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TO: The Sports Editor

Herewith is a souvenir program of the Allied Forces Sports Council track and field meet held in the Olympic Stadium, Berlin, Germany, September 7 and 8. In addition, one of the posters used to advertise this meet is also being mailed. These posters were printed in both English and German and were much sought-after as souvenirs by the Berlin populace.

The poster, program, and mimeographed material is transmitted to you as an indication of the widespread popularity of sports in the European Theater. If there is any information you wish on the athletic program of Theater Special Services in the European Theater, please do not hesitate to write.

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Allied Forces Track and Field Meet,
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FRANKFURT, GERMANY—Not since the Olympic Games, held ten years ago in 1936, has there been a sporting event of the magnitude that brought 120,000 cheering spectators to Berlin's Olympic Stadium September 7 and 8. The event—The Allied Forces Sports Council Track and Field Championship Meet featured the picked soldier-athletes of eight Allied Armies competing for European supremacy in track and field sports. These nations, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Holland, Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, Denmark and the United States, put on a two day athletic event that saw many ET records fall.

The meet, arranged by the Allied Forces Sports Council, was sponsored by the United States Army and organized by the Athletic Branch of Theater Special Services. The success of the Berlin meet, as evidenced by the cheering reaction of the throngs who attended and by the reactions of the participating athletes show that the Allied Forces Sports Council program is a great success.

Although there were, according to Olympic Rules, no actual scores kept, the United States Army team, as usual, acquitted itself in a commendable fashion. The exciting

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part about this great event, however was the fact that each nation competing managed to star in one or more particular events. Czechoslovakia, who sent one man to the meet, won the 5000 meter run in almost Olympic time, and little Luxembourg, with her four man team placed in this big-time competition.

Great Britain entered a strong team. France too, added to her laurels and Belgium and Holland were placed in this Inter-Allied Meet.--

The meet started with ceremonies reminiscent of pre-war Olympics. The brilliant flash of many uniforms and massed national flags lent a great splash of color, while the music of six trumpeters, chosen from Belgian bands, played in the ceremonies. These trumpeters heralded the arrival of General Joseph T. McNarney, Commanding General of the United States Forces in the European Theater as he was escorted to the field by Major General A.R. Bolling, Theater Chief of Special Services for the European Theater. After the arrival of General McNarney and his party, the trumpeters heralded the arrival of the runner carrying the torch which ignited the Olympic flame which since the early days of the Greeks has always burned at Olympic festivals. The runner chosen to carry the torch was Sgt. Herman Winkler of the Bronx, N.Y., nineteen year old swimming champion and holder of several European Theater breast stroke records.

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The meet was broadcast over the American Forces Network in a theater-wide hook-up, by Lee Schulman from Munich and Howard Reed from Berlin. In addition the British Forces Network relayed their broadcast throughout the British Zone and then through the facilities of the British Broadcasting Corporation to listeners in the United Kingdom. The American Forces Network in turn relayed the broadcast by shortwave to the United States.

Head track judge for the meet was Lt. Col. C. H. Reimerth of Caspar, Wyoming, Berlin District; while the head field judge was Mr. George Wilson of Evanston, Ill. of Theater Special Services. Head timer was Major F. Endresen, a member of the Norwegian Defense Ministry and head starter was Major "Hank" Anastasas of Beaumont, Texas.

Col. Russell T. Finn of Peoria, Ill., chairman of the Allied Forces Council supervised the efforts of the personnel responsible for the promotion and management of the meet. Col. Finn is chief of the Athletic Branch of Theater Special Services.

Other officials were Major H. E. Link of Seattle, Washington, meet manager and organizer; Capt. James Roy of Baton Rouge, La., co-manager and organizer, both of the Athletic Branch of Theater Special Services.

It is expected that this great sports meet will be the predecessor of many more competitions between the Allied Forces.

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The spirit in which all the participating nations entered the meet was splendid and although no world records were smashed, a number of contestants distinguished themselves by breaking already standing European Theater records.

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FINAL RESULTS

ALLIED FORCES EUROPEAN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

	NAME	NATION	TIME
110 m. Hurdles			
1	Russells	USA	15.3
2	Cassidy	USA	
3	Moesgaard-Keldsen	Denmark	
1500 m. Run			
1	Nankerville	G. B.	4.15
2	Bouchonnet	French	
3	Van Haubermeiren	Belgium	
100 m. Dash			
1	Klein	Netherlands	10.9
2	Hart	G. B.	
3	Loschatter	Luxembourg	
400 m. Dash			
1	Berger	USA	47.8
2	Avis	G. B.	
3	Kunnen	Belgium	
400 m. Relay			
1		USA	43.3
2		Belgium	43.5
3		Luxembourg	44.
5000 m. Run			
1	Zatopek	Czechoslovakia	14.31
2	Emlinger	France	
3	Strunn	Belgium	
400 m. Hurdles			
1	Goosens	Belgium	56.1
2	Cassidy	USA	
3	McCormick	USA	
200 m. Dash			
1	Klein	Netherlands	22.2
2	Morgan	USA	
3	Clausse	France	

	NAME	NATION	TIME
800 m. Run			
1	Holst-Sorenson	Denmark	1.58.6
2	Barthel	Luxembourg	
3	Dacheu	France	
1600 m. Relay			
1		USA	3.22
2		Denmark	
3		France	
Pole Vault Finals			
1	La Vergne	France	3.70 m.
2	Pogodginski	USA	3.60 m.
3	Barron	USA	3.60 m.
4	Degens	Belgium	3.60 m.
Running High Jump Finals			
1	Wade	USA	1.85 m.
2	Wahl	Denmark	1.85 m.
3	Rowe	USA	1.75 m.
Shot Put			
1	Quirk	USA	15.365 m.
2	Tootell	USA	13.490 m.
3	Johannisse	Netherlands	13.110 m.
Discus			
1	Kitzinger	Belgium	41.556 m.
2	Rainearson	USA	40.505 m.
3	Chapman	G. B.	39.73 m.
Running Broad Jump			
1	Libert	Belgium	6.82 m.
2	Diallo	France	6.79 m.
3	Kremer	Luxembourg	6.78 m.
Hammer Throw			
1	Dumbroski	USA	43.92
2	Hanson	Denmark	35.45
3	Poulsen	Denmark	34.14
Running, Hop, Step & Jump			
1	Dencker	Denmark	13.65 m.
2	Diallo	France	13.26 m.
3	Cox	USA	13.06 m.
Javelin			
1	Anderson	Denmark	57.17 m.
2	Kremer	Luxembourg	55.41 m.
3	Maesgaard-Keldsen	Denmark	54.925 m.