

FORMER LEJEUNE COMMANDER DIES

NEW BERN, July 16.—Brig. Gen. David L. S. Brewster, USMC, veteran of two world wars and first commanding officer of the Marine Barracks at New River, now Camp Lejeune, died July 10 in Bethesda Naval hospital after an illness of several months.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon in the Fort Meyer chapel, followed by interment in Arlington national cemetery. Honorary pallbearers included Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, commandant of the Marine corps, with whom General Brewster served at Lejeune.

Born in Washington, General Brewster was commissioned second lieutenant in the corps in 1910. By 1917 he had qualified as air plane pilot, dirigible pilot and balloon pilot and in World War I flew a plane in antisubmarine patrol from a base in the Azores, being with the First Marine Aeronautic company to go abroad.

For service in Nicaraguan campaigns he was decorated by that government. He had also served in Santo Domingo, Panama and China. After a year and a half as first post commandant at New River, where he will always be associated with pioneer work on that mammoth installation, he was transferred in April, 1943, to the First Marine Amphibious corps and went to the Pacific theater. He was awarded the Legion of Merit for operations in the Marianas. Later he became chief of staff of the administrative command of the Fleet Marine Force.

Pvt. Jack E. Smiley Now In U. S. Naval Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smiley, Pine Grove, Wilmington, have been informed that their son, Pvt. Jack E. Smiley, who was severely wounded in June on Okinawa, has been evacuated to the U. S. Naval hospital at Mare Island, Cal. Pvt. Smiley entered the Marine Corps on October 25, 1944.

FIVE FACE DEATH

MILAN, July 16.—(AP)—Five Italian youths—all in their twenties—faced possible death sentences as their trial, the first of its kind in Northern Italy, ended today before an Allied military tribunal. The five were accused of the possession of arms, looting and robbery with firearms, and the slaying of two civilians.

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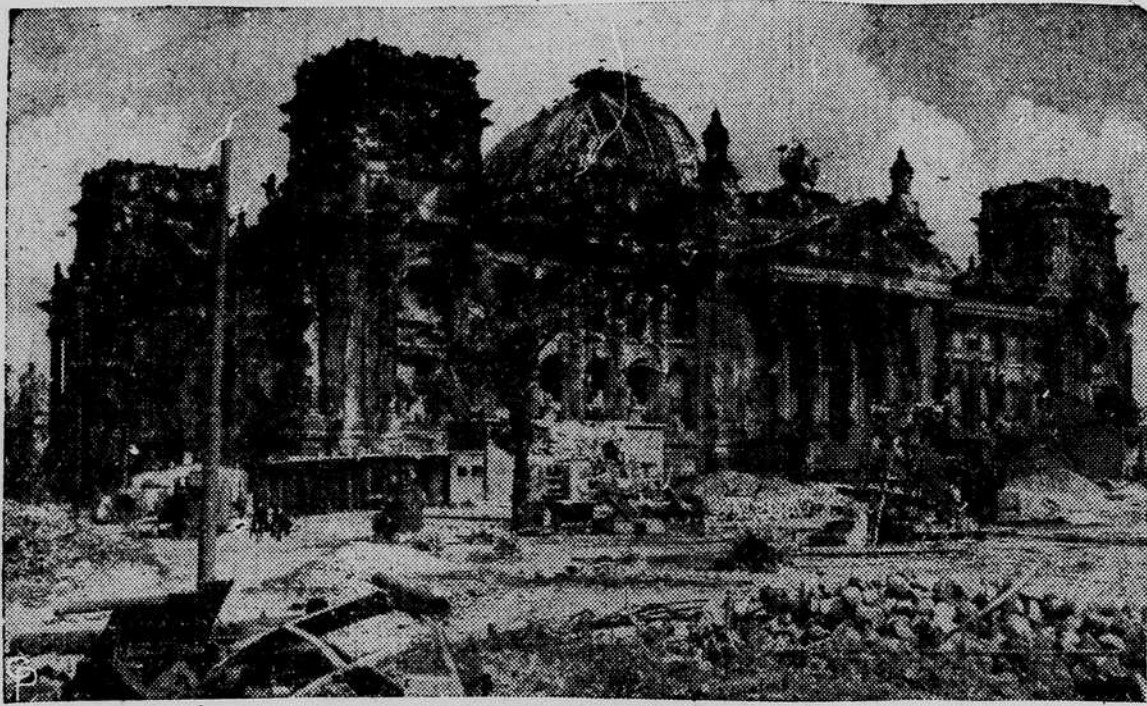
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BLITZED REICHSTAG A SCENE OF DESOLATION



A SHELL OF A ONCE-IMPOSING STRUCTURE is the German Reichstag building in the heart of Berlin. For the second time in 15 years, the huge House of Government has been gutted by flames. The first time it was burned down by the Nazis. And here it is today—a monumental heap of blasted masonry surrounded by rubble—after the Allies had burned it out with shells and bombs. Signal Corps photo. (International)

WITH THE AEF Odd Jobs And Stuff

By KENNETH L. DIXON
OCCUPIED GERMANY—(AP)—

When the public relations officer of the 84th Division heard of it, he practically broke a hamstring rushing to assign a reporter to cover the occurrence.

