

Monty Says European War Could Have Ended In '44

NEW YORK (CP)—Field Marshal Montgomery says the Western Allies could have ended the Second World War in 1944 in Europe instead of in May, 1945. A German general agrees with him.

The view that Germany could have been defeated a few months after the breakout in northern France is set forth in the second instalment of Montgomery's memoirs published by Life magazine Tuesday. The British war leader's story is being serialized simultaneously in Canada in Weekend Magazine.

Montgomery says he presented a plan concentrating the West's resources into a 40-division thrust directly up the west coast of Europe toward the Ruhr and Berlin.

NORMANDY BREAKOUT
The Allied breakout from the Normandy beachhead began July 25, 1944, and swiftly overran German defences. Montgomery wrote in his memoirs:

"The German situation in France in the middle of August 1944 was desperate. Paris fell on the 25th August and the next day the intelligence summary issued by supreme headquarters said: 'Two and a half months of bitter fighting . . . have brought the end of the war in Europe within sight, almost within reach. . . .'

plan. I had a plan ready. . . . The Associated Press asked German General Guenther Blumentritt, now 66 and living in Germany, to comment on the Montgomery plan. Blumentritt was chief of staff of the German western armies at that time under Field Marshal von Rundstedt.

OVER BY CHRISTMAS
"I am absolutely convinced that the war would have been over by Christmas, 1944, that there would have been a saving of Allied lives and that the Western Allies would have been in Berlin before the Russians, had Montgomery's plan been carried out," Blumentritt said.

The German general said the Western front was completely disorganized after the Normandy fighting and there would not have been the resources available to meet a sustained single thrust of great strength.

POLES APART
Montgomery says he and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, then Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, were "poles apart" in military strategy. He says Eisenhower adopted a "broad front" policy of all armies advancing that failed because there were not enough supplies coming across the beaches to support everyone advancing at once.

Blumentritt says the Germans were surprised when the Allies stopped advancing, not knowing

available supplies were not enough to support the "broad front" advance. The German general says this pause gave the Germans time to regroup and launch the Ardennes offensive.

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said President Eisenhower will have no comment on Montgomery's views.

Many Students Have 'Problems'
EDMONTON (CP)—A report read here Monday said as many as 25 per cent in Canadian universities require psychiatric treatment.

The report, presented by the British Columbia delegation to the convention of the Canadian Association of Medical Students and interns, said more preventative psychiatry is needed for college students.

It said examination stress causes the majority of student emotional problems. A panel of Alberta delegates discussing mental health in universities agreed with the report and advised improved working habits in school and at home.

EAST BALTIC

Friends extend sincere sympathy to the near relatives of Miss Martha Townsend who passed away in the Kings County Memorial Hospital, Montague, on September 29th.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McLean, Kingsboro, visited with Mrs. McLean's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. MacLeod, Uigg, on Sunday, Oct. 5th.

Mr. Edward Robertson returned to his home in Kingsboro having been a patient in the P.E.I. Hospital for several days. His host of friends are happy to have him home again and hope he will, in the near future, enjoy his usual activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Jarvis, Charlottetown, spent a few days with relatives in Bothwell.

Congratulations to Miss Rita A. McDonald, North Lake, on being the lucky winner of an electric frying pan, in the recent Charlottetown Hospital bazaar drawing. Rita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis MacDonald, North Lake.

Friends of Mr. Alton MacEachern, Campbells Cove, regret to learn that he is not enjoying his usual good health. A speedy recovery is extended to Mr. MacEachern.

Mr. Leeland Dixon, Bothwell, was a recent business visitor to Montague.

Death has recently claimed the life of Mr. Alfred McEachern at his home at Lakeville. Mr. McEachern was one of St. Columba's parish's most highly respected and oldest citizens. He was tenderly cared for during his days of illness by his granddaughter, Mrs. Bernard Ryan, Priest Pond, and his sons Messrs Wilfred and Angus McEachern. His funeral was held from his home to St. Columba Church on Friday mor-

ning, Oct. 3 and was largely attended.

