

First Oklahoman in Paris C To Welcome Other Americans

DISGUISED as a French peasant, S/Sgt. Eugene Kiefer, 812 NW 43, stood in the streets of Paris watching the American troops move in with a swelling pride that erupted in rousing Yankee cheers.

One marching doughboy eyed Kiefer and flung back: "For a Frenchman, you speak pretty good English."

Such a reunion with his buddies was no letdown to Kiefer. He knew his masquerade as a Frenchman was good by then for he had been fooling the Nazis for nearly three months. It was alright that his own countrymen did not recognize him. The important fact was that he was soon to be one of them again. He was liberated. He went on cheering until the last Yank passed him by.

That was in late August. Now he is home, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kiefer, and telling them all about his accidental pre-invasion visit to France and his lucky escape from Nazi capture.

It all started on June 2 when his B-24, based with the Eighth AAF, England, flew out over France for a softening-up blow. His plane was shot down near Paris, but he escaped injury and made it safely to a private forest where he hid out from the Germans for three days and nights. In this private forest, a forest he believes to be owned by the wealthy Rothschild banking family, he slept in trees, did without food and had water only once before he left its shelter for a nearby house.

"I took a chance on a house near the forest and it happened to be the right place," he said, explaining that contact was made immediately with the Free French—the underground—and that he was soon whisked away to Paris by train. In Paris, he kept on the move, staying at different places, masqueraded as a peasant Frenchman, a role he played success-



Sgt. Eugene Kiefer

fully in German-held Paris for more than eight weeks.

It was Kiefer's third raid that landed him in Paris well in advance of the invading troops. He had been in England for six months as a top turret gunner, but had been over Germany only once and France one other time.


The sergeant, in service two years, is a Classen graduate and former University of Oklahoma student. He will report to Miami on Monday for reassignment.

Allies Improve Italian Positions

ROME, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Activity on the Italian battle front was confined mainly to patrol operations, allied headquarters said Sunday, although both American fifth army and British Eighth army troops made minor improvements in their positions.

The weather over the entire front cleared somewhat after several weeks of heavy rains, but mud and flooded streams still hampered operations.

Negro troops of the American Fifth army in the central sector moved up on a 1,000-foot hill where the Germans are using a church as a strong-point. The hill is just east of Mount Belmonte which was captured last week by American troops after a bitter struggle.



Speaker Noted as a humorist and philosopher, James E. Gheen, New York City, will speak at 7 p. m. Tuesday before members of the Gibbons Dinner club in the Silver Glade room of the Skirvin Tower hotel.

Mexico Poll Favors Dewey

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Nov. 5.—(Special).—Local Americans debarred from voting in Tuesday's election cast a straw vote at the American club here last week. Results disclosed 115 for Thomas E. Dewey and 57 for President Roosevelt.

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