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LOCAL BOYS IN FIRST CONVOY TO REACH KUMMING

HARVEY BAILEY AND BERNARD
GRAHAM MAKE HISTORIC
JOURNEY FROM ASSAM

April 5, 1945

ALONG THE STILWELL ROAD—

Two local men, Private 1st Class Harvey C. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bailey, Wheeler, and Technician 5th Grade (Corporal) Bernard N. Graham, whose wife, Kathryn, lives in Toledo, were two of the men who made the trip in the historic first convoy which recently rolled in Kunming, China. Bailey and Graham were chosen because of the outstanding work they and their Quartermaster Trucking Company have been doing on the American built road during the 19 months they have been overseas.

After appropriate ceremonies, the convoy pulled out of the village of Ledo in the province of Assam, India, and soon was climbing the hundreds of curves on the treacherous Patkai Hills, crossed the Hukawng and Mogaung Valleys, rolled through the Burmese cities of Myitkyina and Bhamo and on to Mongyu, where the Stilwell and Burma Roads merge. The next stop was Wanting, China, just beyond the Burma border, and everybody took time out to celebrate.

The supply laden vehicles then roared through the Salween gorge and on to the ancient walled city of Paoshan, where Chinese of all ages turned out to greet Pick's men with fireworks, streamers and merry-making. Finally, on February 4, the dusty weary convoyers entered Kunming, where, in memorable ceremonies attended by notables of the United Nations, Gen. Pick delivered the goods to the Government of China.