate in recognition of his work during the past year as President of the Club.

A motion was made by Lion Clifford Hall that an effort be made to secure better telegraph facilities for the town of Louisburg. The motion was referred by President Hedden to the Civic Improvement Committee, Walter J. Smith, Chairman.

Lion Macon G. Smithwick, President of the West Philadelphia, Penn. Lions Club was presented by President Hedden, Lion Smithwick who has been especially honored by his Club is also a Deputy District Governor of Lions International and a former resi-

dent of Louisburg. He spoke of the work being done by his club in the war effort and the part the Philadelphia Lions are playing in providing entertainment for the wounded service men in the various hospitals in that locality.

President Forrest Hedden announced the appointment of the following administrative and activities committee chairman for the next year: Sight Conservation and Blind, S. W. Stovall; Boys' and Girls' Work, Dr. A. Paul Bagby; Citizenship and Patriotism, G. M. Beam; Civic Improvement, Walter J. Smith; Community Betterment, J. P. Timberlake, Jr.; Education, E. C. Jernigan; Health and Welfare, Dr. S. P. Burt; Safety, W. J. Shearin; Music, I. D. Moon; Food Preparation and Serving, G. M. Beam; Attendance, Alex Wood; Constitution and By-laws, W. B. Tucker; Convention, W. L. Lumpkin; Finance, N. F. Freeman; Lions Education, Dr. Walter Patten; Membership, C. R. Sykes; Program and Entertainment, P. H. Massey; Publicity, W. O. Lambeth; Military Affairs, Lee Bell; and Greeter, G. M. Beam.

Lion Walter Fuller provided the fun for the evening in the form of a peanut relay contest in which the three contestants, Dr. Tom Amick, Will Lancaster, and Joe Tonkel with hands behind their backs tried to eat four peanuts each. Lion Lancaster easily forged ahead and completed his fourth while Dr. Tom was on his third and Lion Tonkel was wrestling with his second. Lion Tucker acted as referee and saw that the contest was conducted in a fair and impartial manner.

PROMOTED

William E. Perry Jr., has been promoted to First Lieutenant, according to information received by his parents.

Lieutenant Perry, who is with the One Hundredth Division is now at Fort Sill, Oklahoma taking advanced training in Field Artillery.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, Aug. 26:

Saturday—Dick Foran in "Song of the Saddle" and Allen Lane and Janet Martin in "Call of the South Seas," also Chap. 2 "Haunted Harbor."

Sunday—Edw. G. Robinson, Ruth Warwick and Ted Donaldson in "Mr. Winkie Goes To War."

Monday-Tuesday—Bette Davis and Claude Rains in "Mr. Skeffington."

Wednesday—Olson & Johnson and Gloria Jean in "Ghost Catchers," also "Flying Cadets" serial.

Thursday - Friday - Walter Brennan and Jeanne Crain in "Home in Indiana."

Triumph, Says Gen. Pershing

Washington, Gen. John J. Pershing, who commanded the American expeditionary force in the first World War, today described the liberation of Paris as "a great step forward along the road to Berlin."

In a statement issued through the Office of War Information, General Pershing said:

"Over four years ago, when the Germans took Paris, my sorrow was beyond words. Paris, to me, was and is the heart of France.

"Today, Paris is free; and the sons of the Americans who fought to preserve the freedom of Paris in 1917 and 1918 have had a prominent role in the Liberation of 1944. By their cooperation with their British, Canadian and French Allies these American soldiers of 1944 have upheld the high military traditions of the United States Army.

"The liberation of Paris is a great step forward along the road to Berlin."

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PROMOTED



CAPT. PAUL W. ELAM

Who has recently been promoted to Captain and placed in command of the 8th Company, N. C. S. G. Capt. Elam was formerly First Lieutenant of the same Company and is very popular among his men. He is a most efficient and capable officer.

