



Washington, D. C. STORY BEHIND MONTGOMERY-BRADLEY COMMAND SHIFT

There is significant background behind the appointment of British Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery to command two American armies, thereby taking away most of the command of Lieut. Gen. Omar N. Bradley. There are also interesting reasons why it was kept such a hush-hush matter from the American public.

General Bradley has now been awarded the bronze star by Eisenhower and congratulated by Churchill to take the sting out of his loss of the First and Ninth armies. The idea that Bradley made the transfer himself also has been publicized. Despite these maneuvers it is known inside the war department that highest U. S. war chiefs opposed the transfer to Montgomery and that it was put across by General Eisenhower anyway.

Background of the reshuffle goes back to the landing in Normandy last summer when Montgomery was given Caen as his objective, while Bradley was to take Cherbourg. Bradley reached his objective ahead of schedule in a new type of offensive fighting, in which U. S. troops did not wait for supplies to come up nor for snipers to be wiped out.

Montgomery, using more conservative, slow-moving old-fashioned tactics, sat with his army at Caen and either could not or would not break through until long after schedule, and until Bradley, ignoring Montgomery, smashed the Nazi lines to the south and started the lightning dash to Paris.

'Montgomery Demoted'

Afterward, the Stars and Stripes carried a story that Bradley was being promoted to the rank of full general and would supersede Montgomery. The Stars and Stripes being an official army newspaper, the story naturally was true. But publication in London caused such a furor among the British that the British broadcasting company went on the air with an emphatic denial.

After that the shift of armies was held up for a while, until Montgomery could be made a Field Marshal to appease both him and British public opinion. Bradley then took over command of all the American armies under Eisenhower, and Montgomery was left only with the two British and Canadian armies in Holland and Belgium.

Since then Monty has been waiting for his chance to stage a comeback. His friends of the British press—of whom he has many—have been doing the same. So immediately following the German breakthrough, he began pressuring Eisenhower to give him the American First and Ninth armies.

Montgomery is a superb defensive fighter. When his back was to the wall at El Alamein, just a few miles from Cairo, he did a great job. When given offensive jobs as in Sicily, at Caen, and at Arrnhem he failed to make the grade.

How much of Eisenhower's decision to put Montgomery in command of the two American armies depended upon his ability as a defensive fighter, and how much on British pressure is not known. It is known, however, the transfer of commands was opposed in the war department and was carefully hushed-up for two weeks and not even all of the top-ranking executives in the Pentagon building knew about it.

Also it is a significant fact that Eisenhower is answerable to Churchill as well as Roosevelt. He cannot be removed by Roosevelt without Churchill's O.K. and he has to get along with both. That is an important point not realized by many. But not to be forgotten.

Note: Rivalry among high ranking generals exists in every war, probably worse in the last war. General Pershing and Gen. Peyton March, U. S. chief of staff, were hardly on speaking terms. General Pershing also sent Gen. Clarence Ransom Edwards of Boston, hero of New England, home from France because of clashing personalities.

