

# Blood and Fire

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## 436th AA Receives Battalion Standard

Formal presentation of a battalion standard to the 436th AAA (AW) Bn. was made in Sarreguemines last week by Gen. Hibbs.

At the same ceremony, staged near Bridge Fox, Gen. Hibbs decorated Sgt. Deno J. Tomaselli, of Gowen, Okla., with the Bronze Star for heroic achievement in action Jan. 8. When a truck loaded with ammunition and valuable equipment was hit by a shell, Sgt. Tomaselli led a party in retrieving the equipment from the vehicle, despite the danger of exploding ammunition.

The 63d Div. Band furnished music at the ceremony. Color bearers and color guards, all from the anti-aircraft battalion, were M/Sgt. John R. Shepherd, Glasgow, Mont.; T/Sgt. Albert B. Oreschnick, St. Paul, Minn.; S/Sgt. Ird D. Quirk, Waltham, Mass., and S/Sgt. William M. Bowen, Macon, Ga.

Besides the Division Commander, others in the reviewing stand were Col. Merle R. Thompson, assistant AAA officer of Seventh Army; Col. John C. Henegan, commanding the 5th AAA Grp. and, Lt. Col. Alvin H. Schuz, commanding the 436th.

## Simpson on the Mike

The smooth tones of Cpl. John B. Simpson, formerly of Sv. Co., 255th Inf., can be heard daily over the Seventh Army Radio Station. Simpson, a former staff announcer for NBC, received his latest assignment recently. When the 63d presented its radio program over WPTX from Orleans, Simpson was the announcer.

## 63d Spearheads Drive For Linkup of Armies

The 63d Infantry Division, first in the Seventh Army to fight in Germany, Tuesday became the first to thrust completely through the Siegfried Line.

Its drive was directly responsible for the next day's historic linkup of the Seventh and Third armies. The 63d punched a hole through the vaunted German defenses for a combat command of the 6th Armd. Div. It was this armor which made the actual junction with a Third Army unit west of Kaiserslautern.

Early on the sixth day of the 63d's drive the remaining Nazi defenses were cracked in two places near Ober Wurzbach and the hole was punched for armor to roll through.

On Wednesday, the first day of Spring, the Blood and Fire shoulder patch was carried past Saarbrücken as the Division continued its most important smash thus far in the Germany Campaign.

### «Made History»

In the words of Gen. Hibbs, the Division's men, whom he called «Hot Shots,» «made history» and thoroughly achieved his promise of the night before the attack: «You will again strike first, into and through the Siegfried Line, blasting a hole in the enemy's vaunted West Wall.»

Elements of each of the three infantry regiments jumped off simultaneously at 0100 Thursday, March 15 — the fateful Ides of March — in coincidence with a spectacular thunder of artillery fire from hundreds of guns of this and higher echelons. The attack was begun without artillery preparation.

### 45th in Attack

The veteran 45th (Thunderbird) Division, victors in Africa, Sicily, Italy and Southern France, and the 70th (Trailblazer) Division, which was activated the same day as the 63d, jumped off at the same time. The 63d was the spearhead.

On the opening day the Blood and Fire uncovered the Siegfried Line by seizing the last high ground to the south of it. In swift moves the three regiments captured the towns of Re-

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### From Gen. Hibbs

Quotations from Gen. Hibbs' two historic messages before and after the Siegfried Line attack:

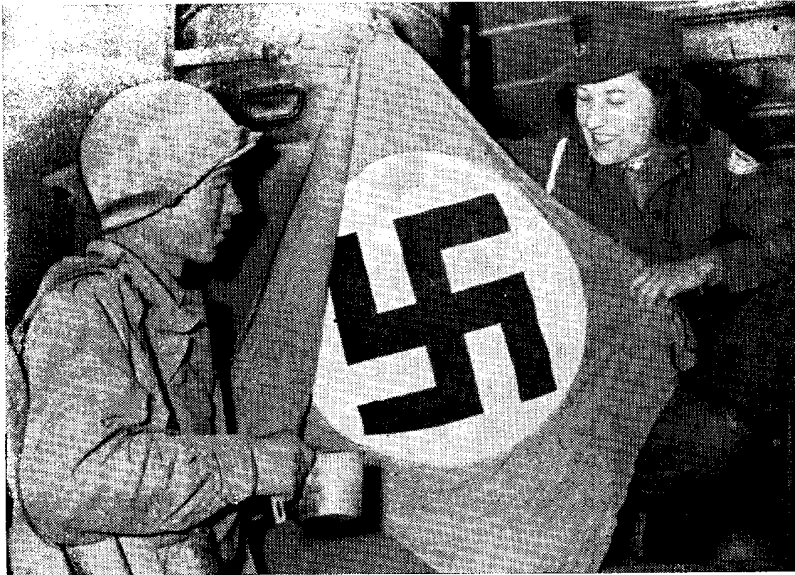
March 14

«Last month this Division brilliantly forced the crossing of the Saar River and led the Seventh Army onto German soil. In the coming attack you will again strike first, into and through the Siegfried Line—blasting a hole in the enemy's vaunted West Wall, last barrier to the Rhine.»

March 21

«My congratulations, Hot Shots! You broke into and through the Siegfried Line and turned loose the armor into Germany! This was your immediate mission. Add another glorious page to the history of this, your 63d Blood and Fire Infantry Division.

«This day you can remember. This day you made history!»



TROPHY taken in the push on Gudinggen was this Nazi flag which Pfc. Herman E. James, Co. B, 255th Inf., from Baltimore, Md., displays for Henri Barnhart, of Delaware, O., who was helping serve Red Cross coffee and doughnuts to hungry GIs behind the lines.

## Church Law Dampens GIs' Religious Zeal

The chaplain who first made the statement that there are no atheists in foxholes also should have included Lorraine towns.

Recently the commander of AT Co., 255th Inf., was startled to notice the great number of men when suddenly had acquired religion. He also noted a falling-off in attendance a few weeks later. Digging into the story, Lt. Richard Bull came up with the information that many of the boys had noted the weekly Sunday parade of pretty girls to church.

Sharpening up as much as possible under the circumstances, the boys accompanied several of the gals to the Kirche. They were dismayed to discover, however, that the custom is to separate the lads from the lassies once they get into church.

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## TD Men Pace Stork In Race to Hospital

What developed into a successful race against energetic Mr. Stork began one morning recently when an excited Frenchman rapped on the door of the house where Pfc. Suyfard Herbert of Basile, La., and Sgt. George E. Boggiano of Oakland, Calif., 822d TD Bn., were billeted.

Herbert, after suffering the usual tragic consequences which result from trying to fumble in the dark for shoes, helmet and weapon, discovered through the veil of excited French that the man's wife was expectant. Gathering there was no time to lose, Herbert awakened Boggiano.

Ordering a weapons carrier for the «detail», the NCO accompanied the party to the civilian's home. The woman refused to be carried on a stretcher and was helped to the vehicle by the nervous trio. The group arrived at a nearby hospital at 0410 and at 0425 the French family was augmented by a seven-pound boy.

## Well, After All Gents, Brooklyn is Growing

Pfcs. Francis X. and James E. Cavanaugh, twins, and Pfc. Gerald Cohen, all of Co. K, 255th Inf., have led amazingly parallel lives since Uncle Sam invited them to join the Army.

They lived within a few blocks each other in Brooklyn, the Cavanaugh's at 56 Forbil St. and Cohen at 449 Barbey St. They were inducted from the same draft board on the same day, reported for duty the same day and took their basic training together at Camp Wolters, Tex.

When they were transferred to the 63d at Van Dorn they were assigned to the 3d Plat. of Co. K. Later they were shifted to the weapons platoon, and now all three are gunners on a 60mm mortar. They were born on the same day, Oct. 15, 1925. But the Cavanaugh's never knew Cohen before the trio entered the Army.

## 255th Commissions Six

Six new lieutenants, each of whom received his commission from the ranks, have been added to the rolls of the 255th Inf. The men and their former ratings are: S/Sgts. Gerald D. Duval, Co. H, Petersburg, Mich., and Earl F. Sweeney, Co. I, Chicago; T/Sgt. Nelson C. Lawhorn, Co. F, Vinton, Va., and Sgts. John V. Martin, Co. E, Elkin, N. C.; Theodore Panczyk, Co. A, McKeesport, Pa., and Marion F. Cottrill, Co. C, Columbus, Ind.