Mrs. Alex Ladner, Charlottetown, visited with relatives in the eastern district over the weekend.

Miss Gertrude MacDonald, returned to her employment in Cambridge, Mass., having spent the summer months at her home in South Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Robertson, Kingsboro, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Robertson and Mr. Roy Robertson, Red Point, were Sunday visitors to Montague, on Sept. 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ladner, Charlottetown, spent the weekend with Mrs. Ladner's mother, Mrs. Reggie Rose, Kingsboro.

Mrs. E. D. Fraser, North Lake, is a patient in the P. E. I. hospital and her host of friends wish her a speedy recovery.

Several of the game hunters are still wondering where all the ducks have gone, and many of them are coming home from a long day duck-hunting, tired and weary. Better luck next time, eh?

Congratulations to Mr. Daniel MacDonald, South Lake, who on October 1 celebrated his 83rd birthday. Mr. MacDonald enjoys good health and his host of friends wish him many more

such occasions. Most all country schools are now closed for two weeks holiday, and the bigger children are busy picking spuds.

Miss Kathleen Robertson returned to her employment in Toronto, Ontario, having spent her holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Robertson, Munn's Road.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harrison left on return to Toronto, Ontario, having spent a week with Mrs. Harrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Robertson, Munn's Road.

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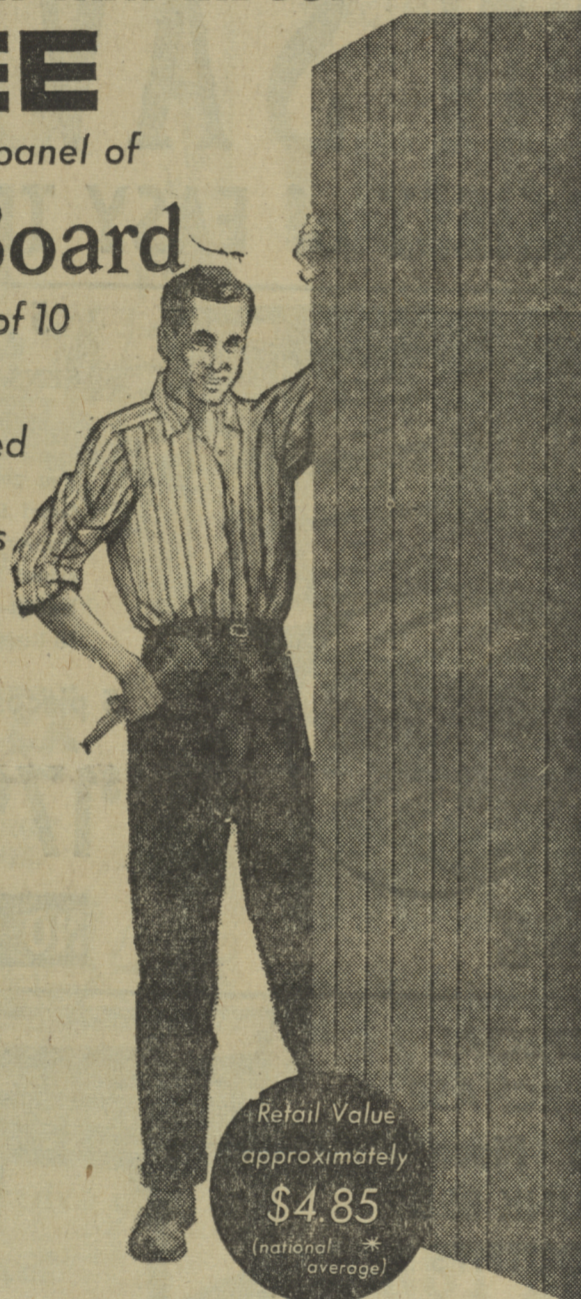
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