

SERGEANT YORK <sup>Lt. - Aids, Fisher.</sup> Wed. Sept. 2 - '64

When his platoon was pinned down by machine gun fire - Sergeant York calmly picked off twenty five of the enemy with his rifle. The rest of the Germans, so demoralized - that one hundred and thirty two of them surrendered.

Marshal Foch called it the outstanding single performance - of World War One. And it made immortal the name of the man - who ~~was~~ has just died in Nashville, Tennessee. Passing at the age of seventy-six -- Sergeant <sup>Alvin</sup> York.

SERGEANT YORK

*Sergeant Yorks*  
I wonder what was ~~the~~ greatest battle, ~~of~~

~~Sergeant Yorks~~ Was it the Argonne Forest - during  
World War One? Or, the old soldier's fight for life -  
during the past fifteen years?

The historians are not in any doubt - about it.

No one can write the chronicles of the conflict that lasted  
from Nineteen Fourteen to Nineteen Eighteen - without  
mentioning the exploits of the Tennessee sharpshooter.

Alvin York, a real hill billy - an illiterate out  
of a log cabin - when Uncle Sam drafted him. He tried  
to stay out of the army - because he had ~~written~~ religious  
scruples against fighting. But the draft board - insisted.  
And so - Sergeant York went off to war.

*Altho* He arrived in the Argonne Forest - without his  
squirrel rifle, *he did have with him* ~~but with~~ his backwoods marksmanship.

And in a single action in the autumn of Nineteen Eighteen  
- he performed a feat unmatched by any other soldier,  
of any ~~other~~ army.

## MARNE

There's a note of tragic irony - in this brief news item on the wire tonight. Just as we are commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Battle of the Marne - of World War One. The hard-fought Allied victory - which halted the German onslaught on September Sixth, Nineteen Fourteen, ~~was~~ a turning point - of the war, <sup>so</sup> at the cost of  $\lambda$  many lives.

Today, fifty years after, the battle <sup>of the Marne</sup>  $\lambda$  claimed two more victims. Both soldiers <sup>who</sup> ~~they~~  $\lambda$  were fighting a fire near the Marne River - when a World War ~~at~~ One shell exploded. One killed - one wounded. A footnote to history - and the Battle of the Marne.

## MEDICARE

*The roll call vote was forty-nine to forty-four in the Senate, today -- in favor of Medicare. The President's bill to provide medical care for the aged. Five Republicans and forty-four Democrats - voting "aye". Among the Republicans and Democrats voting -- "no" -- Senator Barry Goldwater of Arizona.*

*Later the Senate okayed an increase in social security payments to finance the plan. Now the issue is up to a senate-house committee and, of course -- up to the voters in this election year.*



## HOUSING

*President Johnson made a point of acknowledging the accomplishments of the Eighty-Eighth Congress today - as he signed the Housing and Urban Renewal Bill into law. Calling the bill - "the most constructive attack by any Congress on the challenge of keeping America a fit place to live." The bill provides over a billion dollars - to eliminate slums and house the needy.*



KENNEDY

*A busy day -- and a fruitful day -- for  
Attorney General Robert Kennedy.*

*One of the highlights -- the A F L - C I O  
New York State Convention -- where he appeared  
before the delegates to receive -- a standing  
ovation, and a resounding voice-vote endorsement  
of his senatorial campaign.*

*Attorney General Kennedy - who tomorrow  
is expected to renounce that title as he campaigns  
for another -- off to a swinging start in New York.*



VIET NAM

Saigon - still buzzing tonight, ~~With~~ rumors -  
and political manoeuvres. The latest, acting Premier  
of South Viet Nam - going to Hue in Central Viet Nam,  
~~To~~ try and persuade Buddhist leaders and students there  
to follow Saigon's lead. That is - to agree ~~no~~ not to attack  
the government during the next two months. Chief  
opposition in Hue - scene of demonstrations and protests -  
is to strong man Premier Khanh, ~~Who~~ is resting at the  
moment - away from Saigon. And who, newsmen were told  
- has no intention of returning ~~Until~~ he is sure ~~to~~ he has  
the loyalty - of the army units in the capital.

~~Meanwhile in Saigon - prices soared, Because  
of rumors started for political reasons - by friends of  
General Khanh, Who say America has threatened - to  
cut off assistance, If Premier Khanh - doesn't stay at  
his post. To which the Americans in Saigon say - not so.~~



## MALAYSIA

*In the far Pacific, Sukarno has stepped up - his aggression against the Federation of Malaysia. The Indonesian dictator sending paratroopers - to reinforce his commandos in the Mangrove swamps of the Malay Peninsula. The coastline just across the Strait of Malacca - from Sumatra.*

*The Indonesian transport plane - American made, incidentally - was spotted before dawn. Thirty paratroopers bailing out - at sunrise. Drifting down into the mangroves, working free of their chutes - and disappearing into the morass.*

*That is - the ones who got away. The rest, either killed or captured - by the <sup>Malay</sup>~~Indonesian~~ army, which has been patrolling the Mangrove swamps - ever since the first Indonesian commandos infiltrated the Malay peninsula - from ~~Sumatra~~ Sumatra.*

## ARCHEOLOGY

*The archaeological discoveries revealed today by Professor Mikhail Gerasinov of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, take us back to Paleolithic times -- the old Stone Age.*

*Two great finds -- both in Western Russia. First, the well-preserved skeleton of a man -- who lived thirty thousand years ago -- and who seems to have been -- the king of a pre-historic tribe. His people buried him -- with religious rites. Dressing him in his tribal finery -- including robes with buttons of ivory. Leaving jars of food and water in his tomb -- to sustain him on his long journey.*

*The second find - the ruins of a house -- age, twenty-five thousand years. How could the ruins of a house survive for so long? The walls were made of mammoth tusks. Almost indestructible -- the ivory of the pre-historic tital -- that roamed the*

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*Russian Steppes in vast herds -- the mammoth -- of  
the old Stone Age -- Dick...*



## ANIMALS

*Now, here's an interesting idea. An African game sanctuary -- in Texas. The great King Ranch is setting aside a stretch of plain and forest -- as a new home for the animals of Africa, animals that face extinction -- on their native continent, but can survive -- say zoologists -- in the Lone Star State.*

*First, the giant eland, to be turned loose - to fend for themselves. After that, the King ranch to add the wildebeast, the gnu, Thompson's Gazelle, zebra, giraffes -- but no lions.*