

Heroic Job Done By Secret Force

Feats in Italy Clear the Way For Taking Rome and Invading France.

NEW YORK.—The first comprehensive story of the now fabulous first special service force, which opened the way for the conquest of Rome and cleared the way for the invasion of southern France, long veiled under one of the strictest publicity blackouts of the European war, has just been made known, according to the New York Times.

The first exploit of the hundreds of specially trained Canadian and American fighting men in the force was the scaling of the 3,000-foot peak of La Defensa, south of Cassino, on a December night in 1943, paving the way for the Fifth army's march on Rome.

The chapter of heroism closed nine months later, when they stormed the German-held islands of Port Cros and Levant and thus enabled the American Seventh army to invade France from the south.

Because of its fighting prowess, imagination, organization and training, the force is without precedent in all military history, according to the Canadian wartime information board.

Training Is Varied.

The force originally was assembled in 1942 to invade German-held Norway—the venture later was abandoned—and every man was a volunteer and a potential leader. Not until the Canadian contingent of 47 officers and 700 men joined their American counterparts at Helena, Mont., did the two groups learn that they were to be organized, trained and sent into action as a mixed Canadian-United States force.

Schooled in mountain warfare, airborne operations, commando tactics and all the "rough-and-tumble" of modern war, they became a corps of super-specialists in "knock 'em down-drag 'em out" fighting.

They had hoped to test their training at Japanese-held Kiska, when they stormed ashore on the beaches in 1943, but the Japanese had fled. The real thing came three months later, in Italy. There the Fifth army had been stopped in its tracks by a series of heavily fortified mountains, most formidable of which were the peaks of Camino and La Difensa. The SSF was ordered to scale La Difensa and wrest it from the veteran Fifteenth Panzer Grenadier division, solidly entrenched on the top.

The German commander had disposed his troops to cover every approach to the top except one. This was a track "so narrow and steep that not even mules could use it" and so heavily mined that every foot of the way had to be explored with detectors. But the SSF men attacked, caught the enemy off balance, captured 14 machine-gun nests within four hours, and by dawn the heights were in Allied hands.

Christmas Day Attack.

Two weeks later the men were on the move again, assigned to wipe the enemy off Ridge 730, a trouble spot on Mt. Sammure that was holding up the Allied advance. Just before dawn on Christmas day the force attacked, and in one hour of fierce hand-to-hand fighting drove the enemy from the ridge.

Third, and most formidable of the German mountain strong points to fall to the SSF in Italy was Mt. Majo, key to all the territory north and south of its towering peaks and pivot for maneuvers in an attack on Cassino itself. Intervening strong points had to be stormed and captured.

On New Year's Day, 1944, the force moved up in a blinding snowstorm to a point close behind the forward Allied infantry lines. Two nights later it slipped through on its greatest venture of the campaign. One group, under command of Capt. D. P. Gallagher of Chicago, found itself at 3 a. m. within 30 yards of the summit of a German-held peak. For two hours his force of 59 men huddled in the bitter cold, waiting. Then they struck ferociously with a grenade attack, and only a handful of the 100 Germans on the peak lived long enough even to surrender.

Army Discloses Facts About New Helicopter

PHILADELPHIA.—The army lifted the lid for the public on its experimental helicopter, the XR-8, being built by the Kellett Aircraft corporation in Philadelphia. The plane flies forward, backward, sideways, and remains motionless in the air. It flies to within inches of the edge of a building without striking it.

Grows Own 'Smokes' in Backyard Tobacco Patch

LOS ANGELES.—S. C. Weiss never has to cajole druggists to sell him a stogie, because he grows his own in his backyard.

Germans Lagged on Synthetic Rubber

Experts Say Foe Made Small Gains During War.

WASHINGTON.—General superiority of American synthetic rubber over the German product has been established by United States technologists who advanced under fire with army units into Germany.

The findings will be reported to the American rubber industry soon. Persons familiar with them said the United States techniques are superior in so many respects that there is little likelihood of widespread adoption of the German successes.

Petroleum experts who similarly hastened to wrecked oil refineries reported German methods "far less efficient" than those commonly used in the United States, the Petroleum Administration for War announced.

However, "many very interesting discoveries were made," said the PAW, "which should improve petroleum techniques and contribute to the defeat of Japan"—which was the objective of all the industrial missions into the Reich.

Some of the rubber experts have returned to Washington and are reporting to the Rubber Reserve company and the War Production board.

