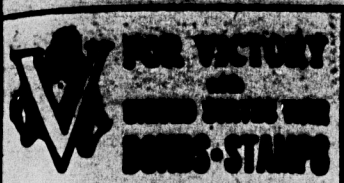


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INVASION TROOPS CAPTURE FIRST VILLAGE

Army Vet Training Program to Cease After This Term

All But Seniors Will Be Affected by Order

Veterinary training for all junior, sophomore, and freshman Vet students in uniform will end at the close of this term, Col. Grover B. Egger, commandant of the 3655 S. U. unit announced yesterday.

Term Play Rated Successful by Capacity House

Playing before a nearly-full audience of tense patrons, a 10 woman, three man, cast staged the first night of "Letters to Lucerne," annual spring term play, to be given again tonight at 8 in Fairchild theater.

Outstanding in her portrayal was Barbara Chandler, Muskegon freshman, who stole the sympathy of the audience by her characterization of the German girl, Erna Schmidt.

Joan Carter, Kalamazoo sophomore, as the fun-loving American comedienne, Sally Jackson, provided laughs throughout.

Proving that she can play dramatic as well as comic roles, Nancy Blue, Detroit senior, did a creditable job as Mrs. Hunter, head of the school.

Al LaGuire, Benzonia freshman, playing a small role as Hans Schmidt, seemed more American than German. Richard Henderson, Detroit freshman, as Koppler of the Gestapo, spoke with more convincing accents.

Strong supporters were Barbara Hacker, Lansing senior, veteran of previous campus productions, as Olga Kirinski, the Polish girl; Jean Granville, Saginaw junior; Frances Joyner, Battle Creek freshman, and Marion Parker, Grosse Pointe freshman.

Others were Bob Kamins, junior; Annette Suravits, sophomore; Helen Kroll, sophomore, all of Lansing, and Arthur Feigelson. — P.K.

News in Brief

ADVANCED ALLIED HDQ., NEW GUINEA, Thursday, June 7 (AP) — The Mokmer airdrome in Baik island, giving Gen. Douglas MacArthur a base within bombing range of the Philippines has been stormed and captured, headquarters announced today on the 13th day of the invasion of the Schoutens.

NEW YORK, June 7 (AP) — Allied parachute troops in hitherto unknown strength have landed 30 miles south of Caen in the region between Argentan and Falaise, the German radio said tonight in a broadcast recorded by the CBS.

LONDON, Thursday, June 8 (AP) — The German radio said today that major enemy air attacks had been made against Lorient and Nantes on the west coast of France in the early morning hours today. Straw dummies attached to parachutes were dropped over the area of St. Brieux at the same time, the broadcast by International Information bureau, Nazi propaganda agency, said.

LONDON, June 7 (AP)—The Paris radio said tonight that the Allies had made two new landings during the day on the French west coast — one in the Pas de Calais area and the other at Cap de La Hague at the tip of the Cherbourg peninsula.

Patriotic Theme Takes First Place in Essay Contest

"I Pledge Allegiance" by Shirley Rae Wood won the women's essay contest, Daniel F. Sheehan of the English department, announced last night as prizes were awarded to winners of the essay, short story, and poetry contests.

This is the first year the women's contest has been offered. The Lawson essay contest for men was abandoned because of lack of interest. Miss Wood took the only essay prize.

Rex King, Lansing junior, won first place in the short story contest with Bernice Shupe, Pierson senior, and Pfc. Harry L. Hampton, former AST now stationed at Camp McCoy, Wis., taking second and third prizes.

In the poetry field, Daniel Lynch, Detroit junior, Joyce Judd, Lansing freshman, Genevieve McDavid, Dearborn junior, and Ruth Koski, Chassell freshman, took the honors of first, second, third and fourth prizes, respectively.

The essay contest was judged by Prof. Norman E. Nelson of the English department at the University of Michigan, and William Cherubini.

Judges of the short story contest were Marvin T. Herrick, University of Illinois, W. J. Muilenburg of Glenning, Mich. and Mrs. Norma L. G. Roseboom, former member of the English department at State.

