

American G. I.'s Patrolling German Border Are Having Tough Job

90 Per Cent Of Teen-agers With No Combat Experience; Few Speak German

PASSAU, Germany—With 320,000 civilians and 160 miles of mountainous border country to watch, the 800 men of the American 51st Constabulary Squadron stationed here have a full-time job. However, the problem of American military control for even this small zone is more complex than that. Ninety per cent of the constabulary troopers are virtual teen-agers who have never been in combat, are in Europe for the first time and cannot speak the language of this country.

The 51st Squadron has the southeast corner of the American zone of Germany as its responsibility. Czechoslovakia lies to the east and Russian and American-occu-

pled Austria to the south, athwart the wooded Danube River valley where it disappears behind the "Iron Curtain".

The great inland river port of Passau is itself a sizable problem. With a normal population of 25,000, Passau now shelters 64,000 persons. Strolling its streets any day are Hungarians, Czechs, Poles, Yugoslavs, Sudeten Germans, Levantines and representatives of virtually every nationality of Central Europe.

This polyglot city is a gateway to the American zone from Russian-dominated Eastern Europe. Although there is little official traffic up or down the Danube, narcotics, political agents, contraband and black-market supplies move in and out—and every one, including the Americans, are well aware of this traffic.

Without the complete co-operation of the German border, land, water, customs and city police forces, as well as American counter-intelligence agents, the 51st Squadron would hardly be able to function. In their constabulary patrols throughout the countryside in jeeps, the troopers usually are accompanied by an English-speaking German policeman. Other Germans are stationed at various border points and make independent or joint patrols with the American troops at the long frontier.

Americans Stand By

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Book Week Observed In County

School PTA Groups, County Library, School Libraries and Book Store Observe Annual Event

National Book Week, with its theme of "Books Are Bridges," is to be observed throughout the county schools, in The Book Store, and in the County Library, according to Miss Margaret Johnston, county librarian. The dates of the annual event are from November 10th through the 16th.

Special exhibits, P-T-A, and club programs are being planned on children's books. The public is being invited to visit the schools and their libraries and the Haywood County Library to see some of the new books available, many of which may be bought at The Book Store here.

At the Public Library headquarters there will be a special exhibit of the Lois Lenski original illustrations from her new book, "Blue Ridge Billy." The new books for children will be on display all week in order that borrowers from all over the county may see the books and leave requests.

Special lists for parents and book marks will be distributed. On Thursday at 5:00 o'clock the boys and girls are invited to a radio party at the County Library to hear "And to think I saw it on Mulberry

established a special police school in Munich. There Germans with politically clean records are trained to work with American troops. Every month a number of English-speaking German policemen are graduated to serve with the zone constabulary.

While visiting one border point, where the American and Russian posts are separated by a shallow trout stream, twelve illegal border crossers were handed over to the Russians. The complete negotiations were handled by a German policeman and the Russian sergeant, while two youthful non-German and non-Russian speaking American troops stood by not quite aware of what was going on.

Several nights previously two other troopers who were supposed to be on guard were asleep in their modern little concrete bunkhouse when the Russians sneaked over and stole their blankets. That is the type of replacements which the constabulary has to work with these days, Class 4 and 5 men.

There are other handicaps under which this and other constabulary squadrons must operate. For example, to patrol an area of about 2,000 square miles, as well as to maintain its own supply network the squadron has 151 vehicles, of which only fifteen are new. The rest have been through the war and are almost wrecks in need of constant repair.

No "Weasels" Available
To cover the rugged country along the Czech and Russian frontiers this winter the squadron expected to have "weasels" (tracked scouting cars). In this area the snow sometimes is nine feet deep. However, word was received that there are not enough "weasels" for all constabulary units, so the 51st Squadron plans to teach its troopers to ski in the hope that an effective frontier patrol can be maintained.

The 51st Squadron seems to have everything under control, and its uniformed troopers, with special distinguishing insignia, look impressive to German civilians. However, under the surface in this lively section of the Danube Valley there are forces at work which escape the attention of the youthful soldiers of the American Army of Occupation.

PUT PALESTINE ISSUE TO U. N.



EGYPTIAN DELEGATE Mohammed Hussein Heykal Pasha (right) discusses with Dr. H. B. Bado, Bey, counselor of the Supreme Administrative Court, the explosive speech Pasha later made before the U. N. Assembly, in Flushing Meadows, N. Y. Indirectly presenting the Palestine issue to the U. N., the Egyptian delegate declared that the world refugee problem could only be solved by sending displaced persons back to the countries where they had previously resided. (International)

U. S. Priest Says Russia Keeps War Plants Going

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — An American Catholic priest who passed thirteen years in Moscow charged that the Russians are working their war plants three shifts a day . . . while Russian representatives at the United Nations conference shout for disarmament.

The Reverend Leopold Braun, who returned to the United States early this year, made the charge while speaking last night at a meeting of the Knights of Columbus. He released portions of his talk for publication today.

Father Braun declared also that "General Winter" and American Lend-Lease—not the Russians—beat the German eastern armies, and that American Red Cross supplies, contributed for the relief of impoverished Russian people, were going instead to "fatten the secret police".

