

Blood and Fire

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63d Out of Combat After 125 Days

The end of four months of continuous combat came to Blood and Fire troops this week, as they withdrew to a non-combat area after turning over to the 36th (Texas) Div. the ground to which they had driven 60 miles beyond the Danube.

Units of the 63d had been in contact with the German enemy for 125 days. When their relief was completed Sunday noon, they had been in the line continuously since Dec. 22, except for three days between the Siegfried Line breakthrough and the Rhine crossing.

Rhine to Danube.

They had fought across the Saar, through the Siegfried Line and across Germany from the Rhine to within sight of the snow-covered Bavarian Alps. The Saar, the Rhine and the Danube were names well-known before, but men of the Blood and Fire Division put the Kocher, the Jagst, the Rems and a dozen other little rivers of Germany on an American map that will be remembered for a long time.

During three weeks of continuous day-and-night combat contact with the enemy east of the Rhine, the 63d seized more than four-fifths of all the ground gained by the VI Corps. The 63d forced the withdrawal of the 17th SS Panzer Div. from the field of battle. The 63d fought for, seized and held the key bridgehead to terrain which forced the enemy to abandon Heilbronn and the position to its east.

Replaced By 36th.

After its fight over rugged terrain to the Danube, the 63d pushed on another 60 miles before turning over its ground to the 36th, veterans of the Italian campaign. In one day it made a motorized dash of 28 miles, the longest single day's advance in the 63d's four months of combat.

During this first four months of combat, the 63d served in the VI, XV and XXI Corps. From its most recent corps commander, Maj. Gen. F. W. Milburn, it earned another commendation for "superior performance and the successful accomplishment of every mission undertaken".

"The 63d Infantry Division again, and characteristically, distinguished itself by relentless pursuit of the (Continued on Back Page)

Wins Service Plaque

The Meritorious Service Plaque has been awarded Sv. Co., 254th Inf., for superior performance of duty and enthusiastic execution of orders in support of the regiment in combat.



WILLING HELPERS at serving chow to hungry men of Hq. Btry., Div. Arty., are these Red Cross girls, Helen P. Stafford, San Francisco, (left), and Eleanor M. Jones, New York City. The ever-ready pan of doughnuts stands between them

Wounded Yanks Cheer as 254th Doughs Attack Schwäbisch Hall

When a tank-infantry team composed of the 2d Bn., 254th Inf., and three combat commands of the 10th Armd. Div. was battling its way into Schwäbisch Hall it had a cheering section of 20 wounded Americans and two Canadian fliers, all of whom watched the three-day battle from a huge German hospital on the outskirts of the community.

Unlike Heidelberg, which surrendered with little resistance, Schwäbisch Hall was ordered held at all costs. The burgomaster had gone to Stuttgart to receive instructions on how to defend the place. Upon his return, however, he was captured at the gates of the city.

The hospital contained, in addition to the Allied soldiers, 800 German wounded and 500 civilian patients. Among the Americans were eight from the 255th Inf., some tankmen from the 10th Armored and others.

Patients Cheer

When the Americans, commanded by Lt. Col. William Jennings Bryan, came over the ridge toward the city they were in full view of the patients in the hospital. The Americans and Canadians cheered lustily as they saw their comrades overcome the outpost opposition and battle their way into the city.

The Germans attempted to put up a house-to-house defense, but were routed quickly. One of the last of the enemy to be silenced was an annoying sniper firing a burp gun from a church steeple. When the

doughfeet finally surrounded the place and climbed to the belfry they found a Kraut dead drunk, which explains why he failed to injure anyone.

American soldiers in the hospital told Capt. Adrian Pleskow, 2d Bn. surgeon, they had been moved five times by the Germans retreating before the Seventh Army's advance. They said they had been well treated and that medicines were plentiful. An English-speaking nurse made things comfortable for them.

Many Packages.

By a twist of fate the men at Schwäbisch Hall received more than their share of Red Cross packages. The German transportation system broke down and they were unable to distribute packages to other hospitals, so gave them to the Americans and Canadians. The hospital staff, including a colonel, remained at its post and will continue under American control.

No Place Like Home, Wounded German Finds

Medics of the 2d Bn., 254th Inf., found they were running a home medical service for Krauts in a captured town. Hardly had they set up their aid station when a wounded German was brought in. He immediately indicated that he felt right at home. In fact the medics had set up their station in the soldier's domicile.



ARMY VETERAN, recently promoted Lt. Nicol Lein, Hq. Div. Arty., shows stripes he wore for many years to Maj. William Newbold, former adjutant of Division Artillery and now assistant G-1 of Division.

84 Flats Fixed in Day, 254th Claims Record

The maintenance section of Sv. Co., 254th Inf., believes it holds the record for the most tires and tubes, 84, repaired in a single day in an infantry regiment in the ETO.

From Jan. 10 to April 19, T/4 Louis E. Blissett, T/5 Richard Pabian and Pfc. John R. Hancock and Lawrence Sharpe repaired 3483 tires and tubes. Their peak month was March, when they put 1554 tires back on the road. The daily average is 39.

