

BRONZE STAR FOR HOWINGTON

The Reverend Nolan P. Howington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Howington of route 3, Shelby, who served the North Benson Baptist church, Frankfort, Kentucky, previous to his being accepted as a chaplain in the United States army has recently been awarded the Bronze Star medal. Chaplain Howington was commended for his indefatigable efforts to stimulate and maintain religious interest throughout the 273rd Infantry regiment of which he is the regimental chaplain.

In 1942, the Rev. Mr. Howington entered the army as a first lieutenant and was assigned to the Harvard University Chaplain school. Having completed his course there, he became a chaplain in the 273rd Infantry regiment, a component of the 68th Infantry division. He served that unit while it was stationed in the United States and accompanied it overseas. His recognition has been rapid, for he has since been promoted to the rank of captain with the title of Regimental Chaplain. An additional honor came in the form of the Bronze Star.

At present Chaplain Howington is in action somewhere in Germany.

GERMANS

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Daniel Boones on motorcycles, were almost mobbed by the exultant throngs. Every Red army vehicle soon was overflowing with pretty Czech girls—whom the G. I.'s have voted the best looking in Europe.

Westward from Prague to the American lines at Pilsen stretched 45-mile column of broken German troops fleeing toward Yank positions to escape being taken prisoner by the Russians.

SLAUGHTER

Among them were thousands of S. S. troops, whom the Czechs accuse of slaughtering thousands of unarmed boys and men in the last three days, and of herding women and children before their tanks to protect their vehicles from the patriots' fire.

In the 56-mile line of glum Germans streaming toward Pilsen were scores of colonels and personnel—and hundreds of wives and children of German occupation troops, trying to ride on dilapidated cars and carts in this long column of woe and red-faced distress.

Thousands of German carpet-baggers and farmers with their families were in that column, and every German in Czechoslovakia east of Pilsen appeared headed for the Reich or for American lines.

The worried Germans held on to their arms until they reached Yank outposts five miles from Pilsen.

Under orders from the Doughboys of the Second Infantry division and tank men of the 16th Armored division, they then began throwing away their equipment—pistols, machineguns, rifles, helmets, gas masks, binoculars and cameras along the roadside, until it looked like a Nazi armory. Civilian men and boys pawed over this loot.

TAKE

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Borotra was one of the world's ten top ranking tennis players 15 years ago. Teamed with Rene Lacoste, Jacques Brugnon and Henri Cochet, he appeared in many American, English and French tournaments and Davis Cup matches.

Wayland and Borotra were both arrested on warrants issued by the high court of justice, which has jurisdiction over the most important cases of collaboration and will soon bring Marshal Petain to trial on a charge of treason.

Wayland, in poor health, is being held in a military hospital.

Borotra is under house arrest.

GOVERNMENT

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tion of postwar models.

OPA prepared meanwhile to announce tomorrow (11:30 a.m., EWT) its policy for holding down prices on the new goods soon to re-enter the market for the first time in three years.

said yesterday that as matter of general policy prices will be held to the levels of 1942, to ease at which the last pre-war durable goods left the market.

A babe in a house is a well-spring of pleasure, a messenger of peace and love, a resting-place for innocence on earth, a link between angels and men.—Tupper.

SCHOOLS HAVE OPEN HOUSE

All white rural schools in Cleveland county will observe open house Friday, it was announced this morning by Horace Grigg, superintendent of county schools. Patrons of the schools are invited to the school grounds and asked to observe improvements in the grounds and classrooms. There will be short programs at most of the schools.

FOUR BODIES

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that no body that can be identified without any shadow of doubt as that of Adolf Hitler ever will be found now.

UNDERGROUND FORT

The underground fortress which Hitler made his headquarters in the final mighty battle of Berlin was the huge, supposedly bomb-proof air-raid shelter underneath the new Reich chancellery.

Somewhere amid this underground labyrinth of ruins, his body charred beyond real recognition by flamethrowers, Adolf Hitler probably met his death. The Russians believe he might have been killed beforehand by the people around him. But the flames that finally swept through the subterranean passages probably destroyed forever any definite evidence of how the Nazi leader was wiped out.

IN CHAOS

Today, more than a week after the capitulation of Berlin, I was able to see something of the horror of the greatest street-to-street and house-to-house battle since Stalingrad.

