

March 4, Los Angeles to Puente, CA (17.0 miles)	Day 1. All 199 runners made it into the checkpoint.
March 5, Puente to Bloomington, CA (34.7 miles)	Elton Haynes, runner number 48, decided to go back to Los Angeles after reaching Puente. He had a fiancée and a good job in Los Angeles.
March 6, Bloomington to Victorville, CA (45.4 miles)	Day 3. The Cajon Pass, between Bloomington and Victorville, was a steep uphill climb for several miles forcing many to drop out.
March 7, Victorville to Barstow, CA (36.0 miles)	Day 4. The stop at Barstow was the last stop before the runners faced four days in the Mojave Desert.
March 8, Barstow to Mojave Wells, CA (32.5 miles)	Day 5. Mojave Wells had only one water pump. An unknown runner named Andy Payne, a Cherokee from Oklahoma, is running in third place. There are 160 runners at the starting line on the morning of March 8 th .
March 9, Mojave Wells to Bagdad, CA (41.9 miles)	<p>Crossing the Mojave Desert the only watering holes were the checkpoint stops and the organizers couldn't carry enough water between stops for the number of men in the race.</p> <p>Many of the runners suffered third degree sunburn on their right ear and shoulder, from the heat and dehydration.</p> <p>The road through the desert presented another hazard. In some places they had poured oil over the sand to make a crusty surface. This surface didn't wear well and would break up and shift under the runners' feet.</p>

<p>March 10, Bagdad to Danby, CA (31.9 miles)</p>	<p>Day 7. One-fourth of the runners had dropped out, leaving 146 runners to move on to Needles.</p>
<p>March 11, Danby to Needles, CA (57.0 miles)</p>	<p>Day 8. The runners stood up to Pyle for the first time. The race was scheduled to cross the Colorado River at Needles, but the bridge across was 24 miles south at Topock. The runners refused to make a nearly 50-mile detour to get across the river.</p> <p>The ferry service at Needles was used to get the runners across the Colorado River. The story goes that while the other runners had to wait for the ferry, Mojave Indians offered Andy Payne a lift across when they discovered that he was also Indian.</p>
<p>March 12, Needles, CA to Oatman, AZ (20.5 miles)</p>	
<p>March 13, Oatman to Kingman, AZ (28.8 miles)</p>	<p>Day 10. The runners climbed from an elevation of less than 1,000 feet above sea level at Needles, CA to over 3,000 feet above at Kingman.</p> <p>The narrow switchback road between Oatman and Kingman was a harrowing experience for the runners. Hairpin turns, blind curves and huge boulders sticking out of the side of the road made this stretch a major ordeal.</p>
<p>March 15, Peach Springs to Seligman, AZ (38.3 miles)</p>	<p>Day 12. For the first time Andy is first into the day's checkpoint.</p>
<p>March 16, Seligman to Williams, AZ (43.9 miles)</p>	

March 17, Williams to Flagstaff, AZ (36.2 miles)	The race reached the highest elevation between Williams and Flagstaff, AZ, over 7,000 feet. The runners dropped like logs in the thin air.
March 18, Flagstaff to Two Gun Camp, AZ (35.8 miles)	
March 19, Two Gun Camp to Winslow, AZ (24.1 miles)	Day 16. The current leader in the race, Arthur Newton, had dropped out on the road into Winslow leaving Andy Payne in first place.
March 20, Winslow to Holbrook, AZ (34.3 miles)	Day 17. Half of the runners have dropped out, leaving 98. Andy barely made it into Holbrook. He had been running poorly for several days, feverish with tonsillitis. The race organizers erased Andy's name from the line up.
March 21, Holbrook to Navajo, AZ (41.8 miles)	Navajo, AZ. Day 19, March 21 st . On the morning of the 21 st , Andy surprises them all and lines up to start the day's run to Navajo, Arizona a distance of 40 miles.
March 22, Navajo to Lupton, AZ (34.7 miles)	Several dogs join the race, in particular one, named Blisters. Befriended by John Salo, Blisters joins the race at Navajo, AZ.
March 23, Lupton, AZ to Gallup, NM (22.8 miles)	