"You know how to handle it," the PRO instructed. "It's a dough-boy dream job and that sort of stuff."

So the reporter hurried right over and located Pfc. Marcel Rhodes, Canton, N. C., who sure enough was standing guard over a well-filled German winery.

"How do you like your job?" the soldier was asked. "Do you do much wine testing? What did you go to do to deserve this assignment?" "I don't like it," replied Pfc. Rhodes. "Furthermore, I consider it a druggery and a bore."

"Ha, ha, that's a good gag," chuckled the reporter appreciatively. "Now tell me what kind of wine you like best."

"None," said Pfc. Marcel Rhodes. "I don't drink."

A short, short story: The men who know most about discharge points in the 325th Field Artillery are the clerks in the personnel section who have been adding and subtracting them for the guys in the outfit for several weeks. There is, however, not a single man in the entire section who has enough points to get out of the Army.

Despite what they have always said, it begins to look as though some of the boys aren't going to try too hard to "forget all about it" in the postwar years after all.

Many outfits already are forming organizations for division, corps and Army reunions after they have returned to civilian life. They are drawing up charters and taking memberships, electing officers and selecting organizational headquarters.

Plans generally call for one full membership meeting a year with various smaller sessions for handling any problems which might arise, such as postwar legislation.

in which the outfit might be interested.

Another interesting phase of postwar planning concerns division, corps and Army histories. Everybody is writing one or has one written—and this correspondent personally does not want to be around when a couple of division historians get together to compare notes.

That is partly the result of reading small booklet type histories which the outfits have been putting out for the past several months and partly from considerable experience working with first one division and then another.

At this moment, I can name three separate outfits which admittedly were individually responsible for the St. Lo break through, five divisions each of which was the first to reach or break the Siegfried line, half a dozen which were the first to reach the Rhine, a similar number which were closest to Berlin when the war ended or deepest into Germany, and I have long since lost count of the various outfits which finally stopped the Germans in the Ardennes break through.

What is more, every one of them can prove it, too.

REV. JOHN MACLEOD ADDRESSES CHURCH AUXILIARY MONDAY

The Rev. John D. MacLeod, minister to the Carolina Beach and Myrtle Grove Presbyterian churches, discussed yesterday before members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church of Wilmington at their July meeting, the various war services of the Presbyterians, and the Post-war program of the Presbyterian Training School for Lay Workers at Richmond, Va.

A part of the meeting's devotional service, conducted by Miss Elizabeth McWhorter, who recently became director of religious education for the church, was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. R. P. McClammy, who died last week. The meeting was held at the Little Chapel on the Boardwalk, which is operated by the Wilmington church.

Following the meeting a picnic luncheon was held at the Wrightsville Beach home of Mrs. C. Heide Trask.

New Marks Machinery Garage Site Cleared

Construction of a \$25,000 brick and steel one story garage at 1021 North Third street for the Marks Machinery company got under way with the clearing of the site for the building this week.

Announcing the issuance of a building permit to the owners of the concern this morning, City Building Inspector Gilbert F. Morton, said the work, to be done by Leon Jewell, contractor, of Sanford, is expected to take about 90 days.

He revealed that six houses were being demolished to clear the site.

The machinery company is now located on Third street, between Market and Princess.

Craven War Bond Drive 155 Per Cent Over Top

NEW BERN, July 16.—With a record high of \$2,428,971.50 chalked up to its credit during the Seventh War Loan drive, Craven county citizens subscribed its overall quota by 255 per cent, according to official figures announced by County Campaign Chairman J. Gaskill McDaniel.

A total of \$638,400 in "E" bonds was reported for the drive, or 6.4 per cent above the \$600,000 quota in this classification. This was 70 per cent above the "E" bond sale of \$375,151.25 during the Sixth War Loan campaign.

RALEIGH, July 16.—(AP)—W. K. Beicher, forest fire protection chief, said today that 84 fires were reported in the state protected areas during the month of June, causing an estimated damage of \$25,362.

Philip Morris Company Buys Only Leaf Supply

NEW YORK, July 16.—(AP)—Alfred E. Lyon, president of Philip Morris Co., Ltd., today said his company had purchased "the only important available supply of ripened and matured tobacco now existing in the United States."

The purchase amounted to about 17,000,000 pounds and cost in excess of \$10,000,000, Lyon said. Philip Morris & Co. bought the tobacco from TransAmerica Corp., which acquired it through its interest in Axton-Fisher Tobacco Co. "This tobacco will allow us immediately to make more cigarettes and consequently will ease the shortage," Lyon said.

