

Choctaw Indian Hero of Battle

(Tom Treasurer, special correspondent covering the human and dramatic side of the war for the United Press, has just returned from the front lines in Italy. Here is his first dispatch since reaching the fighting zone.)

By Tom Treasurer

(United Press Special Correspondent) With a Forward Division in Italy, Dec. 14 (UP)—Two kilometers forward in the midnight mud and rain, lying on his belly and dragging a telephone, Pvt. George E. Clark, a Choctaw Indian of Shawnee, Okla., whispered into the transmitter:

"Captain, captain, don't ring, captain, they're right here with me. Just whistle real low into the phone if you want me."

Back in the command post, Capt. Vergil Patterson of Edmond, Okla., told the huddle of anxious officers:

"My observer's got himself into the middle of the Germans. We'll be getting something now."

Voice Heard
And then the voice of Pvt. Clark:

"Battery left 100 yards. We are on some machine guns."

In the command post we could hear the Jerry guns. "B-r-r-r-p, b-r-r-r-p, b-r-r-r-p." Then Patterson ordered his 155 howitzers 100 yards to the left and in a few seconds we heard four reports as quick as a carpenter can pound a nail.

It was the climactic moment of a hectic bewildering five hours of night fighting with all the hazards, sudden turns of unexpected fortunes of war marked by one of the most savage although restricted night counterattacks the Germans had launched in recent weeks.

I arrived in the little town of Filignano just at dusk and just as the Germans threw in a sudden barrage of artillery fire, shrapnel from the first round of which shattered the windshield of our jeep, driven by Sgt. Jack Folsie of Stars and Stripes, a Berkeley, Calif., boy.

Region Plastered
This was a routine shelling with which Filignano is being plastered these nights. It alarms no one but visitors. In the battalion command post Maj. Merlin O. Tyron, a former commercial education teacher of Gila Junior college near Phoenix, commanding the battalion; Lt. Arnold D. Hechtman of Brooklyn, N. Y.;

Red Cross Rug Cutters



Taking a brief respite from their job of boosting the morale of Fifth Army men at the Italian front, a pair of Red Cross workers boost their own morale by rug-cutting with G. I. partners. Dancers at left are Pfc. Clyde Burgess, Talco, Ga., and Lois Berney, Fallon, N. C. Companions in jive are Mary Rose Mohen, Onawa, Ia., and Pvt. William Maderra, Rayland, Ohio.

Capt. Henry W. Strong of Far Rockaway, L. I.; Staff Sgt. Lloyd Getchell of Hood River, Ore., and the colonel of New York City were discussing the prospects of a heckling enterprise which was at the moment being launched up forward by 1st Lt. Johnny Crafaik of New York City. This was the most ambitious of a number of night patrols that were out to shoot up, blow up and mix up the Germans.

Crafaik's men were just going down our most forward slope with their weapons. But what we didn't know and what they didn't know was that the German at the same moment was launching a project of his own to shoot up, blow up and mix up the Americans.

Germany Drive Goats
Three or four Germans with machine pistols were at the same time driving a herd of goats down their slope immediately opposite. As they approached our lines, the noise of the goats alarmed our

outposts who opened fire. To complete the illusion of an attack the German goat herders let go with their machine pistols. The sound of the firing drifted down to us at the command post.

This encounter discouraged Crafaik's men from pursuing their project. They retired from the hill to wait for a better night. The German goat herders, meanwhile, ran back and forth firing their machine pistols and driving the goats slowly forward—a diversion on our left flank before their Sunday punch on our right.

At the height of this engagement between their goats and our "K" company, Jerry smashed in with his main attack on "I" company, led by Lt. Harvey Pollard of Okmulgee, Okla. More than 200 rounds of artillery and mortar fire smashed down on Pollard's hillside position in the space of a few minutes, followed by a fierce German infantry advance which drove a salient into the

Chester Darbee Dies in Redmond

Redmond, Dec. 21 — Chester Darbee, 70 years of age, died here at the Medical-Dental hospital on December 18, following a prolonged illness. Mr. Darbee is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Ray Rogers of Redmond, and two grandchildren, Dorothy Ann and Donald Rogers. Funeral services were held at the Portland Crematorium Monday afternoon, December 20. C. H. Irwin, Redmond funeral director, made arrangements.

Mr. Darbee was born in New York state, but had spent most of his life in the west. He was in railroad work for many years and was located in eastern Oregon until he retired, then moved to Portland, later coming to Redmond to be near his daughter, Mrs. Rogers.

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was broken up. The Germans were surrounded and driven back. The rest of the night was uneventful except that once the Germans apparently had a patrol behind our lines which spotted a mule train and directed mortar fire on it.

