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Fighting Texans of 36th Division, Seventh Army, Stop Determined Assault of Germans in Bloody Three-Day Fight in Rhine Valley

With the 36th "Texas" Division of Seventh Army in France — The period from December 12-15 was a grim one for the men of the 36th "Texas" Division. After many days of waiting war in the Vosges Mountains, the Germans struck down into the Rhine Valley, only to run into a strong German defense line. And on the morning of the 12th, the Germans smashed with all their strength at the banks of the Division line.

The first assault came in the early morning at the far left of the Texas line near the city of Lohrstadt. The better part of two German divisions was committed at least one thousand men. And the 142nd Infantry Regiment, supported by tanks, took the 142nd successfully repulsed the enemy and in a morning to night span took 123 prisoners in several fighting.

But the main assault broke during the middle of the morning against the center held by the 141st. The Regimental CP was situated near Ruppelwitz, and the hardest drive was aimed directly at that town. Five hundred Germans infiltrated 2 kilometers up a draw from the west, occupying a 42 inch mortar platoon which had been set up in the draw. Retreating into the town, the mortars called for fire from the second platoon of their company, located on the other side of town. Then the mortars launched an attack of their own, aided by weapons from the Regimental Headquarters Company, pushing the Germans back and retaking every mortar they had been forced to abandon. The infiltrating Germans had been spotted by Corporal Harry Karpas from the CP in the town. The krauts spotted Karpas at the same time, and raised his position with machine gun and artillery, but he called for the 15th and brought fire down on

the Germans, forcing them to retire. At the same time, one battalion was thrown against the Germans. Machine guns in the fore, they assailed the enemy in heavy fighting. Fire fights raged along the entire line. At some points, hand-to-hand combat was punctuated by point-blank shooting ranges.

At the same time, 200 men, the second prong of the German attack, struck in from the south, severing the supply line of one battalion momentarily. While two companies, covered by heavy supporting fire from another company's machine guns, were engaged in a bitter struggle with 500 Germans, the battalion had to turn and face an attack that had gained momentum. One company led a drive to free its route to the rear while the rest of the battalion tenaciously battled to slow up and halt the enemy.

Having halted traffic along the route of communications in the rear, the Germans signalled for two companies of infantry, which, according to plan were to infiltrate and come to the rear to support the road blocking party. A battalion of the 141st, thrown into the gap, blocked this attempt to disrupt completely the Division rear area. A severe fight erupted.

Along the front, the Germans continued to attack. The larger group which struck from the west was thrown back with over 100 of the men left dead. Towards morning the attack had been slowed considerably. German units had taken the larger part of Munnwitz, as well as hills in the south. Here the tired doughboys halted them for an entire day before launching an attack to retake the lost territory.

The 15th slowly but surely began to move the stubborn Germans out of their positions. They restored most of Munnwitz, climbed the hills in the south; they plugged every gap in the line and relentlessly, tired in every link, battled the enemy into the ground. The doughboys carried forward to erase the German gains. The Germans, in turn, threw in heavy artillery and mortar concentrations. Artillery fire crunched the streets of every town within range. Rockets were thrown into the scrap. For two days the Germans had their way. They threw everything in the book at the infantry. They didn't miss their chance; it was fought out from under them by the gritty, fighting men of the 36th.

JIM AD HARVICK ENLISTS IN NAVY

Jim Ad Harvick, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Harvick, left San Angelo yesterday for Dallas where he was sworn in to active service in the United States Navy. Jim Ad enlisted in the Naval service at the San Angelo recruiting station, where he took a radar examination for assignment to training in radar operation.

Mrs. Harvick entertained with a steak supper on the eve of her son's departure. Guests included Chappo Morrison, James Chapman, Bob Bailey, L. B. Cox, III, and Dick Henderson.

Post War Role of Women is Topic for Woman's Club Meet

The Post-War Role of American Women was the topic for discussion at an interesting meeting of the Ozona Woman's Club held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Stephen Berner. Mrs. Herbert Baker assisting the hostess. A business meeting, presided over by the president, Mrs. Stephen Berner, preceded the program. Mrs. Baker was program chairman. Mrs. Carl Gelwick discussed the topic, "Women at Home." "Women at Work" was the topic discussed by Mrs. Len Carson and Mrs. L. E. Cox, Jr. developed the topic, "Women and Good Government."

A play, "Country Dance" by Beethoven, was played by Mrs. Neal Hamann and Mrs. Vic Pierre. Tea, sandwiches and fruitcake were served.

Present were Mrs. Neal Hamann, Mrs. Vic Pierre, Mrs. L. E. Cox, Jr., Mrs. Will Baggett, Mrs. Herbert Baker, Mrs. S. W. Graham, Mrs. V. A. Carter, Mrs. A. C. Hoover, Mrs. P. T. Johnson, Mrs. Joe Pierre, Mrs. Max Schmeemann, Mrs. John Baker, Mrs. Carl Gelwick, Mrs. Len Carson, Mrs. Len Carson, Miss Elizabeth Fossell, Mrs. Charles Williams and Mrs. Stephen Berner.

Homeick Ozona Boy Spends Christmas On Texas Soil

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP). —The Marine Corps told today of two Texans spending their Christmas on Texas soil, without leaving a tropical island in the South Pacific.

The son was in a box which Mrs. E. E. McWilliams of Ozona, Tex., mailed to her 10-year-old son Donald in an anti-domesticity manner. She asked him to share it with a fellow Texan, E. Gilbert Garrison of Wink, Texas. He's 19, too.

FORMER GERMAN PRISONER

Pat. Jim Thomas Patrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patrick of Frankston, former German, is a prisoner of the German government. His parents learned two days after Christmas when they received a card from him from a German prison camp. Relatives here have been informed. Patrick was reported missing in action in Germany since September 25. The card written in prison camp was dated September 25 and was received by the parents on December 15. To that time they had not received official notification from the War Department that the son was a prisoner.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF OZONA NATIONAL BANK OF OZONA

In the State of Texas at the close of business on December 30, 1944. Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency under Section 3211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Assets include Loans and discounts, United States Government obligations, and other assets. Liabilities include Demand deposits, Time deposits, and other liabilities. Total Assets and Total Liabilities are both listed as 3,846,601.24.

MEMORANDA: Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value): (a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities. Total: 732,500.00.

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CROCKETT, ss: I, Lowell Littleton, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LOWELL LITTLETON, Cashier. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1945. E. B. Baggett, Jr., Notary Public, Crockett County, Texas.

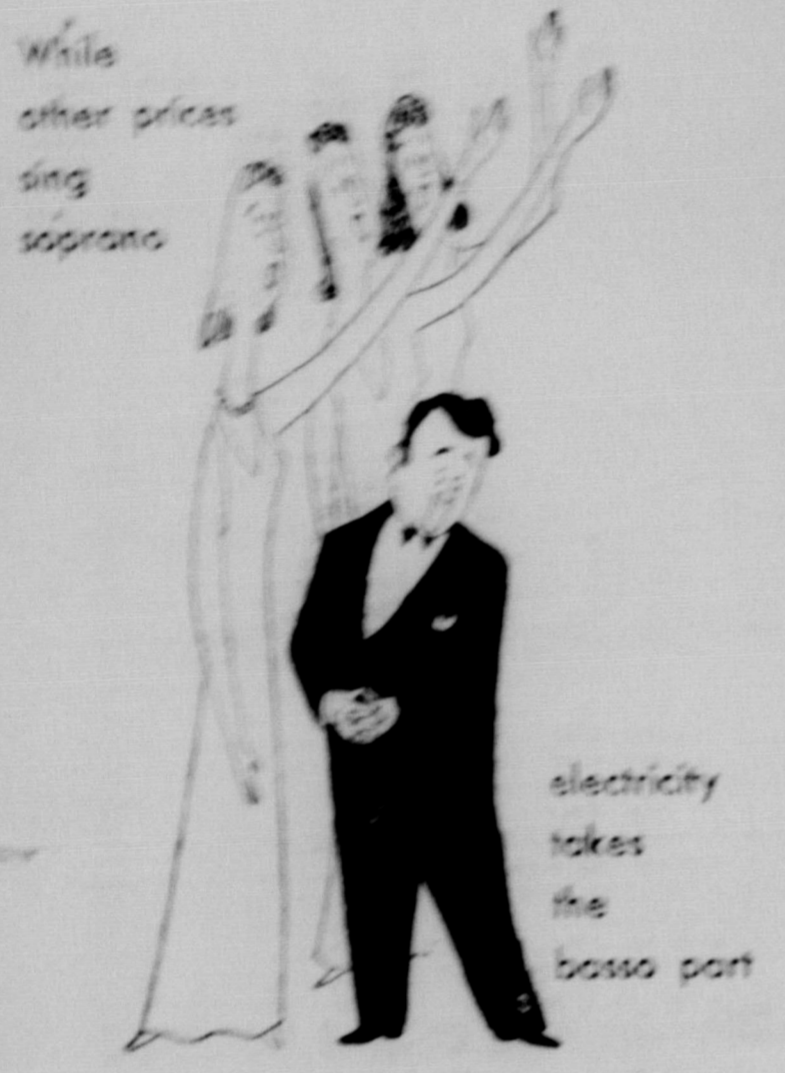
REPORT OF AN AFFILIATE OF A NATIONAL BANK

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which is affiliated with Ozona National Bank, Ozona, Texas. Charter No. 7748. Federal Reserve District No. 11.

Table with columns for Kind of business, Financial relations with bank, and Other information necessary to disclose fully relations with bank. It lists various financial metrics and their values.

I, Lowell Littleton, Secretary-Treasurer of Ozona Loan Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. LOWELL LITTLETON. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1945. E. B. Baggett, Jr., Notary Public, Crockett County, Texas.



While other prices sing soprano

electricity takes the basso part

So many members of the cost-of-living charts are listing high rates these days that you may easily miss one performer still singing along in the lower registers.

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from behind in a flaming finish to trip the Jackets 36 to 27. The Jackets were ahead through the first half, holding an 18 to 16 advantage at the half period. However, several of the Menard top hands were waved off with a full slate of personal fouls during the last half and the Owls made steady progress.

Coach Sikes' lads, one of the best basketball teams to come out of the local school in several years pounded the Junction Eagles to a 44-7 defeat in their opening round Saturday morning, the first string players remaining in the game only a few minutes at the start and then turning it over to the balance of the squad to finish. Saturday afternoon, the Lake View Chiefs were likewise bowled over by a 41 to 28 count, and the Lions were in for the champion's melee. McWilliams was high with 14 in the semi-final. Sweeten had 12 and Phillips 9.

The host quint took Menard with a 48-19 count in the opener Friday night and Saturday morning romped over Rocksprings 43 to 36. Rocksprings took Sonora 34-31 in the opening round and Lake View was 33 to 28 up on Reagan County. Menard defeated Sonora 28 to 23 to enter the consolation finals while the Big Lake lads won over Junction by default.

NOTICE

Those still owing accounts at Hotel Beauty Shop from the period prior to change in management will please leave checks at the shop or mail them to me. I am anxious to close out all of these accounts as soon as possible.
Mrs. Lee Wilson

Sgt. Taliaferro Completing Training As Liberator Crewman

Sergeant Clifton W. Taliaferro, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Taliaferro, of Ozona, Texas, is completing his training on a Liberator bomber at the Pueblo Army Air Base, Pueblo, Colo. He is the top turret gunner of his crew, and is being fitted as a valuable member of a combat "team" that will carry the fight into enemy territory.

Sgt. Taliaferro entered the service in March 1941.

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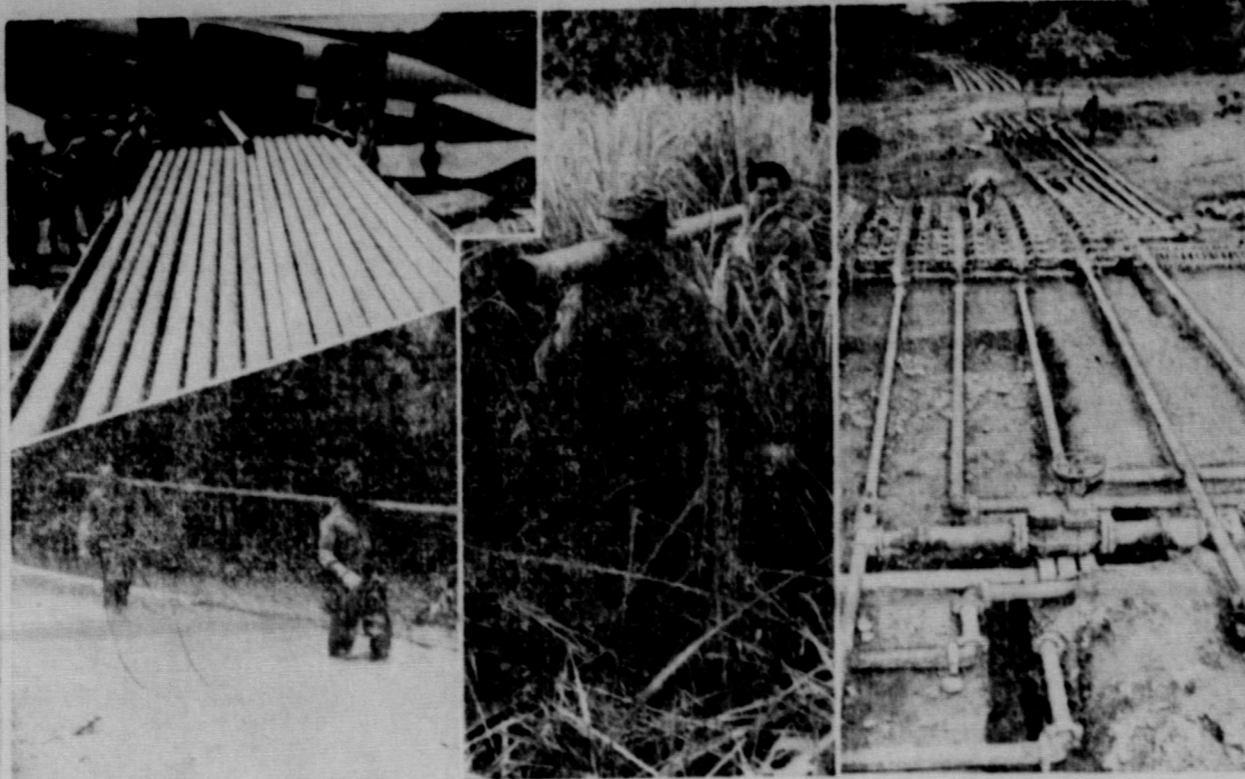
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'Carrying Coals to Newcastle'



Members of the U. S. Army Engineer Petroleum Distributing company are shown unloading airplane of pipes from India to be used in the building of the India-Burma-China pipe line. The line will relieve the load of the road as well as the air force in furnishing the essential gas needed for planes attacking the Jap strongholds.

Air Traffic on Leyte Jams Field On 24-Hour Basis

Planes Take off, Land In All Directions at Philippines Base

Lt. Milburn, McCarty, Jr., Public Relations officer, USMC LEYTE, Philippine Islands (Delayed)—The American strip here is today probably the most fantastic airfield in the world. The single runway has so much business that a plane comes in or takes off on the average of once a minute.

They land from both directions, and take off from both ends of the field. There isn't time to route everything against the wind.

Meanwhile, at all hours of the day dozens of planes, everything from big Marine Commando transports to miniature Piper Cubs, circle the field waiting for a chance to get in.

This correspondent saw six large twin-engine transports land within two minutes—one every 20 seconds.

The machines must get off the field immediately; otherwise the plane coming in just behind will crash into the one ahead. Yesterday, a transport slowed up at the end of the strip, and, finding no vacant space to turn into, had to taxi into the surf at the water's edge to get out of the way.

Hundreds of planes are lined up along both sides of the strip at all times. Behind these are dozens of other wrecked machines. Some of these have been shot or bombed by the Japs. Others are simply damaged and discarded. If abandoned plane can't be fixed within a day or two, it's just rolled to the edge of the field. There's too much business with the Japs to the west to waste time fixing planes.

While bombers take off in both

directions and transports lazily circle waiting for a chance to land, fast fighters coming in from combat zip across at right angles and do victory rolls to indicate more downed Japs.

Hardly an hour passes without an American fighter or bomber landing with new holes picked up in aerial combat. Almost every day, too, a damaged plane returns with wheels that won't come down and the pilot is ordered to fly to sea and bail out. At the moment the control tower won't allow any belly or crash landings. Even though crash crews stand by every 100 yards along the strip, commanding officers don't want banged-up planes which would hold up the field's activity for even 10 minutes.

The operations tent is a frenzied workshop of terse orders, dead-tired pilots, officers trying to get through telephone calls, and a motley gathering of service men waiting for flights in all directions.

Some of the passengers are relieved combat men waiting for passage to the States. Most of these sit complacently in corners, munching on rations they've carried in their pockets.

Aerial activity isn't turned off at night, either. The night fighters start working then, and so do the Japs. Pilots and mechanics, who have to stay at the field, dig foxholes, and, while they aren't working, try to sleep through the

bombing raids.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to our friends in Ozona and Crockett county for their kindness, sympathy and helpfulness on the occasion of the death of our son and grandson, Stephen Edmund Couch, III. This expres-

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