Dr. William Cailouette, St. Theresa's college, Winona, Minn., and Francis S. Nipp, of the University of Chicago, judged the poetry contest.

Alumni Day to Start Friday with Dinner for Class of 1919

Alumni Day, an annual function of senior week, will begin tomorrow with a banquet honoring the silver anniversary of the classes of 1918-19. The banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in the Union ballroom, with Ralph Tenny as general chairman.

Saturday morning at 8 registration of all alumni takes place in the lobby of the Union. The Patriarchs' club, graduates of over 50 year, will meet for dinner at 12:15 p.m. in the men's lounge of the Union. The meeting will honor the class of 1894. Pres. John A. Hannah will preside.

Aviation Students Tell of Invasion Terrain

Aviation students at State tried hard to keep their minds on lectures that day but they couldn't keep their eyes from wandering to the sky. They could not stop wishing they were crew-members of one of the 11,000 Allied aircraft pounding the enemy in France.

News of the invasion electrified the students at breakfast formation. Veteran aerial gunners who have already fought the enemy swarmed about Aviation Student Alex Lasson, student squadron commander. "This is the big show," they exclaimed, "what can we do to get back over right away?"

Feint Seen

Former 8th air force aircrew veterans see in the Normandy another surprise feint such as Anzio in Italy. The only aviation student who came close to guessing the invasion point was Joseph Savickas, Bentleyville, Pa.

"As far back as a year ago I was willing to bet on this area because of the flat terrain and because the 8th AAF hardly bombed LeHavre. We raided surrounding fighter fields but I don't remember bombing raids on LeHavre," he stated. This was confirmed by George Sarafin, Newberry, Mich., and Eldred L. Aubrey, of Detroit, both former 8th AAF aerial gunners.

Population Sparse

Sarfin was on bombing raids over Caen, France, described by Berlin as the "center of gravity" of the invasion blows. He described the surrounding country as flat and wooded. In contrast to industrial Calais which has borne the brunt of bombing forays, the Normandy peninsula is sparsely populated farm land ideal for invasion, he said.

The scene of the new front is little more than five minutes flying time from the English coast. The student veterans say

Fortified Cathedral Town of Bayeux Taken by Forces Five Miles Inland

Eisenhower, Ramsay Confer With Operational Leaders Off Coast of Normandy on Boat; Advance Better Than Expected

SUPREME HDQ. ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, Thursday, June 8 (AP)—Allied invasion forces have captured the Nazi-fortified cathedral town of Bayeux and have cut the highway to Caen, 18 miles east-southeast, in generally heavy fighting, supreme headquarters announced early today.

Invasion Leaders



GEN. B. MONTGOMERY



GEN. KARL RUNDSTEDT

Pictured above are the two generals commanding the forces opposing one another in the tense struggle in western Europe. One leads the invasion assault; the other commands the German anti-invasion forces.

Striking from cleared and consolidated beaches, the United States, British and Canadian troops were officially declared to be doing better than expected" against ferocious armored counterattacks by German reserves.

Once a city of 9,000 population, Bayeux is the first town announced by supreme headquarters to have been captured in the invasion launched Tuesday morning. It lies five miles inland almost at the center of the Normandy front.

Eisenhower Visits Beaches

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, supreme commander, and Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, commander of Allied naval forces, were disclosed to have cruised off the invasion beaches for 4½ hours yesterday and conferred with operational chiefs.

In the second day of the great invasion, landing beaches in Normandy were cleared of the enemy Wednesday and some were linked by extending the flanks, while steady reinforcements poured in by sea and air, said a headquarters communique issued shortly before midnight.

German resistance is stiffening, and fighting is expected to increase in severity as more enemy reserves come into action against the advancing Americans, British and Canadians, headquarters stated.

Names of localities where the Allied drives are forging ahead were withheld, with the exception of the Caen area, lest they be of advantage to the Germans, who fished all day for information.

Counterattacks Felt

The first of the German armored counterattacks was thrown in the vicinity of Caen, which is nine miles inland from the mouth of the Orne river and 20 miles southwest of Le Havre. Headquarters disclosed losses were suffered by both sides before the Germans were repulsed.