The Tiergarten—Berlin's Central Park or Hyde Park—was held through days of desperate fighting by S. S. troops. Before 1941, I used often to stroll through it on summer evenings. It was probably one of the most beautiful parks in any capital city in the world. Today it looks like the Argonne or Belleau Wood or Paschendaele. Its fine trees have been swept bare of leaves by a days-long tornado of shellfire, and broken branches litter the ground everywhere.

The ground is smoke-blackened and torn by deep trenches and anti-tank ditches.

AIR WAR

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Bountiful, Utah, termed the strike one of the most successful in which he has participated. Eighty Superforts were over the target ahead of him, "and when we arrived a column of smoke was rising more than 16,000 feet high with scarlet bursts of flame through," he said.

Crewmen of another plane said billows of smoke towered more than 20,000 feet from the Tokuyama fueling station, and Lt. James Pratt of Westleyville, Penna., reported flames leaped upward 2,000 to 3,000 feet. Although crewmen of Pratt's plane found the smoke a minor nuisance in sighting the target, flight officer Wayne Story of Rifle, Colo., said bomb's from the plane added new flames to the holocaust.

Ever the usually reluctant Japanese Domei news agency admitted the fleet of attacking planes was huge, and reported by broadcast that "approximately 300" Superforts had participated.

SAMAL

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trad Mindanao; while another column moved northward and engaged a Japanese force near the southern airstrip of the Maramag air-drome.

Elsewhere in the Philippines the 25th and 37th divisions on northern Luzon fought fiercely as they approached the important Balete Pass in an encircling move. The 32nd division advanced 700 yards along the Villa Verde trail nearby.

NEAR IPO DAM

East of Manila, the 43rd division spearhead within three miles of Ipo Dam, source of at least one-third of the capital's water.

In the air war, Australian and American fliers pounded harbor targets on Borneo, including the old Japanese fleet anchorage at Labuan Island.

Two Fifth Air Force Mitchells sank a destroyer off the mouth of the Yangtze river with three direct hits. A 500-ton sub-chaser was sent to the bottom by a Navy Liberator off Swatow and two other sub-chasers were damaged. Two freighters were sunk and several others damaged.

Suzuki Promises To Achieve 'Victory'

LONDON, May 10.—(AP)—The Tokyo radio said today that Premier Baron Kantaro Suzuki "had an audience with the Mikado and informed him of the decision of cabinet x x x to bring the war to a victorious conclusion."

Censorship To Continue, But Is Relaxed Due To V-E Day

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—News censorship will continue under relaxed restrictions resulting from the end of the European war. Censorship Director Byron Price has announced elimination or modification of several sections of the voluntary code that has governed publication of war news in the United States since January 15, 1942. The code soon will be rewritten in shorter form.

Basic military information still is subject to authorization by competent authorities.

Price said "the end of German resistance alters security requirements materially although it by no means erases the need for, or importance of, voluntary censorship."

Provisions dealing with information on attacks by air, weather reports and sabotage were eliminated. Rules on publication of information about war prisoners, internees and civilian prisoners were relaxed to a prohibition against "information as to arrival, movements, confinement or identity of military prisoners from war zones" unless given out by competent authority.

ENEMY ATTACKS

The regulation on damage caused in the United States by enemy action was revised but still prohibits use of "information about actual or impending enemy attacks on the Continental United States."

Prohibitions against publication of information on war material production were relaxed to cover only secret or new weapons, designs, formulas, processes or experiments, to material used for "specialized military operations" and to actual movement or transportation of war materiel.

The identification and location of all American military units in Europe now may be published up to and including May 8. Later movements require appropriate authority.

Trial Of Lt. Epes Is Postponed

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 10.—(AP)—Trial of Lt. S. C. Epes, member of a wealthy Richmond, Va., family on a charge of murdering his wife, has been postponed until September.

Judge G. Duncan Bellinger granted the postponement request made yesterday by Epes' lawyer, Edgar A. Brown. Brown, president of the state senate, said he needed an operation and rest after the recently adjourned session of the state legislature.

Lt. Epes is under an indictment which charges his wife, Mary Lee Williams Epes of Jacksonville, Fla., an overdose of sedative and burying her in a foxhole near Ft. Jackson.

The officer has denied killing his wife but admits burying her "in a moment of panic" 16 days before he led officers to her grave.

Best Upholstering Firm In Production

Best Upholstering company, a recently organized Shelby firm has gone into production of sofa beds it was announced this morning. The output is being disposed of in the wholesale trade.

The factory is located on Trade street and is equipped to turn out about 40 units a week. When the plant is fully manned it will have about eight employees. Herman Best is head of the firm.