The insignificant progress in German techniques since the start of the war drew surprised comments from the rubber mission, which makes up one section of the Technological Industrial Intelligence committee, set up at the request of the military high command.

The standard German synthetic is so hard, for instance, that it must be pre-heated before being manufactured into tires or other goods. This slows fabrication by as much as 50 per cent in comparison with the general-purpose mass-produced American rubber, formerly called Buna S and now designated "GRS"—government rubber, styrene type.

Yank Mows Down Japs Until Gun Burns Hands

MANILA.—Marine Dauntless dive bombers smashed Jap resistance east of the Davao river, on Mindanao, and made possible capture of Mandog Town by the 24th infantry division, General MacArthur's communique reported recently.

Fighting still was intense in hills near Davao City.

Typical was the experience of a 34th infantry regiment patrol, which ran into an almost perfect trap. As the patrol, led by Sgt. Joseph W. Helwig, Ashland, Pa., reached a steep cliff along a river bank, a superior force attacked from both flanks and the rear.

Helwig set up a machine gun on the edge of the precipice and, while the Americans withdrew, he fired until the heated gun burned his hands. Wrapping his jacket around the barrel, the sergeant left the cliff and crossed the stream. He set up the machine gun again and fired a thousand rounds into attacking Nips. He was credited with killing at least 27.

On Luzon, the 37th infantry division battled with Japs in the Bagabag area as they pushed 9,000 yards closer to the Cagayan valley. They destroyed seven tanks and took 61 prisoners — a large haul for bitter jungle fighting in this hill country.

Fall Daytime Fashions Are Type American Women Love to Wear

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



IT WOULD seem this year that American designers are breaking all previous records in creating the best looking clothes ever for smart all-around daytime wear. Made of sterling quality flannels, checks, gabardines, jerseys, homespun weaves and such, they have that thoroughbred look about them, yet styled as they are, with a sophisticated simplicity that bespeaks "class," they are just the type American women love to wear.

College and career girls needs must have clothes that are as good looking as the best of 'em together with a practicality that assures dependable wearableness. This fall you will be delighted with the smooth and distinctive styling given to even the simplest daytime suits and dresses.

The fashions from New York Dress Institute collections, here pictured, go to show what a treat is in store for you if you are looking for "style," quality and serviceability. To the right see a co-ed's dream, by the co-ed's favorite designer, Claire McCardell. This suit illustrates three of this top-flight designer's important trends in her current collections. They are the fitted "frontier" jacket with quaint leg-o'-mutton sleeves, the new curve-line wrap around skirt with definite fullness, and thirdly, the frontier hip pockets, giving a new widened line to the hips. This three-piece combines stunning gray flannel with zephyr knit in gray, black and white check. The buttons are silver, decorated with heraldic emblems. The suit is double stitched in black thread around the edges and the arm holes. The smartly styled dress to the

left tunes perfectly to the current fashion mood for classically simple clothes. It is outstanding because of the designer's novel and graceful manipulation of the self-fabric in way of the medieval-inspired "almoner" bag, ingeniously suspended from the waistline. Centuries ago bags of this type were carried by official dispensers of alms. In its modernized version this bag fits into the scheme of present-day fashion with high distinction. The deep armhole sleeves lend a definite note of chic. The new "rave" this season is to wear handsome gold or silver jewelry with dresses of sophisticated simplicity. Ideal is this gray crepe gown as a background for important jewelry pieces.

The diagonally closed bodice, the new rounded shoulderline and fluid sleeve treatment are styling points that combine to achieve the "new look" for the neat daytime dress centered in the picture. Black and white check wool in homespun weave is the material used. The selvedge edge of the fabric gives smart contrast. The extreme simplicity of this dress is typical of the fashions that best-dressed women are selecting for practical daytime wear.

For smart day fashions, gay little dresses are being made of a multi-colored narrow stripe jersey, which also works up charmingly in attractive two-piece jacket-with-skirt costumes. Bold contrast achieved with using jersey in three or more colors is played up in striking ways also. Vivid scarlet wool jackets with brass buttons are worn with neutral tweed skirts, or with sleek classroom dresses made of the now-so-modish gray flannels.

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Britain's Winged Cat in 10-Foot Trial Flights

LONDON.—Nobody has to believe it, but there's a winged cat in the city pound at Sheffield. Not just an ordinary winged cat but a cat with two sets of wings, fore and aft. And fellows who've seen it in action swear over their beer that "Wingy" can soar 10 feet from a sitting start.