There were times when it was impossible to draw hot patches from Ordnance, so Pabian, with the use of cold patches and by placing increments or powder picked up from the field artillery in an old hot patch lid, was able to do a first class job. He also made his own boots from abandoned German tires.

Pabian believes the drivers in his regiment have a big enough job without having to stop and fix tires, so he runs a tire exchange service where all drivers may exchange old or damaged tires for new ones. His motto not only is "Keep 'Em Rolling" but "Never Let a Driver Fix a Flat".

Shot In Time

While leading his platoon through a woods Lt. Paul Koblarchick, Co. G, was confronted by an enemy rifleman who barked out an order to halt. The lieutenant, who holds the Silver Star and the Purple Heart, did so and at the same time observed other Germans behind the first one. Turning coolly to one of his men several yards away, he said: "Well, why don't you shoot?" The crack of an M 1 was his reply and the platoon resumed its advance with one less Heinie with which to contend.

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Just A Memory

Camp Van Dorn, where most men in the 63d Div. received their training, is nothing more than a memory as an Army station. It closed last Monday. This information was received by T/3 William A. Oldmixon, Awards and Decorations Section, AGO, in a letter from Miss Emma Jo Alexander, librarian at Service Club 1.

After the Blood and Fire Division had left the camp only a few detached units, some prisoners of war, the Station Complement, the WAC Detachment and hospital personnel remained. Service Club 2 was closed and only one theater operated twice weekly. Most of the detached units left the camp shortly after the 63d, and men attached to the Station and the Wacs were transferred to other installations in the States.

Miss Alexander expects to be assigned to the ETO as a librarian. Miss Gwendolyn Dean, Hostess at Club 1, also has received overseas orders.

'Deserted' Town Yields German Battalion's CP

The small crossroads town of Landturn offered so little resistance to men of the 3d Bn., 254th Inf., that they figured the place had been cleared. Night was upon them, so their CO, Lt. Col. Donald Matheson, started looking around for a house in which to set up his CP.

Entering a likely looking dwelling, the colonel noticed that there was someone in one of the darkened rooms. Thinking the tenants were still there, he called to those inside to hurry out. To his surprise out trooped a German major, commander of a battalion, his executive officer, an ordnance officer and 10 enlisted men.

Fighting Foxes Save Powder At Künzelsau

This is how the town of Künzelsau, nestling in the beautiful valley of the Kocher, was captured and how Fox Co. of the 254th Inf. spearheaded what proved to be a bloodless attack.

When men of Fox Co. arrived at Garnsberg on the heights they saw the town in the valley. Its huge 17th Century castle, remodeled into a school by the Nazis, dominated the redroofed houses clustered close to the river.

There were German soldiers still in Künzelsau, and when the battalion demanded the surrender of the town it was refused. So the people and the soldiers were the recipients of strafing and light bombing by the 12th TAC.

436th Hikes Score On German Planes

Adding luster to an already fine record, units of the 436th AAA Bn. attached to the 862d F.A. knocked down four ME-109s and gained a probable on a jet-propelled job in recent action in the 63d area. Seven enemy planes were sighted during the day.

Returning from a water run during the intense air activity, S/Sgt. Harold Lentec, Gouldsboro, Pa., and T/5s H. Lucifer Legg, Lufkin, Tex., and Elmer Hoehman, Bridgeport, Okla., brought physical proof of the 436th's straight shooting.

In the water wagon was the broken body of a German aviator whose chute had failed to open, and a six-inch-square portion of his 109. The dead pilot's rating was equivalent to that of our sergeant pilot and he appeared not more than 17 years old.

The 436th has been overseas since the invasion of North Africa. During that operation the unit was assigned to Navy guns while the beachhead was being established. In Sicily they mounted their own guns on the deck of a transport and gave snooping Jerry planes a hot reception.

The unit is officially credited with having brought down 36 enemy planes and with 33 probables. There is considerable red tape connected with getting credit for ships and the 436th claims to have many more.

One of the first outfits to fire its guns in the ETO, the 436th feels proud of this accomplishment. However, the man make it plain that after 30 months overseas they are not anxious to go down in history as having fired the last shots as well as the first in the ETO.

You can't tell the depth of the well by the handle on the pump. Don't be a chump — DON'T FRATERNIZE!

The following morning Lt. William S. Gorup, commanding Fox Co., was notified that his outfit would have the honor of taking the city. The company was supported by 81mm mortars and an AT platoon, but not a shot was fired. Every building flew white flags. All but four of the Kraut soldiers had pulled out and those left behind became willing prisoners.

When the doughs of Co. F. searched the town they found Pfc. Harold R. Richardson, Garden City, Mich., a former member of Co. D, 254th, in the hospital. He had been wounded and captured. He said he had been well treated by the enemy, "but sure glad to see you guys".

AWARDS

(To economize on space, the words "company" and "battery" have been omitted from designations of lettered units after names of award recipients.)