The purchases, the second major increase announced by Philip Morris in the past 60 days, will build up the company's inventory for the duration, Lyon added.

Proposed Meeting Stirs Lively Chinese Debate

CHUNGKING, July 16.—(AP)—A proposal to seek postponement of a meeting of the Chinese National Assembly, set for Nov. 12 to introduce constitutional government in China, stirred a lively debate at a session of the Peoples' Political Council.

Several members argued that fresh elections should be held for the National Assembly, which was chosen more than eight years ago. The Assembly originally was scheduled to meet in 1937, but the war intervened.

During the debate, some Council speakers criticized Gen. Sheng Hshih-Tsai, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, for his earlier administration as Governor of Sinkiang Province. Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek removed him as governor as a friendly gesture to Soviet Russia.

COTTON CONSUMPTION
WASHINGTON, July 16.—(AP)—The census bureau reported today that cotton consumed during June totaled 786,063 bales of lint and 117,992 bales of linters, compared with 830,568 bales of lint and 128,707 of linters during May this year and 805,823 of lint and 121,708 of linters during June last year.

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"Hitler looks tired, is determined and talkative. . . The winter months in Russia have borne heavily upon him. I see for the first time that he has many gray hairs."

"What does the future hold? Ribbentrop is less explicit. Offensive against the Russians in the south, with the oil wells as political-military objectives. When Russia's sources of oil are exhausted, her knees will bend. Then the British conservatives, and why not Churchill himself, who is a sensible man, will bow to save what remains of their mauled empire. . .

What if the British, who are stubborn, choose to continue? Airplanes and submarines, says Ribbentrop. We go back to the 1940 formula. But it didn't give results then, and was discarded. Now they pull it out again. . .

"America is a big bluff. This slogan is repeated by everyone, large and small, in the chambers and ante-chambers. It's my belief that the thought of what the Americans can and will do disturbs them all. The Germans close their eyes in order not to see. . .

"For France, they feel more difficulty than friendship. Laval is unconvincing. The true spirit of the French is expressed more clearly by the typesetter who risked his life so the paper appeared with the name of Petain changed to Putain (streetwalker). . .

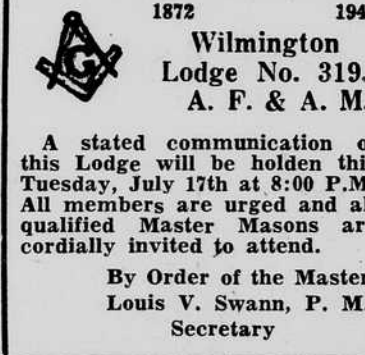
Fuehrer Puts His Audience to Sleep
"On the second day after lunch, when everything had been said, Hitler talked for an hour and 40 minutes without interruption. He omitted nothing: War and peace, religion and philosophy, art and history. Mussolini looked at his wristwatch. I had my mind on my own business. Only Cavallero (Italian supreme commander) pretended he was listening in ecstasy. . .

Gen. Jodl (Hitler's personal chief of staff) went to sleep on a divan, after an epic struggle. Gen. Keitel was staggering, but succeeded in keeping up his head. He was too close to Hitler to let himself go. "One does not see any physically fit men on the streets of German cities and villages. Women, children and old men. Also foreign laborers. Slaves of the earth Edda (Ciano's wife and Mussolini's daughter), who visited a camp for Italian workers, found a man who had been wounded on his arms by the scythe blows of a brutal guard. She told Hitler, who staged a fit of anger and ordered all sorts of arrests and investigations. It won't change the course of events. . .

"Losses in Russia are heavy. Ribbentrop says 275,000 dead. Our Gen. Marras (military attache in



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Berlin) raises it to 700,000. With amputations, frostbite, and the seriously ill who won't recover by the end of the war, the figure rises to 3,000,000.

"British aviation is hitting hard. Rostock and Luebeck literally have been razed. Cologne has been hit heavily. The Germans strike back, but with less violence. It only partly consoles the German population, which is accustomed always to give it, and never to take it back. It leads many of them, who have devastated half of Europe, to weep about the 'brutality of the British, who are making innocent Prussian families homeless.' The serious thing is that they mean it. . .

"The trip didn't arouse much interest in Italy. . . Everyone expected Hitler would announce an offensive against the Russians. Instead he started one against the German people (total mobilization, so-called)."

(Tomorrow: Triumphant March through Cairo, is Il Duce's dream.)

Belgian Parliament Will Convene Today

BRUSSELS, July 16.—(AP)—Prime Minister Achille Van Acker announced today after a four-hour cabinet meeting that parliament would be convened tomorrow to work out the next step in the impasse produced by King Leopold's decision that he would not abdicate nor return immediately to Belgium.

Van Acker said that "due to the gravity of the situation" another cabinet meeting would be held tonight.

Meanwhile rumors circulated that the King, through regent Prince Charles, had sent a message to the Belgian people declaring that he wished to await the results of a general election before definitely making up his mind.

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