The cat has a front pair of wings with a span of 14 inches from tip to tip, and a rear set measuring six inches. They're covered with black fur topside and ribbed below.

Wingy is no novelty in Sheffield because there was another one around there about six years ago, and this full-grown tom may be an offspring that inherited his flying gear.

More Shoes for Civilians, Army Decreases Demands

WASHINGTON.—The army announced a reduction in shoe production requirements for September.

The output of combat boots will be reduced from 2,100,000, the July-August production rate, to 1,500,000 and service shoes will be lowered from 700,000 to 350,000 pairs.

With Sequin Accent



Suits for afternoon wear that take on beadwork and other glitter accent are in the news for this fall and winter. Black sequins, giving that gala look are used on the front of the jacket of the handsome black cocktail suit pictured. It is worth while keeping an eye on the suits that take on the glitter note. The idea is being carried out in unique ways for fall. Sometimes the glitter is applied in a beadwork design to one shoulder that looks as imposing as an official decoration. A favorite use of beads or sequin embroidery is seen on pockets, lapels and suit-revers, on this otherwise simple suit.

Cotton Dresses Tune To Early Fall Theme

Women of smart fashion are setting a precedent by wearing their pretty cotton dresses and suits to the very last minute of summer and then on as long as warm weather lingers. At the current moment, best-dressed women are seen dining in fashionable hotels and restaurants looking their prettiest in their flower-fresh seersuckers that are as meticulously styled as if they were of crepe or sheer wool. Eye-catching are the pink suits of linen-like weave with their big pearlized plastic tied-on buttons. Black suits of washable weaves are proving most wearable in the between-season period. They are tuned into the early fall picture via stunning new neckwear items and dashing accessories such as a sequined crepe dickey or a satin gilet in a striking color.

Corselets With Quaint Peasant Look Are Chic

Those little laced-up-the-front corselets that look so quaintly peasant have become an important styling theme in present-day dress. Designers are playing them up for fall in connection with the now-so-modish midriff treatments of which you will see more as the season advances. Dresses with elaborate jeweled girdles, and richly embroidered stomachers done in the renaissance way are part of the story.

Hand Painted Girdles

Hand painted girdles are a new "find" in the corset departments. The young girl that adores pretty things will hail this new fashion trend with delight. Pussywillows, daisies, rosebuds and violets are gaily hand painted on shell pink girdles. Thus the humble girdle becomes a "thing of beauty" as they turn prose into poetry.



JAPANESE WARLORDS CONFER

First Warlord. — Here are some American terms of surrender. Let us reject them at once.
Second Warlord. — Why so fast? Wouldn't it be well to think them over?
First Warlord.—If we start thinking at this point all is lost.
Third Warlord. — Are the terms really bad?
First Warlord. — I never realized Japan's position was so terrible until I read them.
Fourth Warlord. — Just what is the ultimatum?
First Warlord. — If we don't give up now we will get into trouble!
Second Warlord. — That is the understatement of the war.
Third Warlord.—Does it not mean that by rejecting the terms we will be leaping from the frying pan into the fire?
Fourth Warlord (emphatically).—What Halsey is using on us is no frying pan! How did we ever permit him to bring his feet in so close?
First Warlord.—It was easy!
Fifth Warlord (entering with paper).—Here's another one!
Third Warlord.—Another what?
Fifth Warlord. — Another daily communication from the Yankee air force announcing the batteries, the team signals and the program for the day, play by play.
Fourth Warlord. — Where is our air force?
First Warlord. — It is busy in its suicide campaign.
Second Warlord. — How is the suicide campaign going?
First Warlord. — Excellent. It is terrorizing everybody but the enemy.
Fourth Warlord. — Is it perhaps about time the honorable Japanese faced facts, took stock and considered the prospect of losing the honorable Japanese shirt?
First Warlord. — Honorable Japanese can get along without a shirt.
Fourth Warlord. — We may get a chance to prove it.
Third Warlord. — Let us be of brave hearts. Remember we have the Japanese honorable ancestors with us.
Fifth Warlord. — I had a dream about honorable ancestors last night. I dreamed they were so overworked backing us up that they had inaugurated a night shift.
ALL. — MAYBE THAT WAS NO DREAM!

Help Wanted Ads For War Time

RESTAURANT CHEF: One who excels in making the worst of a bad situation preferred; must lack any desire to satisfy the customer and be a slave to the belief that any dish is appealing, provided it has a little succotash, string beans and creamed cheese on it.