SMALL NATIONS

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treaties. He had argued that would play into the hands of German propagandists after this war.

A committee on structures and procedures of the general assembly decided last night to let each country have as many as five representatives in the assembly but only one vote.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

These other developments attracted top interest:

1. A big-five committee on international trusteeships is reported to have reached agreement "in principle" on what sort of machinery to set up for governing the ex-enemy territories of this world war and the previous one.

2. Senators Vandenberg and Connally (D-Tex) made clear in public statements that they and other American delegates are constantly concerned with what the United States senate may or may not be willing to accept, by two-thirds vote, in the way of a security league.

3. In Washington, the house passed—and sent to the senate—a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to require treaty ratification by a majority vote of both branches of congress. Prospects for success looked bleak.

PARTIAL VICTORY

4. The Russians finally won a partial victory in their fight to get a world trade union congress spokesman to the conference even though Foreign Minister Molotov left yesterday. The conference committee on a world economic and social council, accepted 25 to 3, a Russian proposal that such a representative be consulted by it. On previous occasions Molotov had failed in similar moves.

5. Secretary of State Stettinius continued his series of meetings with other big-five power representatives. They are trying to get together on amendments proposed by the smaller nations here.

A. F. Hendrick, Jr., Reaches Charleston

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 10.—(AP)—Six men from North and South Carolina, all marines, arrived here yesterday aboard a hospital ship which left the Pacific May 4. They were Pfc. Robert L. Olson of Charleston, S. C., Pfc. Tom Grice of Summerville, Pfc. A. F. Hendrick, Jr., of Shelby, N. C., Pvt. Edward H. Hamilton of Atlantic, N. C., Pvt. Ira C. Bryant of Granite Falls, N. C., and Sgt. H. B. Holbrook of Greenville.

Immediately after unloading, the men were taken to holding hospitals in this area. They will be sent out to general hospitals for further treatment.

Olson, Hamilton, Bryant and Holbrook were all wounded on Iwo Jima. Hendrick was wounded first at Tinian and later at Iwo, and Grice was suffering from burns sustained on Guam.

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eration.

The department said the method for releasing officers will be "tougher than the plan for enlisted personnel primarily because officers have received additional training, have heavier responsibilities and have developed specialized skills and leadership capacity."

Therefore, the department said, "although officers will have an adjusted service rating score based on the same multiples as for enlisted personnel, this factor will be secondary to the prime requirement of military necessity."

The department said enlisted men with the highest point totals will become eligible for release from the army "except where considerations of military necessity make it impossible to let them go until qualified replacements can be obtained. This exception applies particularly to men possessing special skills required in the war against Japan and to men in units that will have to move to the Pacific so swiftly that no opportunity is provided for replacing men with high scores until they reach the new theater."

GROUND TROOPS

Because of the special requirements of the war against Japan, the strength of the army service forces and air forces will be reduced much less than the strength of ground forces.

"As a result," the initial rate of release will be more rapid among ground troops than among those assigned to air forces or service forces," the department said.

When soldiers who are surplus overseas arrive in this country they will proceed from ports to one of the 22 reception stations. At these reception stations soldiers having the required scores will be screened once more to determine whether they are essential.

Those found non-essential will be transferred immediately to a separation center for processing prior to release.

This processing will take only about 48 hours, after which the soldier will be on his way home as a civilian.

The War Department said its demobilization plan will not affect the continued release of enlisted men over 42 years of age, which was started recently. Holders of the medal of honor also are eligible for release upon request.

Married members of the WAC will be released at their own request if their army husbands have been returned to civilian life.

ALREADY HOME

Mal. Gen. William J. Tompkins, director of the special planning division of the War Department's special staff, led a group of high ranking officials in explaining the demobilization plan to a news conference. Tompkins said there are a number of soldiers already in the country who returned for rest and who have high scores. They will be eligible for discharge "right away," he said.

The army previously had explained that in addition to the 1,300,000 men expected to be eligible for discharge under the demobilization program the normal attrition rate (discharge for physical reasons and other factors) will bring the total for the next 12 months up to approximately 2,000,000.

The department said it plans to increase the 1,300,000 figure by keeping Selective Service calls at the present level which was fixed on a replacement basis.

Tompkins said the Army is "still going to call on the 18-year old group to the maximum that can be furnished" and he added he was certain that draft boards will continue to make some men over 30. He explained that the 18-29 year age group never has been large enough to supply sufficient manpower in itself.