Oak Leaf Cluster to Silver Star

Lt Col William J. Bryan, Hq 2d Bn 254th Inf., Los Fresnos, Tex.

Silver Star

253d INF.

* Pfc Henry J. McKellar, Med., North Augusta, S.C.
* Lt Frank E. Ailio, H. Port Huron, Mich.
* T/4 Robert C. Coburn, Med., Chelsea, Vt.
* Sgt George Gialas, M, Belle Vernon, Pa.
* Pfc James E. Gordon, M, Whitehall, N.Y.
* Pfc Francis Muncey, A, Battle Mountain, Nev.
Lt Francis J. Spiessbach, F, Newark, N.J.
Pfc Ralph Mindick, Hq. Co. 1st Bn., Cleveland.
Pfc Sebastian J. Cardella, A (also received Bronze Star).
T/3 Salvatore L. DiRubbo, Med., Peekskill, N.Y.
T/4 Israel I. Rimer, Med., Salem, Mass.
T/5 Jack F. Hanika, Med., Grosse Pointe, Mich.
Pfc Irving Schwartz, L, New York City.
T/Sgt Charles G. Carpenter, A, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
Lt James Gates, B, Keokee, Va.
Lt Lafave N. Hamilton, C, Detroit.
T/Sgt Souvenir W. Yonkers, G, Yonkers, N.Y.
1st/Sgt William C. Younger, L, Meridian, Miss.
Pfc Francis McGowan, A, Charlestown, Mass.
S/Sgt William R. Powell, B, Freeman, W. Va.
Lt Wilbur S. Brown, B, Cincinnati.
Sgt Hugh C. Dunn, D, Harrisonville, Mo.
T/5 John H. Fedak, B, Monongahela, Pa.
Lt George R. Mankin, G, Kansas City, Kan.
Pfc Edward K. Masterson, B, Woodland, Calif.

254th INF.

* S/Sgt William E. Keightly, E, Philadelphia.
* Pfc Salvatore Farruggio, C, New York City.
* T/4 Heinz O. Hempfer, Med., Cincinnati.
* Pfc Dempsey Lucas, Hq. Co. 1st Bn., Ludowici, Ga.
* Pfc Laurel C. Mitchell, C, Island Falls, Me.
* Pfc Henry U. Valencia, B, Dallas, Tex.
** Lt Charles E. Raezer, L, Wheeling, W. Va.
** Pfc Otto F. Metzger, C, Middle Village, N.Y.
T/4 Gerald F. Blackburn, Med., Elwood, Ind.
S/Sgt Herbert E. Malone, D, Dewitt, Ark.
Pfc Morris J. Passo, C, Bronx, N.Y.
T/5 Harold E. Factor, Med., Chicago.
T/4 Sigmund R. Wdowczyk, Med., Milwaukee.
T/Sgt John J. Zaro, Jr., M, Paterson, N.J.
S/Sgt Avery D. Williams, G, Carlsbad, N.M.
Pfc Allen A. Baldwin, G, Keokuk, Ia.
Pfc Butler Hydrick, B, Warrenville, S.C.
T/Sgt John W. Owens, Jr., G, Paris, Ark.
S/Sgt Robert L. Ross, G, Roundup, Mont.
Lt Floyd L. Edsall, C, Sparks, Nev.
Pfc Horace A. Martin, E, Mountain View, Ark.
Capt John P. Brown, C, Miami, Fla.
Sgt Frank J. Dyer, D, Long Beach, Calif.
Lt John M. Johnston, A, Brooklyn.
S/Sgt Ray H. Marchington, A, Portland, Ore.
T/5 Joseph E. Johnson, Med., Sarver, Pa.
Lt Paul R. Myers, K, Los Angeles.

255th INF.

* Pfc Charles B. Oliver, D, North Wilkesboro, N.C.
** Lt Nathan Schankman, C, Bronx, N.Y.
Capt James M. Boyd, Hq 3d Bn, San Francisco.
T/Sgt Oscar T. Semit, Hq 3d Bn, Chicago.

861st FA.

Lt Spencer T. Hockaday, B, Lanexa, Va.
Sgt Harold A. Harmon, Hq., Chicago.
Capt Charles D. Wilkerson, Hq., Indianapolis.
Pvt Floyd C. St. John, Hq., Hunt, Tex.

862d FA.

* Lt Robert E. Potter, B, Birmingham, Ala.

* Posthumous Award.

** Missing in Action.

* Sgt Oal L. Hutchison, C, Poughkeepsie, Ark.
Capt William H. Crosson, Jr., C, Dorchester, N.J.

863d FA.

-Lt Marvin O. Breeding, Hq., Oklahoma City.
-Sgt William D. Krotzer, Hq., Shelton, Wash.
-Lt James M. Kidd, A, Baton Rouge, La.
S/Sgt Benjamin Carb, C, Pittsburgh.
T/5 Edward A. Ryan, C, Albany, N.Y.

263d ENGR.

Pvt George S. Clausen, B, Minneapolis.
Maj Allen W. Sanders, Jr., Hq., Savannah, Ga.