LAUNDRY WORKERS: Bring own acids, tongs, sickles, hole-punchers, ripping devices and button busters; good money and lots of fun.

SALESMEN: No conception of salesmanship required; preference given to men and women who are not interested in selling anything anyhow; we provide most comfortable chairs in town, also Racing Form.

OFFICE BOY: One willing to start at \$75 a week; \$100 to \$125 as soon as you remember to fill the paste pots; use of the boss's office for crap games provided. Three hours for lunch.

MAN TO MOW LAWN: \$5 an hour and no criticism from employer; will give \$2 an hour extra if you trim around the mintbed; only those who never remove a rock from path of lawn mower need apply.

MISCELLANEOUS: Jobs of all kinds. Do you want big money? Do you wish to get ahead? Write today, stating your lack of experience, giving details concerning your general lack of ability and naming the last three places where you exasperated the customers.

Two people, one a railroad ticket window clerk, convicted of a black market traffic in Pullman reservations in time of war, have been fined \$100 and given a year in prison with sentence suspended. This means that they can close the books at a fine profit, escape any time behind bars and find comfort in the thought that they couldn't have done better if they had been able to get a lover for the judge.

"Eighteen Billion Tax Cut Possible"—Headline. Wanna bet?

EATING OUT

Remember when the waiter used to come around, smile tolerantly and inquire if everything was okay? Now he stomps to the table in the manner of a Nazi with an ultimatum, slaps down a dinner check that looks like a federal budget estimate and almost demands "What's delaying your exit? Doncha know you're holding up new business?"

SEWING CIRCLE NEEDLEWORK Gay Applied 'Flower Pot' Apron Canary Design to Embroider

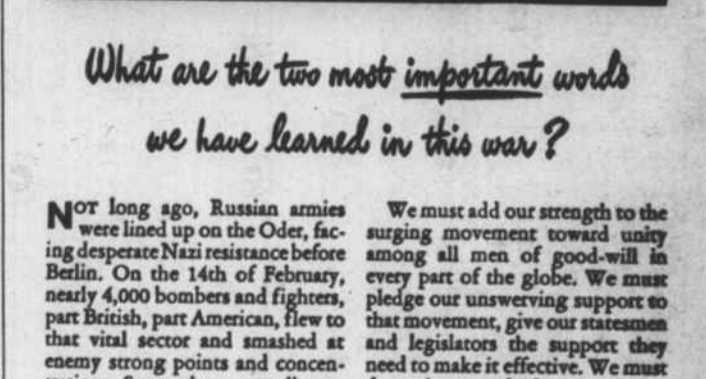


Flowerly Apron
HERE is an apron that will brighten any home chore. Make it of pink and white checked cotton—do the flower pot pocket in a pinkish-brown or a dusty pink. Applique the flowers onto the apron.

To obtain complete pattern and applique design for the Flower Pot Apron (Pattern No. 5007), small, medium and large sizes included, send 16 cents in coin, your name, address and the pattern number.

Canary Tea Towels
A BRIGHT little canary enlivens any kitchen. Use these 6 by 6 transfer designs on tea towels, on cottage curtains, on the corners of a breakfast or luncheon cloth. Besides yellow for the canary, red, green and blue are the other colors needed.

To obtain six transfer designs for the Canary Towels (Pattern No. 5244), color chart for working, illustrations of stitches used, send 16 cents in coin, your name, address and the pattern number.



What are the two most important words we have learned in this war?

NOT long ago, Russian armies were lined up on the Oder, facing desperate Nazi resistance before Berlin. On the 14th of February, nearly 4,000 bombers and fighters, part British, part American, flew to that vital sector and smashed at enemy strong points and concentrations. Some planes actually unloaded their bombs only 12 miles in front of the Russian spearhead!

That was Combined Operations. In Burma, a British Admiral led tough U. S. Rangers, Tommies from all parts of the Empire, Indian Gurkhas and Sikhs, Chinese foot soldiers, carrying weapons made in Bridgeport. All wore different uniforms. But all shared in their hearts a single determination—to destroy the arch-destroyers, to conquer the common enemy.

That is Combined Operations — two words that affect the future of mankind. We have learned the lesson that to win this war we had to fight side by side with our allies, regardless of race, religion or politics. And now, with durable peace within our grasp, we cannot abandon that lesson. Unity, efficiency, fellowship, international cooperation must be continued. Every American citizen, every man and woman in the nation, has a definite contribution to make toward seeing that a permanent international body to maintain peace be made a going concern.