

Novel Hog Calling Offensive Crushes Morale of Germans

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Somewhere in France (Delayed)
—Psychological warfare is no tilt with cream-puffs at 40 paces. It's not for the "hog callers" at any rate.

The "hog callers" are members of the Second Mobile Radio broadcasting company — which has as part of its equipment sound trucks and men who operate them. When they left for France these sound truck men thought their job was going to be driving through long-captured towns bellowing news and orders. And so in part it is.

But at the front someone got the bright idea that if we could make ourselves heard above the cacophony of battle, maybe we could talk some of the hopelessly surrounded Germans into surrendering. So they called for sound trucks. The upshot was that more than two thousand members of the master and their affiliated races poured out from the fortifications with their hands up and their weapons down. Ever since then some sound truck of the Second MRB has spent most of its time calling "hogs."

This is what it's like:

The team consisted of four men: Lieut. Irving B. Mickey of Schemmady commanding; Sgt. Fred Messinger, New York, German announced; T/5 Stephen Lisiecki, New York, Polish announcer and technician; Pvt. Talmadge Huey Powhatan, Alabama, driver and technician.

We arrived at regimental headquarters in a shell-shattered farmhouse about six in the evening. The regimental intelligence officer, a major, outlined his plan. The Germans opposing us were pushing us around. Their mortars and eighty-eights had our positions and roads leading to them zeroed in and were throwing a devastating fire.

However, the major explained, the German position was salient. Our artillery could stop any attempt to retreat or reinforce the Germans. If we preceded our speech with an artillery barrage sample of coming events, we might be able to take some into surrendering.

While the major and Sergeant Messinger worked on the speech, Lieutenant Mickey and the crew went forward. We drove slowly,



The map above, prepared from American Red Cross data, shows locations of all camps and hospitals in the Reich and Poland holding five or more American prisoners of war or civilian internees. In addition, a few Americans are held in a camp in Bulgaria, and hundreds of others, formerly held in northern Italy, have been transferred to Germany. "Stalag" indicates enlisted prisoners' camp; "Oflag" one for officers; and "Laz." is abbreviation for lazaret or hospital.

Certainly!

IT WILL BE A Merry Christmas

MAY THE SEASON BRING YOU A BOUNTIFUL AMOUNT OF HAPPINESS AND GOOD WILL.

RATH'S

careful not to raise telltale swirling dust above the tall hedgerows banking both sides of what the French road maps accurately call 'chemins d'interets'—"interesting roads."

"Giving Us Hell"
The driver pulled up the truck at a farmhouse a quarter of a mile from the front. Setting up the equipment was a matter of minutes. A reel of wire was run from the truck and carried to the front with a loud speaker.

The front was a dirt-reinforced hedgerow at the crest of the hill. The foxholes below it were deep and carefully banked—the kind men dig when under fire and trenching doesn't seem like work. "I sure hope it works," said a bearded, dusty, tired G.I. "They've been giving us hell all day."

Lieutenant Mickey looked over the top of the parapet. The Germans were in the valley about 300 yards below. He decided to place the speaker just in front of our lines. Sound would carry from there. There was no point in sneaking it down within 40 yards

of the enemy as he'd done on one previous occasion.

"Achtung, achtung, achtung," Messinger's voice boomed loud and clear across the valley. "You are good soldiers. You have fought well. Still your situation is hopeless. You saw some of the thousands of planes which this morning gave your comrades on another sector a going over and brought you heavy losses. In Russia and in Italy even Hitler's general staff has revolted. Hitler continues in a hopeless fight whose outcome is merely the death of German soldiers. We give you now a last chance to save your lives. In about 15 minutes we will shell your positions with smoke to give you an opportunity to come to our lines unobserved. Your highest duty is to save your lives for your families and for a new Germany. Decide now."

No prisoners came in that night. A couple were heard to call "Kamerad" when Messinger got through speaking. But they never showed up. Maybe it was just one of those times when the enemy wasn't psychologically prepared to surrender.

To the hog callers it was just another day's grind.

her ambition to own a brand new electric iron without too much of a strain on her budget. Dollars-and-cents ceiling prices have been set for 18 models—at levels at or below those prevailing in March, 1942. Each iron will have a tag attached on which the ceiling price will be stated.

Gentle ticking may soon be familiar sound on many wrists which have been devoid of time pieces. A large shipment of Swiss watches which just arrived will be distributed immediately throughout the country. A new OPA regulation has enabled this prompt delivery and it is also expected to result in lower ceiling prices for these imported watches.

