

Clothing Treated To Protect Men Invading France

By Sam Smith
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Kansas City, Mo. (AP)—"American troops wore protective clothing."

Remember that one short line in the D-day stories from Normandy, North Africa, Sicily and Italy? Probably not, because it received no conspicuous place in the reports of great happenings.

There is a story behind that line of type of 20 years of laboratory plugging between the two world wars by a small group of officers of the army's chemical warfare service to neutralize the blister types of gases.

Because those men refused to quit in the face of apparently insurmountable odds and lack of funds, soldiers of this nation go into battle today wearing armor against such gases as mustard and Lewisite. It will throw off the blistering vapors of those gases better than the old chain mail of the knights errant blunted the arrows of the longbowmen.

Formula Guarded
The formula is one of the most closely guarded of Uncle Sam's war secrets. Even details of the process itself are known to but a few officers because facts of only passing interest to a layman might permit enemy chemists to narrow the field in a search for the invaluable compound.

There are plants in this country today which treat regular army issue clothing to armor it against blister gases. One of them is within the compound of the Kansas City quartermaster depot. Other specially constructed plants

Housing No Problem for Ducks



Humans may have to scurry around in Washington looking for sleeping quarters, but there's no shortage of housing for ducks in the district, as is shown by this plentiful flock, vacationing briefly in the capital before journeying farther south. Picturesque National Capital Parks' refuge on Potomac is favorite parking spot of pintails and such.

Man Held in Bend On Check Count

After allegedly leaving a trail of spurious checks which extended from Seattle, through Washington and Oregon to Klamath Falls and back to Bend, Frederick Warden Alban, 35, a salesman of Steubenville, O., was arrested here today by State Officer Earl Huff, Sgt. L. L. Hirtzel, in command of state officers in this district, said that Alban admitted passing about 34 bad checks from which he realized about \$500.

Local officers learned that a warrant had been issued for Alban's arrest in Portland. In Bend, according to officers, six business establishments were victimized by Alban, who cashed checks ranging from \$10 to \$20. These victims were the Brandis Thrift-Wise Drug store, Cashman's clothing, Donner Flower shop, S. & N. Men's clothing, the Pilot Butte inn and the Bend Drug store.

Put Under Arrest
First tip on the case came from one of the drug stores after a check had been cashed. They called police and told them of their suspicion, and furnished a description of Alban. City police and Officer Huff immediately began an investigation. The suspect was arrested this morning after having been trailed by Huff since late yesterday.

Officers said that Alban admitted forgeries in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Eugene, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Klamath Falls and Bend.

State police were undecided shortly after making the arrest whether to turn Alban over to Portland authorities or to file on him here.

Santa Shaves For Holiday; Face Is Red

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23 (AP)—Santa Claus is not only nimble with his reindeer, but he is also nimble with a razor.

Posed before the entrance to a Portland west side nursery where a large group of youngsters awaited him, old Santa suddenly found that he was beardless.

After attendants had frantically sought in vain for the missing beard and were just about ready to call the whole thing off, old St. Nick proved himself equal to the occasion.

Strutting out on the stage Santa unburdened himself with the following explanation: "Mrs. Santa Clause," he boomed, "despite his embarrassment, 'wouldn't let me out of the house this morning until I had shaved.'"

Eleanor Bechen To Leave Bank

Miss Eleanor Bechen, who has been with the Bank of Bend since its establishment, has announced her resignation from the bank staff effective December 30. Miss Bechen has been in banking work in Bend since 1924 when she joined the then locally owned First National. On its failure she went with the newly organized Lumbermen Bank and when it was purchased by the First National of Portland she joined its staff here leaving for a position with the Bank of Bend when it was organized in 1936. She has no plans for the future.

Stubborn Flue Blaze Checked

A stubborn flue fire at the W. E. Naylor home, 1422 West First street, early today caused city firemen to make two runs there. Firemen were first summoned to the Naylor home shortly before 1 a. m., when they extinguished a fire in the chimney. Two hours and a half later they were again called to check on smoldering floor and roof timbers, which were charred by the over-heated flue. Slight damage was done to the dwelling, firemen reported.