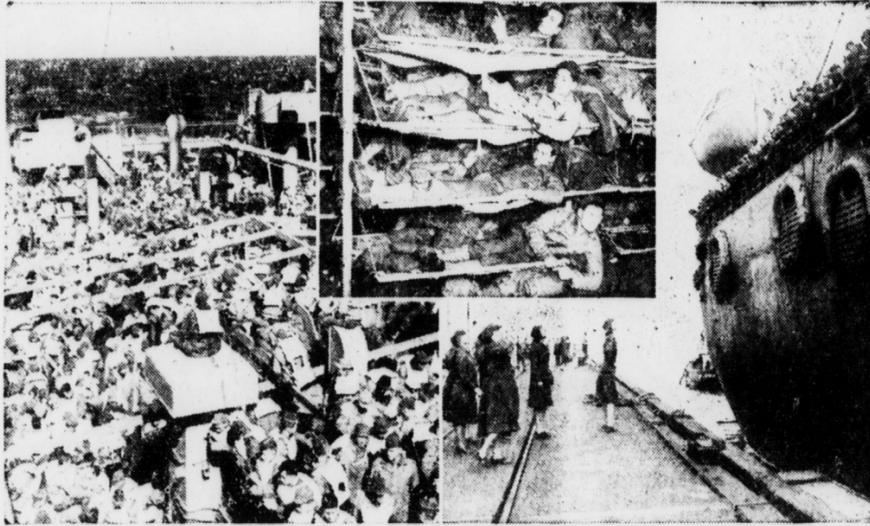
CAPITOL CHAFF

At the dinner of the Washington radio correspondents, President Roosevelt smoked cigarettes without a holder, while Assistant Pres. Jimmy Byrnes used a long black holder. In London they tell Americans, "You've got to understand our Winston. He believes in government for the people, not government by the people."

The bobby sox brigade has invaded the sacred halls of congress. Dozens of youngsters crowded the corridor outside the office of Helen Gahagan Douglas last week, hoping for a glimpse of the comely congresswoman from Hollywood. Her admirers were acquainted with all the roles she had played from the time they were in diapers.

Frederick Woltman of Roy Howard's New York World-Telegram, is releasing a series revealing the highest U. S. army posts have been taken over by communists. This will be news to Joe Stalin.

Troops Continue to Sail From U. S. Ports



Left: A troopship at sea. No room for deck chairs on this one-time luxury liner which sailed from a New York port. Upper center: Every inch of space is utilized. Here is a small section of one compartment aboard a U. S. army transport, after it was loaded at the New York port. Right: Red Cross workers, always on hand, wave goodbye to troops as an army transport begins its overseas voyage from Boston.

Overseas Handling of Service V-Mail



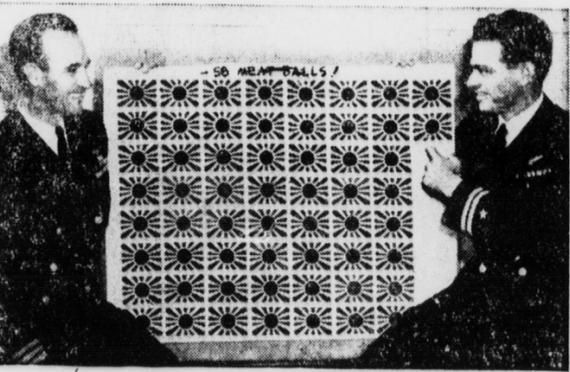
V-mail handling has become one of the best organized and most important branches of the service. Lower, V-mail combat film exchange. Upper left, temporary sending station in the field. Center, outgoing V-mail casing operation. Upper right, loading V-mail gear at Pearl Harbor. Wherever Uncle Sam's boys are to be found, V-mail will reach them. Officials urge more extensive use of this service.

Old Story in Warring Belgium



Carrying their few belongings, Belgian civilians trudge wearily along a road from the path of an advancing German army (left), and return (right), after the American armies have repelled the attack of the Nazis. Thousands of Belgians are without homes and many are in serious condition from privations.

Navy's Leading Hellcat Pilots



Fifty-eight Jap planes downed. That's the combined total of the navy's two highest scoring Hellcat pilots. L. to R., Comdr. David McCampbell, Los Angeles, and Lt. Cecil E. Harris, Cresbard, South Dakota. McCampbell destroyed 34 Jap planes in the air, and Lieutenant Harris shot down 24 enemy aircraft.

'40 Men, 8 Horses'



Reminiscent of World War I days, these American infantrymen board a "40 Hommes, 8 Chevaux" box car in France. They are members of 302 Reg., 3rd Bn., 94th Div. Many of the American troops were moved by these box cars in World War I. This is the first photograph received during present war.

Speed on Ice



Speed on ice is shown as Bill Bupolo, No. 11, of Boston Bruins, outskates Butch McDonald of Black Hawks during game at Chicago. The Chicago Black Hawks won.



Lint From a Blue Serge Suit:

Mr. I. Hoffman (the New York branch of the Hollywood Reporter) recalled the most costly comma in U. S. history. . . . Many years ago a tariff bill listed articles that were to be admitted free. One item was "all foreign fruit-plants." . . . But a careless clerk replaced the hyphen with a comma. . . . It caused oranges, lemons, bananas, grapes and other imported fruits to be admitted to the U. S. free of duty. . . . It cost the government an estimated million dollars plus.

