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Airborne Men Keep Fighting In 5-Day Hell

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WITH THE ALLIED AIRBORNE FORCES, ARNHEM AREA, Sept. 22—It has been a nasty morning—so far, cold and mist—and the Germans are plastering us plentifully with mortars, big guns, and 88s.

The 88s are worst, because you don't hear them coming.

Machine-guns have just opened up on the right.

In this patch of hell our men are holding a few civilian houses that still stand. It is now five days and five sleepless nights since we flew out from England.

Await Second Army

God knows from what secret source of strength these fighting men have drawn the guts which have kept them going. Only one thing is certain—they will keep going until the Second Army gets here.

More and more Second Army guns are firing in our support.

A signalman is sitting beside me shouting, "Down, sir"—rather as if I were a dog—when he heard a shell coming.

I asked him if he had any message he wanted sent. "Thank you. Tell them it's my birthday," he says. He is 23.

Pilot Proves a C47 Can Strafe Nazis, Too

A U.S. TROOP CARRIER BASE, Sept. 22—A troop carrier co-pilot, 2/Lt. Donald Hyder, of Buhl, Ida., claims to be one of the first airmen to shoot a German from the air with a small arms gun.

Hyder, who helped take supplies to the First Allied Airborne Army in Holland, said that as his plane flew over the drop zone he saw three German soldiers in a field shooting at his plane.

"I asked my crew chief for his tommy-gun, stuck it out the window, and fired at them," he said. "I saw one German fall as he was apparently hit and the other two threw down their guns."

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