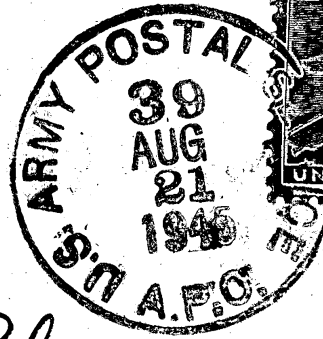


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Pacific Shift of C54s Slows U.S. Air Ferry

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While the Army generally speeded demobilization plans, air redeployment, which has sent more than 32,000 high-pointers and over-age GIs home, from the Calas Staging Area since mid-June, dropped nearly 75 percent this week.

The reason for the sudden cut in air movement home, known as the

♦ Green Project, was that 30 C54s used between Casablanca and the U.S. were ordered off this flight for "Pacific augmentation," the Sixth Port Hq. Overseas Movement Div. in Marseille revealed.

Although there was no official confirmation, it was assumed that the transports were to be used in flying liberated Allied prisoners from Pacific areas.

The Green Project started June 15, flying an average of 182 men a day to the U.S. from Marseille. By mid-August the daily average had risen to 340 and then slumped to 270 when the transports were ordered transferred to Pacific duty. Whether additional planes would be made available for increased shipment by the Green Project group was not known here.

In June the Green Project sent 3,804 men home. In July the figure was 17,387. So far in August 10,891 have been redeployed under the plan, making a total of 32,082.

Most eligibles are processed through the 14th Reinforcement Depot at Thionville and sent to Calas. Those going home from Delta Base, however, go to Calas through the 54th Reinforcement Bn. which adjoins the staging area.

From Calas, after records and baggage are checked, and money is changed into U.S. currency, the GIs are trucked to Istres Airport. From there, they are moved in Flying Fortresses of the Eight AF 40th Bomb. Wing to Casablanca where they are transferred to U.S.-bound C54s.

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LETTER

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Dear Fells -

Not too much to write
about - got your letter today
5 pm - also got Al Press &
a letter from F. one - glad to
see he got home - Rose's sister
is OK - Glad to see grammar
is OK - say you'd better get
that money on the ball - he's
really going to get hurt one
of these days - maybe Peter
won't have to go in - now that
the war is pretty well cleaned up
hope not - He won't like it -
sorry to see Al sucked passed
away - I always thought he was a
pretty feisty man - so Mad
Phenow came home - got a letter
from Bill P. the other day -

Went swimming yesterday - just
thought of one thing you can
send me - a pair of swim
trunks - size about 33 - pretty
good pair - if they fit Annie
they should fit me - get a
bloody pair - Ha Ha -

Flew to Paris today - it's
only about a 2 hour flight from
Gen - took a load of men up
there - ~~was~~ didn't stay long
couldn't get off the base - at
least I can say I've been to the
Paris airport Ha Ha - about all
for now - take it easy

Love

David