Allied airborne operations, a feature of the initial landings, were resumed Wednesday on a "very large scale," the Allied communique stated, while supplies and men moved constantly to the beaches despite strong northwest winds, which moderated somewhat tonight.

Clearing the beaches of the enemy freed the supply and reinforcement convoys and men from small arms attack, while naval forces silenced remaining German coastal guns which had escaped the first furious air and sea assault Tuesday.

TIME TABLE

TODAY—

Art department luncheon 12, Union sun porch
Union Board, 6 p. m.
Union sun porch
CDC, 7 p. m.
107 Union annex
Theta Chi pledges, 7 p. m.
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Christian Fellowship, 7 p.m.
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Pi Alpha, 7:30 p. m.
Pac. dining room, Union

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Night Editor Jerry Kenney

Allied Warplanes Blast Nazis With 31,000 Sorties in Week

Fiery Curtain of Bombs Aids Invasion Forces

SUPREME HDQ. ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 7, (AP)—Allied warplanes, which have flown a total of 31,000 sorties against Europe since June 1, threw down blazing curtains of bombs and bullets intended to cut off both help and escape for German troops on the perimeters of the expanding beachheads in France.

Doughboy General Directs Invasion Force in France

SUPREME HDQ. ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 7 (AP)—Lanky Omar N. Bradley—the "doughboy" general—who has killed more Germans than any other U. S. General officer—is commander of the American army driving into France, it was announced today.

The Germans know this simple, kindly lieutenant-general as a master tactician who outsmarted them in the climactic battle of North Africa and who ushered them unceremoniously out of the mountains in the epic 38-day conquest of Sicily.

In the initial stages of the landings in France, Gen. Bradley was led by the need for communications to the deck of the flagship U. S. S. Augusta—birthplace of the Atlantic charter—off the French coast, but before the Western Europe front opened he indicated he would move right in with the troops at the earliest possible moment.

It is a tribute to Bradley's proud record as a teacher as well as fighting leader that he picked to direct this momentous engagement many men he personally trained as officers as head of the infantry officers' school at Fort Benning, Ga.

This 51-year-old Missouri-born commander, the greatest military contribution of the "show me" state since "Black Jack" Pershing, contrasts sharply with his imperious, colorful opponent, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, a Nazi veteran of slam-bang advances and long retreats.

Professor to Sign Book

Illustrator and Prof. John deMartelly will be in the campus book store today from 3 to 5 p. m. to autograph copies of Eric Hudson's "Green Mansions," deMartelly did the illustrations for the Peter Pauper press edition. Other professors will be invited to autograph their books later.

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In Campus Quarters

By ED HOWLAND AND NANCY SHEPHERD

WAGERS are that not one student waited to be awakened by an alarm clock on the historical morning of June 6. News of the tremendous invasion opened more than one eye on this campus and the combined feeling of relief and terror has brushed hard across the hearts of every individual.

News like this can only tend to make every person and everything seem small and unimportant, yet at the same time everyone understands that life must continue on as normal a vein as possible and individuals must proceed with what concerns them at the present as far as they are able, having always in mind that little everyday occurrences are what build the life which they are living and fighting for.

Thus we offer warm congratulations to all of those who have offered to share the exhilarating news of their engagements and marriages and other honors. An announcement was made recently of the marriage of Maj. Dale Granger, '41, and Wave G. Bowes, '37. They were on the campus a short time ago to see how State is faring without them. Major Granger had just returned from the Aleutians after having spent two and a half years there.

A terrific smile foretold the news that Becky Jane Finck, '46, from Litchfield found herself engaged last weekend to Cpl. Charles Sackett, '45, who was home from the South Pacific on sick leave. Chuck is a gunner in the airforce and was shot down. He will be returning overseas soon.

That's a beautiful diamond that Shirley Truesdell stares at constantly and she has good reason. The ring is from David (Jersey) Loewith, Vet. Shirley is a sophomore from Novi.

Bobbie Jepson, Detroit freshman, recently received a diamond ring from Lt. Donald Rhodes of the army air forces, now stationed at Westover field, Mass. Lieutenant Rhodes is from Berkeley.