<p>March 26, Grants to Laguna, NM (33.9 miles)</p>	<p>The race crossed several Indian reservations in New Mexico including the Acoma, Laguna and Isleta Pueblos. Frank Johnson, runner number 155, said in an interview that some times in the evenings, if the runners took up a collection, the Indians would do their “war dances” for them. A farming people, the Pueblo are not warriors like the nomadic Plains Tribes. The dances the runners saw would have been one of the dances the Pueblo will perform for the public: modified versions of their religious dances. Or they may have seen a “Comanche” Dance, imitating the war dance of the Comanche Tribe of Texas and Oklahoma, who historically raided the Pueblo and Spanish villages of New Mexico for goods, horses and hostages.</p>
<p>March 27, Laguna to Los Lunas, NM (48.0 miles)</p>	
<p>March 28, Los Lunas to Seven Springs, NM (38.0 miles)</p>	<p>Day 25. Pyle decided to bypass Albuquerque and cuts off over 200 miles of official Route 66. 95 runners are left in the race and they still have 2500 miles to go.</p>
<p>March 29, Seven Springs to Moriarty, NM (29.5 miles)</p>	
<p>March 30, Moriarty to Palma, NM (37.2 miles)</p>	
<p>March 31, Palma to Santa Rosa, NM (45.4 miles)</p>	
<p>April 1, Santa Rosa to Newkirk, NM (32.2 miles)</p>	

April 2, Newkirk to Tucumcari, NM (34.3 miles)	
April 3, Tucumcari to Glenrio, NM (44.1 miles)	
April 4, Glenrio, NM to Vega, TX (37.3 miles)	
April 5, Vega to Amarillo, TX (37.0 miles)	<p>Day 33. A spring snowstorm made running treacherous. It continued to snow through the next 3 checkpoints.</p> <p>The Ku Klux Klan continued their intimidation of the Black runners in Texas. Phillip Granville had received death threats in New Mexico. Upon discovering that there were Blacks competing against whites, an angry crowd nearly set fire to the car accompanying Ed Gardner, the leading black runner.</p>
April 6, Amarillo to Groom, TX (40.6 miles)	

<p>April 7, Groom to McLean, TX (38.8 miles)</p>	<p>Day 35. Arne Souminen drops out of the race. He slipped on the packed snow and ice and sprained an ankle and couldn't continue.</p> <p>Andy Payne is in the lead once more as the race nears Oklahoma, Andy's home state.</p> <p>The runners were put up in the hotel because the caravan with the tents and cots were stuck at the Jericho Gap, between Groom and McLean. The Jericho Gap was notorious at the time because of the thick, black gumbo mud, which built up on the bottoms of shoes and stuck to the wheels of cars and made traveling treacherous and difficult.</p>
<p>April 8, McLean, TX to Texola, OK (35.0 miles)</p>	<p>Day 36. Andy Payne crosses into Oklahoma first in cumulative time and for the second time is first into the checkpoint.</p> <p>Andy had rarely failed to place among the daily top 10 runners, except when he had been sick with tonsillitis. He often came in among the top three runners.</p>
<p>April 9, Texola, to Sayre, OK (32.2 miles)</p>	
<p>April 10, Sayre to Clinton, OK (50.0 miles)</p>	<p>Day 38. The "America" plunges into a creek bed when the bridge collapses from the weight of the 13-ton luxury coach.</p>
<p>April 11, Clinton to Bridgeport, OK (35.4 miles)</p>	
<p>April 12, Bridgeport to El Reno, OK (37.0 miles)</p>	

April 13, El Reno to Oklahoma City, OK (33.5 miles)	Day 41. The City hosts a huge reception for Andy at the State Fair Grounds. Governor Henry Johnston welcomes the runners and introduces Andy to the crowd.
April 14, Oklahoma City to Chandler, OK (51.9 miles)	Day 43. Mike Baze, one of Tom Young's runners, is hit on the road and suffers a broken leg, forcing him to drop out of the race.
April 15, Chandler to Bristow, OK (34.8 miles)	Day 43. Peter Gavuzzi takes the lead from Andy and holds it for two days, to the checkpoint in Tulsa.
April 16, Bristow to Tulsa, OK (41.7 miles)	
April 17, Tulsa to Chelsea, OK (49.7 miles)	Day 45, OK. Andy is first into the checkpoint for the third and last time. Andy, almost 2 hours ahead of Gavuzzi, keeps the lead through the next seven checkpoints.
April 18, Chelsea to Miami, OK (52.0 miles)	
April 19, Miami, OK to Joplin, MO (40.0 miles)	
April 20, Joplin to Miller, MO (46.7 miles)	
April 21, Miller to Springfield, MO (33.6 miles)	
April 22, Springfield to Conway, MO (43.1 miles)	