CROOK SAILOR WOUNDED
Prineville, Dec. 23 — Rupert Noble Davis, electrician's mate 3/c, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Davis of Prineville, has been wounded in action, according to an announcement today by the navy department.

New Jap Balloon Reported Found

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 23 (AP)—Federal bureau of investigation officials today refused to comment on a report that two small boys had found a large balloon, believed similar to the one discovered Dec. 11 at Kalispell, Mont., in the woods near Fort Lewis.

The boys insisted that the balloon was similar to the Kalispell balloon which trailed an elastic cable and carried incendiary device.

An army spokesman said the balloon may have come from a weather station.

The Kalispell balloon, which was large enough to support a basket capable of carrying four or five men, was made of a high-grade processed paper and carried markings indicating that it had been completed in Japan Oct. 31, 1944.

News of its discovery was announced Dec. 18, one week after two lumbermen, O. B. Hill and his son, Owen, found it in the woods.

WRECK KILLS SOLDIER

Salinas, Cal., Dec. 23 (AP)—One soldier was killed and 42 other persons were injured, five possibly fatally, when a Greyhound bus plunged over a 55 foot embankment near Fort Ord last night, according to the California highway patrol.

JOIN RETIREMENT FUND

Chicago (AP)—Municipal employees of seven cities and two villages will be brought under the Wisconsin municipal retirement fund on Jan. 1, making a total of 28 cities participating in the state system, according to the Civil Service assembly.

STORE GETS 'CLEANED'

Chicago (AP)—John Miller, owner of a Chicago food mart, recently was robbed. He reported to police that burglars broke in and took \$3,272,196,000 red points, 90,000 blue points, and 1,600 sugar coupons, good for 8,000 pounds of sugar.

EAGLE BATTLES MOTORIST
Kemmerer, Wyo. (AP)—The next time Leonard Buck, a rancher living near here, tangles with an eagle, it'll be outside his car and with appropriate headgear. Buck was driving home when an eagle flew through his windshield. A battle ensued, but all Buck got was some cuts on his head and a large feather, which he's wearing in his hat.

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And for that reason, there will always be a Christmas. And as long as there is a Christmas we welcome the opportunity it affords to express our greetings to everyone.

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GETS GENERAL'S INSIGNIA
Akron, O. (AP)—Wes Smith of Akron is way out in front in the race to acquire army sleeve insignia from working generals. He has sleeve marks from Gens. Mark Clark, Omar Bradley, Joseph W. Stilwell, George C. Kenney, Edson of "Edson's Raiders," and others.

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Trinity Lutheran Plans Services
Trinity Lutheran church will hold its annual children's Christmas service Sunday evening, Christmas eve, beginning at 7:30. It was announced today. The feature of the service will be the recitation of the Christmas story in the words of the Bible while colored slides are shown on a screen. There will also be Christmas songs and carols for both the children and for the congregation.

Bible Passages
Selected by a nation-wide canvass of pastors and chaplains, Bible passages have been designated for daily reading between now and Christmas. The passage for today's reading follows:
Revelation 22.
Sunday
Psalm 90
Christmas
Luke 2

COME, LET US REASON TOGETHER
CHURCH of CHRIST
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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PEACE Comes at Christmastime

No matter what the turmoil about us in the year just past, no matter how bitter or unhappy our experiences have been—it's comforting to know that there is one time of the year when Peace predominates. It's Christmas!

And so, with these thoughts in mind, may we all think kindly, one with another, and may we enjoy the season to its richest, content that we may be better prepared for the problems of the morrow.

Season's Greetings to all!

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To the men and women of our own organization who are serving with the armed forces ☆ ☆

To the sons and daughters of our friends and neighbors who are shoulder to shoulder with them in this war ☆ ☆

And in the same measure to all of you here at home ☆ ☆ go our good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

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