



BATTLE OF BULGE—This photo, made in January, 1945, shows vehicles of the U. S. Fourth Armored Division in the main square in Bastogne, Belgium, after a column broke through to relieve units trapped in the town. This was all part of the Battle of the Bulge 15 years ago. —(UPI Telephoto)

Rusty Sherman Tank Marks Site Of War II Battle of the Bulge

Editor's note: It was just 15 years ago this month that German forces launched a murderous counter-offensive against the Allies in Belgium. What followed became known as the Battle of the Bulge, one of the bloodiest and proudest chapters in U.S. military history. The climax of the battle took place in a town called Bastogne, where Gen. Anthony McAuliffe said "Nuts" to a German surrender demand. The following dispatch tells what it was like for the people of Bastogne 15 years ago... and what the town is like today.

By WILLIAM ANDERSON
Bastogne, Belgium — (UPI) — An ancient, rusty Sherman tank with two ugly shell holes broods in the main square almost 15 years later.

Occasionally, G.I.'s from European bases come to examine the relic and exclaim: "Gee, did they really fight in old tin cans like that?" Not many other visitors come to Bastogne because it's off the beaten tourist path to Brussels and Paris. They miss seeing Bastogne today — a living monument to the most famous and tragic battle fought by Americans in Europe during World War II.

In the main square, near the tank, is a bust of Gen. Anthony McAuliffe. It's hard to believe — in the midst of the bright homes and the prosperity of today — that 15 years ago, McAuliffe flashed from Bastogne the surrender reply heard 'round the world: "Nuts!"

Cellar Nearby
Not far from the main square — now known as McAuliffe square — is the freezing cellar from which the general directed U.S. forces in the battle that was to claim 76,000 Americans in killed, wounded and missing.

The cellar has been made into a museum, although it is now temporarily closed to the public. Leon Jacquemin doesn't need any of these reminders. Now 85, he was in Bastogne when the Germans surrounded it and called upon the 101st Airborne Division to "surrender or die" three days before Christmas, 1944.

General Eisenhower ordered Bastogne held in the face of German General Von Rundstedt's brutal offensive aimed at splitting the Allies armies in two.

Coldest Winter
It was the coldest winter in years, recalls Jacquemin: "We just huddled in cellars night and day. It was after all a blessing that it was freezing. Otherwise, with all those bodies around..."

Appointed acting burgo-

meister in Bastogne during the siege was the town. He remembers seeing wounded soldiers being carried to first aid stations on sleds made out of broken doors.

Just before Christmas Day, food and ammunition were parachuted in to the heroic defenders. "The GIs," says Jacquemin, "were jumping up and down in their foxholes cheering like mad when the food drops were successful."

On Dec. 26, the tide began to turn against the last great offensive of the Wehrmacht in World War II.

Gliders arrived that day with more supplies and new manpower to pull freezing triggers. And General Patton's forces managed to break through German lines and slip a small column into Bastogne.

Police Get Request For an 'Extra Man'
Coming, N.Y.—New York State Police have been called on for many things, from retrieving lost horses and babies to rounding up criminals and checking on stolen cars.

But recently they were called on to perform a job that they just had to turn down.

A Steuben county housewife telephoned the nearby barracks and said she "needed an extra man" for a dinner party that night.

"That's a little out of our line," she was told.

a mile from the center of Bastogne.

This spot is marked by another wrecked Sherman tank.

When the GIs left the bloodied ground of Bastogne and moved into Germany for the final kill, the residents climbed out of hiding and took up their old way of life as shopkeepers and traders.

A thousand persons have since been added to the town's pre-war population of 5,000. New houses have been built and trees planted.

But rather than heal all the scars of war, Bastogne keeps the Sherman tanks and a star-shaped monument dedicated to the thousands who have made Bastogne their home for eternity.

Favorite Flower



Roses — the most beloved of all flowers! This single one is set off by the simple mesh. You'll enjoy this crochet — you'll be proud to use it in your home. Pattern 7319: crochet directions for 12x15 1/2-inch chair back, 6x12 armrest.