We understand that Sallyann Newman is now showing off a new diamond shaped Epsilon Chi pin which was presented to her recently, and that she is more than thrilled over it.

The Lansing-East Lansing alumnae club of Pi Beta Phi and Pi Phi Gamma announce the pledging last week of Jean Schmeichel, East Lansing junior; Helen Miller, Dearborn junior; Lynn Kelly, Dansville, N. Y. junior; Gene Dennison, Vernon junior, and Jean Mitchell, Dearborn junior. Others were Dottie Welles, Elmira, N. Y. sophomore; Margaret Jury, Grand Haven freshman; Janie Le Beau, Detroit freshman, and Janet Smith, Rutherford, N. J., freshman.

The A.O.P.'s were more than busy this week with picnics and general get togethers. Their Lansing alums sponsored a party for the seniors and pledges at which senior activities and pledge scholarship cups were awarded.

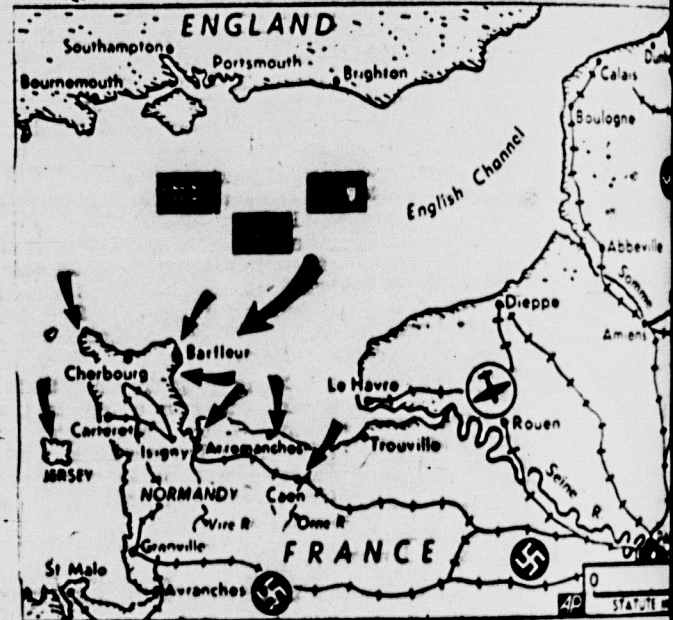
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Grin and Bear It . . . By Lich



"My friends, return me to Washington, and I will serve your interests . . . send a new man, and he will devote his time looking for an apartment."

Reported Allied Invasion Thru



Arrows show where Allied forces landed in France, according to German radio reports. Allies confirmed the general area of the invasion but did not name specific landing points. Churchill said airborne forces were fighting in the vicinity of Caen.



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Spartans Fall Again to Custer, 6-2

Army Men Outhit State to Cause Final Defeat

Dropping their seventh contest of the season Michigan State lost to Fort. Custer yesterday 6-2. The contest ended the informal season for the Spartans. A banquet will be given for the team Monday night to officially end the season.

Not counting three practice game victories the Spartans wound up on the short end of a 7-3 win-loss season. The loss was not quite as bad as the debacle Decoration day when they were snowed under by Custer 28-12. Runs Left on Base.

The main trouble for the Spartans was inability to bring in runs. The first seven innings saw Spartans in scoring position every time. Captain Joe Turner and Max Park kept three lonely Spartan hits scattered well.

Custer threatened in the second, but a beautiful throw from right field by Howie Workman nailed the man at the plate. In the third Custer accumulated three runs on three hits and one State error.

Krestel, Couey Pitch

In the fifth Custer shelled Bob Krestel to the bench with four hits and three runs, and Darrell Couey came in, and held the dough-boys scoreless for the rest of the contest. Krestel allowed 10 hits while on the mound.

State garnered their tallies in the fifth and sixth stanzas. Workman's single scored Warren Hennessy from third, and Jack Breslin was out at the plate trying to score. Web McDonald scored on a Custer error in the sixth.