LOSES LIFE IN FRANCE

Sgt. Gilmer Lee Aycock, 32, son of Mrs. J. C. Aycock of Louisburg, Route 2, was wounded in France July 12th and died July 13th, according to word received by his mother from the War Department. Sgt. Aycock had made his home in High Point, N. C. for a number of years prior to entering the Service. He was employed as foreman in the Melrose Full Fashion, on Kivett Drive. He entered the Service May 19, 1942, and went over sea September of the same year serving with the 175th Infantry. Surviving in addition to his mother are two sisters, Mrs. Jack Nash, of Castalia, Route 1, Mrs. Gillis Moore, of Louisburg, Route 2, and three brothers, Mr. Julius Aycock, High Point, J. D. and Grady Aycock of Louisburg, Route 2. Memorial Service will be held at Sandy Creek Baptist Church, August 27th at four o'clock.

KILLED IN ACTION

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Denton, of Norlina, received a message from the War Department informing them that their son, Sgt. Ollie M. Denton was killed in action while on duty in France on August 3rd. Sgt. Denton was a member of the 112th Inf., 28 Division. He volunteered into service from Warren County in December, 1940, and went from England to France sometime in July. He was 30 years of age and unmarried. He leaves to survive him two brothers, S. Thomas Denton, Policeman of Louisburg, Sgt. H. P. Denton of the Army Air Corps, in England, and seven sisters, Mrs. J. F. Gupton, Jr., of Raleigh, Misses Dora Ruth, Dorothy Lucille, Pattie and Lillie, of Norlina, and Patience Gupton, of Louisburg.

Franklinton Schools

Supt. W. P. Morton, of the Franklinton Schools, announces that the Franklinton School Board will not open their schools before Monday, September 18, the date set for school openings by the State Board of Education. The Franklinton Board will doubtless direct their Superintendent to plan for the Teachers' work conference as voted by the State Board of Education for Thursday and Friday, September 14 and 15. But the pupils will not report before Monday, September 18.

Some members of the Franklinton School Board seem to think that Franklinton has lost fewer teachers than any other school district in the state. The following new teachers have been elected to teach in the Franklinton Schools for this coming school year: Miss Mary Alice Cozart, of Oxford, Home Economics; Miss Freeda Davis, of Mt. Olive, in the elementary school; and Mrs. Bruce Hartsell, of Franklinton, piano and public school music.

ENTERTAINS NEW OFFICERS

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Lambeth entertained the newly elected officers and Directors of the Louisburg Lions Club at a supper at their home on Franklin Street last Monday night. Immediately after the supper the guests retired to the living room where a business session was held. Lion President Rev. Forrest Hedden acted as Chairman with the following Lions present: Walter Fuller, Howard Massey, Henry Taylor, Sr., W. O. Lambeth, Dean Moon, W. J. Shearin, Gaither Beam, Julius Timberlake, Jr., Numa Freeman, and Pat Hart.

North Carolina Tobacco War Bond Program

The North Carolina War Finance Committee has organized a War Savings Bond Program for the 1944 tobacco season, having established for the season a \$28,750,000.00 quota for individual buying by the tobacco farmers of the State. This quota figure has been arrived at by using the estimated 1944 crop poundage report, asking that 5c from every pound of tobacco sold be invested in Bonds by the seller.

To carry out this program in Franklin County, booths will be set up in each warehouse. These booths will be staffed by volunteer women workers, who will be known as the "Minute Women of TobaccoLand."

With the prospect of a fine tobacco crop and in anticipation of the top dollar price, it is very urgent that this program be successfully conducted with the hearty cooperation of everyone who is in a position to aid in this effort to help finance the war, as well as for the future security of our North Carolina farmers.

Court Term Suspended

The Franklin County Bar Association held a meeting on Wednesday morning at which time they unanimously recommended the cancellation of the September term of Franklin Superior Court for the trial of civil cases, scheduled to begin on Monday, September 11th, 1944. This action was taken on account of the backward condition of housing, the tobacco crop and other farm work.

The next session of Franklin Superior Court will be the criminal term to be held beginning on October 9th, 1944.