Send THIRTY-FIVE cents (coins) for this pattern — add 5 cents for each pattern for 1st-class mailing. Send to Medford Mail Tribune, Household Arts Dept., P.O. Box 168, Old Chelsea Station, New York 11, New York. Print plainly NAME, ADDRESS, PATTERN NUMBER.

JUST OUT! Our New 1960 Alice Brooks Needlecraft Book contains THREE FREE Patterns. Plus ideas galore for home furnishings, fashions, gifts, toys, bazaar sellers — exciting, unusual designs to crochet, knit, sew, embroider, huck weave, quilt. Be first with the newest — send 25 cents now!

ARCHBISHOP ARRIVES
Istanbul, Turkey — (UPI) — Francis Cardinal Spellman, Roman Catholic archbishop of New York, arrived Monday on his annual Christmas visit to U.S. troops stationed abroad. The cardinal is scheduled to go to Africa next Sunday.

Piarmagans in northern Norway change color from white to brown as spring approaches.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL
Washington—President Eisenhower, speaking at Andrews Air Force base, Md., on his return from a 22,000-mile, 11-nation tour:

"Everywhere we went, people sent this back: A message of Merry Christmas and good will to all the people of the United States. In that message I join myself."

Pinar Del Rio, Cuba—Miami Herald reporter James Buchanan, after being told by an interpreter that his 15-year sentence for allegedly aiding an American to escape had been suspended:

"Thank goodness I didn't understand enough Spanish to know I had been sentenced to 14 years hard labor on the Isle of Pines."

New York—The total English vocabulary of 5-year-old Wilton Lorangeira, whose parents did not know he was arriving from Portugal and did not pick him up until nine hours after his plane landed:

"Smart . . . Nuts."

St. Louis, Mo.—Animal trainer Robert Tomarchin, of Miami, believed to have taken back "Mr. Moke," a "talking chimpanzee" he sold to the St. Louis Zoo, in a note on a check left in the chimp's cage:

"Dear Sir: Mr. Moke is unhappy in the zoo . . . Please accept the fact that Mr. Moke is a subhuman child in need of all the love and care due him."

Travelers Face Work Delays on State Highways

Salem—(UPI)—The State Highway department today reminded Christmas travelers of the following construction on Oregon highways which might result in delays:

Sunset Highway, U.S. 26: Construction between milepost 70.9 and 72.9. Possible minor delay.

Rowena Chenoweth Creek section, U.S. 30; Bridge work 1.5 and 2.6 miles west of The Dalles.

Ontario-Idaho line, U.S. 30: Grading, 3.5 miles a half mile east on Ontario. No delay.

Speed Reduced
Glover-Perry and Perry-Oro Dell section U.S. 30: Speed 35 mph over 5 miles of the line between Spring Creek interchange and La Grande. No delay.

Highway 99W: Construction between milepost 7.0 and milepost 7.8. Possible minor delays.

Highway 101: Detour around embankment slide 3.3 miles north of Gardiner. Speed 15 mph.

Fremont highway, U.S. 395: Construction from milepost 123 to 127.5. Possible minor delays for short distance.

Wasco-Hay canyon section, Oregon 206: Short detour near Hay Canyon.

Retail Food Prices Decline at Portland

San Francisco — (UPI) — Retail food prices were down 0.3 per cent in Portland, Ore., last month from October, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said today. The decline was mainly the result of lower meat and egg prices.

NEED CASH
to tide you over the holidays?

See **COMMERCIAL CREDIT PLAN**
Call Commercial Credit Plan* whenever you can use extra cash. Our loan service is fast, friendly and convenient. Rates are reasonable. That's why thousands of families prefer to use Commercial Credit Plan* It's the pay way that fits your pay day!

HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED?	Monthly Payments For		
You Get	24 Mo.	18 Mo.	12 Mo.
\$100	\$10.41	\$13.07	\$18.51
200	15.62	19.60	27.77
500	39.04	49.37	69.29
750	58.56	74.01	103.94
1000	78.08	98.65	138.59

* A service offered by **COMMERCIAL CREDIT PLAN, INCORPORATED OF MEDFORD**
311 N. BARTLETT ST.
Phone: SP 3-3664

CORRECTION
Advertisement of Dec. 21 should have read
20% OFF
ON 30 PIECES OF
Discontinued Stock
POPULAR NAME BRANDS
Sale Not On Regular Stock
OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 9
Burk's for all your luggage needs
314 EAST MAIN SP 2-4472

STAR GAZER
By CLAY R. POLLAN
Year Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars
To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

APR 20-22 40-51	1 Cherry	31 Mothers	61 Wake
MAY 14-16 19-28	2 Wives	32 Be	62 Personal
JUNE 5-23 34-46	3 Year	33 Compliment	63 Through
JULY 18-26 34-41	4 Outside	34 At	64 Off
AUG 1-10 17-24	5 Progress	35 To	65 Time
SEPT 13-21 28-35	6 News	36 Ave	66 Spot
OCT 16-24 31-38	7 Try	37 Turn	67 Traffic
NOV 19-27 34-41	8 Not	38 To	68 On
DEC 22-30 29-36	9 Meet	39 Get	69 Causes
JAN 25-33 40-47	10 Ability	40 Careful	70 Of
FEB 18-26 34-41	11 Don't	41 The	71 Year
MAR 11-19 26-33	12 In	42 Smooth	72 In
APR 4-12 19-26	13 And	43 Soiling	73 And
MAY 7-15 22-30	14 Sympathetic	44 Conflict	74 Desires
JUNE 10-18 25-33	15 Nice	45 Aw	75 Recognized
JULY 13-21 28-35	16 Attention	46 Of	76 Fingers
AUG 16-24 31-38	17 Folks	47 With	77 A
SEPT 19-27 34-41	18 Take	48 Always	78 Compromise
OCT 22-30 29-36	19 And	49 If	79 And
NOV 25-33 40-47	20 Warning!	50 The	80 New
DEC 28-36 35-42	21 Interest	51 In	81 Wrong
JAN 31-39 48-55	22 Slowly	52 Desired	82 Will
FEB 24-32 39-46	23 Surprise	53 Slip	83 Right
MAR 17-25 32-39	24 Work	54 Probable	84 Satisfy
APR 10-18 25-33	25 Half-way	55 Follows	85 Crowded
MAY 13-21 28-35	26 Action	56 Helpful	86 Tongues
JUNE 16-24 31-38	27 Let	57 Right	87 Floor
JULY 19-27 34-41	28 Amused	58 Events	88 Stores
AUG 22-30 29-36	29 Money	59 In	89 Hope
SEPT 25-33 40-47	30 May	60 Is	90 Living

Good Adverse Neutral

The Medford Automobile Dealers
Extend Best Wishes for . . .
A MERRY CHRISTMAS
All Medford Automobile Dealers Will Be Closed
Saturday, December 26
MEDFORD AUTOMOBILE DEALERS ASSOCIATION

Hens Lay Eggs to Music—Cha-cha-cha!
Prentiss, Miss. — For two years Martin Jones, Prentiss poultryman, treated his flock to radio music to boost egg production. Then the music went bad and egg laying fell off.

Jones called Robert Clinchy, power company serviceman, and Clinchy determined that electric tools being used on plumbing repairs at a nearby school caused interference with the radio waves. He solved the problem neatly and quickly by loaning Jones his record player. And the hens began laying again.

San Francisco started its cable car system in 1873.

ALL UNION BARBER SHOPS will be CLOSED SATURDAY DECEMBER 26
Local 269 JBIU

KESSLER
SMOOTH AS SILK
Beautiful gift, inside and out, \$4²⁰/_{4.5 QT.}

This one's a beauty of a gift—bright, distinctive Holiday wraps—bow—removable label—all ready to give. And inside, smooth-as-silk Kessler Whiskey with its taste of excitement. A handsome bit of giving—inside and out. \$2.75 a pint. ***Luxury taste...Honest value***

SMOOTH AS SILK KESSLER