Whatever your job, save your equipment. Typewriters are nearly as critical as tires.

# Awards

## Silver Star

### 253d INF.

Maj. James D. Beckett, Hq. 1st Bn., Boulder City, Nev.

S/Sgt. James J. McCleary, Cn. Co., DeSoto, Kan.

### 254th INF.

\* Pfc. Richard J. Butler, Med., Carthage, N.Y.

\* Lt. Parr C. LaMonte, Co. C, Charlotte, Mich.

\* T/4 Vernon H. Miller, Med., Indianapolis.

\* Lt. Herbert C. Vaughan, Jr., Co. K, Stevensville, Va.

\*\* Pfc. Stanley D. Wilmore, Co. B, Wheat Ridge, Colo.

Capt. Clement J. Coss, Co. I, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Cpl. Andrew Dedekam, Co. M, Pelham, N.Y.

Cpl. John D. Erhardt, Co. M, Cincinnati.

T/5 Edwin J. Kocinski, Med., Chicago.

Lt. James L. McKeever, Co. I, West Point, Va.

T/5 Jesse W. Welch, Med., Lockport, N.Y.

\* T/4 John P. Bellina, Med., New York City (previously awarded Bronze Star).

\* T/Sgt. Joseph C. Gaberdiel, Co. K, Grandville, Mich.

\* S/Sgt. Clyde R. Hagerich, Co. K, Conemaugh, Pa.

T/Sgt. Walter J. Halfmann, Co. B, Fond du Lac, Wis.

862d F.A.

Lt. Robert M. MacGowan, Btry. C, Scarsdale, N.Y.

## Bronze Star

(Heroic Achievement)

### 253d INF.

Pfc. Norman T. Hoover, AT Co., Omaha, Neb.

Pfc. Robert M. Simpkins, Co. G, Forsyth, Ga.

Pvt. William J. Cheney, AT Co., New York City.

Pfc. Geza Horvath, AT Co., Cleveland.

Capt. Archelaus L. Hamblen, Jr., Co. M, Washington, D.C.

S/Sgt. Wilson A. Hayden, AT Co., Bowling Green, Ky.

Capt. Warren L. Kirkland, AT Co., Pinehurst, Wash.

254th INF.

Sgt. Joseph J. Sokolowski, Hq. Co. 3d Bn., Perth Amboy, N.J.

Maj. Robert L. Bereuter, Hq. 3d Bn., Utica, Neb.

Lt. John P. Brown, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., Miami, Fla.

T/5 Harvey G. Coker, Jr., Med., Knoxville, Tenn.

Pfc. Leon H. Rodgers, Med., Columbia, S.C.

255th INF.

Pfc. Norman J. Roy, Co. A, North Adams, Mass.

S/Sgt. Neal Walk, Co. A, Detroit.

T/4 Joseph F. Gilchrist, Med., Hope Valley, R.I.

Sgt. Douglas MacDougall, Co. F, Queens Village, N.Y.

Lt. Ralph S. Matlock, Co. K, Ponca City, Okla.

S/Sgt. Francis D. Nafziger, Co. I, Bloomington, Ill.

Sgt. Howard R. Hansen, Co. D, Fowler, Mich.

63d RCN. TR.

T/5 Emery T. Hadley, Covington, Tenn.

T/5 Frank R. Sale, Dover, Del.

T/5 Richard D. Steffee, Pittsburgh.

Sgt. Charles D. Tetley, Los Angeles.

T/4 Arthur W. Rogerson, Camden, N.J.

Pfc. Arnold V. Carpenter, West Chester, Pa.

Pfc. William F. Kinsey, Newark, N.J.

T/5 Norman Leckband, Albany, Ore.

363 MED. BN.

(all Co. C)

Pfc. Joseph V. Tamulevicius, Holmdel, N.J.

Pfc. Oscar N. Tolson, Cincinnati.

Pfc. Oscar L. Faulkner, Savannah, Ga.

Lt. Harold E. Jones, Woodbury, N.J.