A concrete example of journalistic jiu-jitsu (being thrown for the count) was the story which said that Dick Merrill, the famed transatlantic flier, had broken another record—flying from Seattle to Washington in six hours and three minutes. . . . The story was wired from the Capital by one of the news services. . . . One night later we grabbed Dick's paw and shook it hard as we congratulated him. . . . "I don't know what it's about," he said. "I just came in from Africa. How could such a story that never happened get started?"

The terrible crash of the old China Clipper at Trinidad reminded us of the flight we made from Natal to the U. S. . . . The Boeing circled over Port of Spain for more than an hour—waiting, we learned, for the man in charge of the field lights to wake up—and turn them on. . . . The law there at the time, it appears, prohibited plane landings at night. . . . When the China Clipper crashed it was the first time Trinidad permitted planes to land at night.

The author of "Argentine Diary" (Ray Josephs) has an exciting report in Cosmopolitan. It is the first full-length article on Evita (Little Eva) Duarte, the girl "behind the Colonel's" clique in Argentina. . . . We wrote about her activities here last June—the first story to appear in the U. S. about her influence in Argentina. . . . Little Eva, we said, a one-time playboy's gal-pal, worked herself up, colonel by colonel, to a top spot in the leading Fascist regime in the Americas. . . . Josephs' Cosmo piece is called "Under Cover Girl," and you'll know why when you read it. . . . His story, he tells us, was inspired by the item here about her, and that is why the editors bought it. . . . Two major movie studios are interested, too, reports the author. . . . Thus a columnist item has bloomed.

Things like this are making Sec'y of State-tinius a very respected gent around Washington. . . . The other day he invited Sec'y of Interior Ickes and his staff to meet with the State Dept' at a private dinner. . . . Mr. Ickes was asked to make a complete criticism of the State Dept'. . . . The idea was to achieve better teamwork. . . . Ickes let them have a blistering attack, and plenty of State Dept' ears sizzled. . . . But the confab achieved its unique purpose. . . . It put the State Dept' laus on friendly, human relations with the Ickes bunch for the first time in a dozen years.

Add fine screen playing: Mark Daniels in the "Winged Victory" hit. . . . In mid-December the col'm predicted that another strike would break out at Wright's in New Jersey. The workers there wish it emphasized that they won't strike and intend to vote for the continuation of the no-strike pledge.

A Broadway playgirl was tipped to a sure-thing four days before Tropical Park shuttered. She plunged on the horse for a \$10,000 killing. . . . But the bookie, with no future in racetrack gambling, welshed to the coast. Her boy friend happens to be one of the East's toughest sportsmen. Not a new way of committing suicide, at all.

A Gilmore hatcheck gal got a \$100 tip from a fellow, who returned two hours later and said it was a mistake, demanding it back. He gave her \$1 instead. Not a bad tip, at that. . . . Havana is "dead"—practically no tourists. But Cuba has great prosperity, wages are higher than ever. The Cuban capital is guarded by machine gunners, ditto the Presidential Palace. . . . Groaned one wealthy Cuban planter: "You people insist on giving our people milk and ice cream! They hate it!" . . . Isn't it true you are richer than ever?" he was asked. . . . "No," he said, "I used to make \$500,000 a month. Now it takes three months to make that!"

Cole Porter says of all the songs he's composed, his pet is "Love for Sale," which radio banned because of its poetry—and which, consequently, was never "done to death" by the song-pluggers. . . . The Reps are describing Mr. Churchill as "England's revenge for the Boston Tea Party!" . . . A legless mendicant features this placard: "4F in the Draft—But 1A in Blood Donations!" . . . Phil Brito's description of a phony: "He is bothered more by your success than by his own failure."

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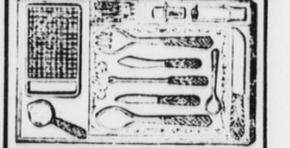
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