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& A HOME TOWN AT ITS FINEST**

500 Sheets is the inspiring, heart-warming true story of World War II hero Lt. Col. John D. Hanlon and his hometown, Winchester, Mass. – and a promise he made during the Battle of the Bulge to a group of Belgian villagers who answered his call for help. The story of that promise and how it was kept by the people of Winchester captured the attention of people across the country as newspapers, and even *Life* magazine followed the events.

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500 Sheets is not only Hanlon's story but also a tribute to the servicemen and women of all America, exemplified by Col. Hanlon, and to those who have supported them on the home front and abroad.

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Lt. Col. John Hanlon's Debt of Honor



Major (later Lt. Col.) John Hanlon, right, in Belgium, 1944



American soldiers leaving Bastogne which Maj. Hanlon and his men helped defend, with the help of 500 Belgian sheets.

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