

Belgium Declared In Belgian City Troops Ordered To Liege

Reporter, Hungry, Finds Army's New Ration, Combat, Not So Hard To Take

By TOM FESPERMAN Charlotte News Staff Writer I was, in the end, with a convincing assignment. I was placed on Army field rations. The employers told me it was my job to eat three combat meals and then write a report on how I liked them. After four days of rest and rehabilitation, here is the report: Not bad. Not too noisy, or the Waldoor, or the Pump Room, but not bad. It was supposedly an Old German's test of a New Army's modern battle rations taking the place of the C-Ration, the K-Ration, the Tro-Li-Onr, and other such hazy labels handed to World War II GI's.



Reporter Tom Fesperman, surrounded by cans, in samples the Army's new Ration, Individual Combat C-3, Menu No. 1.

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Diversion To Arms Proposed Fight Looms Over Foreign Aid

WASHINGTON — (AP) — With prospects that President Truman soon will ask \$4,000,000,000 more to re-arm U. S. allies, a sharp Senate fight appeared today over how much can safely be spent on European recovery. There was renewed talk of diverting into the arms program some funds earmarked for economic assistance to Western Europe. Democratic and Republican leaders of Congress will meet at the White House Monday to discuss the new arms aid proposal with Mr. Truman, Secretary of Defense Louis Boardman and Secretary of State Acheson.

There were reports that the United States is going to insist that defense contracts bear a sizable share of the rearmament burden themselves. One military leader said that if they get \$12,000,000,000 from this country over the next three years they will have to pick up \$8,000,000,000 of their own. The reported new arms-aid request would almost double the spending previously recommended by the Senate Appropriations Committee for all foreign aid — economic as well as military. The committee approved a total of \$4,222,138,729 for all foreign aid in the general appropriations bill now before the Senate. The largest item in this total is \$2,391,760,000 in new money and \$177,647,472 in carryover funds for the Marshall plan — a total of \$2,569,407,472. Whereby told reporters that Republicans also have discussed the possibility of transferring to military use some of the funds set aside for the European recovery program.

GEN. MACARTHUR VISITS KOREAN WAR AREA

Gen. Douglas MacArthur (center) visits the war zone in South Korea and is greeted by Sihm Sung Mo (left), South Korean defense minister and acting prime minister. Right is Lt. Gen. Walton H. Walker, commander of the U. S. Eighth Army. It is MacArthur's second visit to South Korea to confer with military leaders and inspect American defenses. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Tokyo)

Move Rises For Pull-Out Mobilization

Truman's Requests May Be Exceeded WASHINGTON (AP) — Backers of President Truman's request for limited economic controls fought today to stem a rising tide of sentiment in Congress for all-out mobilization of the home front.

In the House support for consumer price controls and rationing was so strong that leaders were reported to be looking for chances to sidetrack those proposals in favor of action on Mr. Truman's milder requests. ALL OUT CONTROLS

In the Senate, backers of the draft controls feared the Banking Committee to abandon plans for action on the Truman proposals until Monday, so the all-out controls can be put into shape to be offered either as an amendment or as a substitute. The mounting pressure for complete wartime mobilization stemmed largely from elder statesman Bernard Baruch, who in this week that immediate "ceilings on everything" are imperative.

Baruch put in another plug for this proposal yesterday in a telephone conversation with Chairman Maybank (D-S.C.) of the Banking Committee. At the very least, Maybank quoted him as saying, wage-price controls and rationing should be written into law on a stand-by basis. That would give Mr. Truman power to issue the controls, but only when he felt they were necessary.

While the President told his cabinet conference Thursday that the current controls are not needed, one Capitol official who was written into law on a stand-by basis. Mr. Truman's council of economic advisers is reported to feel that the current nationwide wage-price ceiling is a "speculative theory" which will fall down without need for drastic action.

But Baruch was quoted as saying that the proposals for all-out controls might be the price for "protection and price controls" which the government has been unable to get in a conversation with Moscow. "If priorities are necessary, they automatically price control becomes necessary. It demands a sufficient large to justify price controls, large to justify price controls."

U. S. Diplomat Killed In Asia

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The State Department reported today that the American Vice Consul Douglas S. Mackerran was killed by North Korean guards while trying to escape from Communist-occupied North China across the Himalaya Mountains.

The incident occurred last April 13 but today's announcement was the first public word of it. Mackerran and his family caravan apparently were mistaken for bandits or Communist raiders. The shooting was described as an accident.

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IREB PROLOGUES — The sketchy report revealed here today that the American raiders were killed and one was wounded in the shooting. The only other American to be killed was the late Lt. Col. Fred L. Smith, who was shot in the chest while leading a patrol of American troops in the mountainous region of North China. The report also mentioned that the American raiders were killed and one was wounded in the shooting.

