

Went to the American Finance office and had all our European money changed back to American currency. This had to be done, as occupied currency would not be honored in the U. S.

Visited the Paris Post Exchange in the Seine sector, conducted for the American G.I.s. Here was a large store almost resembling one of our huge department stores—thousands of our soldiers were buying American goods. We were each given permission to buy one Swiss watch, sold by the Swiss manufacturer to the American Army at manufacturing cost.

At 11 Saturday evening the bells of Paris tolled for one-half hour commemorating the freedom of the city.

Sunday, August 26

Breakfasted with Major General R. Smith, a high-school classmate, and chatted about old times and mutual friends.

Went to Mass and then visited Notre Dame. Went to the Cathedral Madeleine where Mass was being said at 4 for American soldiers.

The Flight Home

Our plane took off from Orley Field for America at 8 p.m.

Had an uneventful flight to Santa Maria in the Azores, though we encountered severe headwinds which made us late. Hopping from the Azores to Stevensville, Newfoundland, we flew another 8½ hours against severe headwinds, arriving at 2 p.m.

When we took off for Stevensville we were told our plane was going to Washington instead of New York, much to the disgust of the New York passengers. The reason was, we were informed, that there was a staff officer aboard who had effected a change to the Washington destination.

And so, flying over New York about 7 and circling the City, we were given an unwanted sight-seeing trip of familiar New York. The New York passengers complained bitterly—"Why not put us down at La Guardia instead of sight-seeing?"

Flown instead to Washington, we arrived there about 8, and had a two hours' wait going through customs, medical inspection, etc., finally flying back to New York. But the little annoyances at the end were soon forgotten as we reviewed on the way home the courteous attentions we had received on a most interesting and instructive trip.

We liked the G.I.s and their commanders and were tremendously impressed with the job they had done in Europe. All the same, how glad we were to be home and out of the horror and havoc in Europe. We found ourselves offering thanks that we are Americans who can live in peace and quiet.

AND SO ENDS THE DIARY.

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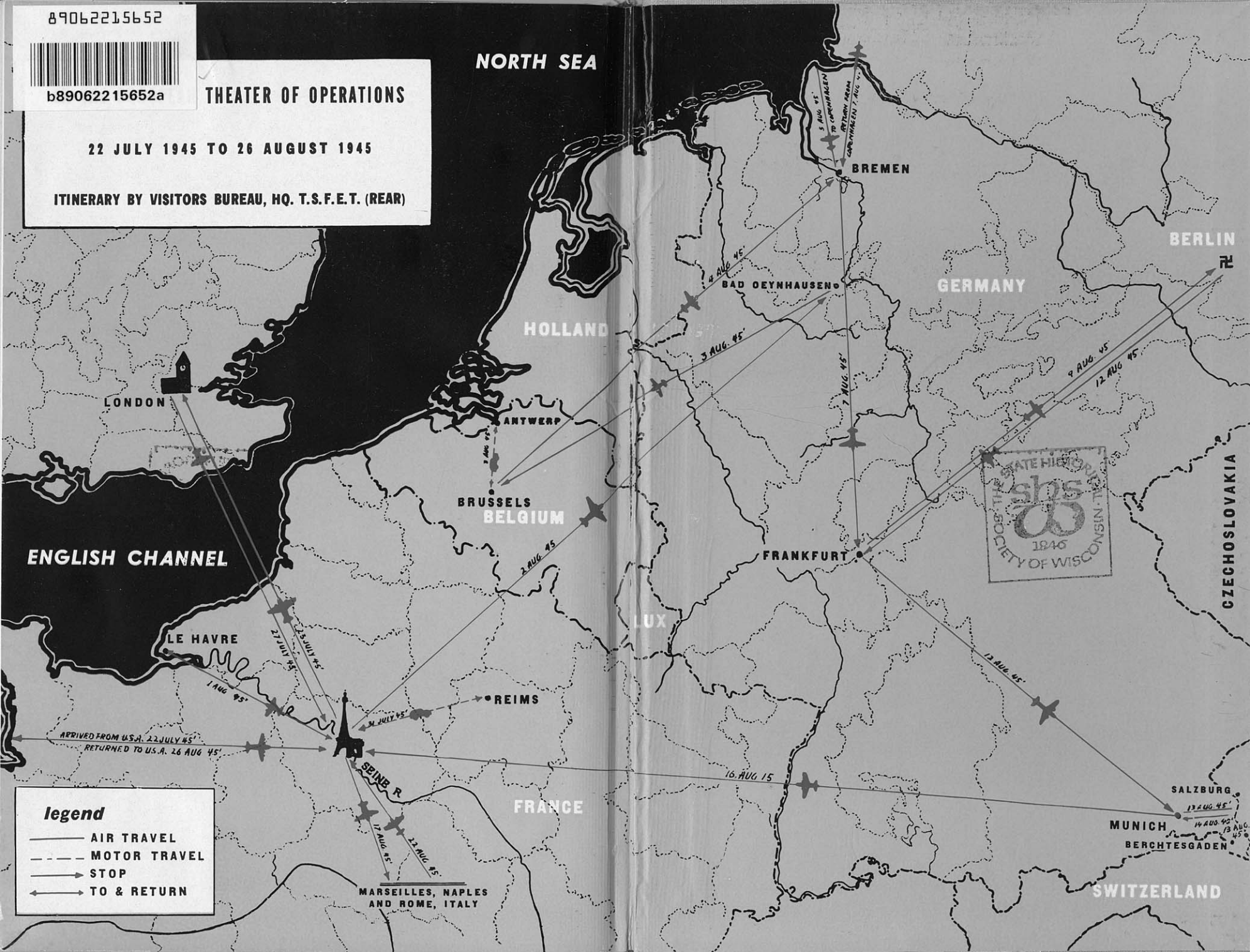


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22 JULY 1945 TO 26 AUGUST 1945

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16 AUG 45

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- - - MOTOR TRAVEL
- STOP
- ↔ TO & RETURN

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RETURNED TO U.S.A. 26 AUG 45

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