363d MED.

Lt Col Paul V. Kiehl, Hq., Irwin, Pa. (also received Bronze Star).

HQ. SP. TRS.

T/4 Dorwin B. Clayton, Med., Otis, Colo.

822d TD.

S/Sgt Fred H. Menning, C, Lawrenceburg, Ind.
Sgt Fulman Pritchard, C, Blue Ridge, Tex.

776th TD.

* Sgt Arthur B. Rossland, A, Marmon, N.D.
* S/Sgt Alvin K. Waggoner, A, Forest City, Mo.
Sgt Fred E. Guenther, C, Shambaugh, Ia.
S/Sgt Oliver J. Stevens, C, Fairhaven, Mass.

740th TANK.

S/Sgt Glenn D. George, B, Oklahoma City.

Oak Leaf Clusters to Bronze Star

THIRD CLUSTER

Lt Col Morris O. Edwards, CO 253d Inf., Salt Lake City.

SECOND CLUSTER

Lt Col James E. Hatcher, CO 255th Inf., Washington.
Col Joseph H. Warren, CO 254th Inf., Dallas, Tex.

FIRST CLUSTER

253d INF.

Lt Col Ralph O. Lashley, Hq, Richmond, Ind.
Capt William F. Gerard, B, Charleston, S.C.

254th INF.

Capt Archelaus L. Hamblen, Jr., Hq 3d Bn, Washington.
Maj Clarence W. Schaaf, Hq, Indianapolis.

255th INF.

S/Sgt George R. Dodson, Jr., K, Cleveland, Ark.
T/Sgt Conley K. Harrell, K, Washburn, Tenn.
T/5 Carmen V. Abruzzese, Med, Bangor, Pa.

861st FA.

* Lt James E. Robinson, Jr., A, Waco, Tex.
T/5 Edwin E. Bloomfield, B, Lansing, Mich.
Capt John C. Fralish, Hq, Bonifay, Fla.
Lt David H. Riel, A, Fredonia, N.Y.

363d FA.

-T/5 Joseph S. Delaney, Hq, Philadelphia.

263d ENGR.

Lt Col Jack L. Coan, CO, Birmingham, Ala.

DIV. ARTY.

-Brig Gen E. J. McGaw, Silver City, N.M.

DIV. HQ.

Brig Gen Frederick M. Harris, Rockmart, Ga.

776th TD BN.

Capt Donald N. Anderson, B, Detroit Lakes, Minn.

740th TANK BN.

Lt George K. Rubel, CO.

Bronze Star

(Heroic Achievement)

253d INF.