MISS STELLA NEAL DEAD

Miss Stella Neal, aged 86, died at her home near Louisburg Tuesday morning after an extended illness. She is the last of one of Franklin County's oldest families, and was preceded to the grave several years ago by two brothers, Moses and Charlie Neal, and one sister, Miss Mitt Neal. She is survived by three nephews, Messrs. A. S. Sherrod and C. N. Sherrod, of near Louisburg, and one nephew in Texas.

Quite a number of friends attended the funeral which was held from the home on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was made in the family cemetery, near the home. The floral tribute was very pretty.

SQUIRRELS MAY DIE THAT TREES MAY LIVE

Raleigh.—The Capitol grounds were a dangerous refuge today for the numerous pigeons and squirrels that reside there. The trees, shrubbery and grass were sprayed with a deadly poison to rid them of Japanese beetles found there.

Buildings and grounds officials said there was a chance that some squirrels and pigeons might die.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS 8th CO. N. C. S. G.

Capt. Paul W. Elam of the 8th Company, N. C. S. G., has issued orders to all members to assemble for Special Drill in the Armory on Friday night, August 25th, 1944 at 7:30 p. m.

750 NAZIS

With the Canadian First Army, France, Aug. 22.—Five persuasive American GI's marched 750 German prisoners into Canadian lines from the Falaise Gap, and today the Yanks were toasts of the Canadian Army. They must remain nameless now because the Americans had been German prisoners.

A Canadian officer said their feat was accomplished by fast talk that would impress any main street vacuum cleaner salesman. Fed up with their position as captives, the five Americans told the Germans that they would go through the lines and get the Allied artillery to stop shelling if the Germans would surrender.

The frightened "supermen" agreed. The Yanks went off and came back within a suitable time and told the Germans that they had arranged for the artillery to be silent for 20 minutes. The gullible Germans lined up and the GI's marched them into Canadian lines.

By chance, shelling actually did cease during the parade of the 750 Germans to prison cages—but the GI's hadn't been very close to Allied artillery equipment.

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AUXILIARY ELECTS OFFICERS

SERVICE COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Mrs. J. E. Malone Elected President, Miss Jessie Taylor Harris, Secretary, Mrs. F. L. O'Neal, Treasurer; Other Officers Named at Interesting Meeting Held in Commissioners Room Tuesday Night

The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular meeting on August 22 in the Commissioners Room in the Court House, 31 being present. The meeting was called to order by the temporary Chairman, Mrs. J. E. Malone, the regular opening ceremony being used. The nominating committee reported and the following officers were elected: Mrs. J. E. Malone, President; Mrs. P. H. Massey, 1st Vice-President; Mrs. H. W. Perry, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. F. L. O'Neal, Treasurer; Miss Jessie Taylor Harris, Secretary; Miss Lucy Smithwick, Chaplain; and Mrs. C. A. Ragland, Sergeant-at-Arms. These officers were duly installed by Mrs. H. W. Perry, past State President. Mrs. Malone, immediately took office and made the following appointments of committee chairmen:

- Americanism—Miss Alberta Davis.
- Community Service—Mrs. T. K. Stockard.
- Music—Mrs. Ralph Mills.
- Junior Activities—Mrs. R. G. Bailey.
- Legislative Activities—Mrs. J. R. Earle.
- National Defense—Mrs. P. H. Massey.
- Pan American Study—Mrs. Florence E. Underhill.
- Poppy—Mrs. George Davis.
- Publication—Mrs. C. R. Sykes.
- Publicity—Mrs. A. C. Hall.
- Child Welfare & Rehabilitation—Mrs. H. W. Perry.
- War Activities—Mrs. W. B. Tucker.
- Membership—Mrs. F. L. O'Neal.
- Cedar and Spring Streets; Mrs. Haywood White, Noble Street; Mrs. C. K. Cooke and Mrs. G. W. Cobb, Sunset Avenue; Mrs. Geo. Davis, North Main Street; Mrs. P. H. Massey and Miss Ida Mae Yow, North Main Street; Mrs. F. B. Leonard, Nash Street; Mrs. W. L. Beasley, Church Street; Mrs. Clyde Collier, Kenmore Avenue; Mrs. Lynn Hall, Business Section; Mrs. Howard Griffin, Centerville; Mrs. Vernon Stone, Justice; Mrs. O. V. Leigh, Bunn; Mrs. F. A. Read, Wood; Mrs. J. Y. Beasley, Ingleside; Mrs. O. B. Burrows, Prospect Church.