April 23, Conway to Waynesville, MO (51.9 miles)	Day 51. Blisters, the dog, is picked up by the checkpoint bus and taken into Waynesville. He has run all the way from Arizona and his pads are raw and infected.
April 24, Waynesville to Rolla, MO (32.4 miles)	
April 25, Rolla to Sullivan, MO (42.9 miles)	Day 53. Gavuzzi ran into the checkpoint 33 minutes ahead of Payne. The rest of the field was 36 hours behind them.
April 26, Sullivan to Hillside View Roadhouse, MO (45.6 miles)	
April 27, Hillside View, MO to East St. Louis, IL (28.4 miles)	
April 28, East St. Louis to Staunton, IL (42.5 miles)	
April 29, Staunton to Virden, IL (44.4 miles)	
April 30, Virden to Springfield, IL (26.0 miles)	
May 1, Springfield to Lincoln, IL (31.6 miles)	
May 2, Lincoln to Normal, IL (34.6 miles)	
May 3, Normal to Pontiac, IL (34.7 miles)	

May 4, Pontiac to Joliet, IL (59.1 miles)	Day 62. Blisters rejoins the race on the road into Joliet, his injuries healed.
May 5, Joliet to Chicago, IL (43.2 miles)	Day 63. Pyle is broke and he does not receive the expected payment of \$60,000 from the Route 66 Highway Association. For the runners Chicago is the end of Route 66 and the beginning of a harder race. Daily distances become farther. Some runners drop out in protest. But Pyle pushes on.
May 6, Chicago, IL to Gary, IN (28.4 miles)	Day 64. Seventy-one runners line up for the run to Gary, Indiana.
May 7, Gary to Mishawaka, IN (66.2 miles)	
May 8, Mishawaka to Ligonier, IN (41.0 miles)	Through Indiana and Ohio Gavuzzi increased his lead over Andy by six hours.
May 9, Ligonier to Butler, IN (41.8 miles)	

<p>May 10, Butler, IN to Wauseon, OH (44.9 miles)</p>	<p>Day 68. Peter Gavuzzi, in the lead since Sullivan, Missouri, drops out. An abscessed tooth had made it impossible for him to eat anything solid. After many days of a liquid diet Gavuzzi was too weak with hunger to continue.</p> <p>Andy Payne is in the lead for the third time, with 1000 miles to go.</p> <p>Behind Andy by 24 hours were John Salo in second place and Phillip Granville in third.</p>
<p>May 11, Wauseon to Freemont, OH (64.7 miles)</p>	
<p>May 12, Freemont to Elyria, OH (63.3 miles)</p>	
<p>May 13, Elyria to Arrowhead, OH (51.4 miles)</p>	
<p>May 14, Arrowhead to Ashtabula, OH (41.1 miles)</p>	
<p>May 15, Ashtabula, OH to Erie, PA (45.8 miles)</p>	
<p>May 16, Erie, PA to Jamestown, NY (60.0 miles)</p>	
<p>May 17, Jamestown, NY to Bradford, PA (44.2 miles)</p>	

May 18, Bradford, PA to Wellsville, NY (49.8 miles)	
May 19, Wellsville to Bath, NY (52.5 miles)	
May 20, Bath to Waverley, NY (58.3 miles)	
May 21, Waverley to Deposit, NY (74.6 miles)	Day 79. The runners complete the longest distance in the race, 74.6 miles from Waverley, NY. Will Rogers, humorist and Oklahoma's Favorite Son, wrote in his weekly column: "Did you know those foot-racers run seventy-six miles yesterday? That's three full-length marathons in one day. Try to ride a horse seventy-six miles in one day and you'll truck him back home."
May 22, Deposit to Liberty, NY (59.1 miles)	
May 23, Liberty to Middletown, NY (38.0 miles)	
May 24, Middletown to Suffern, NY (38.0 miles)	

<p>May 26, Passaic, NJ to New York, NY (32.2 miles)</p>	<p>Day 84. The last 55 runners ran down to the Hudson River late in the afternoon. They crossed the river on the Weehawken Ferry and ran the short distance to Madison Square Garden. Inside the building they ran several laps around the track before they reached the finish line.</p> <p>Andy Payne was the winner, but he was forced to wait for his money, with the rest of the runners.</p> <p>Pyle scheduled a week of exhibition races, after which he promised the runners would be paid.</p> <p>"They will get paid immediately after the 26 hour foot race which will begin on Friday at 9 o'clock, and end on Saturday at 11 o'clock. My contract does not stipulate that I pay them at any particular time, and I am perfectly within my rights in paying them then. As to worry whether I can pay the \$48,500 in prizes or not that is absurd." C. C. Pyle</p> <p>The runners are reduced to sleeping in the animal quarters in the basement of Madison Square Garden until they are ejected. Many runners have nowhere to go but the street.</p> <p>Amid much skepticism, the final exhibition race is run and Pyle astonishes everybody by paying up. Pyle was bailed out by Tex Rickard, the legendary boxing promoter, and F. F. Gunn, whose son Harry finished the race (see section on Gunn).</p> <p>Andy Payne finally received his \$25,000 and went home.</p>
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