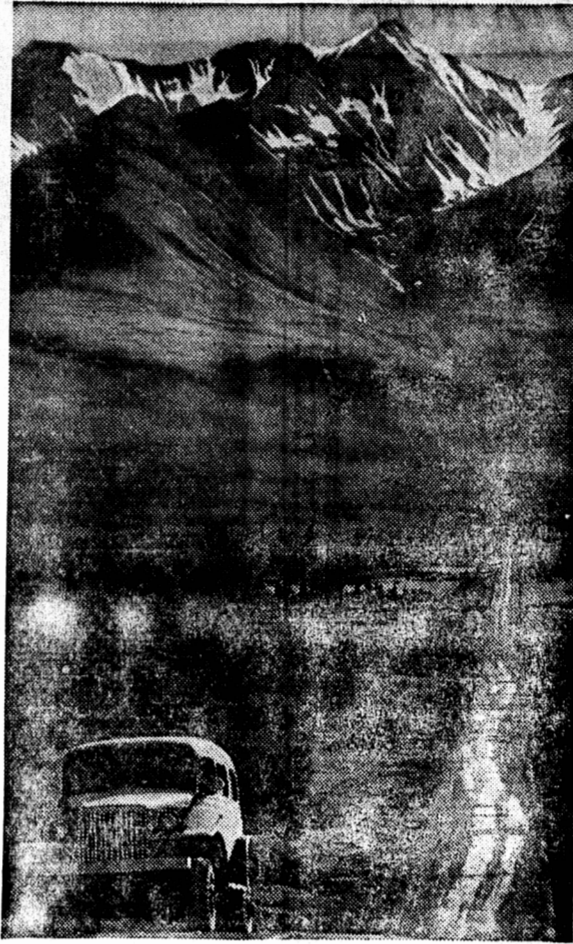


# U.S. Army Forges Vital United Nations Link on Canadian Highway to Alaska



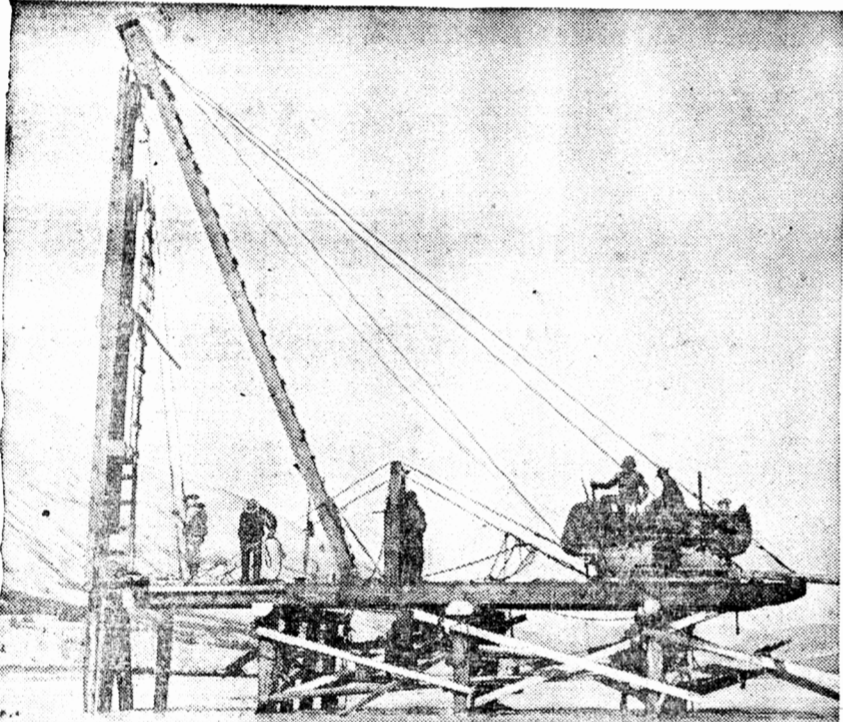
A welcome army of invasion is the great force of United States soldiers now cutting the wonderful Alcan Highway through Canada's wilderness to Alaska. A former lithographer, Sherman Gardner of Midvale, Utah, is working as surveyor.



The Trail of '42. Through bushland, across muskeg and rivers, a vital artery in North America's network of defence is feeding weapons and supplies to the north.



Mastermind of the Alcan is Brigadier General W. H. Hoge, officer commanding the U.S. forces building the road. The project is one of a broad program of joint U.S.-Canadian military activities, including training of troops and defence.



The crash of a pile driver shatters the silence, bulldozers and caterpillar tractors roar as they carve out a lifeline to our northern bastion. Engineers are shown pounding bridge supports into the riverbed, completing another link.