Southpaw or Righty-Hurler Can't Decide

KANSAS CITY, June 7 (AP) — Jimmy Wadlow, 22-year-old pitcher who can throw from either port or starboard, is trying to make up his mind whether to be right or lefthanded when he tries out with Sacramento of the Pacific coast league.

Wadlow is registered as a right hander but he always has carried a pretty fair spare tire in his southpaw, even before he broke his right arm serving up a fast pitch in 1941.

"I've got a lot more speed and a better curve when I'm a southpaw," said Jimmy.

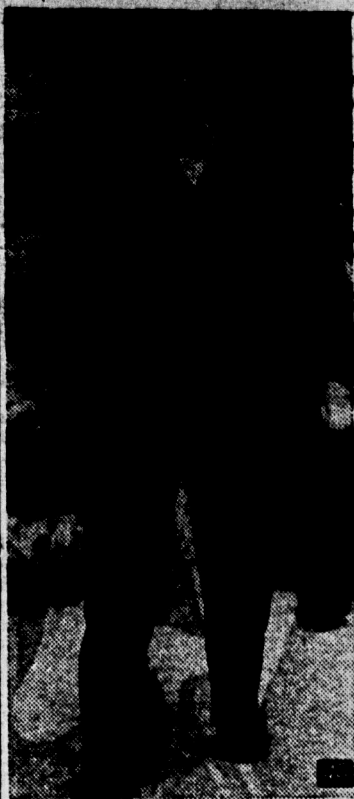
Soviet Army Halts German Drive in Romania with Heavy Losses

LONDON, June 7 (AP)—The German drive in Romania north of Iasi appeared to have ended today, and the Soviet army newspaper Red Star in Moscow said that Russia was now ready to launch her own promised offensive against the Germans from the east.

The abortive German attacks in the province of Moldavia cost the Nazis more than 10,000 dead and tremendous losses in equipment during the savage fighting from May 30 to June 6, Moscow announced tonight. A Berlin foreign broadcast claimed at least 10 Soviet rifle divisions had been "wiped out or decisively mauled."

The Berlin broadcast said the battle north of Iasi ended yesterday and added that only

Smiling Briton



Prime Minister Winston Churchill beams happily as he leaves his office to go to Parliament to announce that the invasion of France is going well. He said several strategic bridges had been captured before they could be blown up by German defenders. Allied troops had penetrated several miles inland, he declared.

Faculty Club Chooses Coleman President at Lunch Meeting

Robert J. Coleman, director of WKAR, was elected president of the State College club for the coming year at yesterday's luncheon meeting.

Other new officers of the men's faculty organization announced by the retiring president, Dr. H. J. Stafseth, are Tom H. King, head of the placement bureau, vice-president; Herbert A. Berg, extension professor in farm management, re-elected secretary, and Jacob Schepers, accounting office clerk, re-elected treasurer.

Earl Weaver, professor of dairy husbandry, was chosen as the new member of the board of directors, and Ray Hutson, head of the department of entomology, will continue on the board for another year.

Pi Alpha Club to Hold Reception Tonight

Pi Alpha will have a reception this evening in the faculty dining room from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. in honor of graduating seniors and newly enrolled members of the sociology department, according to Barbara Shuttleworth, Warren, Mass. junior.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Whitman, Lester Lake, and Mrs. G. L. Crandall, Lansing, will be guests at the reception. The guests, being graduates in the field of sociology, will be glad to discuss the nature of their work.

Spartans at War

By PEG DUBRY

A FORMER MSC engineering student, Merton Severington, '46, recently was commissioned an ensign in the United States naval reserve corps at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Barbara Wyman, '46, storekeeper third class, is on a seven day leave from Treasure Island, Calif., where she has been stationed. Storekeeper Wyman, who took her boot training at Hunter college and had three months of instruction at Indiana university, spent Monday on campus. The Engineering division has

just received word from Maj. C. A. Eckert, '41, who is with the V Bomber command in New Guinea. Major Eckert has been there for the past 15 months.

Fleet Cruising by Genoa

LONDON, June 7 (AP) — A report to the London press through Switzerland said today that a large Allied fleet was cruising off Genoa and that "an Allied landing on the Ligurian coast (Italy), or even on Southern France, was expected hourly."

