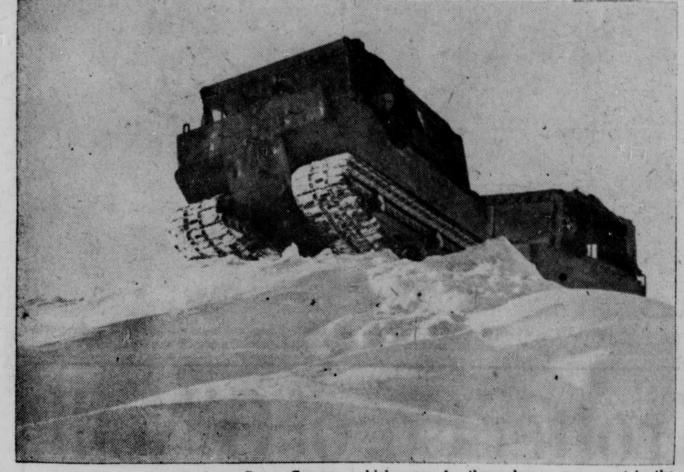
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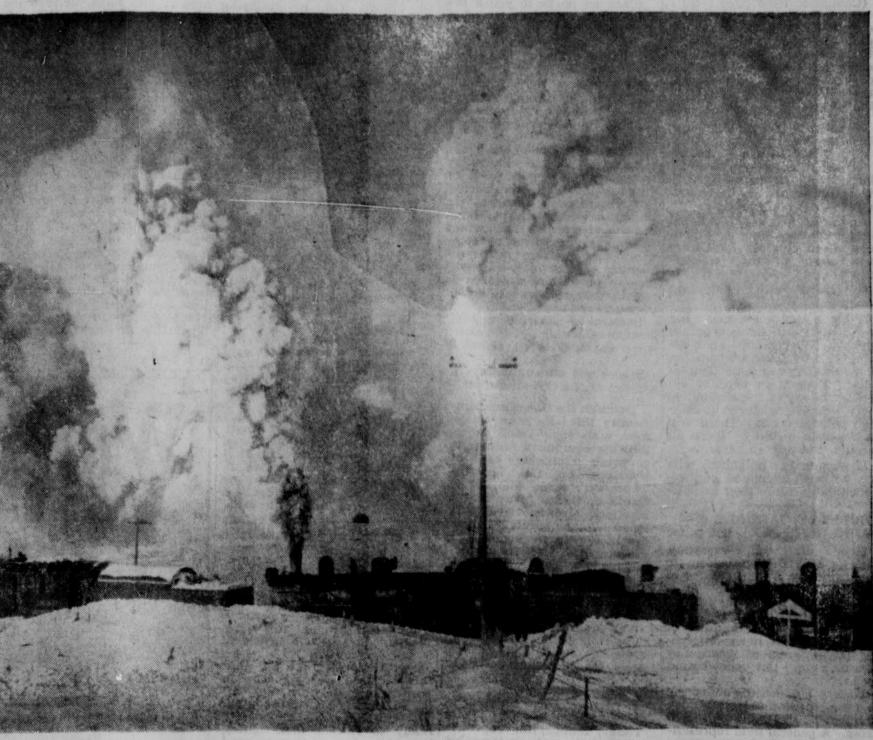
Operation Snowbound: Army and People into Battle



Fifth Army weasels from Camp Carson, Colo., scooted over the glaciers of snow and ice delivering fuel, food and medicine to a beleaguered people. The warborn track-type ve-

hicles won for themselves a warm spot in the hearts of Holt countyans.—The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.





Two Burlington locomotives, trying to buck a drift 1,800 feet long and 20 feet deep, were derailed near O'Neill and that story has become a legend. Derailment and mountainous drifts kept CB&Q tied up from O'Neill to the East for over two months.





Civilian pilots were called upon in late November and flew constantly every flyable hour between blizzards. A bundle of mail is

to Harry Keller, farmer near Ewing.-World-Herald Photo.



'Cat-drawn sleds, roughly-built and resembling mortar boxes, delivered bulky supplies to snowbound rural folk. Morris Harmon, of O'Neill, was typical of the tractor-drawn The Frontier Photo by

sled pilots. His rig is shown pulling up at the O'Neill Airport with supplies to be delivered by air. Frequently several sleds were pulled.— The Frontier Photo by John H. McCarville.



Mrs. John Davidson (right) and Mrs. Glan Tomlinson, of Simonson unit of American Legion Auxiliary, are manning American Red Cross distress headquarters telephones.



Every community had one or more airmen flying mercy missions. Among best-known was O'Neill's Cliff Adkins, who won a salute from Ted Malone on a coast-to-coast radio hookup. —The Frontier Photo.



Bud Neble (right), of radio station KFAB, Omaha, is shown interviewing Vernon Hardesty, of Oakland, Ia., an airman who volunteered for mercy aerial work. Mrs. Guy Cole, of Emmet (on Hardesty's left) was aircraft dispatcher at O'Neill Airport; Gordon Harper, Airport manager, is at extreme left.

Road to O'Neill Airport, nerve-center of Holt county relief work, was opened after valient efforts only to be drifted shut again. shown (in photo at right) is an Air Force Engineer's bulldozer bucking the drifts on the two-mile stretch. Road was closed for weeks. When finally reopened several pieces of heaviest snow removal equipment in country broke down slashing through three feet of ice and snow.—World-Herald Photo by Paul N. Williams.



