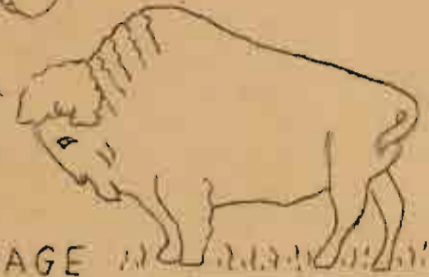


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A Buffalo Report - NEW NYLON ARMOR VEST SAVES LIFE

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PFC LOUIS E. MULLIKIN HAS MUCH PRAISE FOR THE NYLON BODY ARMOR VEST NOW BEING SURVEYED IN KOREA FOR ITS ADAPTABILITY BY THE MEANTRY. HIT IN THE CENTER OF HIS BACK BY A PIECE OF MORTAR SHRAPNEL MULLIKIN, AN AUTOMATIC RIFLEMAN WITH "ITEM" COMPANY, IS INDEBTED TO THE VEST FOR HIS LIFE.

AN "ITEM" COMPANY PATROL WAS DISPATCHED TO RECONNOITER ENEMY HELD FOOTHILLS. THE PATROL COMPLETED ITS MISSION AND WAS RETURNING TO BASE IN A WELL DISPERSED DIAMOND FORMATION WHEN FIVE ENEMY MORTAR ROUNDS LANDED IN THE VICINITY.

MULLIKIN WAS AT THE RIGHT REAR OF THE FORMATION WHEN ONE 82MM ROUND LANDED WITHIN SEVEN YARDS OF HIM. THE EXPLOSION SENT PIECES OF SHRAPNEL INTO HIS RIGHT THIGH, BUTTOCKS AND ARM, BUT HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE PIECE THAT HIT HIS BACK.

CAPT LEONARD K. PIERCE, COMMANDER OF BODY ARMOR TEAM NUMBER TWO, INSPECTED THE VEST WORN BY MULLIKIN AND DISCOVERED THE SCAR LEFT BY THE SHRAPNEL. CAPTAIN PIERCE VISITED MULLIKIN AT THE HOSPITAL, SHOWING HIM THE VEST. MULLIKIN PRAISED THE VEST HIGHLY AND SAID HE WOULD NOT GO WITHOUT THE VEST IF THEY WERE AVAILABLE.

THE BODY ARMOR VEST IS MADE OF 12 LAYERS OF NYLON COVERED WITH WATERPROOF PONCHO CLOTH. ALL PROTECTION IS FURNISHED BY THE NYLON LAYERS. UNDER THIS ARMOR IS A LAYER OF SPONGE RUBBER WHICH IS THERE TO REDUCE THE SHOCK FROM ANYTHING WHICH MAY HIT THE OUTSIDE OF THE VEST.

ACCORDING TO CAPTAIN PIERCE, ABOUT 80% OF ALL BATTLE CASUALTIES ARE BY FRAGMENTS AND NOT SMALL ARMS. THOSE MOST LIKELY TO CAUSE DEATH ARE THE ONES IN THE STOMACH, CHEST AND HEAD AREAS. THE VEST IS DESIGNED TO STOP SUCH FRAGMENTS AND REDUCE THE NUMBER OF WOUNDS IN THE STOMACH AND CHEST AREAS.

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GERMAN COLD WAR

GEN THOMAS HANDY, U.S. COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF EUROPE, DEMANDED PERSONALLY SATURDAY NIGHT THAT THE RUSSIANS CEASE INTERFERING IN "ROUTINE MILITARY OPERATIONS OF HIS FORCES." GENERAL HANDY PROTESTED "MALICIOUS ACTION OF THE RUSSIANS IN BARBING AMERICAN MILITARY PATROLS" FROM THE 100 MILE LIFE-LINE HIGHWAY WHICH CONNECTS BERLIN WITH WEST GERMANY.

THE PROTEST CAME AS THE RUSSIANS AND EAST GERMAN COMMUNISTS PREPARED TO SEAL OFF EAST GERMANY FROM THE WEST. AFTER THIS IS DONE, NO WEST GERMANS WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER OR STAY IN SOVIET OCCUPIED EASTERN GERMANY WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE COMMUNISTS.

GENERAL EISENHOWER IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON TODAY. BEHIND HIM HE LEFT THE RESULTS OF HIS 17 MONTHS IN EUROPE IN THE FORM OF 17 TOUGH, WAR-READY DIVISIONS TO FACE RUSSIA'S MIGHT IN GERMANY.

THE GENERAL WILL CONFER WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL.

THE 72ND MEETING OF THE FULL ARMISTICE DELEGATION YESTERDAY, ADJOURNED AFTER 30 MINUTES.

THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND PROPOSED A RECESS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE REDS WANT TO CONSIDER THE UN PROPOSAL OF APRIL 28, BUT THE REDS INSISTED ON MEETING AGAIN TODAY.

AMERICA'S FINEST, EUSAK'S BEST, THE BUFFALOES TOP ALL THE REST!

