

Lights Out in the Ardennes

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Once with the lights flickering as the generator coughs and splutters, the doc is slicing open a young Private's abdomen when someone opens the tent flap and yells, "Pack it up, we're moving out."

No surprise, but bad timing.

Without looking up or raising his voice, the doc says, " Phil, go out and tell them if they touch that generator I'm coming out scalpel in hand."