T/5 Alfred H. LaFleur, Monroe, Wash.

S/Sgt. Edward R. Mace, Lock Haven, Pa.

263d ENGR. BN.

Co. B:

Pfc. Fred L. Adams, Neosho, Mo.

Pfc. Francis P. Austin, Gouverneur, N.Y.

Sgt. Leonard Berger, New York City.

Sgt. Paul W. Bowling, Covington, Va.

Pvt. Howard G. Brooks, Meadville, Pa.

Pfc. Albert Carlson, New York City.

Pvt. Frank Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.

Pvt. George S. Clausen, Minneapolis

Pvt. Matthew C. Dugan, Kings, N.Y.

Pfc. Fred C. Essman, Bessemer, Ala.

Pvt. Howell B. Gowan, Jonesboro, Ark.

S/Sgt. James L. Greener, Cleveland.

T/5 Charles W. Lawson, Newark, N.J.

T/5 John P. Lenz, Philadelphia.

Pvt. Dale A. Lilly, Helena, Mont.

Pfc. Robert E. Myers, Hanford, Calif.

Pvt. Robert D. O'Keefe, Prescott, Ark.

T/5 Otto V. Papik, Yankton, S.D.

Pvt. Douglas L. Philipp, Vincennes, Ind.

Pvt. Alvin D. Rheam, Springdale, Ark.

Sgt. James F. Richards, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

M/Sgt. Oscar E. Rocha, San Diego, Calif.

Pvt. Edward Saul, Millville, N.J.

Pvt. Alex A. Skupien, Taft, Calif.

Pfc. Fred W. Vanderpool, Durant, Okla.

Pfc. Pete Vargo, Akron, O.

Co. A:

Lt. John J. Toomey, Washington, D.C.

Lt. Donald Johnston, Milwaukee.

Sgt. George Harris, West New York, N.J.

Pfc. Leo Koryta, Lincoln, Neb.

Sgt. John S. Lynch, Greensburg, Pa.

Pvt. Reid Y. Meredith, Davidson Co., N.C.

T/4 Glen J. Munz, Missoula, Mont.

T/5 Samuel T. South, Chicago.

862 F.A.

T/5 Norbert J. Guindon, Btry. C, Escanaba, Mich.

Cpl. Frank D. Harbaugh, Btry. C, Spokane, Wash.

Cpl. Irving R. Perine, Btry. C, Iron Mountain, Mich.

863d F.A.

Capt. James H. Richards, Jr., Hq. Btry., Woodbury, Conn.

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS

Maj. Halkey K. Ross, G-5 Sec., Providence, R.I.

Lt. August J. Neberle, G-5 Sec., Saginaw, Mich.

863d F.A.

Co. A:

Pfc. Fingal W. Morris, Ft. Snelling, Minn.

Cpl. Owen J. Dobbe, Milwaukee.

Pfc. Robert J. Hussey, Albany, N.Y.

Pvt. R. C. P. Nichols, Enterprise, Ala.

Sgt. Charles W. Price, Chattanooga, Tenn.

T/4 Leo S. Voit, Columbus, O.

Cpl. Lewis J. Zimmerman, Buffalo, N.Y.

T/5 Milvooy J. Caslavka, Clutier, Ia.

T/5 Otto V. Deninno, New York City.

Pvt. Gorden B. Jackson, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Pvt. Earl Johnson, Ashland, Ky.

Pvt. Andrew M. Lewter, Athens, Ala.

Sgt. Carl L. Plank, Salem, Mo.

Co. B:

Pfc. Jack A. Cochran, Beaverton, Ore.

Pfc. A. M. Culp, Willamson, Ill.

T/5 John J. Malinowski, Chicago.

Pfc. James J. Manos, San Francisco.

Pvt. George C. Pfarr, Woodbridge, N.J.

Pvt. Thomas J. Polacek, Cudahy, Wis.

Pvt. Edward R. Scott, Escanaba, Mich.

Pvt. Albert L. Showalter, Peoria, Ill.

T/5 Charles J. Thomas, Glasgow, Mont.

Pvt. Owen K. Weyant, Bedford, Pa.

H. & S. Co.:

Pfc. Henry C. Hendricks, Hackensack, N.J.

