

Plea For Peace

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up to the Naktong River and the infantry boys said, "Here come our tanks — now we'll show the —"

The only catch was that our tanks weren't half as good as the Russian-built T-34.

One day my tank and another one ran into a T-34 along the fringe of the Pusan perimeter. We fired a round and it bounced right off the T-34 turret. The T-34 fired and blew the turret off the tank that was with us. Three men died in the tank and the other two sneaked out the escape hatch and got away. My tank pulled around and we did a bugout (retreat).

One night we set up our perimeter near Taejon and Gook artillery opened up. My buddies and I ran to a hill and began digging with our helmets.

I found I was digging in a mound and pretty soon I unearthed a dead G. I. who had been buried sitting up. In his lap was a burned-up Browning automatic rifle and I knew the G. I. was burned alive with a phosphorus grenade. I pushed him out of the way and sat there all night, trying not to look at him, while enemy artillery kept on. I was about ready to call it quits that night.

In a prison at Taejon we found six G. I.s all with hands tied behind their back and bullet holes in their heads. Someone had used one of the six for bayonet practice.

We moved up the road about half a mile. There we found a big Catholic church. Inside we found more than 2000 Korean corpses, stacked up like cordwood. They had been machine-gunned in the church basement and then gasoline had been poured on them and they had been set afire. This was what they got for being anti-Communists.

Outside the church, in the yard, were a dead priest and two dead nuns. In a trench outside the church we found something that really made us sick. Kids. Hundreds of dead, half-burned children in a trench. That's what they got for being the offspring of anti-Communists.

We got bulldozers and buried all the thousands of dead. That day, I realized we weren't fighting humans—we were fighting dogs.

In Pyongyang, I remember two dead Russian officers in the street—in Russian uniforms and black Russian pistols and one was wearing some kind of Russian medal. I still have it.

We moved into abandoned North Korean army headquarters of Gen. (Marshal) Kim II Sung. Korean and Russian flags flew outside the headquarters. I walked inside and a portrait of Uncle Joe Stalin frowned at me.

We went on north. The M-24 tank I was in suffered heavy damage when a gook slipped a thermit grenade into the ammunition trailer we were pulling,

but we got out before the big explosions.

In late November we were far north—north of Anju. A string of Allied vehicles came crashing down the road, heading south. A G. I. hollered, "The Chinks are in the war—They've hit us." It was the first word of a sickening, disheartening retreat. Our tank, running on one engine, went south with the rest.

The retreat, by early 1951, carried south to Seoul. And then the hard fight northward began. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway was in command and he was later replaced by Gen. James A. Van Fleet—a commander just as aggressive as Ridgway.

I joined the 24th Division in central Korea. On my first night of reconnaissance patrol, in a jeep, we ran into an enemy roadblock. Two guys with me were killed. I dived over the side and into a ditch and somehow I got away and ran back to headquarters.

A Tank Mission

They posted me as a guide on the lead tank of two tanks and we went back to get the roadblock. On the side of my tank, I remember, was a cheerful little Negro soldier named Jones. Just as we got near the roadblock we ran over a daisy chain of mines. The explosion played hell with our tank and a piece of metal clipped off the top half of Jones' head. But the two tanks finished off the roadblock. Fifteen gooks died behind it.

