

World War I Veteran Compares 1944 Fighting in France With 1918

BY LLOYD STRATTON
 With the Allied Forces in Normandy—(P)—The pattern of war in France, 1944 model, follows much the outline of World War I, but the comparison ends there.
 I saw nothing massed on the western front in 1918 that in magnitude and power equaled the concentration of military might that in this short time already is bulging the relatively small Normandy front. Whether in troops, equipment or rolling stock, the stupendous proportions were evident.
 Despite the striking strength of armor, heavy guns and aircraft, however, the infantry has shown it still is the force that puts it over. In no other branch of fighting is the comparison between the two wars so distinctly the same.
 Troops carry out the same tasks. But now there are more of them. The soldiers are like walking arsenals, and they are better skilled.
 The fury of the air force, whether in combat or employed as artillery, prostrates the enemy as completely as the prolonged barrages flattened him before.
 The size, number and firing power of artillery batteries in many sectors resembles more the lay-out of machine gun emplacements in the other war.
Mechanized Aspects Impressive
 The mechanized aspect of the allied armies at no single front has been so impressively exhibited as here. Throughout the entire area not one armament in allied military service. Every man and woman was riding motor vehicles right up to forward positions.
 Inspection of the two principally defended beachheads on the coast quickly disclosed the navy punch—a punch that so heavily contributed to the success of the landings. Viewing the fortress-like emplacements so strategically located, the elaborate system of communication trenches deeply imbedded, solid concrete pill boxes interspersed throughout miles of underground passages, there were many expressions of wonderment how the fortifications were silenced. There was nothing like this in the last war.
More Material Coming
 And more of all material is on the way. It seemed one could walk from ship to ship across the channel. Traffic is as dense as a Sunday motor car caravan on a popular country highway.
 The hill and trench tactics of the enemy made me feel more at home than many of the operations employing a grander scale of armament.
 The German is the same methodical fellow by whom we used to set our watches. Once his time schedule was figured out, whether in artillery, mortar or air firing, it generally became pretty safe to move accordingly.
Air War Out of World
 The air war figures are clear out of this world in comparison with 1918. Then we would spend hours watching a few clumsy, low-flying planes dog fight or raid, all within view. An ordinary example today leaves only the ears to hear and then, often, faintly.
 Above us at Caen was one of the best strato combats. We could hear the cannon of the planes firing, the roar of the engines as the planes peeled off and returned for the dive attack, another series of volleys, and then quiet. Vapor trails soon showed and began widening until in ten minutes time the blue was obscured. The battle went on intermittently and then suddenly stopped.
 Even against the brilliant sunshine we saw a red flash in tear-drop form which spelled the end of a plane. It took three minutes before we could see the parachute and then another battle was heard, with the same result.
Destruction Little Different
 The questions most generally asked me were whether the destruction of land villages was worse in this war, and if the fighting was bloodier. The answer to both is only a matter of degree and of what territory is to be bathed with the full weight of the blons. In the Caen area and around St. Lo, villages as totally destroyed in one brief all-out offensive as occurred in the previous war after three years of back-and-forth fighting. Others have as wholly escaped.
 Each army, American, British and Canadian has taken in certain spots loss of life unmatched by any similar circumstance in the last war. Yet in others are thousands who have been in all the toughest of engagements and have suffered nothing more than near suffocation from dust or being encased in mud.



GUAM INVASION LEADERS STUDY RELIEF MAP—Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, third amphibious corps commanding general (left), his chief of staff, Col. M. H. Silverthorn, and Brig. Gen. Pedro Del Valle, Third Amphibious Corps artillery commander, study a relief replica on Guam in the Marianas of the Pacific, as they plan the U. S. marine assault of the island while en route aboard an assault vessel. This photo was received by signal corps radio from the Pacific. (AP wirephoto from marine corps.)

Dewey Meets With Bricker To Set Plans

BY WILLIAM W. TYLER
 Albany, N. Y.—(P)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York and his running-mate, Governor John W. Bricker of Ohio will blueprint to some extent Wednesday the campaigning responsibilities of each in their joint drive to unseat a 12-year Democratic national administration.
 Accompanied by Mrs. Bricker and coming to Albany for his first huddle with the presidential nominee since leaving Chicago last month, the GOP vice-presidential candidate will arrive Wednesday morning and be guest at the executive mansion. The Brickers will visit national committee headquarters in New York City Thursday.
 "Governor Bricker and I will spend the day and evening Wednesday, conferring on campaign issues and some problems we will be discussing during the campaign," Dewey said.
 Nominated nearly a month ago, Dewey has devoted his time mainly to conferences with party leaders and campaign planning, saying little on controversial subjects pending developments of the Democratic national convention.
 Returning to Albany today after a week-end at his farm near Pawling, the governor continued work on the program and material to be discussed at the conference of Republican governors in St. Louis, August 2 and 3.
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Japs Attempt Trap on New Guinea; Sent in Full Retreat