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Nazis Acknowledge Major Break Through Near Rome

Fifth Army Continues Advance Northward

ROME, June 7 (AP)—The Fifth army smashed ahead north and west of Rome toward Lake Bracciano and the key Tyrrhenian port of Civitavecchia tonight in a drive so rapid and powerful that the Germans themselves described it officially as a "major break" through their lines.

Fanning out above the city the Allies advanced so far along the vital coastal highway No. One that one official announced this evening that they "continued a rapid advance in the closest port to Rome, 40 miles the direction of Civitavecchia," to the northwest by road.

Advance North

The advance was along all main highways west and north-west of the city, including the routes numbered one and two and the Magliana coastal road, the Allied troops covering a distance of ten miles from Rome as they reached northward to within five miles of Lake Bracciano. The march reached the important peaks Mount Grossara, Mount Agulro and Mount Forno, commanding the Bracciano route for two miles.

To the west advance patrols reached points three to five miles from the sea and nearly a dozen miles north of the mouth of the Tiber.

Germans Retreat

As the battered German Tenth and Fourteenth armies fell back, Gen. Alexander broadcast to Italian patriots urging them to rise up and do all they can to disrupt the retreat. "In less than a month the strength of the German armies has been broken," he said, adding that "the liberation of Italy now is well under way."

The disorganized resistance the Allies were encountering was from small battle groups made up of elements of various beaten units. Already more than 18,000 prisoners had been taken by the Fifth army alone, and the total was growing.

Prisoners Taken

More thousands were captured by the British Eighth army which still was meeting strong enemy defenses northeast of Rome as the Germans threw heavy demolitions and minefields into the path of the advance. The Germans planned for time to retreat from the mouth of a closing in the hills above Rome.

"The hardest fighting is now centered northeast of Rome," said today's Allied communique. The Germans were described as "offering strong resistance" in this area.

Library to Lend 30 Record Albums

The music library has 30 record albums for circulation among students, Roy L. Underwood, head of the department, announced.

Albums, including a basic selection of the most familiar classics and semi-classics, may be checked out for one week with no renewing privileges. Overdue fine is 25 cents a day plus 10 cents messenger fee. The checker will be expected to assume responsibility in case of breakage.

Steel needles which will be furnished with each album, must not be used over five times in order to insure proper care of the records.

All of the records are new, being purchased especially for this experiment in musical literature. Included in the assortment are compositions by Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Dvork, Franck, Rimsky-Korsakov, Schubert, Mozart, Sibelius and Mendelssohn.

Others are "Ballad of America," Johann Strauss' pieces, Rachmaninoff's piano selections, Ravel's "Bolero," Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde," "Le Mer" by Debussy, Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and "Showboat" by Kern.

QUARTERS

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The AOP's also have two new pledges. They are: Ruth MacKool, Detroit sophomore, and Rachel Gillian, Dowagiac sophomore.

The Pi Kappa Phis have two, new proud pledges to do their slaving for them. Bob Wilson, freshman, and John McKeehan, Niagara Falls junior, are the fortunate lads.

The ATOs have a new group of officers to announce. Bill MacReynolds, Detroit sophomore, takes the seat of president; Joe Miller, Terre Haute, Ind., is vice-president; Bob Buckenhizer, Detroit junior, is treasurer; and Stu Helliwell, Royal Oak sophomore, is IFC representative.

Army Reduces General for Indiscretion About Date of Invasion

WASHINGTON, June 7 (AP)—The army reported today that Major General Henry J. F. Miller was "broken" to lieutenant colonel and sent home from England for an indiscreet remark at a cocktail party hinting at the time set for the invasion of Europe.

The rank to which he was reduced is his permanent grade, held since 1938. The rank of major general was temporary.

The story came out piecemeal from supreme headquarters of the Allied expeditionary forces and from the war department

here. Dispatches from SHAEP told of the incident but on orders from the supreme command withheld the officer's name. Here, in response to inquiries, the war department issued a memorandum naming the officer as Miller, 53, a graduate of the command and general staff school with a 33-year honorable record of army service. He is a native of Salem, N. J. and lives in Miami, Fla.

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