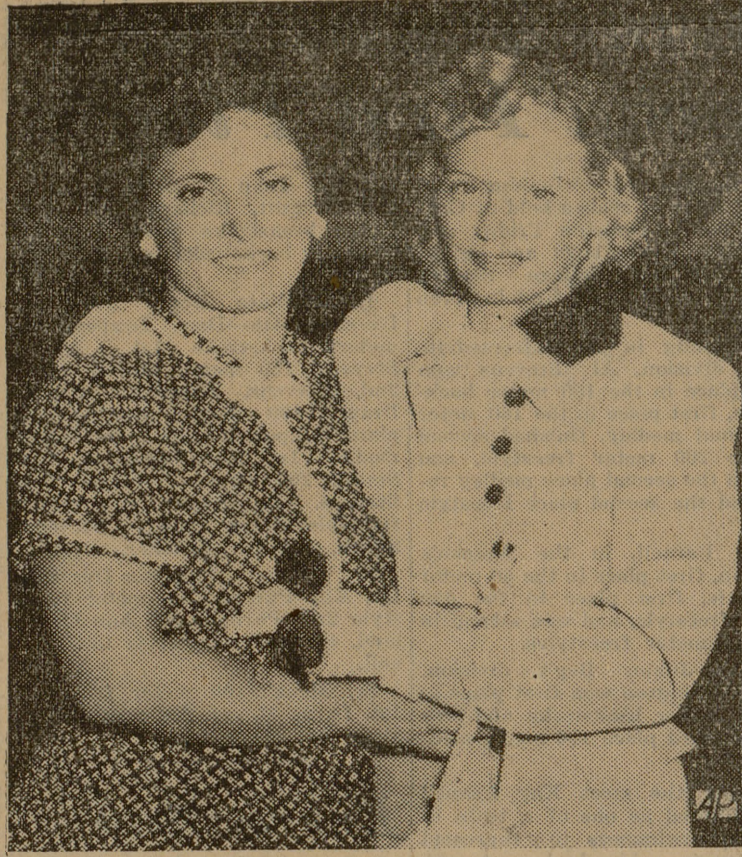
I was a sergeant now and began leading foot patrols. Just to show how things can happen to a soldier, I'll tell a little about one patrol. A second lieutenant, fresh from the states, arrived at headquarters one afternoon and was assigned to go on patrol with me and some others the next night. He told me: "I'm new at all this and I'll probably catch a bullet right between the horns."

Only One Patrol

The patrol went all right until we started wading across a river about five feet deep. A Chinese machine gun opened up on us. I got across the river and blew it up with a grenade but not before a bullet hit the second lieutenant. He fell by the side of the river, a bullet right between the eyes, as he had predicted. We had to leave him there because another gun started firing. A slug got me in the hip but not too bad. All of us got back to the lines except the lieutenant.

I left Korea in November, 1951, served in the states and Tokyo, and didn't get back to Korea until last May.

I think patrols are just as dangerous now. The enemy is better trained and better equipped and just as fanatical as ever. But the men in my outfit don't mind fighting to end this war because we didn't want to see our kid brothers messed up in it. So if we have an armistice, let's make it stick. Let's enforce it. Guys have died over here. Let it be for a good reason.



SISTERS REUNITED—Mrs. Alfred Romero (left) of Port Arthur, and Mrs. William H. Colligan of Pittsburgh, Pa., are shown as they met in Port Arthur for the first time in 29 years. The sisters were separated after their mother, Mrs. Mabel McGreogr, placed them in a Tulsa, Okla., orphanage. Mrs. Colligan was five and Mrs. Romero was three at the time. Soon after they were adopted by different families.

66 Scouts Receive Awards At Camp Arrowmoon Outing

Sunday's Court of Honor closing the annual Boy Scout outing at Camp Arrowmoon Sunday afternoon saw 66 boys receive 120 awards emblematic of acquisition of scouting skills.

Nine boys advanced from tenderfoot to second class, seven to first class, six to star rank, one to life rank, and one boy received a silver palm on his Eagle Scout badge. In addition, 96 merit badges were awarded to 42 boys.

Eleven troops from Brazos and Robertson Counties were represented at the court, which was under direction of L. S. Paine, Brazos district advancement chairman.

College Station Troop 102 awards were: Bill Jones, Alex Rush, Kenneth Bailey, to second class; David McNeely, Michael Luther, to first class; Tom Ivy to star rank; Tom Ivy, Michael Luther, Jack McNeely, David McNeely, Ernest Tanzer, Jim Simpson, George Litton, Gwinn Thompson, merit badges. Litton received a silver palm on his Eagle badge.