But this morning was quiet. Before our left flank as the sun came up, were the bodies of half a dozen dead goats. Before our right flank were the bodies of more than half a dozen Germans.

Proves Successful
His first success was on the German machine gun concentration. From then on he directed shells from three batteries into every German concentration of fire.

Between the artillery fire and our infantry resistance the attack

War Briefs ---

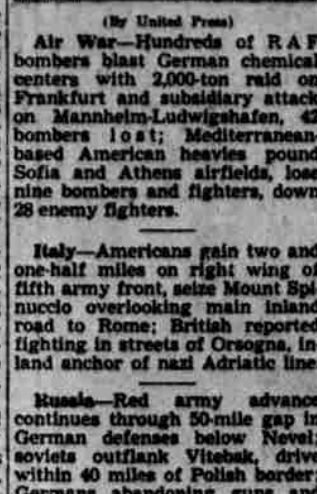
(By United Press)
Air War—Hundreds of R A F bombers blast German chemical centers with 2,000-ton raid on Frankfurt and subsidiary attack on Mannheim-Ludwigshafen, 42 bombers lost; Mediterranean-based American heavies pound Sofia and Athens airfields, lose nine bombers and fighters, down 28 enemy fighters.

Italy—Americans gain two and one-half miles on right wing of fifth army front, seize Mount Spinuccio overlooking main inland road to Rome; British reported fighting in streets of Orsogna, inland anchor of Nazi Adriatic line.

Russia—Red army advance continues through 50-mile gap in German defenses below Nevel; soviet outflank Vitebsk, drive within 40 miles of Polish border; Germans abandoning guns and equipment.

Pacific—Record 414-ton bombing raid on Cape Gloucester air-drome foreshadows possible new allied landing on northwest coast of New Britain; Americans seize Arawa air strip on south coast, extend beachhead to as much as nine miles; Japanese seen evacuating Bougainville strong points.

Happy Ex-Warrior



After service on Crimean and Italian fronts, life in an Allied prison camp apparently looks good to this German soldier, captured by New Zealanders at Sangro river in Italy. (British Army photo.)

Forty chemical elements of commercial importance may be classified as metals.

World War One Year Ago

DEC. 21, 1943
(By United Press)

Allied troops drive wedge into main Jap defense lines in Buna area of New Guinea, capturing one of the two small airfields in that sector.

Russian troops gain additional 15 miles on the central Don front; Berlin admits Russian breakthrough.

RAF raids Duisburg, at junction of the Rhine and Ruhr rivers. Advance British troops push 150 miles west of El Aghella, in Libyan battle.

U. S. bombers raid Lashio, Burma. British land advance captures Aethanayaw, in western Burma, 45 miles from Aklab.

YULE CARDS BEAR WARNING
Dallas, Tex. (UP)—The Dallas fire prevention council and the fire department will send unusual Christmas greeting cards to 80,000 homes this year. The cards will bear a warning against the five top fire hazards—smoking, defects in heating and electrical equipment, Christmas decorations, and overcrowding because of the housing shortage.