Pvt. Benedict E. Huffman, Long Beach, Calif.

Oak Leaf Cluster to

Bronze Star

(Meritorious Service)

253d INF.

Maj. Richard G. Cox, S-4, Fredericksburg, Va.

Capt. Herschel N. Burton, Co. L, Moberly, Kan.

\* Posthumous Award.

\*\* Missing in Action.

## Division Sidelights

**718th F.A.** — Sgt. Richard Quinn, Los Angeles, became the fourth man in the battery to be reunited with his brother overseas. The Sergeant's brother, Lt. James Quinn, has been in an ordnance outfit overseas for more than two years.

Sgt. William Grabowski, Meriden, Conn., is feeling mighty proud these days. News from home brought the announcement he is the father of a girl.

Pvt. John W. McNamee, Chicago, and Pfc. Byron H. Rude, Paulsboro, Wash., both of Hq. Btry., were strictly on the alert one dark night. When two civilians walking near a river failed to halt at their challenge the guards bagged the pair and marched them off to the CP and then to Civil Affairs. The worried Frenchmen were exonerated and went their way. The payoff came a few hours later when the Redlegs discovered they were billeted in the home of their erstwhile captives.

**63d QM Co.** — The promotion of two officers and 13 enlisted men was announced recently. Lt. John E. Rodman, CO, has been promoted to captain, and 2d Lt. Elden J. Carson has been named first lieutenant. Among the enlisted men T/5 Al Nardone was advanced to corporal and Pfc. Arthur Scott now wears T/5 chevrons. The following privates were named privates first class: John Compton, John J. Roberts, Marvin Jacobs, Baarton P. Graham, Allen L. Campbell, George Robbins, Charles Atherton, Robert R. Cordray, James Williamson, John C. Schisler and Louis Campbell.

Two brothers, both of them in QM, but in different units, met recently. Pfc. Delta Vidrine, of the 63d, met his brother Hubert, who is in the Third Army. It was the first meeting of the two in four years.

**255th Inf.** — Even the bovines get expert medical attention in the 3d Bn. During a lull in the action around Neunkirchen a calf was delivered under the able direction of T/4 Perry Bridgets, of Georgia.

Maj. Harold H. Chandler, Baltimore, Regtl. S-4, has been notified of the birth of a daughter, Mary Margaret, last month. Weight: 6 pounds 15 ounces... Cpl. Joseph A. Drugan, Wilkes Barre, Pa., an ammo driver for Sv. Co., is rejoicing over the birth of a seven-pound girl to his wife, Dorothy... S/Sgt. Theophil J. Bryl, Milwaukee, Hq. Co. supply sergeant, is the father of Richard Alan. His sister notified him by V-Mail of the blessed event and then the Red Cross sent him a radiogram.

**Co. I, which was runner-up for the 63d Softball title back in the States, challenges all comers to a game when and if Co I boasts the Spanish sensation, «Easy Boy» Aguilla, and Sgt. Stewart, the iron-handed, in the pitching department.**

**763d Ord. Co.** — T/5 Al Panarello had a keen disappointment recently. He received word his brother, whom he had not seen for some time, was in the vicinity. He arrived at the location of his brother's outfit only to find it had moved.

Another technical sergeant was added to the company's roster when S/Sgt. Robert Flaspohler was advanced.

**254th Inf.** — The regimental rest center, known as Hotel Union, is doing a good business. Men back from the front on 48-hour passes enjoy the luxury of a real bed, individual rooms — enough for 35 men — chow on regular plates, and dinner music provided by the regimental orchestra. Recreational facilities include table tennis, radio and writing materials. PX supplies are sold over the bar and Cpl. Les Heath shows movies every night. Lt. B. W. Frier-son, Haskell, Tex., is in charge, assisted by Sgt. Arthur E. Cooney, San Francisco; Sgt. Floyd W. Daniel, Ft. Worth, Tex.; T/4 Fred Vallweiler, Baltimore, and Pfc. Charles B. Blake, Winnetka, Ill. Vallweiler, by the way, is a native of Strasbourg.

