

# Says News Services Misrepresent, Inflate Dispatches From Front

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**Lt. Col. C. G. Brown, PBNE RR Official,  
Back From Three Campaigns  
Charges "Rotten News Coverage"**

"When the Army wanted me to reach North Africa in a hurry, I flew. But not for pleasure!"

These are the words of a veteran railroad man whom war so converted to the necessity of airplane travel that he flew more than 16,000 miles during his 18 months overseas duty with the transportation corps of the U. S. Army.

He is Lieutenant-Colonel Charles G. Brown of 55 East Church Street, who recently returned to his family in Bethlehem after participating in the North African, Sicilian and Italian campaigns. In Italy he was superintendent of transportation and military railway

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... deplors war news coverage

service. In Bethlehem, he was assistant superintendent of the Philadelphia, Bethlehem and New England Railroad.

Lt. Col. Brown returned to this country filled with admiration for the average G-1 Joe whom he describes as "doing a wonderful job in the face of seemingly unsurmountable odds."

However, the job of G-I Joe is not helped, in the opinion of this Army officer, by the news stories printed in U. S. newspapers, which he feels are "guilty of a disgraceful misrepresentation of the truth."

### NEWS VICIOUS

"This newspaper stuff is vicious," he stated, chiefly because it inflates public optimism until the folks at home have no conception of how well-prepared and vicious the Germans really are."

Because he has personally read news stories before they were cabled by reporters from the scene of action and found them to be accurate, brief and pointed, Lt. Col. Brown feels that the fault lies in the editorial rooms of the large news services in this country. He states that here stories are "blown up beyond recognition, re-written, expanded, rehashed and embellished by men who know nothing of the tactics of war and less than nothing of geography."

### 'ROTTEN' COVERAGE

"We are paying a terrific price at home and in the Army for the rotten news coverage. It is the meat and flesh put on the skeleton story by home-front newspapers that is responsible for the horrible damage," he re-iterated.

Lt. Col. Brown has been awarded various decorations and bars which he refuses to discuss or describe by name, laughingly dismissing them as being "tributes to my ability to down my K-Ration morning mush."

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