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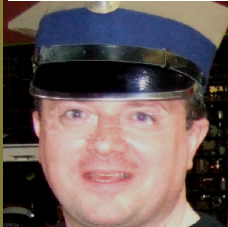
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'Long John's' Rebs escape via trapdoor at the back...

John Longstreet's Dixielanders of 1/67th Armored punched through a formidable enemy battalion position this morning (12th). Despite the attention of a monster King Tiger, the Good 'Ole Boys slipped through the Nazi line grabbing a clutch of prisoners and booty on the way. Curiously, nearly 25% of the unit was missing during the battle prompting frantic speculation at HQ. A Sgt 'Crap game' Huber was being quizzed by MPs over the misappropriation of 750 gallons of gasoline from QM Supply. Protesting his innocence, he implicated Master Sgt E. Bilko and a mysterious character named 'Oddball'. Enquiries are continuing.

WANTED FOR QUESTIONING



HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN?

A man purporting to be a Polish officer is wanted for questioning by Military Police. It is thought that he is involved in black marketeering, human trafficking, gambling, racketeering and crimes against good taste. One of his aliases is thought to be Ivil Ryyperheidav. Contact Major Dick RMP.Eindhoven.

Wot a bunch of Tankers!



RESISTANCE STIFFENING NEAR GOCH

Alarming stories are surfacing about fanatical resistance around Goch. The **Nova Scotia Highlanders** were forced to close assault a trench system at Kastienenhau Farm on 10th February. A battalion level operation was required to remove a company of Fallschirmjäger from 8th Para Division. Enemy resistance only collapsed after their commander was killed in brutal close quarter combat. Less than 20 prisoners were taken. The enemy is fighting with noticeably increasing ferocity and determination as we approach the Rhine, a fact that Staff and battalion commanders will find worrying. Lt. Con Script, on behalf of the **4Bn NSH** rather despondently commented ;"Trying to get those Krauts out of that farm was like trying to scrape dried buffalo shit off your boots with a rubber knife". We understand that this means 'difficult' in the Canadian idiom. Further bitter fighting occurred today when the Canuks cleared a minor road near Goch of an AT company from 8th Parachute.



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PAK UP YER TROUBLES!

The Glasgow Highlanders didn't cop a 'paket' when B Coy/2nd Bn ran into an enemy pakfront of the ubiquitous 405 Ersatz Division this morning. A brisk 'trot' saw the Glesca lads over run the enemy conscripts killing them almost to a man. Using reinforced platoons, the Jaunty Jockos pressed quickly into the heart of Jerry's defences and silenced more than 15 guns for relatively light losses. Unfortunately it was curtains for the popular ex Barrowlands night club owner Lt McOatup who died in action (much as he had predicted albeit the type of action was different).

Up the Front! apologizes unreservedly for any embarrassment caused to Col. Martin, 6thBn RSF. Following an interview with our paper he seems to have become the centre of considerable amusement amongst brother officers despite the continuing success of his unit in pushing back the Boche. Confusion in the written form between an Old Etonian accent and that of an overweight and balding, US cartoon fall guy called E. Fudd is quite common. All we can say is, *Saw - wee!!*

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WELSH LEAKS!

Rumours abound at XXX Corps HQ that a spy is passing vital information to the enemy. Col. Rees 4/RWF led D Company in today's bloody assault (the second in so many days) to dislodge a fanatical enemy unit of the 405 Ersatz Div in a sector south of Weeze. It seems the enemy had prior knowledge of the attack and an extremely hot reception awaited the Boyos. Casualties were once more heavy and on the ground the situation was described as 'fluid'. Despite the difficulties it is anticipated that the Taffs can make it through sometime over the next day or so.



They don't like it up 'em!

'B' Coy 1/5th Queen's finally smashed through the stubborn Ab2 / 97Regt of 405 Ersatz this morning. Under intense fire, the position was carried at bayonet point by 25 men of 12 platoon led by Lt Bligh. This attack was pressed home with grim resolve and up to that point the enemy conscripts had offered a spirited defence across a two day period. At close quarters the Germans had no stomach for the fight and after two platoon positions were stormed the surviving elements withdrew. Casualties amongst the 'Queen's' were moderate. Enemy losses were reported heavy. The Nazi commander - *Major Apel* escaped despite efforts to capture him. He is wanted in more than one sector of the Front for various misdemeanours.



MC awarded to Lt Bligh, 12 platoon, BCoy, 1/5th Queen's Regt Feb 12, 1945.

That's all Volks!

Breakthrough near Bachbrücken. Dateline 12th February 2200 hours

The combined ops approach of Combat Team Stewart & 'A' Company 14th Tank Battalion finally paid off in a complicated night time attack against the 12th Volksgrenadier Division. On February 12th, in atrocious weather south east of Bachbrücken the armored Dough's showed themselves more than a match for Heinie. The tanks of 'A' company were only able to offer limited support owing to the appalling ground conditions which saw almost every vehicle struggle to keep up with the infantry advance. The second rate enemy opposition were overcome when 1st platoon under Lieutenant Hampton Wick first stormed AT position and inadvertently followed on into an entrenched infantry platoon. The GIs promptly wiped out these unfortunates before finally charging home to capture a battery of Screaming Meemies. Altogether over 160 enemy soldiers were killed or wounded with a further 150 being taken prisoner. American losses were light with only 32 men killed or wounded and two tanks lost. Lieutenant Hampton Wick has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and leadership.



Keep it up lads, the Hun is on the run!



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GAMBLING SCHOOL?

It appears a book is now running and Odds are being offered for the first unit to reach the Rhine River. Place your bets... Yank, Limey or Canuk?

HLI get the hump! – failure at Brückhausen

6th Bn HLI ran into all sorts of problems when they tried to move through Brückhausen this morning. Ingress to the village was possible only by a narrow humped back bridge which turned out to have been expertly mined by enemy engineers who chose to blow it at a crucial stage of the attack.. Without their own engineering support it was not possible for Burton's company to press on further and so that route is for the moment closed. Acrimony abounded in the post battle analysis. Major Hügel o/c the German defenders was heard to shout from the ruins of the village "Take your toy tanks and go home Tommy, war is a man's game!". Burton was unavailable for comment after the battle but his 2iC did comment that his superior felt Jerry had been "damned tricky and unsporting" and that the whole thing was a characteristically Boche "mendacious, un gentlemanly and very, very unfair". All we at **Up the Front!** can say is "Ce la guerre!"

Casualty returns period 10-11 February

	AFVs	Guns	K/W/MiA/P
Allied	46	45	582
German	7	12	786

Hey GI's! get a loada this ! (advertisement)

ADULT BOOK EXCHANGE

We all know that German PoWs have the best selection of 'Adult' reading available. If you've liberated any from the Krauts and want to trade with us for new material pay a visit to Replacement Depot 69, Bush View, Bastogne and ask for Corporal H. Heffner ... top rates paid. French and Arab stuff also accepted but no Limey mags please!

OFFICERS KILLED OR MISSING IN ACTION IN RHINELAND SECTOR 12th February 1945
Lieutenant R. Clive BCoy 1/5th Queen's.