Somewhere in New Guinea—(P)—A curious war of isolated encounter and close quarter conflict is being waged by desperate Japanese on the beaches, river banks and sago swamps below Aitape, British New Guinea.
 Trying to break out of a trap west of Wewak, they keep maneuvering and moving with no apparent design. Like waves against a resolute shore, enemy assaults roll against the American lines in varying strength, then break and recede, leaving a flotsam of human and mechanical debris.
Attack at Night
 Mostly the Japs attack at night. The enemy suffers least from the inferiority of his firepower then and his trickery is calculated to be most effective.
 The Japanese commander has a large force (estimated variously from 25,000 to 45,000). The majority of the dead appear to have been healthy, well-nourished soldiers. Yet only the first attack 10 days ago was made in great force.
 Only once has the enemy come close to penetrating the heavily manned positions based on Anamo village, 17 miles southeast of Aitape. That was during a starless, rain-drenched night early this week.
Red Herring Suspected
 In mid-evening, American machine gunners repulsed the first attack along the south beach. Later, Japs reappeared in that sector, yelling to draw attention.
 Simultaneously, firecrackers and flares were thrown out near the northern extreme of the line. All along the line, lights blinked on and off. A scent of red herring filled the air. The Americans did not have to wait long to discover the joker.
 At low tide, a hundred yards out, almost beyond vision, Japanese laden with rifles and grenades waded shoulder deep through the sea past the edge of the Yank lines.
Man to Man Struggles
 Then they turned toward the beach and launched a charge from the rear against the center of the American positions. They tossed grenades among motor vehicles.
 They sought to encircle mortars and storm pillboxes and bunkers from behind. There were man-to-man struggles.
 Pfc. Donald Hess, Beaver Dam, Wis., killed five Japanese in defense of his equipment.
 Four radiomen with three rifles among them killed 10 of the enemy who were trying to set up a machinegun near a radio car. By their efforts the four helped save a number of mortars which had arrived the previous day without regular crews and were being manned by volunteers—some of them medics and military police.
Japs in Full Retreat
 Before dawn the Japs were in full retreat. Then artillerymen readjusted their heavy guns and fired on positions where the Nipponese might be forming a fresh assault.
 Daylight uncovered a few Japs still hiding among vehicles and they were liquidated. On the beach beyond were many more dead. Some had wires around their feet, as if retreating comrades intended dragging them off, but their comrades also died.
 At mid-morning, Japanese wounded attempted to escape by water. They were drowned.

In Justice Court

Fred Skerven, city, pleaded guilty in the court of Justice Byron H. Conway this morning to a charge of being drunk in a public place. Complainant was a member of the city police.
 Sentence was postponed until late this afternoon.
 Edward Ponczoch, city, pleaded guilty in the court of Justice Conway this morning to a charge of drunken driving. The offense was committed on July 22 and complainant was a member of the city police.
 Sentence was postponed until late this afternoon.

Professor Neale of Central State Retires

Stevens Point—Oscar W. Neale, director of Central State Teachers' college rural state graded division, left the faculty Friday to retire on pension after 29 years of continuous service at the college. He has just completed 50 years in school work, which included 21 years in Nebraska before coming to Stevens Point.
 Miss May Roach is taking over Mr. Neale's work at the college as director, for a year, after which his successor, Quincy Doudna, will join the faculty. Doudna is principal of the county normal school at Algona.

Marshfield Man Dies In New Guinea Area

Marshfield, Wis.—Mr. and Mrs. John Obermeier of the town of Lincoln have received word from the war department that their son Pvt. Robert J. Obermeier died on July 13 in New Guinea. He had been in that area for a period of eight months and had been overseas for two years.
 Pvt. Obermeier last wrote a letter which was received by his parents on June 30, in which he stated that he was well.

Exhibits

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 play of the Abdawagam Paper Products company in the Woolworth company window. Shown are cartons and shipping containers for batteries used by the signal corps, tubes to protect shells, boxes used for shipping repair parts for tanks and guns, boxes for food, ammunition and supplies. Millions of 90 MM shells have been protected by paper tubes made by Abdawagam.