"Don't talk to me about Russian strategy," the priest declared. The Germans were not beaten by the Russians—they were frozen and famished. Four months after Russia and Germany went to war, the Russian armies were beaten. They were saved only by "General Winter" and an avalanche of Lend-Lease supplies.

Street," by Dr. Seuss.

The Waynesville high school under the direction of Mrs. Jimmy B. Neal, librarian, and through the cooperation of the Art department and the faculty plan to have exhibits, book talks, and a faculty tea.

On Monday the Lois Lenski illustrations will be shown at the high school. Miss Johnston, county librarian, is scheduled to talk at the high school faculty tea on Monday and to the Waynesville Book club on Wednesday. Mrs. Neal will address the Hazelwood P. - T. A. meeting on Monday evening.

At the Bethel and Hazelwood schools special exhibits have been planned by Miss Margaret Boyd and Miss Lou Belle Boyd.

The students from the Springdale school have been scheduled to visit the library in two groups on Tuesday and Friday. Other teachers and groups may arrange a convenient time to visit the County Library during the week, it has been announced by Miss Johnston.

Carnegie Medals Awarded to 32

PITTSBURGH—Heroism of 32 persons in 18 states and Canada was recognized here by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission.

The Commission awarded each of the 32 the Carnegie Hero Bronze Medal, granted one a \$300 annual pension, and in 23 of the cases made cash awards totaling \$8,750 for schooling, home purchase, and other purposes.

Four of the heroes lost their lives. Five women were included among the 32 receiving the honor.

The acts of heroism ranged from that of an Illinois schoolboy who rescued two girls from being killed by stampeding cattle to a South Carolina farmer who saved another farmer caught in a well cave-in.

The Commission does not name the individuals receiving the money awards.

The Massachusetts recipients were John Tufo of 12 Bungalow Road, Boston, who saved Annie McLean from burning at West Roxbury on March 29, 1946, and Arthur Bellmore of 138 Fisher Street, Attleboro, who rescued George R. Briggs from drowning in Attleboro on Dec. 13, 1945.

Man Killed Carrying Insurance Application

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J.—Louis H. Burrows, thirty-four, of 56 North Oxford street, Brooklyn, professor of clinical chemistry, Franklin School of Science and Arts, Philadelphia, who was killed recently in an automobile collision on the super-highway outside New Brunswick, had in his pocket a filled-out application for a \$10,000 life insurance policy, clipped from an advertisement in "The Philadelphia Inquirer."

Burrows, who was married and had a child, was picked up in Camden by First Lieutenant Daniel Shapiro, twenty-four, who was motoring from his post in Edgewater, Del., to his home at 766 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn. Lieutenant Shapiro's car was in collision with a truck driven by Mervyn Shindle of Pemberton, N. J., who escaped injury. Lieutenant Shapiro was injured internally and was taken to the station hospital at Camp Kilmer.

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Vet Insurance Laws Are Liberalized Many Ways

Liberalization of National Service Life Insurance by the Insurance Act of 1946 has given World War II veterans a choice of policies essentially equal to commercial life insurance and embodying features no commercial organization could offer at similar premium rates.

Changes of greatest interest to most veterans are the inclusion of a lump-sum settlement option, provision for endowment policies, removal of all restrictions as to beneficiaries, and provision for a disability-income rider paying \$50 monthly for a \$10,000 policy without reducing its face value.

Lump-sum settlement may be designated only by the insured veteran, but regardless of the option he selects, his beneficiary may choose another providing payments over a longer period. Other options now included are monthly installments for 3 to 20 years, lifetime payments with 120 monthly instalments certain, and refund life income with face value certain.

Added to the original permanent plans available (ordinary, 20-pay and 30-pay life), are 20-year endowment, endowment at age 60 and endowment at age 65. The veteran may convert to two or more of these permanent plans if he desires, although endowment plans cannot be included if premiums are being waived because of disability.

A less publicized liberalization is the provision that any veteran who had active service between October 8, 1940, and September 2, 1945, is eligible for National Service Life Insurance upon a showing of good health. Service-connected disabilities or less than total degree are not disqualifying. Under the old law, the veteran who did not take out a National Service Life Insur-

Subway In Paris Is Named For Roosevelt

PARIS—A Paris subway station was renamed in memory of Franklin D. Roosevelt at public ceremonies attended by United States Ambassador Jefferson Caffery.

The station, situated at the intersection of the Champs Elyees and Franklin D. Roosevelt Avenue, formerly was named the Marbut Rond-Pont des Champs Elyees.

ance policy while in service could not apply after he had returned to civilian life.

The previous advantages of National Service Life, such as premium waiver for disability and absence of restrictions on travel, remain in effect. Reinstatement of lapsed policies has been facilitated. Veterans who previously have been unable to reinstate their National Service Life Insurance should visit the nearest Veterans Administration office.

Guy C. Riggs, contact representative with the Veterans Administration, will be in Waynesville at the U. S. E. S. office each Thursday from 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. for the purpose of explaining to veterans and their dependents their rights under the various laws.

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