* T/Sgt Joseph H. Bennett, K, Pittsburgh.
* Lt Loamie S. Bresler, H, Elm Mott, Tex.
* Pfc Louis S. House, Hq. Co. 2d Bn., Johnstown, N.Y.
* S/Sgt James P. King, A, Ridgewood, N.Y.
** Sgt Michael A. Avakian, B, Troy, N.Y.
** Pfc Larry J. Saliba, E, New Orleans.
** Lt Alfred W. Peshel, F, Oakland, Calif.
Pfc Edward J. Murtaugh, I, Chehalis, Wash.
T/Sgt Benjamin Lechner, I, New York City.
Pfc Billy J. Bryson, I, Ft. Worth, Tex.
S/Sgt Paul G. Edler, C, Toledo, O.
Sgt Rodman F. Backus, Jr., C, Fall River, Mass.
Sgt Emberton Holmes, C, Clifton, N.J.
Sgt Richard P. Smythe, Jr., B, Jersey City.
S/Sgt Clarence O. Palmer, B, Altheimer, Ark.
Sgt Clemens F. Raith, B, Pittsburgh.
Pfc William G. Meurer, B, Baltimore.
S/Sgt Earl O. Mattusch, B, Davenport, Ia. —
Pfc Robert A. Hubble, B, Peoria, Ill.
S/Sgt Lovell G. Driskell, Jr., B, Indianapolis.
Pfc John R. Cary, B, Davenport, Ia. —
Pvt James F. Agan, B, Rome, Ga.
Capt Robert W. Strauss, Hq. 2d Bn., Little Rock, Ark.
T/5 Rudolph J. Hengel, Regil Hq. Co., Wilmington, Del.
S/Sgt Herman F. Smith, D, Beaverton, Ore.
Sgt Paul V. Pelletier, D, Bay City, Mich.
Lt Norman M. Hansen, D, West Yellowstone, Mont.
Pfc Dursey D. Hamett, D, Fresno, Calif.
S/Sgt John P. Collins, D, Detroit.
Lt Bruce W. Raffensperger, D, Arendtsville, Pa.
Pfc Sherman E. Phillips, Med, Mill Springs, N.C.
Capt Ward D. O'Sullivan, Med, New York City.
Pfc Abraham L. Green, Med, New Haven, Conn.
Lt Richard E. Fagenstrom, G, Black Eagle, Mont.
Pfc Thomas J. Van Horn, D, Towson, Md.
Pfc Frank B. McGuire, I, St. Louis.
T/5 Adin R. Merrow, Med, Nyack, N.Y.
Sgt Richard G. Skeels, B, Colville, Wash.
Sgt Donald L. Warren, B, Topeka, Kan.
Sgt Victor A. Cowdell, B, Redwood City, Calif.
Pfc Cleo E. Baker, Med, Mt. Jackson, Va.
Pfc Robert E. Proctor, Med, Galena, Kan.
Pfc William J. Shier, Jr., Med, Detroit.
T/5 Harry W. Smith, Med, Salem, Ore.
Capt Roland L. St. Clair, H, Minneapolis.
Pfc James P. Burnett, Med., Columbia, Mo.
S/Sgt Philip M. Cinamella, G, Palmerton, Pa.
Sgt Robert Creamer, A, Waldoboro, Me.
Pvt Thomas C. Gorham, A, Hope, Ark.
Pfc J. R. Edwards, H, Mt. Pleasant, Tex.
Pfc William M. Schneider, H, Middle Village, N.Y.
Pfc James A. Cullinan, Med., South Boston, Mass.
Pfc Anthony A. Edikauskas, Med., Chicago.
S/Sgt Samuel A. Fortune, Jr., C, Asheville, N.C.
Sgt Justice B. Harrison, K, Princeton, N.J.
Pfc Edward E. Richard, K, Lowell, Mass.
Pfc Albert L. Sebok, K, Akron, O.
S/Sgt Joseph F. Lane, C, Chattanooga, Tenn.
S/Sgt Oswald W. Cseak, K, Cleveland.
Pvt James D. Decker, K, Vincennes, Ind.
Pvt Billy J. Golden, K, Paris, Tex.
S/Sgt Azel L. Jewett, K, Yakima, Wash.
Pvt Edward B. Krumholtz, K, Metamora, Ill.
Pvt Robert R. Kruse, K, Gothenburg, Neb.
Pvt Paul L. Longberry, K, Antwerp, O.
Pvt Lowell B. Lynn, K, Orange, Calif.
Pvt Raymond M. Matz, K, Omaha, Neb.
Pvt Maurice G. McGee, K, Woonsocket, R.I.
Pvt Lawrence J. Meyer, K, Rosewood, O.
Pvt Roland J. Moreau, K, Rehoboth, Mass.
T/5 Joseph A. Morgan, K, Westernport, Md.
Sgt Robert L. Palmer, K, Stauntonville, O.
Pfc Arthur V. Petrazzulo, K, New Haven, Conn.
Pvt Lester U. Plain, K, Hammond, Ind.
Pvt Richard A. Potkowski, K, Buffalo, N.Y.
Pfc Richard D. Shepherd, K, Cherokee, Ia. —
S/Sgt William G. Terry, Jr., K, Atlanta, Ga.
T/Sgt Dace Gilbert, M, Lexington, Ky.
Capt Herbert B. Houghtaling, Jr., Hq., 1st Bn., Henderson, N.C.
T/3 Gerald V. Kenny, B, Los Angeles.
Capt Melville C. LaForce, G, McCune, Kan.
Pfc Frederick Terman, Med., Washington.
Lt Harvey S. Genden, K, Springfield, Mass.
Lt Lawrence W. Jordan, Med., Greenwich, Conn.
T/Sgt James W. Patrick, C, Seymour, Ind.
Pfc John W. Plattner, Med., Evanston, Ill.

Sgt Stanley R. Somerville, C, Akron, O.
Sgt Ira B. Stepp, K, Lake City, Tenn.
Lt Guy W. Adams, A, Miami.
S/Sgt Morse G. Archer, Med., Menomonie, Wis.
Lt Wilbur S. Brown, B, Cincinnati.
T/5 Charles H. Chaves, Med., New Bedford, Mass.
Pfc Roland L. Couture, C, Springvale, Me.
S/Sgt Paul Culbreth, B, Fayetteville, N.C.
T/5 Keith A. Kaleese, Med., Brownsville, Ore.
Sgt Jerry A. Kneisl, Cn. Co., St. Louis, Mo.
Pfc Ralph H. Krueger, Regil. Hq. Co., Milwaukee.
S/Sgt William R. MacIntyre, Jr., D, New York City.
Lt (then T/Sgt) Arnold W. Preece, F, Walnut Park, Calif. —
1st/Sgt Jacob Ader, B, New York City.
T/Sgt Archie J. Bayer, B, Rochester, N.Y.
Pfc Jeremiah C. Driscoll, Hq. Co. 2d Bn., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Pfc Joseph H. Fisher, Hq. Co. 2d Bn., Lema Place, Mo.
Pfc John C. Gallagher, Hq. Co. 2d Bn., Philadelphia.
Pfc Henry R. Haas, Hq. Co. 2d Bn., Dubuque, Ia. —
Pfc Matthew Krieltich, Hq. Co. 2d Bn., Oakland, Calif.
Pvt Louis C. Myers, Hq. Co. 2d Bn., Cambridge City, Ind.
S/Sgt Carmen B. Vieyra, Hq. Co. 2d Bn., Stanton, Calif.
Sgt Sebastian J. Cardella, A, Middletown, Conn. (also received Silver Star).
Sgt George A. Kiska, A, Carnegie, Pa.
Sgt Sidney L. Martin, A, Houston, Tex.
Pfc Glen G. Nutt, A, Oregon City, Ore.
Pfc Guss D. Ross, A, Gadsden, Ala.
Pfc Charles J. Cangemi, K, Hartford, Conn.
Cpl James E. Graham, K, Decatur, Miss.
T/5 Walter Plummer, Hq. Co. 3d Bn., Columbus, Ind.
Lt Harold V. Seavey, F, Spokane, Wash.