**862d F. A.** — Seeing Sv. Btry's T/5 Frank Lopes for the first time, a hefty demoiselle named Alice, gave his tiny mustache a yank and exclaimed, «Oh Casanova!»

**Able Btry's motor sergeant, Melvin Dixon, picked up various parts from a bicycle, pieced them together and now rides around on a velocipede.**

**253d Inf.** — T/4 Robert Hauptmann, Sv. Co., from Omaha, Neb., received word recently that he is the father of a girl.

A bullet went through the top of his helmet and grazed his cap as Co. B's S/Sgt. Lloyd D. Boyce, of Caddo Mills, Tex., crawled 250 yards through an open field to knock out a German machine gun nest.

1st Sgt. Raymond Peters, Albion, N.Y., is the oldest topkick in the regiment. He is 48 and a grandfather. He served 16 months in the Pacific before joining the 253d.

**263d Engr.** — Lt. Robert D. Loverbaugh, of Ponca City, Okla., 2d Plat. Commander, who was wounded by artillery and machine gun fire last month while trying to reach forward elements with a mine detector, is back in action.

T/5 Bob Littleton, Pembroke, N. C., has considerable respect for armor, but he has supreme confidence in the durability of his 2 1/2 ton truck also. While driving blackout one night he collided violently with some obstacle at the side of the road. Crawling from his cab, he discovered he had seriously damaged a tank. His truck was still intact.

## Krauts Get Bang As Trailer Blows

«Here come some tanks behind us,» said T/5 Bill Sexton, AT Co., 255th Inf., as he craned neck backwards while driving the jeep.

«OK, pull over and let 'em pass,» said Lt. Ivan Elliot, of Carmi, Ill. Sexton, who hails from Jersey City, took another look and let out a yell.

«Gees, they're German!» he shouted as he jammed his foot hard on the gas pedal.

The other occupants of the jeep, T/4 Harry Zink, Marietta, Pa., and T/Sgt. Bob Sicord, Lowell, Mass., ducked and the chase was on.

The race ended near two trailers covered with tarpaulins. Here the jeep and its riders parted company. All scattered to the security offered by cellars and ditches.

The first Mark IV lumbered down the street and nudged the jeep against a pole. The second tank arrived and Krauts piled out of both.

They set fire to the trailers and about 20 gathered around watching them burn. They seemed to get a big bang out of it. In fact, they did. The trailers were loaded with AT mines and other heavy explosives. They haven't found all the parts yet.

## Fighting Cooks Set For Huge Bull Session

Some day before this war ends all three Cook brothers of McKee's Rocks, Pa., hope to stage a family reunion. Two of them, Charles, a sergeant in the 862d F. A., and Leonard, a sergeant with the 575th F. A. of the Seventh Army, were reunited recently after a lapse of two years. The youngest brother, Carmen, a private first class, is with the 45th Div.

The meeting between Charles and Leonard lasted only 90 minutes, but in that time Charles, who came overseas most recently, answered innumerable questions. Leonard fought through Africa, Sicily and Italy with a tank outfit and was wounded in the arm at Naples.

Carmen will have some tales to tell when the trio meets. He joined the Army in 1943 after graduating from Stowe High School. He participated in the Sicilian invasion and was in the nightmare at Anzio. He was wounded in the shoulder during a German counterattack. The Nazis found him, rolled him over and left him for dead. He eventually managed to get back to our lines. Carmen is single but both Charles and Leonard are married.

## Long Way From Home

Among the soldiers in the 63d Div. who stem from forbears of many nationalities are two natives of Hawaii, Pvts. Albert P. Leong and John Lilalaole. The pair left their island home last August, three weeks after being drafted. They received basic training at Camp Fannin, Tex. Leong is with Sv. Co., 254th Inf., and Lilalaole is assigned to Division Headquarters.

Leong's father is Chinese and his mother Filipino. He was educated in a Roman Catholic school and speaks fluent English.

# Spearheads

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chingen, Eschringen, Ensheim and Ormsheim and the high ground west of Ommersheim.

The 254th Inf. was first to enter Siegfried Line. It moved in Friday, reducing seven pillboxes and repulsing two counterattacks.