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THE PAST WEEK AT PANMUNJOM

EVEN A RADAR EQUIPPED OPTIMIST COULD FIND NO SILVER LINING LAST WEEK. AFTER A THREE-DAY RECESS, TOP DELEGATION TRUCE SESSIONS RECONVENED AT PANMUNJOM LAST TUESDAY. THE RECESS HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY THE UNC DELEGATION. WE HOPED THAT THE COMMUNISTS WOULD USE THE INTERVAL TO RECONSIDER THE UNO'S THREE-POINT PROPOSAL OF 28 APRIL FOR SETTLING ALL REMAINING ISSUES. THE THREE POINTS ARE:

1. THAT THE REDS DROP RUSSIA AS PROPOSED MEMBER OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS INSPECTION TEAMS,
2. THAT THE UN DROP ITS REQUEST FOR A BAN ON MILITARY AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION.
3. REPATRIATION OF ALL PRISONERS WHO DO NOT OBJECT TO RETURNING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SIDES.

THE COMMUNISTS ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE FIRST TWO POINTS BUT REFUSED TO CONSIDER THE THIRD. THEY DEMANDED THE RETURN OF ALL 169,000 ALLIED-HELD PRISONERS, NOT JUST THE 70,000 WHO INDICATED THEY WOULD NOT OBJECT TO GOING HOME.

TEMPERS REMAINED AT THE BOILING POINT. USING THE KORE PRISON CLASHES AS AN EXCUSE FOR DEMANDING RETURN OF ALL POW'S, NORTH KOREAN GENERAL NAM IL, CHIEF RED DELEGATE REPEATED THAT THE ONE-MILLION-MAN RED ARMY "SHALL NOT SIT IDLE" WHILE THEIR COMRADES ARE "WANTING-LY MURDERED."

THE UNC PRESENTED THE COMMUNISTS WITH THE LIST OF QUESTIONS USED IN THE POW INTERROGATIONS. GENERAL HARRISON SAID THE QUESTIONS WERE DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE PRISONERS TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMELAND, NOT TO OPPOSE SUCH A RETURN.

ALTHOUGH DANGEROUSLY NEAR COLLAPSE, THE ARMISTICE TALKS ARE BEING KEPT ALIVE BY DAILY MEETINGS. NEITHER SIDE WANTS TO TAKE THE BLAME FOR THE FINAL RUPTURE.

SPORTS

TOMMY HOLMES WAS FIRED AS MANAGER OF THE BOSTON BRAVES YESTERDAY AND REPLACED BY VETERAN CHARLIE GRIMM. BRAVES GENERAL MANAGER, JOHN QUINN, SAID THAT HOLMES WOULD REMAIN IN THE BOSTON ORGANIZATION. HE SAID HOLMES, WHO WAS APPOINTED DURING LAST SEASON, DOES NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY EXPERIENCE FOR THE JOB. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE BRAVES ARE IN SEVENTH PLACE IN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

HARVEY WARD, A 26-YEAR-OLD GOLFER FROM TARBORO, N.C., WON THE BRITISH AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP SATURDAY BY DEFEATING FRANK STRAMAHAN OF TOLEDO.

THE CHICAGO WHITE SOX, ON A RAMPAGE THAT HAS CARRIED THEM INTO THE THICK OF THE AMERICAN LEAGUE PENNANT RACE, WON THEIR NINTH VICTORY IN THEIR LAST TEN STARTS SATURDAY, AS THEY OPENED AN EASTERN INVASION IN BOSTON. SAM MELE HIT TWO HOMERS, CHICO CARRASQUEL RAPPED FOUR SINGLES, AND ROOKIE MARY GRISSOM LIMITED THE BOSOX TO FIVE HITS, AS THE WHITE SOX WON 7-3.

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ON THE FOUR-HIT PITCHING OF JOE MUIR, PITTSBURGH DOWNED THE PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES, 5-3. RALPH KINER HIT HIS SIXTH HOMER OF THE YEAR FOR THE PIRATES. WILLIE JONES HOMERED FOR THE PHILLIES.

CLEVELAND VS. NEW YORK - RAIN
 ST LOUIS VS. PHILADELPHIA - RAIN
 WASHINGTON VS. DETROIT - RAIN
 (ONLY GAMES SCHEDULED)

NYLON ARMOR VEST (CONTINUED)

THE VEST IS NOT MADE TO STOP BULLETS AND IS NOT BEING TESTED BALLISTICALLY, EXPLAINED CAPTAIN PIERCE. WE ARE HERE TO SURVEY THE ACCEPTABILITY BY TROOPS OF THE EIGHT-POUND ARMOR VEST. FAVORABILITY HAS BEEN RUNNING HIGH.

"MEN WOULD WEAR THE VEST EVEN IF IT WEIGHED MORE," SAID 1ST LT JAMES R. MOODY, LEADER OF THE "ITEM" COMPANY PATROL. "IT MAKES YOU FEEL LIKE AN M-46 TANK WITHOUT THE GUN."

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