254th INF.

** T/Sgt Donald W. Harper, C, Leigh, Ia. —
Pfc Lester J. Guilbeau, C, Golden Meadow, La. —
Lt Van L. Roy, I, Marksville, La.
Pfc Ralph C. Eisleben, B, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Sgt Harold A. Hoover, B, Patton, Pa.
Pvt Israel Kenes, C, New Haven, Conn.
Sgt Luis A. Maxwell, D, Belleville, Ill.
Pvt L. D. Miller, C, Hemingway, S. C.
T/5 Matthias A. Broadhead, Med., Yarbo, Ala.
S/Sgt William J. Alexander, F, Stoughton, Mass.
Lt Eldon M. Reichart, F, Manhattan, Kan.
S/Sgt John W. Studer, F, Lakewood, O.
S/Sgt Harry D. Wolverton, Med, Brazil, Ind.
Pfc Louis B. Everage, F, Hazard, Ky.
S/Sgt George L. Anderson, B, Portland, Me.
T/5 William E. Olcott, Hq. 1st Bn., Scotia, N.Y.
Pfc Joseph Covino, F, New Rochelle, N.Y.

255th INF.

* Pvt Morse Campbell, Hq. Co. 3d Bn., Bloomington, Ill.
** T/5 Patsy N. Racioppi, K, Newark, N.I.
T/5 Gordon A. Andersen, Med., Portland, Ore.
Pfc George T. Mitchell, Med., Millford, N.H.
T/4 Lawrence L. Russell, Med., Portland, Ore.
Pfc George F. Traylor, Med., Nashville, Tenn.
Sgt George E. Adams, A, Bingham, Me.
1st/Sgt Thomas J. Coyne, Jr., D, Brooklyn.
S/Sgt Joseph L. Favero, A, Fairview, N.J.
Pfc Leonard Iacono, Hq. 1st Bn.
Pfc Merlin A. Kreeger, AT, Augusta, Kan.
Sgt James M. Casey, L, Brooklyn.
Pfc Gus G. Grearnias, K, Detroit.
T/5 Anthony Marra, Hq. 1st Bn., Caro, Mich.
Lt John O. Nelson, K, Charleston, W. Va.
Sgt William M. Schmid, AT, Pittsburgh.
Pfc Joseph J. Skuly, A, Cleveland.
S/Sgt Robert P. Terry, A, New Rochelle, N.Y.
T/5 Chester S. Warakomski, AT, Newark, N.J.
T/5 Clarence E. Ingram, Sv. Co., Olympia, Ky.
Lt Abraham Cohen, Med., Quincy, Mass.
Pvt James W. Curtis, D, Cincinnati.
T/Sgt Raymond E. Hintz, K, Monticello, Ind.
S/Sgt Wilbur L. Mumford, M, Beatrice, Neb.
S/Sgt Forest E. Richmond, I, Madison, Ind.
Pfc John H. Richmond, I, Quinwood, W. Va.
T/Sgt James E. Ford, I, Ottawa, Ill.
Pvt Curtis E. Frye, M, Shamokin, Pa.
Cpl Walter S. Hendzell, Hq. Co. 3d Bn., Hamtramck, Mich.
S/Sgt Berton F. Hillenbrand, Hq. Co. 3d Bn., Charleston, W. Va.
Lt Garland A. Ludy, I, Jonesburg, Mo.
S/Sgt Cole Henry, Hq. Co. 3d Bn., Lilesville, N.C.
S/Sgt David L. Ittersagen, I, Chicago.
Lt (then S/Sgt) Oscar J. Jutzi, K, Oak Park, Ill.
Cpl Andrew G. Kiser, Cn. Co., Altoona, Pa.
Pfc Edwin L. McKenney, Med., Lowell, Me.