CANNED AND BOTTLED	WEIGHT →		Over 10 lb. net wt.		Over 1 lb. net wt.		Over 1 lb. net wt.		Over 1 lb. net wt.	
	CONTAINER SIZE →	Net Wt.	10 lb. net wt.	1 lb. net wt.	1 lb. net wt.	1 lb. net wt.	1 lb. net wt.	1 lb. net wt.	1 lb. net wt.	
FRUITS (excludes Pickled, Spiced or Branched) (includes Purées):										
Apples (includes Crabapples); Berries (all kinds)		8	12	15	18	20	22	24	26	
Applesauce		8	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	
Apricots		18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	
Cherries, Red Sour; Fruit Cocktail, Fruits for salad, or Mixed Fruit		15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	
Cherries, all other (excludes Maraschino type); or Peaches		14	18	22	27	32	37	42	47	
Cranberries or Sauce (whole, strained, or jellied); Plums or Prunes		8	10	12	15	18	21	24	27	
Pears		12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	
Pineapple		18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	
JUICES:										
Apple, Peach or Pear Juice or Mixture, or Prune Juice; Vegetable Juice combinations containing 70 percent or more Tomato Juice		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Citrus Juices (except Grapefruit)		8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	
Grapefruit Juice		8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	
Grape Juice		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Pineapple Juice		9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	
Tomato Juice		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
VEGETABLES (includes Purées):										
Asparagus, Tomatoes		11	14	18	21	24	27	30	33	
Beans, Fresh Shelled (includes Black-eyed Peas, etc.); Spinach		6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	
Beans, Fresh Lima		14	18	22	27	32	37	42	47	
Beans, all Types Soy		2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	
Beets (includes Pickled); Beans, Green or Wax; Carrots		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Corn (except vacuum-packed Whole Kernel, exclude Corn on the cob); Pumpkin or Squash; Beans, all dry varieties (includes Baked Beans, Kidney Beans, Lentils, Sealed Dry Peas, etc.)		8	10	12	15	18	21	24	27	
Corn, vacuum-packed Whole Kernel		10	13	16	21	24	27	30	33	
Greens, Leafy (includes only Beet, Collard, Dandelion, Kale, Mustard, Peas, Turnip)		5	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	
Mixed Vegetables (containing over 20% by weight of rationed vegetables)		8	12	14	21	24	27	30	33	
Mushrooms		14	18	22	27	32	37	42	47	
Peas (except Sealed Dry Peas)		12	16	18	24	27	32	37	42	
Sauerkraut		8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	
Tomato Paste		18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	
Tomato Paste or Purée		4	6	8	9	14	18	21	24	
Tomato Catsup or Chili Sauce		18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	
Tomato Sauce containing over 5% dry Tomato Solids		6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	
Tomato Sauce in combination package with cheese		11	14	18	21	24	27	30	33	
SOUPS										
Tomato Soup, concentrated		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Other concentrated Soups		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Soups, not concentrated (ready-to-serve)		8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	
FROZEN										
FRUITS, FRUIT PUREES, BERRIES, AND JUICES:										
Apples, Applesauce, Cherries, Grapes, Peaches, and all Berries except Elderberries		9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	
Elderberries, Plums, Prunes, Raspberries or Mixed Fruits (containing over 70% by weight of rationed dried fruits)		4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	
All Fruit Juices		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
VEGETABLES:										
Corn, Lima Beans, Peas or Spinach		8	12	14	18	21	24	27	30	
Asparagus, Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cauliflower, Snap Beans or Mixed Vegetables		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Beets, Carrots, Leafy Greens (except Spinach), Pumpkin or Squash and Prepared Dry Beans (includes Baked, Baked, etc.)		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
DRIED										
Prunes, Raisins, or Currants and Mixed Dried Fruits (containing over 20% by weight of rationed dried fruits)		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Beans (includes Black-eyed, Garbanzo and Soybeans)		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	

"So that peace may prevail for all mankind"

Christmastide, hallowed season of joy and happiness, this year finds all of us in America striving constantly to hasten the day of Victory. Nevertheless it is fitting that we should pause both to recall our Christmas days of yesteryear and to look forward into the future with profound confidence and hope. We people of Safeway—including those who have taken leave of absence to join the fighting forces—unite in sincerely wishing every one of you a Merry Christmas! May your families be happy and well. May your dinners be hearty. And may the Christmas prayers of all of us be answered, "So that peace may prevail for all mankind..."

FARM-FRESH PRODUCE

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lb. 9c

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Regular and Quick

Oats, Morn. Glory, 20-oz. pkg 10c

Farina, Albers28-oz. pkg. 17c

Rice Flakes, Heinz 6 1/2-oz. pkg. 10c

Shredded Wheat, Nabisco pk. 12c

Bran Flakes, Post .14-oz. pkg. 14c

Macaroni Dinner, Kraft .pkg. 9c
(1 Point)

Smoking Tobacco .1 lb. pkg. 67c
P. A. or Velvet

Cook Booklets, Asstd. ...2 for 25c

Nibletscan 13c
Del Matz Corn—(10 Points)—12 Oz. Cans

Cranberry Sauce cn. 14c
Conways—(8 Points)—12 1/2 Oz. Cans

Hi-Ho Crackers .lb. 19c
Butter Crackers—Pound Package

Salad Dressing .pt. 19c
Salad Dressing—Pint Jar

Ripe Olives .pt. jar 22c
Lindsay Medium—Pint Jar

Almonds1/2 lb. 39c
Roasted and Salted—While They Last

Margarine, Parkay (6) ...1 lb. 25c

Margarine, Dalewood (6) 1 lb 22c

Shortening, Snowdrift .3 lbs. 69c
(15 Points)

Shortening, Royal Satin .1 lb. 23c
(5 Points)

Shortening, Crisco (15) 3 lbs. 70c

Wesson Oil (10 pts)qt. 53c

Fluffo Oil (10 pts)qt. 54c

Vinegar, Old Millqt. brl. 13c

Queen Olives10-oz. 34c
LaSavillana

Vanilla Flavor, Westag .8-oz. 10c

Fleischmann's Yeast .3 cakes 10c

Flour, Kitchen Craft 10 lb. bg 47c

Crackers, Snowflakes ...2 lbs. 31c

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While you're shopping, this week, remember this war-time fact: paper supplies are restricted. Help win the war by using a shopping bag to carry your purchases!

And if you still wonder what to give Cousin Min or little Brother Tim, here's a tip: the world's best gift and safest investment is a War Savings Bond!