On Saturday it drove further into the line and reduced eight more pillboxes, but was forced to relinquish its gains in the face of heavy enemy fire. It regained the lost ground Sunday afternoon and, supported by tanks and tank destroyers, reduced two more pillboxes. In the first five days Blood and Fire infantry reduced 48 pillboxes.

## «Some Forts Empty»

Resistance increased markedly Monday, but Tuesday it became apparent that substantial numbers of enemy troops had been forced to withdraw in the face of the attack. Originally all the fortifications had been occupied, but some were empty when captured or destroyed on Tuesday.

Elements of the German First Army were believed opposing our troops. The fortifications yielded prisoners from Nazi fortress battalions, the Volkssturm and Volksgrenadier units, and PWs said there had been SS troops in the Line.

## Close Support

Nearly 50,000 rounds of ammunition were fired by Division Artillery and supporting guns in the first six days. More than 8,000 were fired on the first day alone. In addition to direct support of the infantry, the artillery fired on targets of opportunity and harassing fire and fired several counter-battery missions to neutralize or destroy enemy gun positions.

In addition to its own organizations, the Division was supported and aided in the attack by elements of the following: 4th Div. Arty., 562d FA Bn., 93d Armd. FA Bn., 6th Armd. Div., 70th Tank Bn., 740th Tank Bn., 822d TD Bn., 776th TD Bn., 101st Cav. Grp., 92d Cav. Sqdn., 116th Cav. Rcn. Sqdn. (Mecz.), 436th AAA (AW) Bn., 353d AAA Searchlight Bn., XII Tactical Air Force, 256th Engr. Bn. and 99th Cml. Mortar Bn.

Men of Co. H, 255th Inf., are firm believers in National Service Life Insurance. The company has a 100 per cent enrollment to the amount of \$10,000.

## Sergeant's Beef Is No Bull

When it comes to milk, T/Sgt. Joseph Ocktove, 563d Sig. Co., of Elizabeth, N. J., has his hands full. He owns a cow.

With unusual foresight, the sergeant brought an electric hot plate with him from the States. Upon his arrival in this area he cooked up a neat deal on the hot plate, trading it for a cow.

But that didn't assure Ocktove of an ample daily supply of milk. Not in your tin hat nor in his. He has found that the Division Surgeon must approve Bossy and her milk. In other words, you've got to have some GI pull to milk a cow.

Then there arose the problem of transporting the cow to a new billet, when, as and if. The matter came

BERNIE BLOOD

By Gill Fox



«Is it gonna take all day to ask about that laundry?»

## Happy Holiday

When Pfc. Blair Richards, Co. K, 254th Inf., was told to take a few days off recently he had reason for rejoicing. His sister, Genevieve, an attractive Red Cross worker stationed in Holland, had crossed Belgium and France and entered Germany to find him. The last time the pair had seen each other was three years ago when Genevieve bade farewell to the Richards family in Washington, D. C.

Genevieve served in England during 1943 and landed in France last August. She hunted up her brother as soon as she heard the 63d was in France. Blair was treated to a steak dinner in Saarebourg.

## Hot shot Cannoneers Claim Division Record

Shooting at a Kraut pill box near the German frontier, a group of cannoneers in the 254th Inf. set what is believed to be a Division record for pumping shot from a 105 at the enemy. They fired six shells in 26 seconds. Back in Mississippi the boys thought four shells a minute was good.

The section under Sgt. Francis Young, Monroe, La., had as its mission the knocking out of a pillbox. The shells were zeroed in and the artillery observer watching the bursts said that more than 70 per cent of the shots were direct.

Young's crew included Cpl. Sheldon Toder, Staten Island, N. Y.; and Pfc. Robert Hafer, Elkhart, Ind.; Jack Anderson, Alma, Mich.; William Pasquel, Rye, N. Y.; Frank Janicki, Pittsburgh, and Sam Ingram, Concord, S. C. An extra hand for the day was Pasquel's twin brother Tony from the 100th. Div., who was visiting.

It's YOUR Life — «A wire crew came on an American lieutenant with a phone tapped into a battalion line. He said he was from a unit on the right and was trying to find his position. The explanation was accepted and the crew left. A short time later a cut in the wire was found at the same location. A check revealed that no officer of the unit on the right had been in that vicinity.»