College Station Troop 411 awards were: Richard Reiser to second class; Jack Burns and Richard Miller, to Star rank. Jack Burns

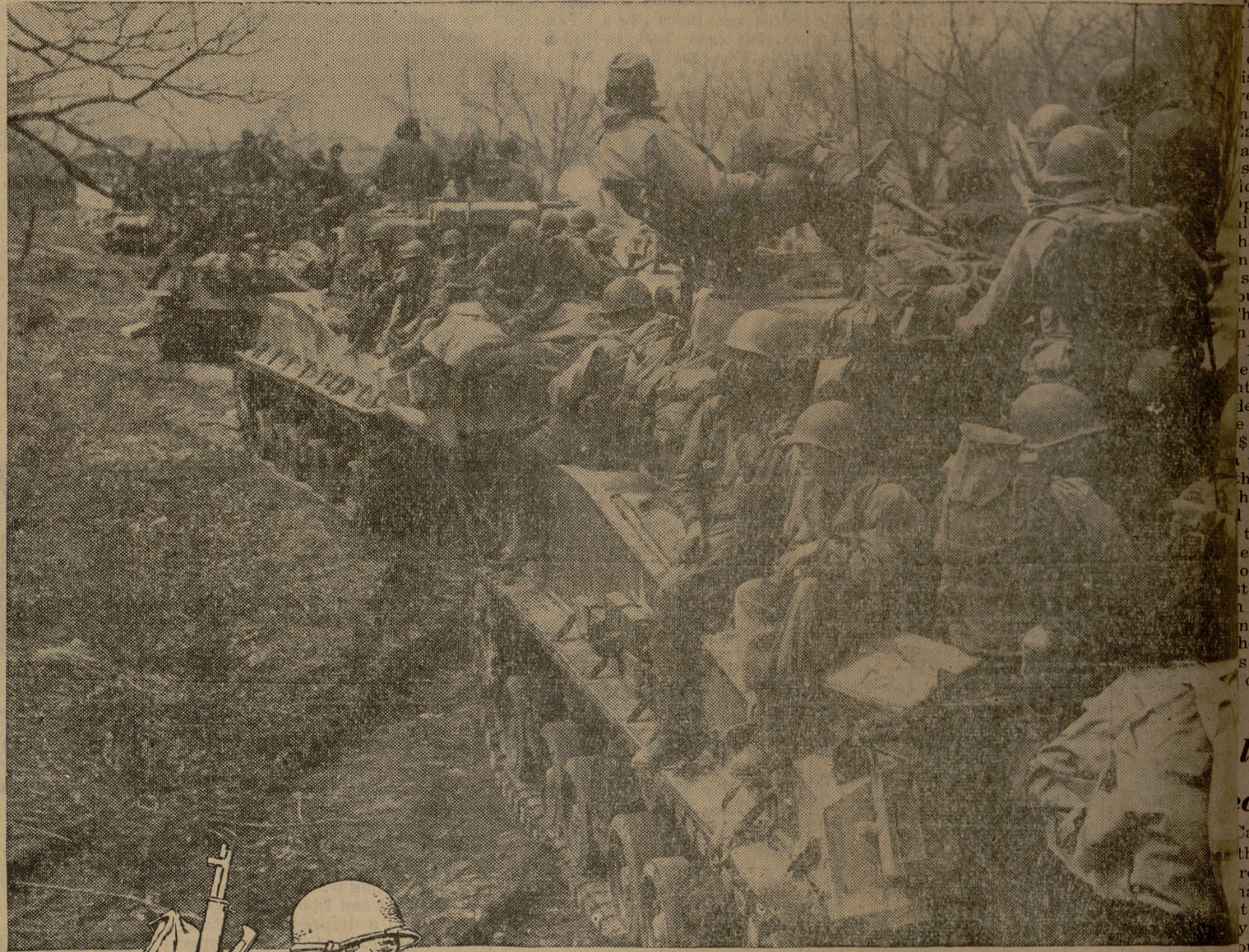
Center Work Resumed

Construction on the Catholic Student Center was slowed down last week due to some sub-soil difficulties, but work was resumed Monday and everything else is coming along nicely, Rev. Tim Valenta, announced.

and Walter Dahlerb, merit badges. Awards were presented to a large number of scouts for superior ratings in various camping activities by D. C. Jones, Jr., camp director. Jack Spell also presented riflery proficiency certificates to boys who earned skills in that field.

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