Troops Ordered To Liege

TOKYO (Sunday) (AP) — Two American infantry divisions, under grim orders to stand fast or die, beat back repeated Communist assaults today on mountain defense positions in southeast Korea.

Waker Gives Order After Tour Of Front

General MacArthur's headquarters said early Sunday the Red was breaking against the First Cavalry and 25th Infantry defenses were thrown back and there was no appreciable change in the vital Yongdong sector. "We are in for some hard fighting before we are able to get the operation very definitely has ended. We will stand with the front line fighting — against North Korean Red swarming forward in a new drive.

It was a grave hour for the American army, perhaps one of the gravest since the American army in modern times. Walker sent to the front to tell his division commanders there will be no retreat — and there will be no surrender in this sector. "This operation very definitely has entered its crucial stage," the general told correspondents.

As he talked, the Reds were smashing in American defense positions near Hwanggan on the central front and were threatening to outflank the Eighth Army in a drive sweeping in about 40 miles south of Hwanggan.

Waker said he felt confident of success. "Though I know we are in for some hard blows before we are absolutely secure." The stocks Tokyo who fought in the Korean War said that his troops had been ordered to hold the positions we held and fight it out here. Walker said he was confident of success.

He made the statement while conferring with Maj. Gen. Herbert H. Gay of the First Cavalry and Maj. Gen. William B. Keane, commanding the 25th Division. Walker talked to the correspondents in a school room which Gay uses as an office. The general spoke slowly.

"We have been trying our best to hold up the line in our front. As has been forecast, this is a fight for time. We will not give up the line until we are not able to hold it any longer."

He said that the American army was now holding on the lines we now have. "I thought in the mind of anybody in this army even though we might be so disposed — we must hold on the lines we now have."

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"I have today visited all division commanders of the United States Eighth Army. I have talked to all of them and they all understand my attitude, my determination, to hold on to the line. I am sure they will give me everything they have to carry out my orders. My hope for the American men are very bright. Supplies are flowing in rapidly."

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Reporters In Korea Urged To Use More 'Discretion'

TOKYO — (AP) — General MacArthur's public information officer today strongly urged correspondents to use "discretion" in their reports and interviews of the lives of soldiers and the progress of the United States.

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These stories from Korea of American soldiers pumping down the road holding and eating are creating a "red" atmosphere abroad, Cho said. "We have got to have the support of the people and each writing is damaging our position."

That sort of stuff gives people in other countries the impression that the American army is not fair to American troops as a whole. "I'm just asking you to give those stories a rest."

Double-Header Rocket Fired

By NOLAN NORCARG LONG RANGE PROVING GROUNDS, COCOA, Fla. — (AP) — A 14 1/2-ton two-stage rocket thundered eastward over the Atlantic today in a successful test flight of a guided missile. The big rocket was launched at 6:44 A. M. EST from a concrete "pad" at Cape Canaveral. It was a 14 1/2-ton two-stage rocket. The rocket was launched at 6:44 A. M. EST from a concrete "pad" at Cape Canaveral. It was a 14 1/2-ton two-stage rocket.

Quake Damages Calif. Town

CALIFORNIA, Calif. — Imperial Valley's tenth earthquake in 10 days today damaged some of the business section of this town of 2,000 population. Many of the buildings in this hot desert community are built with canopies over the sidewalks. At least 10 of these canopies were smashed by the sharp jolt which hit at 7:38 A. M. on the Pacific Time zone. He also said several of hot steam and mud — pools had sprung up near earth features in several farm fields near the city. Most of the damage, however, was confined to California's business district. He said that the quake had caused several of the canopies over the sidewalks to be smashed. He also said several of hot steam and mud — pools had sprung up near earth features in several farm fields near the city.

British Plane Shot Down By Superfort

TOKYO — (AP) — A British Canberra bomber was shot down by American B-29's off the coast of Korea today. The wreckage of the plane, a British Superfort, was seen by a B-29 pilot and was reported to have crashed in the mountains of Korea west coast. Details of the plane were not given. The wreckage was reported to have crashed in the mountains of Korea west coast. Details of the plane were not given.

Red Losses Heavy

The Reds were taking heavy losses in the 300-day-old First Cavalry and 25th Infantry divisions. An assessment of South Korean losses in the 300-day-old First Cavalry and 25th Infantry divisions showed that the Red were wounded and killed 170 tanks destroyed and 100 officers killed. A

Once Over Lightly by THE OLD SHAVER. Most everything looks better here. The Old Shaver. Men are going to elect another Democrat.