Lt Col. Maurice K. Schuffman, Hq. 3d Bn., San Francisco.
 Lt Col. Edward P. Thomson, Hq. 2d Bn., Faribault, Minn.
 S/Sgt Gerald N. Yeomans, K, Somerville, Mass.
 S/Sgt Pietro Capogreco, K, Wheeling, W. Va.
 S/Sgt Carl D. Dignan, K, Philippi, W. Va.
 Pfc Calvin Pohawpatchko, K, Cache, Okla.
 T/Sgt Frederick J. Bellwood, K, Dorchester, Mass.
 Lt (then T/Sgt) Kenneth J. Coulter, K, Mountain View, Mo.
 Pfc Raymond D. Urquhart, Hq. Co. 3d Bn., Cleveland.
 Pfc Juel J. Wiseman, Hq. Co. 3d Bn., Wendell, W. Va.
 T/4 Leonard L. Litto, Cn. Co., Roebeater, Minn.
 Pfc Isaac B. Zarate, Sv. Co., Stockton, Calif.
 Sgt Edward A. Ouger, I, Leavenworth, Kan.
 Sgt Joseph L. Ames, A, DeSoto, Mo.
 Lt Donal N. Thomson, A, Richburg, N.Y.
 T/5 Carmen V. Abruzzese, Med., Bangor, Pa. (also received
 First Oak Leaf Cluster).

861st FA.

Cpl Vaughn H. Mountz, B, Carlisle, Pa.
 Lt David H. Riel, A, Fredonia, N.Y.
 Pfc William R. Egan, A, New Haven, Conn.
 T/4 Kenneth R. Filippello, Hq., Lyons, N.Y.
 Sgt Sylvester F. Tillman, A, Little Falls, Minn.
 Pfc Melvin C. Wigdahl, C, Vermillion, S.D.
 T/4 Robert G. Wilkins, A, Detroit.
 Lt James E. Robinson, Jr., A, Waco, Tex.
 Pfc Richard C. Anthony, C, Canajoharie, N.Y.
 Cpl John S. Grim, C, Ithaca, N.Y.
 Pvt James L. Davis, Hq., Baltimore.
 T/5 Clifford R. Ditzel, Hq., Albany, N.Y.
 Cpl Joseph E. Evans, Hq., Toledo.
 Cpl Edward T. Schaife, Hq., Camden, N.J.
 T/5 Meyer Tollen, Hq., Philadelphia.
 Pfc James L. Nelson, A, Richmond, Va.
 T/5 Bernard M. Strehl, Hq., Detroit.
 Sgt Harold Wickham, Hq., Middletown, N.Y.
 T/5 Wade A. Hartig, Hq., Brackenridge, Pa.
 T/5 Joseph Klaben, B, Mahoningtown, Pa.
 T/5 Martin J. Miller, B, Atchison, Kan.
 T/5 Charles D. Moody, A, Lansing, Mich.

862d FA.

Cpl Robert L. Garner, Hq., Centreville, Tenn.
 Pfc Edward B. Walker III, Hq., Cambridge, Mass.
 Lt Daniel H. Wall III, Hq., Shelby, N.C.
 T/5 Wilburt L. Waring, Hq., Oneonta, N.Y.

863d FA.

* Pvt Elbert O. Jones, A.
 T/5 Harold M. Alexander, Hq., Omaha, Neb.
 Lt Kenneth C. Bauder, A, Lansdowne, Pa.
 S/Sgt Roger B. Benjamin, C, Wooster, O.
 1st/Sgt James D. Goodson, C, Atlanta, Tex.
 Cpl Harrison V. Blass, A, Bremerton, Wash.
 Pfc Andrew Buckanaga, Hq., Cass Lake, Minn.
 T/5 Louis R. Cammarosano, Hq., Mt. Vernon, N.Y.
 T/5 Luen N. Compton, Hq., Baltimore.
 Pfc Paul A. Graganella, Hq., Ozone Park, N.Y.
 Pfc Roy W. Howard, Hq., Tacoma, Wash.
 T/5 John P. McIntyre, A, Cranford, N.J.
 Pfc John J. Reid, Hq., New York City.
 Pfc Walter J. Wipke, Jr., A, Clayton, Mo.
 S/Sgt Joseph J. Minecci, Hq., Philadelphia.
 Lt Jesse L. Ott, A, Wasco, Calif.
 T/5 Charles E. Protiva, A, Detroit.
 S/Sgt Harold L. Grauerholz, Hq., Kensington, Kan.
 T/5 George W. Murray, Hq., Cumberland, Md.
 T/5 Sterling D. Ross, Hq., Spokane, Wash.
 T/4 Arthur E. Zabielski, Hq., Chicago.
 Sgt William C. Aull, Hq., Sumter, S.C.
 Pfc David Reichert, Hq., Forsyth, Mont.
 T/4 John T. Rowe, B, Elkland, Pa.
 Cpl Jesse W. Weeks, Jr., B, Osborn, S.C.
 Pfc Royal W. Boom, C, Yankton, S.D.
 T/5 Lafe Dixon, Jr., C, Charleston, Ill.
 Pfc Anthony J. Pocius, C, Chicago.
 Pfc Dayne E. Ray, C, West Frankfort, Ill.
 Lt Sherman T. Kumpf, Jr., Hq., Bluffton, Ind.
 Cpl Leonard G. Irwin, C, Pensacola, Fla.
 Lt William G. Losiewicz, B, Detroit.
 T/5 Oren T. Rowe, B, Junior, W. Va.
 Cpl Charles J. Vicic, A, Peoria, Ill.
 Lt Charles T. Nugent, B, Indianapolis.
 Cpl Stanley M. Zoll, B, Allegan, Mich.
 Cpl Ralph F. Farley, C, Woodfield, O.
 T/4 Harold J. Holland, Hq., Detroit.
 Sgt Raymond H. Sitter, C, East St. Louis, Ill.
 Lt James B. Stowe, B, Marietta, O.
 T/5 William N. Wallace, Hq., Phoenix, Ariz.

