

### Frank F. Donghi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green of this City, Had Interesting Experience As Patrol Scout for General Patton's Army In France Where He Endeared Himself to the Frenchmen

Frank F. Donghi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Green, 483 Vinewood, has had some rather unusual experiences as a patrol scout for General Patton's American army in France. One of these incidents has drawn the attention of John M. Carlin, state correspondent for the Detroit News, who is now enroute home after a tour of the French battle front.

**Carlin's Story**  
 "Under a London sky, John Carlin had the following to say about Donghi:  
 "Each of that afternoon in the little French town of Briey when the Nazi patrol went by in their Volkswagen, I always will admire Warrant Officer Frank F. Donghi, 30 years old, Birmingham, Mich.  
 His wife lives at 506 Clawson road, west, in Clawson.  
 Frank became one of my favorite soldiers during my five weeks at the front before Metz with a fighting tank combat force.  
 He is an unusually intelligent young man, an intellectual, a gifted conversationalist with a subtle, dry humor, and an expert linguist. And he has one of the most dangerous jobs in the 3rd army.  
 During those days in the swift tank advance through France, when our lines were so fluid that often there were more Jerry behind us or in woods on our flanks than in front of us, it was Frank's job to go out on patrol. He would take a little Tommy gun, looking like a mechanic's grease gun back home, crook it in his arm, pile into a jeep with a driver and two GI boys, and start off.  
 Every day he would go on those little jaunts, often 20 or 30 miles in front of our lines. It was his job to scout out German work-houses and supplies of food and ammunition and hidden vehicles so our troops could come up on an

capture them before the Jerries destroyed them. The Frenchmen used to joke about his job. He had a ray, half-moon receding about him that knew no fear. As he got into his jeep, he would always say, "Let's go get some headless of danger."  
 It never occurred to him that any day he might get his head shot off, or be captured. He always said, when I suggested he be more careful, "The French take care of me. I speak their lingo pretty good."  
 He spoke like a native because he had lived in France as a youth. He is a distant relative of Julian Green, the author. Frank liked the French and hated the Germans, and the French liked him for that. So on this particular morning he took off with his Tommy-gun, in that playful mood of his as though he was going on a lark.  
 Lieut. Col. Dick McKee had heard that somewhere up ahead there was a big warehouse full of frozen meat for the Wehrmacht. "Find it, will you Frank?" Col. McKee had said. "Our boys are hungry for steaks."  
 "I'm a little hungry myself," said Frank Donghi. "Do you mind if I find it for my own appetite?"  
 "I don't care why or how you find it, just find it, McKee said."  
**Pass Forward Units**  
 Our front lines were a little beyond Verdun then when Frank bit out with his Tommy-gun. He passed our cavalry screen, and he passed our tanks. He was on the side roads far in advance of our troops. And then he drove into the little French town and found the warehouse. He stood on a hill looking at it through his field glasses made sure the Jerries were not there, and then went into the warehouse. He stood on a hill looking at it through his field glasses made sure the Jerries were not there, and then went into the warehouse. He stood on a hill looking at it through his field glasses made sure the Jerries were not there, and then went into the warehouse.

He and his boys hid their jeep in a barn, went into the back door of the French house on the main street, and sat down. While they were eating, a Frenchman hurried up on a bicycle, rushed in, warned them the Jerry patrol was coming. Frank rushed to the window and hid himself in a corner of the curtains, with his machine gun ready. The driver and two GIs took up positions with their Garands at the other side of the window. Three Jerry Volkswagens, filled with Nazi soldiers on patrol, came slowly down the street. The GIs prepared to shoot, and so did Frank. But Frank was thinking, and thinking fast. Suddenly he said, "Don't shoot, men. For God's sake, don't shoot."  
 A GI cursed. Another banged his gun butt on the floor. Nine Germans went by and not a shot was fired.

**Glum Lunches**  
 Frank went back to lynch every glum, putting his Tommy-gun at his feet. "Hell, Mr. Donghi," said a strapping GI, "we could have ambushed the lot of them. Like shooting ducks in a barrel."  
 Frank wore like a longshoreman. "Danmunt," he said, "I know that, and I know that the only good German shooting is a dead one. Let's shoot ducks in a barrel."  
 "But, why, Frank?" his driver asked.  
 "Well, said Frank slowly, "if we had killed those Krauts, we would have left our troops may not move up here for a couple of days."  
 "The Germans would come back and their patrol butchered, think the French had done it and then—well, the Jerries would kill a lot of Frenchmen for no reason. That's why."  
 Frank did not want the Frenchmen and the French housewife who was such a good cook to think that four Americans were afraid of nine Germans. He explained in ill-mimic French to them why he had not fired. A Frenchman pumped up and kissed Frank on both cheeks. "Oh, you Americans—you think of everything," the Frenchman said. All the Frenchmen kissed the

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When the frost is on the pun'kin  
 Allie's hair is a-waitin'.

Thoughtful Voters of Michigan Who are Interested in Good Government and Responsible Home Rule Will Vote "NO" on Proposal No. 4 on Nov. 7.

**BECAUSE**  
 1. This Amendment DOES concern the whole state, not Wayne County as its sponsors contend. It is aimed at BREAKING DOWN local government. Attempts to pass a similar amendment applying to all counties were heavily defeated in 1934 and 1936. Then, two years ago at time began. Again they failed, but the defendants of local government must now rally to decisively reject this proposal for all time.

2. Proposal No. 4 would destroy the two-party system of government, as American as the Liberty Bell, by substituting "nonpartisan" candidates for county offices, all of whom would be elected AT LARGE and responsible to no group!

3. Detroit's present city and legislative officials, now elected AT LARGE, have been notoriously inefficient and corrupt. In grand jury affidavits submitted to the city council, the MAYOR and a host of police officers were indicted and convicted. The majority of Detroit state legislators in 1944 were indicted and convicted of graft!

4. By giving two-thirds control to Detroit, Proposal No. 4 would end the home rule for 11 counties and 18 townships in Wayne county. Detroit's debt has soared over 1,000 per cent since 1919; Wayne county's debt, due to thirty government, has decreased 15 per cent.

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