The first Friday in each month was voted upon as the regular meeting date, the meetings to be held in the County Commissioners Room in the Court House.

At the conclusion of the business session, the following program was rendered to the enjoyment and benefit of every one present:

A solo, "America, The Beautiful," was given by Mrs. Ralph Mills.

Mrs. A. C. Hall brought a message from the American Red Cross relative to its work and the possibilities of work for the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Ned Ford appeared before the meeting regarding the next Bond drive. She stressed the need for assistance in putting over this drive and the Auxiliary voted to maintain a booth in one of the tobacco warehouses during the drive.

Mrs. R. W. Smithwick spoke in reference to the production end of the American Red Cross and asked the cooperation of the Auxiliary.

The meeting adjourned to meet again Friday night, September 1, at 8:00 o'clock. This meeting will close the membership drive for charter members and the many women in Franklin County eligible for membership are urged to join the Auxiliary on or before that date. The need is great now but will be greater as our boys are discharged from service. JOIN NOW!

ROOSEVELT MAY BE PRESENT AT PARIS TRIUMPH

London.—The London Daily Herald said today plans were being made for President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill to be present in Paris, "if that is practical," when Allied troops parade under the Arc de Triomphe.

French troops will head the Allied parade, with Gen. Charles de Gaulle probably having the place of honor, the newspaper added.

U. S. TROOPS WITHIN 150 MILES OF REICH

Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, Aug. 23.—An American armored spearhead lanced on 15 miles virtually unopposed across the heart of France tonight—80 miles southeast of liberated Paris—cutting the ground steadily from beneath German armies now in retreat toward the Reich's frontier.

"The main battle for France is already over," declared Associated Press Correspondent Harold Boyle, who watched U. S. tanks drive 15 miles east of Sens to within 150 miles of the German border with no sign that the Germans were rallying for a stand.

Many Nazi Prisoners
Truckloads of prisoners streamed back in the wake of the American advance, but there was not a single smoldering enemy vehicle to indicate the enemy had put up a determined fight, said his dispatch, datelined "En Route to Berlin."

Only swarms of German warplanes fought against this peril to the German border.

Supreme headquarters lifted the cloak of secrecy only enough to report the thrust east of Sens, which is 65 miles southeast of Paris, and to report the tightening of the noose about tens of thousands of Germans in the Seine River loop northwest of Paris.

The Americans, driving from the south against these shattered remnants of the Seventh Army, seized Evreux in a nine-mile advance Evreux, one of the chief German anti-aircraft centers, is 15 miles from the Seine and only 19 miles southeast of where the Germans are crossing the river at Elbeuf.

An ever greater weight of attack was being thrown into the battle southeast of Paris, with units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army driving through Corbeil and Melun, 15 and 25 miles below the capital.

(The Nazi Transoceanic Agency said 2,000,000 Allied and German troops were locked "in the invasion battle.")

Supreme headquarters withheld from the world the progress of

the American forces forging north across the Seine northwest of Paris in an attempt to pin the battered Seventh and 15th German armies against the sea.

But the speed with which these spearheads have been moving, and with the power of German arms sapped by the Normandy beatings, it was difficult to see how an enemy stand could be organized short of the Siegfried line along Germany's western and southern frontiers.

Headquarters also had no comment on the deliverance of Paris, which Lt. Gen. Joseph Pierre Koenig, commander of French Forces of the Interior, proclaimed four years and 74 days from the hour that Adolf Hitler's legions marched under the Arc de Triomphe.

Presumably American forces which drove through Rambouillet and Tarnes, 27 and 30 miles respectively southwest of Paris, were engaging German forces fighting with their backs to a city now in hostile hands. Capture of Pithiviers, 48 miles south of Paris, also was confirmed.