In answer to a question, Tompkins said he did not think it possible at present to make any change in the policy of drafting fathers.

All troops have been notified of the point system.

Today's Markets

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N. Y. COTTON AT 2:00

March	21.92	22.04
May	22.95	22.95
July	22.70	22.76
October	22.13	22.24
December	22.02	22.13

CHICAGO GRAIN

WHEAT		
May	1.73%	1.74%
July	1.63%	1.64%
September	1.59%	1.60%

CORN

May	1.15	1.15%
July	1.12	1.12
September	1.10%	1.10%

RYE

May	1.37%	1.38%
July	1.34%	1.35%
September	1.25	1.26%

STOCKS AT 2:00

Amn Rolling Mill	18 1-8
American Loco	32 1-4
American Tobacco B	741-2
American Tel & Tel	165 5-8
Anaconda Copper	33 7-8
Assoc Dry Goods	24 1-2
Beth Steel	76 1-4
Boeing Air	18 3-4
Chrysler	111 1-4
Curtiss-Wright	5 7-8
Elec Boat	15 3-8
General Motors	68 7-8
Pepsi Cola	23 1-8
Greyhound Corp	25 1-2
International Paper	25 1-8
Max Kell	21 1-8
Glenn L Martin	24 3-8
Newport Ind	24
N Y Central	25 1-4
Penn R R	38
Radio Corp	12
Reynolds Tob B	34 3-8
Southern Railroad	44 1-4
Standard Oil of N J	63 1-4
Sperry Corp	29
U S Rubber	58
U S Steel	65 1-2
Western Union	45 1-8
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	47 3-4

STOCKS RETREAT

NEW YORK, May 10.—(AP)—Scattered stocks made a feeble stab at recovery in today's market but demand quickly tapered and the retreat was resumed on most fronts.

On the offside were Santa Fe, Great Northern, N. Y. Central, Southern Pacific, Bethlehem, U. S. Steel, Chrysler, General Motors, Du Pont, Goodrich, Deere, American Shelling, American Can, Allied Chemical, Johns-Manville, and Eastern Kodak. Intermittent gainers included Douglas Aircraft, Bell Aircraft and Gulf Mobile & Ohio.

Bonds were mixed and commodities lower.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

CHICAGO, May 10.—(AP)—(WF-A)—Salable hogs 5,000; total 13,500; active, fully steady; good and choice barrows and gilts 140-lbs. up at 14.75 ceiling; good and choice sows at 14.00; complete clearance.

Salable cattle 5,000, total 5,000; salable calves 800, total 800; fed steers and yearlings, including yearling heifers, fully steady; strictly choice kinds at top 17.50; bulk 14.75-16.75; this price range suggesting much less desirable killing quality than Wednesday's; top heifers 17.40, scaling 1,000 lbs.; cows steady; bulls strong to 25 cents higher, weighty sausage offerings to 13.50 and heavy fat bulls to 14.75, with yearlings to 15.50; vealers steady at 16.00 down.

GARRISON

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Kremlin in a noisy holiday mood, their leader asserted:

"Hitler declared three years ago, 'we shall destroy Russia.' But Hitler's insane ideas were not destined to come true. x x x The Soviet Union is rejoicing in victories, although it does not intend to destroy Germany."

Earlier the Soviet premier issued his 368th—and probably his last—order of the day on the European war. It announced the liberation of Prague, occupied by the Nazis since March 14, 1939. The liberation came four hours after the deadline for cessation of hostilities. Of the group of Germans still resisting in Czechoslovakia, Stalin said the Red army would "succeed in bringing it to its senses."

GERMAN BANDS

Stalin said the Prague Nazis had retreated west and southwest to avoid capture by the Russians, and the Czech radio said bands of Germans were ravaging the countryside.

Remnants of the German 16th and 18th armies, sealed off in the Latvian Courland peninsula since last October, were being corralled by the Leningrad command, which had processed 45,000 by nightfall Wednesday. Some 21,000 from the Vistula estuary area near Danzig were processed by White Russian armies by late Wednesday.

In Yugoslavia, a communique of Marshal Tito's forces said the partisans were advancing toward Austria against disconnected groups of still resisting Germans.

The German high command in its last communique said all German arms had ceased firing under Admiral Karl Doenitz's order. An emotional announcer read the document, which said "We have achieved great victories but also heavy defeats. We succumbed with honor."

Clean the inside of your toaster occasionally to remove crumbs.

WANT ADS

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