

Yanks Fight Battle of House

By DON WHITEHEAD
WITH THE FIFTH ARMY AT FORNELLI, Italy, Nov. 24—(Delayed)—The "battle of the house" was one of those savage, isolated fights which characterize present operations along the Germans' touted winterlines—one of many patrol skirmishes in which Americans excelled.

The battle site was a three-story stone farmhouse in a muddy field between the little towns of Rochetta and New Rochetta. The action occurred a week ago, but troops in the rainsoaked hills were still talking about it today.

Twenty-four Germans caught 12 Americans in "the house." For three and a half hours the Americans fought like their pioneer forebears fought when their cabins were besieged by Indians. When the fighting ended only four nazis were alive.

"Because of fights like that one," said Lt. Fordyce Gorham of Williamsport, Pa., "German officers issued orders that there were to be no more patrols into our territory. We gobbled them all up on three straight nights. We captured or killed every man in four enemy patrols. Not a man got away. That sort of discouraged them."

In this fight, a young lieutenant led his reconnaissance patrol of 11 men toward the German line. They had tommy-guns, pistols, knives and grenades.

The lieutenant's name cannot be told. He is dead now. But he had accounted for a German officer, several of that officer's men and an Italian traitor.

As his men slipped into enemy territory, they saw Germans approaching. Out numbered two-to-one, they slipped into the farm house, hoping to remain undetected so that they could continue scouting.

But an Italian civilian had seen them. He led the Germans to the house.

Some Germans set up a machine-gun and sprayed the house while others tried to get in. Every time they tried they met a burst from a tommy-gun.

They lobbed concussion grenades through the windows. When a grenade would fall into one room the Americans would rush into another, wait out the explosion, then rush back to toss grenades at the enemy.

One German detail was throwing grenades from a blind spot beneath a window.

"I'll take care of the devils," the lieutenant said.

He leaned out the window and threw a grenade into their midst, but before he could duck back inside a bullet ripped through his skull and he fell back dead.

Sgt. Donald B. Greaber of Salt Lake City, Utah, took command, and the fight went on.

When reinforcements arrived, Sgt. Greaber and his men had ev-

Buying Trip Made by Air



Dr. Harry Brown is shown here boarding a United Air Lines plane in connection with his recent buying trip to New York City and Chicago on behalf of Brown's Jewelry and Opticians, of which he is proprietor. He reports that merchandise is scarce. While on this trip he managed, with some difficulty, to visit his two sons, Lt. Louis Brown, who is an aviation radio technician stationed at the army airport at Long Beach, Calif., and Pvt. Robert Brown, who is in the infantry at Fort Benning, Ga. While in the south he met Norma Shearer and other members of a troupe of film celebrities who were appearing at military camps.

Christmas Party Planned by Club

LINCOLN—The November meeting of Lincoln Community club was held Tuesday night because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Mrs. Nels Yenckel was chairman at the business meeting when plans were discussed for the Christmas meeting, the date being decided as December 22.

Mrs. Roy Hammer, teacher will arrange and direct the program, and appoint her assistants for program, treats and tree. Mrs. Lois Crawford played for group singing which was led by Grace Ashford.

A humorous play, Entertaining Sister's Beau was presented by school children, Dolores Merrick, Genevieve Ashford, Martha and Albert Williams and a reading was given by Franklin Williams.

Mrs. Lois Crawford, secretary-treasurer, gave a report. The committee served cider, coffee and doughnuts at the close of the meeting.

Everything under control. The "battle of the house" was over. The Germans had been caught in their own trap.

Valley Births

WOODBURN—A son, Neal, Jr., was a Thanksgiving arrival in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Butterfield. The child was born at the Silverton hospital and is the third child, having an older brother, Carl, and a sister, Annie May. The grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Sims and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Butterfield, both families of Woodburn.

A daughter, Ruth Ann, six pounds and six ounces in weight, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Serres Friday, November 19. She is the third child in the family, the others are a boy and a girl. Mrs. Serres and baby are doing nicely at the Hubbard hospital.

TOMAHAWK, Wis. —(P)—A couple of Milwaukee hunters had their deer dropped right in their laps today, but it was the wrong kind of deer and the nimrods didn't appreciate it anyway.

Deerless and disgusted, C. J. Ogram and George M. Galloway, were heading homeward when a big buck leaped into the path of their car, shattering the windshield and injuring itself fatally.

The buck season closed Monday. Only does and spike-horns are fair game now.

Two Churches To Cooperate

WEST SALEM — W. D. Heise, chairman of the West Salem salvage committee, has announced that the West Salem Methodist church and the Mennonite church will be collection depots for discarded clothing for this area. Both churches have volunteered to sponsor the drive. In addition to old clothing, old rags of all kinds will be collected.

The rags must be clean but the clothing will be renovated and packed by cleaners with whom previous arrangements have been made.

In each of the designated churches there will either be some one to receive the contributions or boxes in the entries of the churches. A house to house canvass will be made for outmoded clothing or old rags. Those having

such are asked to bring them to one of the two churches where they will be sorted and packed. This campaign is being conducted from November 22 to December 4 inclusive.

Infants Help, Hinder War Chest Solicitation

ST. LOUIS—(P)—Probably the youngest participants in the St. Louis war chest drive are two boys, both under two years old, whose mothers—for lack of domestic help—carry them along while soliciting.

Said Mrs. E. O. Wokurka, one of the mothers, "the children help us get a more sympathetic hearing. The only trouble is, a lot of people want to visit with the children and this slows us down in making our rounds."

Albany Vets Plan Session

ALBANY — Camp Phillips, United American Spanish War Veterans, and the auxiliary will meet Sunday afternoon in the Veterans Memorial building for a 1:30 o'clock turkey dinner. Business meetings will follow the dinner.

Department officers of the organization are to be special guests and during the business sessions will make the annual official inspection of the officers' work.

The camp and auxiliary will meet the last Sunday afternoon of the month during the next five months. The remainder of the year meetings are held on the last Saturday night of each month.

Edgar S. Logsdon is commander of Phillips camp, and Mrs. Emma Pliska president of the auxiliary.



FRIENDLY ENEMIES — An ailing cat, "Alice" (right), and her kitten became great friends with a small boy's pet rat, "Oscar," when the latter was left at a Los Angeles veterinarian's to have his broken leg treated.

LONDON—(P)—It probably was a dirty trick on the rat, but a Halifax bomber dropped one on Berlin in last night's record RAF raid.

origin undetermined — tottering around the plane, groggy from lack of oxygen at that altitude, as they neared the target.

The crew discovered the rat—

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