American columns battled the enemy in the forest of Fontainebleau, 35 miles southeast of the capital. They were believed to be attacking forces bypassed in the Doughboy march on Sens along a front within 55 miles of Chateau-Thierry and the Marine battlefields of World War I.

This was the only hint of enemy opposition in strength in this sector of a spreading front which now reaches from the sea at Trouville 170 miles southeastward to Sens. At last reports no opposition had been struck around Sens, indicating the enemy had once more left his flank exposed on the south, a neglect that spelled disaster in Normandy.

Canadians Charge Ahead

In the battle of the Seine loop northwest of Paris, Canadians on the west were charging ahead at a pace of from 10 to 16 miles a day, but Belgians and Dutch along the coast ran into heavy going after rolling to Trouville, seven miles across the Seine estuary from Le Havre.

Allied Troops Complete Occupation of Florence

Rome, Aug. 22.—Allied troops "by skill and patience" have completed occupation of the world-famous art center of Florence without incurring extensive damage to its cultural treasures and have sent patrols digging into Nazi positions beyond the city, Gen. Sir Harold Alexander's headquarters announced today.

"Unless the enemy decides to engage the city with long-range artillery fire, the city rapidly will return to normal, and full assistance will be brought to the inhabitants by the Allied military government," an official statement said.

"When the time is ripe, Allied armies will continue their advance, relieved to know that the city has been spared irreparable damage."

Florence's position had been precarious since August 4, when Eighth Army troops penetrated to the south bank of the Arno River which flows through the city and found that the Germans had destroyed all but one of the bridges across the stream.

"Had troops of the Eighth Army forced their way into the city before the enemy had been compelled to withdraw from the town by our continued pressure on his flanks, street fighting inevitably would have broken out," General Alexander's statement pointed out.

"By skill and patience, the city has fallen into our hands, and extensive damage, apart from demolitions effected by the enemy, has been avoided."

(Some damage has been reported done to buildings in the heart of Florence by artillery shelling, but the Allied announcement offered no details of whether the city's several famous art galleries and other noted structures had suffered.)

A new all-time record meat output, perhaps reaching 25 billion pounds, is in prospect for 1944.

Autos and trucks can now run on fuel made from wood. You may get drive into a gas station and say, "Saw me off five gallons, Please."

Chemically treated, wood may be twisted into almost any shape—and so can anybody who takes a train ride these days.

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Recorder's Court

Franklin County Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday and disposed of cases as follows:

A nolle pro with leave was taken in the case of unlawful possession of whiskey against Z. K. Martin.

John Ellis Finch was found not guilty of operating motor vehicle drunk, by a jury.

A nolle pro with leave was taken in the case of disposing of mortgaged property against Lewis E. Wright.

James Weaver plead guilty to operating automobile intoxicated, and a, drun, given 4 months on roads, suspended on payment of \$50 fine and costs, and not to operate car for 12 months.

Eva Moore Parks was found guilty of drunk and disorderly and a, given 30 days in jail, suspended on payment of \$10 fine and costs.

Pauline Richardson was found guilty of drunk and disorderly, and given 6 months with State Highway and Public Works. To be suspended upon payment of costs.

John R. Driver was found guilty by a jury of speeding in Louisburg and fined \$25 and costs.

Curtis Driver was found guilty of speeding in Louisburg by a jury and was fined \$5 and costs.

Pauline Richardson, judgment in conviction on June 13th, 1944, was prayer and she was ordered to be committed to common jail of Franklin County for 30 days with permission to serve time at County Home and not to leave said premises during said period.

The following cases were continued:
Elbert Haley, reckless driving.
Slick Edwards, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill.
Bud Clements, assault with deadly weapon.
Bud Clements, assault on female.
Mangum Kelly, assault with deadly weapon.
Lee Brooks Thomas, trespass, assault with deadly weapon.
Thadius Clements, assault with deadly weapon.

MISSING

The Washington War casualty list published in Sunday's News-Observer lists ARD 2/C Harry Thomas Rogers, Jr., U. S. N. R., as missing. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rogers, Sr., on R1, Youngville.

Cleanly picked cotton produces lint of superior grade, that sells for considerably more money.