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more prisoners since December than the Americans, while their killed and wounded probably were many times the American killed and wounded.

He described the American halting of the German penetration as "one of the greatest stories in the history of fighting men."

He said that an attack had been expected in the Ardennes area, where American forces previously had been weakened in order to enable the U. S. First and Third armies to strike.

He emphasized that the shift of the First and Ninth armies to the command of Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery was temporary and that these forces would be returned to Bradley's 12th army group when the salient was eliminated and direct communications reestablished.

The Americans were within 5,000 yards of the road at noon. For the second time in 24 hours, the Germans tonight were pushing back from the western tip of the salient as British troops advanced south of Marche. Roger D. Greene, AP correspondent north of the bulge, said "events suggest that the next 12 to 24 hours may provide the turning point in the great battle."

T-Sgt. Reimer Is Killed in Italian Area



T/SGT. RUSSELL REIMER

T/Sgt. Russell H. Reimer, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reimer, Biron, died of wounds October 19 received in action in the Italian theater of war, according to word received by the parents Sunday.

Sergeant Reimer had twice before been reported missing in action, once on June 16, 1944, over Yugoslavia, and again on October 17, over Germany. An aerial gunner and radio man, he wrote home last summer telling of the first time that he was reported missing—how his plane crashed and how he managed to get back to allied territory, aided by the Yugoslav underground.

His wife, Florence, resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Zimmerman, on Route 2. He had been married since December, 1943.

The airman was born in Biron, June 14, 1920. He was a graduate of Lincoln High school and was employed by Consolidated Water Power and Paper company before entering service April 11, 1942. He received training at various camps in Nebraska, Texas, Nevada, South Dakota and Kansas.

The sergeant went overseas early in the spring of 1944. He was awarded the Oak Leaf cluster, Air Medal and wore the European-African-Middle East theater ribbon with one battle star for his role in the Italian campaign.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Sergeant Reimer is survived by two brothers, James and Fred, Jr., and one sister, Mrs. George (Lorraine) Zimmerman.

Peterson Resigns Commission Post

Madison—(P)—Governor Good-

Nine Violate Tire Sale Regulations

Wausau, Wis.—(P)—Nine men pleaded guilty in federal court today to violation of tire sale regulations and a tenth entered a plea of nolo contendere.

Louis R. Meyer of Marshfield pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of illegal possession and use of tires.

Elmer Zastrow, Bernhard J. Friedl, Clyde M. Hanson, Arnold E. Rohloff, Lawrence M. Schoeder, and Albert E. Rogney, all of Wausau, William G. Borchardt of Edgar, and Walter M. Caron of Tomahawk pleaded guilty to obtaining tires without certificates and all named Elmer G. Gruening, former Wausau garage employe, as the supplier.

Gruening, who is charged with the illegal sale and transfer of 12 tires without certificates, pleaded guilty to larceny of 17 tires in the November term of the circuit court. His sentence was held up pending disposition of federal charges against him.

John Damon of Wausau pleaded guilty to selling four tires without a certificate.

Minor Damages Are Reported in Three Accidents

Minor damages resulted when cars driven by George Bates, city, traveling west on the Green Bay and Western railroad driveway near First street north, and Roy Schank, Route 1, turning east from First street into the driveway, collided at 6:45 this morning.

Dave McCalla, 420 East Airport avenue, traveling east on East Grand avenue and a car driven by Dr. T. M. Mills, traveling east and turning into a driveway, collided at noon Monday causing slight damage to the fender of the Mills car.

Five minutes later on the same day, a Ford truck driven by Robert McGinley, Route 3, and car driven by Emma M. Sandrin, 1261 Second avenue south, collided at the intersection of Boles street and Second avenue, causing extensive damage to both vehicles.

Battle in High Drifts

The battle was in drifts four to five feet high and in heavy new snowfalls. All along the 30 mile northern flank of the Ardennes salient, the Germans were declared by one of Field Marshal Montgomery's staff officers to be on the defensive and fighting resolutely to bar the allies from the one remaining escape route from the bulge.

On the southern flank of the virtually winter-bound bulge, German counterattacks drove back Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third army a mile on a three mile front west of Bastogne. Field Marshal von Rundstedt appeared to be trying to blast open communications on the south to compensate for the loss yesterday of the Laroche-St. Vith road.

The Germans threw half a dozen attacks against American and French troops in northeast France, including one powerful smash against the French First army south of Strasbourg. That drive from Colmar, where Gestapo chief Heinrich Himmler still was believed providing leadership and inspiration, was halted to Rossfeld and Herbsheim, 16 miles from the big Alsatian city on the Rhine.

Despite the paralyzing storm and drifts which impeded equally the attack and the German escape, the U. S. Second armored division struck heavily at Sambee against mobile and dug-in German tanks.

The second is the "hell on wheels" division which won fame in North Africa, Sicily, Normandy and across France. Its commander is "Old See"—WESTERN FRONT—Page 7

Pfc. Denis Plowman Seriously Wounded

Pfc. Denis H. Plowman, son of Mrs. Mary Plowman, 331 Seventh avenue south, was seriously wounded in action in December on Leyte island in the Philippines, according to a war department telegram received by the parents Monday evening. He was serving with the infantry.

Private Plowman entered service August 31, 1942, and went overseas in December, 1943.

Atlantic Coast On Alert for Robot Attacks

New York—(P)—Civilian defense officials along the Atlantic coast were on the alert today for possible Nazi buzz bomb attacks, viewed as "probable" by Admiral Jonas H. Ingram but doubtful by the navy.

Ingram, of Jeffersonville, Ind., commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, said yesterday "it is possible and probable that the Germans will