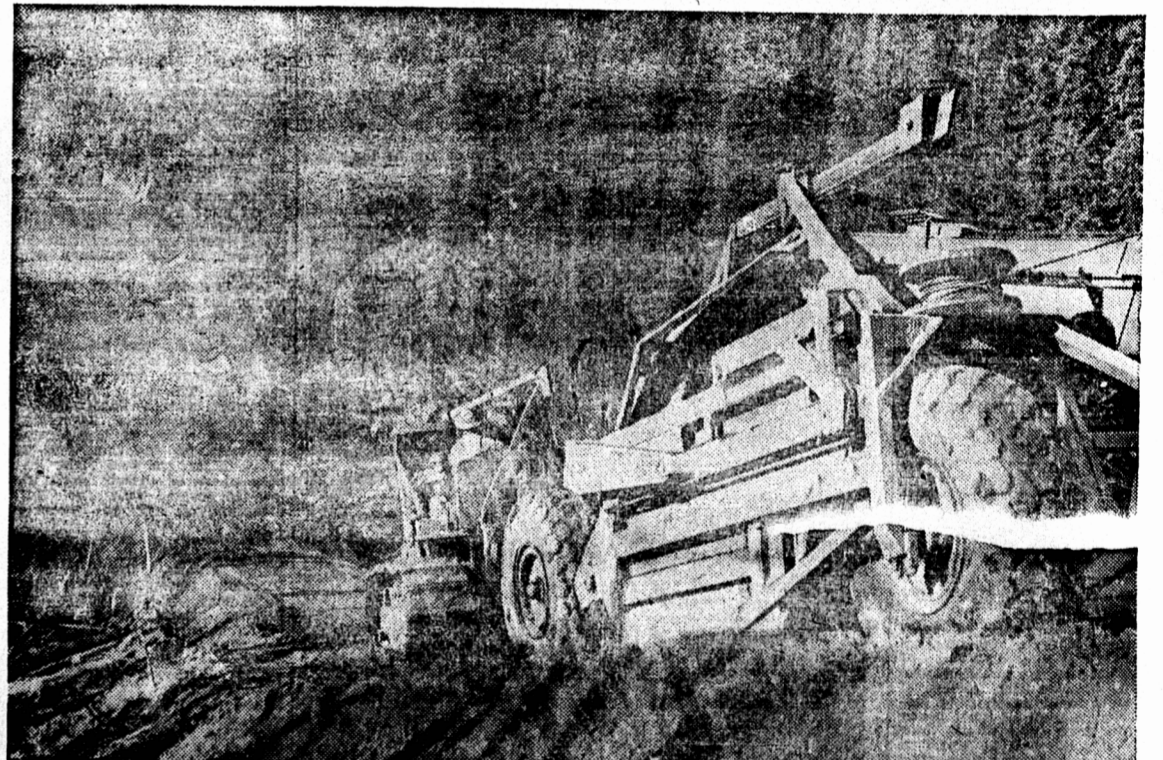
Payment of U.S. troops and Canadian contractors brings in American exchange, facilitating purchase of war materials in United States for Dominion's arsenals.



"You should hear these fellows singing at their work", says Nicholas Morant, who made these photos. Pte. Walter Donald of Quitman, Miss., is applying soap to Pte. Joseph Lawrence of Augusta, Ga., at an advance road camp barber shop.



The humorist who erected the "Help Wanted — Female" sign (inset in centre) must be bored with denuding potatoes and washing his own socks. Sgt. Al Mangone, former bartender in Rochester, N.Y. (left) helps the boys to forget their troubles with good chow. Pte. Al Hubbell of Dallas, Texas (right) does his washing.



On this "carry-all" tons of earth are moved from one section of the road to a fill. Hidden two or three feet under the muskeg in some sections along the road are glacial ice formations thousands of years old. When muskeg is removed the ice melts, creating heavy morass. U.S. Army engineers have solved the problem.



Pte. E. Pieper of Wyandotte, Mich., stands guard at Main and Broadway (it says here).



With whiskers and mosquito netting, Pte. N. Calkins of Spokane is well protected.



First Class Private Dick Lewis of Oskaloosa, Iowa, shares his ration in his messkit with a husky puppy. He'd heard huskies were vicious, found them friendly.



Pte. Lewis has no confidence in his ability to thumb a ride to Texas, but someone might be driving as far as the postoffice. He enjoys getting mail from home.



Mosquito net and spade are standard equipment. This is Pte. M. Swain, Payson, Utah.



No gals to charm, so Pte. Jim Moore, Weslaco, Texas, keeps in style with beard.

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