Protection against the "red market" is being provided for Mrs. America by new grade labeling requirements for meat. The "red market" is the practice of collecting red points and stamps for meat which is point-free. Now, however, the grade mark will be stamped on every second or third chop and on almost any piece of roasting or boiling meat weighing over a few pounds. Thus the housewife will be sure of the grade of meat she buys. Red points may be collected only for grades AA (choice), A (good) and B (commercial). Grades C and D are point-free.

Mrs. America Meets the War

Be you preparing roast beef, turkey or perhaps a baked ham for your family's Christmas day feast, do your bit for victory by saving every drop of waste fat. No amount is too trifling to save—as thousands of articles, ranging from soap to munitions, need used fats for their manufacture. Strain the fat into a tin can and turn it in to your butcher. He'll give you four cents and two red points for every pound.

Holiday diners-out, too, can make an important contribution to the future welfare of all Americans. All restaurants are required to post the ceiling prices of their 40 most popular items. Be sure that you pay no more than the ceiling for your meal. Any overcharge should be reported to the price panel of your local CPA board. Upon our vigilance on the home front in holding the price line will depend on the kind of start G. I. Joe will get in civilian life when he returns from the battle line.

Mrs. America can now fulfill

THE HIGHWAY OF LIFE

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May it be lined with all the good things which we can think of to wish for you and yours.

We trust you will enjoy good health and good cheer and that you will have happiness and prosperity and the freedom which is rightfully yours as an American.

As you speed along on the highway of life, we trust you will find no detours on your journey, that you will find it a pleasant one.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EACH OF YOU!

FROM THE STAFF OF THE

LUMBERMENS INSURANCE AGENCY

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May the Spirit of Christmas Prevail Everywhere

Never before in history has the symbolic significance of Christmas been of such importance. The past year has been one of many trying circumstances. It has seen many disappointments, many dreams unrealized, and we have all been through a trying and difficult period. But our heritage has not forsaken us. In the good old American tradition, we have come through another year. It is true that it has not been normal. It is likewise true that we have not enjoyed the happiness and luxuries to which we are accustomed. But the satisfaction obtained from successfully concluding the past twelve months should give us more courage to face the coming year with utmost confidence.

As you enter the Christmas season, please accept our good wishes for your good health and happiness. The season's best to each of you;

Keef's Bake-Rite Bakery

"The Home of Bake-Rite 5 Star Bread"

CHRISTMAS

May choicest blessings be yours this Holy Christmas Day And may graces in abundance fill your days through the year that lies ahead

Simpson Paint Store

125 Oregon Phone 21

G.I. THANKS DRAFT BOARD

Waltham, Mass. (UP)—A Waltham G.I. now in France, who declares he's not shell-shocked, recently wrote his draft board to thank officials for drafting him. The soldier, who signed himself as "thankful" messaged his grati-

tude via V-mail, and ended up by wishing selective service officials a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

HOBBY CHEERS BOY

Chicago (UP)—Jack Daly, 10, bedridden since last June and des-

tinued to spend 10 more months at home, has started a hobby of collecting soldiers' shoulder insignia. Many servicemen at home and overseas have sent him insignia. He hopes to assemble eventually a complete collection of insignia of U. S. army outfits.

WE'RE GLAD It's CHRISTMAS

The approach of the Christmas season gives each of us cause to ponder a moment or two in retrospect

the pursuit of freedom had not been in vain.

Viewing these things, we do not find it difficult to be thankful at this Christmastime. We are truly glad that we are a part of the fine people of this community, to have friends, and to enjoy their associations. It gives us a sense of satisfaction and a desire to be of greater service in the next twelve months.

Now, as we look back, we see that there was courage and cheer to be gained from those about us, whose actions and deeds made us realize that

Sure—we're glad it's Christmas. The Season's best to each of you!

PACIFIC TRAILWAYS

PINE TAVERN'S 8th Anniversary

We thank you for the splendid patronage you have given us for the past eight years . . . and for your indulgence of our efforts to serve you under abnormal conditions. We look forward to peacetime . . . and when Christmas will see the reunion of those we love.

In Observance of CHRISTMAS DAY and to give our personnel the opportunity to be at home, the Pine Tavern will be CLOSED Open Tuesday at 11:00 a. m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS