Big Push On; Allies Try Knockout Blow

The big push is on.

Last week, on all sectors of the Western Front, the great Allied pincers were closing in on Germany — looking for an opening, preparing for the knock-out.

Preceded by terrific air bombardment as 2,500 American and British heavies blasted the German lines near Aachen, the U.S. Ninth Army, so far comparatively untried in combat, and the veteran U.S. Seventh Army, battling in savage weather and the rugged terrain of the Vosges Mountains were meeting stiff resistance but managing to push ahead toward Belfort and the Saar Valley. This drive, too, in its early stages, although severely handicapped by bad weather, was meeting success.

At the Southern extremity of the Western Front, the American Seventh Army and the French First Army, battling in savage weather and the rugged terrain of the Vosges Mountains were meeting stiff resistance but managing to push ahead toward Belfort and the gap leading into Southern Germany.

On every sector, the German lines sagged and groaned and the Wehrmacht High Command, despite the possibility of apples and oranges as a "chaser." Thus, with the complete menu announced by Quartermaster, all men in the Division will have sagging mess kits this Thursday — under present conditions. As the 83rd GIs well know: Everything in the Army is subject to change without notice.

But these are the present plans and intentions of the Quartermaster; the company cooks are already making their plans to prepare the feast the same way "Maw" or the "Little Woman" would make it, and here’s the official menu.

Reast turkey, giblet gravy, sage dressing, mashed potatoes (tossed).

Crowns will be served to each man in the Division, although the Quartermaster had no promise as to who would get the light meat.

Thousands of Pounds of turkey will bring both Thanksgiving cheer and possible indigestion to the hungry GIs of the 83rd Division this Thursday, November 22nd.

One and a half pounds of turkey must be served to each man in the Division, although the Quartermaster would make no promises as to who would get the light meat.

Sweet Potatoes, Dressing, Cranberries, Pumpkin Pie To Feature Thanksgiving

Men of 83rd To Eat Thousands of Pounds Of Holiday Turkey

He’s 4-A In The Draft; But 1-A In The ETO

He’s 1-A in the Army and 4-A in the records of his local draft board.

That’s the sad tale of Sgt. Clare P. Lynn of the 83rd Division Company, who is a veteran of the Normandy hedgerow battle, the siege of St. Malo and the campaign on the Brittany Peninsula.

This week the mail clerk delivered to Sgt. Lynn a notice from his draft board back in Detroit, Michigan, listing him as "to old to fight for his country" and placing him in the deferred classification.

Sgt. Lynn has been in the Army since July of 1942 and was processed through the Detroit board. He "sweat out" 13 weeks of rugged basic at Ft. Warren, Wyoming and was later transferred to Ft. Crook, Neb. In December of 1942 he came to the 83rd Division, where he has been ever since.

The recently classified 4-Aer will become 40 years old on January 21st.

The notice which Sgt. Lynn received last week was postmarked Nov. 4 giving him until Nov. 14.

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THE WAR IN BRIEF

WEDNESDAY — Third Army draws nearer to Metz. British Army sank 9 German convoy ships off Norway. . . Red army advances on Budapest. Tito cuts German escape route in Macedonia. . . American air corps again raids Manila causing heavy damage to Jap ships. . . Yanks on Leyte repulse Jap attempts to land replacements. THURSDAY — General Patton’s two armored columns now less than a mile from the fortress city of Metz. British drive on right flank of Nijmegen. RAF pounds Berlin with 4000-pound bombs. . . Red armor breaks through German defenses in Hungary. . . American Fifth and British Eighth Armies advance slowly in Italy. . . Tanks advance on Leyte in spite of fanatical Jap resistance. Large gains also made in Burma. FRIDAY — Six Allied armies start big push on Germany. After raid by 4000 heavy bombers, American
We Are Not Alone

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The strong fortifications in which their men were barricaded, worried them that they had enough men to hold the line. And allied military commentators warned that it was a big "U" — the Allied armies on any sector cracked through this big push might mean the end of the European War. And the Wermacht was worried that there wasn't enough room in enough submarines to carry all the Nazis to Japan.

The Big Picture for the Reich also carried the threat of the Russians on the Eastern and Sou­ther fronts. The Reds, too, were closing in on Budapest and fencing for position for the coming big winter drive in Eastern Russia. At any time, the Russian steam roller might break through which would, after, spell TJ for Herr Stichelgrob and his gang.

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Male Call
by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Dry Run - But All Under-water Shots

The war in brief

First and Ninth Armies spear­headed big attack. First army headed toward Cologne while Ninth Army thrusts directed north of Aachen. French army within 7 miles of town of Belfort... Red drive in Hun­gary continues... Rain still handi­caps advances. German and Swe­dish forces on the Eastern Front... German Ruhr valley... Reds attack toward Cologne while Ninth Army headed big attack. First army headed toward Cologne...

KNOW YOUR LEADERS

Colonel Robert P. Clay, executive officer of the 83rd Division Ar­tiillery was a member of the 1925 graduating class of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Colonel Clay has served as battery and battalion commander in both the United States and Hawaii and was stationed in the latter place for three years. He is a graduate of the Field Artillery School at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

Arty Exec...

Colonel Clay came to the 83rd Divisions on July 13th of this year from the 18th Field Artillery Group which he commanded since May 12, 1943.

Colonel Clay, a native of Lexington, Ky., was born on Feb. 2, 1903. His wife and three chil­dren are now living in Paris, 111.

Colonel Clay was recently award­ed the Bronze Star.

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to appeal his classification. The card did not arrive in Luxemburg until Nov. 18, hence there will be a slight delay in his answer. His answered "yes" has already been written and it is a satire in reverse answer that is "still in touch with your local board".
No doubt you poor readers of mine think that writing this little column once a week is a snap, well, an awfully stricty out compen-sit "ration type cigarette" and then comes out of this column. First of all, I have a Pte, strictly an icon, who proofs reads this paper. Because he's a morbid he can't understand live talk and translates it into perfect English. When I write Chesterian cigarettes. He makes it a ration type cigarette and then adds such corny lines as "her tears flowed like the rains of California,. If that was the result of his college education. I'm glad I went to a Rennatory school. Then on top of all this ane there is a list of Odes "Down the Draft" and everytime he hands me an advance copy of my column I have to laugh at his antiquated humor and out of respect and because he promises to put my photograph on top of this column. I try to have my picture appearing here every week because outside of my con- cerned it do go be nice for you boys, to keep handy in case your little women starts getting that independent attitude then you can send her the photograph with the enc- cribed: "You could have wound up with something like this." But, as they say in some parts of the woods things could be worse and worse and this week an old pal Captain of mine is coming back to look for a top of all this a house there is a 1st lieutenant and he must practically flow in the gutters in France. Freddie came and sent me a bottle of some fume like Channel No 5? I think it was of the easy way the Air Corps served with me and we hit it off. He walks up to a Reformatory school. Then on top of all this he can't cook some biscuits when he acci-dently cut himself. It was a deep, vicious, fourteen of them sided with the divorced women and said it could take that long. I saw a reversed "man bites dog" story, G. I. version when in an advanced private advanced. It's an Air Corp Corporal watched a S/Sgt do nothing but pin up signs. The poor Pte, who was belated days before because of the easy way the Air Corps handed out ratings could only say to me: "This is the Infantry!" Now that elections are over I can repeat that wise old saying: "The most remarkable thing about modern warfare and politics is the endurance of the human ear." Then the most disgusting fact that I found in this week's war was actor William Bendix, that great movie patriot of Brooklyn, not only was born in New York but also is a rabbit giant fan. Don't want to sound like a Chaplain's assistant but it could do any doubters in the audience some good if they heard a selection of Lloyd C. Douglas's "The Robe."

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The Grand Stand

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