Other Exhibits

The other five exhibits are equally fine and important in the war effort. Consolidated Water Power & Paper company traces the "life" of Life and other magazine from the tree to the finished product in a vivid portrayal in one of Johnson & Hill's large display windows. Explained in detail is the fact that Consolidated coated papers at uncoated prices are serving the war effort. Also at Johnson & Hill's is the Harvard Clothes Inc., exhibit of raincoats made for the armed forces.
 The Nekooza-Edwards Paper company exhibit at the J. C. Penney Co., has examples of its many paper products, including the blue wrappings used on bandages, the fruits of the Witter Vocational school's many long hours of work with its war training program are shown in the form of tools, etc., at Heilman's store, and the Sampson Canning company shows the vital foods it is sending to the fighting men and women overseas at Bennett's Appliance store.

The purpose of this display in Wisconsin Rapids has been not only to demonstrate to central Wisconsin people the role being played by this area in the actual making of war materials, but also to draw attention to the "captured caravan" display which will be in Wisconsin Rapids Wednesday, July 26.

Coming here for one day, as part of a statewide tour during July, the "captured caravan" is a five-truck motorized unit of German equipment and souvenirs captured by American soldiers during the North African campaign. The equipment will be set up on West Side market square shortly before noon, will remain on display there until 8 p. m., when the equipment will move to Witter field for an elaborate program.

Hitler

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 more than half a year," this information said. "Members include not only the military but also representatives of the German Evangelical and Catholic churches. The attempt at Hitler's life was designed not to overthrow the Nazis, for the opposition organization was well aware that it would take more than liquidation of the Führer to oust the Nazis, but was designed to show the people of Germany that it is possible to act against Hitler despite the SS and Gestapo."
 Korten was appointed chief of staff of the German air force last August, succeeding the late Col. Gen. Hans Jeschonnek. He apparently was close to Hitler, accompanying him on a tour of the Atlantic Wall defense last April.

500 at GOP Rally In Marshfield

Marshfield, Wis.—More than 500 persons attended the Republican primary rally held at Columbia park in Marshfield on Friday evening.
 Speakers of the evening included Leatham D. Smith, candidate for U. S. senator, who made a plea for the farmer, labor and management to get together and study post-war problems, and Delbert J. Kenny, West Bend, a candidate for governor.
 State Senator M. R. Laird of Marshfield, seeking reelection to that office, was the opening speaker at the rally.
 Lt. Col. Roy Lupient introduced a number of persons from the platform, after which several speakers appeared before the group. Among those were Sen. and Mrs. W. H. Neight, Unity; Henry Dethloff, V. F. W. commander; G. D. Timkham, American Legion commander; Vernon Kelly, Wisconsin Rapids, seeking reelection to the county treasurer's post; Assemblyman W. W. Clark, and Sheriff Henry Becker of Wisconsin Rapids, also seeking reelection.

CHILD LOSES EYE

Hancock—Earl Lee Morety, three-year-old son of Mrs. Viola Morety of Hancock, had his eye removed at St. Michael's hospital in Stevens Point Saturday. The child's eye was removed as the result of an old injury.

City Strike

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 in regards to the controversy between the city council and Truck Drivers Local No. 531.
Ask Mayor to Act
 "The action taken by the Central Labor union tonight is as follows: A motion was made that this body petition the mayor and the common council of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin, to appoint or elect a committee of three men selected by the Truck Drivers Local No. 531, and that these six men select a seventh man to sit on this committee to arbitrate the controversy between the common council and Truck Drivers Local No. 531, and that the decision be final and binding on both parties.
 "An amendment to this motion was made and carried that this body insist upon such action and that a time limit be set within one week from this date for said committee to act.
 "It was agreed that in the event that the committee of six men selected by the council and the Truck Drivers Local No. 531 could not reach an agreement on the seventh

arbitrator, that the circuit judge of the seventh judicial district of the state of Wisconsin appoint a seventh impartial arbitrator.
 "It was further agreed with the business agent of Truck Drivers Local No. 531 that the men in question would resume work as soon as he received written assurance that an arbitration board would be set up to arbitrate the controversy. This written assurance to come from the mayor of Wisconsin Rapids.
 "With the sincere wish that this matter can be taken care of in an amiable way, I am very truly yours.
 "Irvin J. Hofschild, secretary, "Central Labor union of "Wisconsin Rapids and vicinity."

CORRECTION

In the report of the death of Foster Decora, the little two-year-old boy who was crushed under an ice truck a fortnight ago, it was stated that the child's mother, Mrs. Arthur Decora, is employed at the Prentiss Washers Products company plant here. That is incorrect. It is the child's sister, Vera, and not the mother who is employed at Prentiss Washers. The mother is not employed in any industrial plant.

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- Enemy Anti-aircraft rifles
- Wings, fuselage and propeller of German Focke Wulfe 109 plane.

The war weapons will also be on exhibit from 10:30 a.m. till 8 p. m. at West Side Market Square and moved to Witter Field for the free show and exhibition starting at 8:30.

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