T/5 John T. Broaddus, Jr., B, Manassas, Va.
 Pfc Donald M. Hill, A, Muskegon, Mich.
 Pfc William E. Friese, A, Pittsburgh.
 T/5 Dominick P. Martosella, A, Philadelphia.
 T/5 William E. Schwarz, A, New York City.
 Sgt Walter L. Srum, A, Tahliina, Okla.
 Cpl Harold D. McDaniel, Med., Marcus Hook, Pa.
 T/5 Orland P. Yannell, Med., Jersey City, N.J.
 T/5 Joseph S. Delaney, Hq., Philadelphia.
 Sgt Timothy J. Murphy, Hq., Fordham, N.Y.
 Pfc Douglas C. Shaheen, A, East St. Louis, Ill.
 T/5 Eugene Berlin, B, Chicago.
 Cpl Matthew F. Maggiore, B, Pittsburgh.
 Sgt Richard A. Jeremias, B, Newark, N.J.

718th FA.

Cpl Harold A. Hedges, Hq., Oakland City, Ind.
 Pfc Donald H. Hillestad, Hq., Brookings, S.D.
 Sgt Gerald W. Dunne, A, Morristown, N.J.

263d ENGR.

* S/Sgt Eugene F. Quick, A, Weehawken, N.J.
 T/4 Robert M. Dudley, A, Syracuse, N.Y.
 Cpl William R. Hansen, A, Hartford, Conn.
 Sgt William E. Snyder, A, Baltimore.
 Pvt Clarence H. Thacker, A, Oakland, Calif.
 Pvt Waedean G. Trotter, A, San Francisco.
 Sgt Adelfio J. Montanari, C, Springfield, Mass.

363d MED.

Capt Thomas W. Sheehy, Hq., Columbia, Pa.

436th AAA BN.

Lt Edward J. Daley, D, Waltham, Mass.
 S/Sgt Ira J. Quirk, D, Boston.

563d SIG. CO.

Pfc Elson L. Robb, New Philadelphia, O.
 Pfc Douglas P. Mitchell, Manchester, N.H.
 T/5 Paul L. Hastings, Lansdale, Pa.
 S/Sgt Roland A. Crews, Heavener, Okla.
 Pvt Robert J. Bishop, Youngstown, O.
 Sgt John J. Zielensky, Elco, Pa.
 T/5 Victor H. Rydin, Chicago.
 Pfc James J. Mareska, Chicago.
 Pfc Samuel Hymowitz, Newark, N.J.
 Pfc Dennis L. Strongman, Springfield, Ill.

822d TD BN.

Sgt Ralph Derrick, A, Converse, La.
 Lt Edwin E. Glenn, A, Ypsilanti, Mich.
 Cpl Joseph P. Terese, A, New Orleans.
 Pvt David Mora, C, Gamarco, N.M.

776th TD.

T/4 Harold E. Thorn, A, New Rockford, N.D.
 T/5 Kenneth M. Cummings, C, Chicago.
 S/Sgt James F. Craven, C, Denver, Mo.
 Sgt William M. Robison, C, Fairbury, Neb.
 Sgt Carl J. Schenkelberg, C, Halbur, Ia.

740th TANK.

Capt Walter H. Williams, Sv, Borger, Tex.

18th FA.

Sgt William J. Mitchell, B, Mira, La.
 Pfc Earnest I. Kirkland, B, Durant, Okla.
 Pvt Jesse B. Brown, B, Kingfisher, Okla.
 Cpl Billy M. Reece, B, Deport, Tex.

Bronze Star

(Meritorious Service)

253d INF.

Lt Delford L. Cottrill, Jr., Hq. Co. 1st Bn., Ripley, W. Va.
 Lt Earle A. Johnson, Jr., D, Norfolk, Va.
 S/Sgt Fred A. Pacifico, B, Glassboro, N.J.
 Capt Frank J. Tettemer, Jr., Hq. 1st Bn., Hewlett, N.Y.
 Lt Harry G. Voth, Sv Co, Moberly, Mo.
 Pfc Louis C. Gallo, Regtl Hq Co, Erie, Pa.
 T/5 Lawrence M. Henry, Regtl Hq Co, Brookline, Pa.
 Pfc Leon Katzoff, Regtl Hq Co, Jamaica, N.Y.
 T/5 John E. Nugent, Regtl Hq Co, Jersey Shore, Pa.
 T/5 Jack S. Wilson, Regtl Hq Co, Chicago.
 S/Sgt Erwin J. Breithaupt, Hq Co 1st Bn, Cincinnati.
 Lt Ray A. Harralson, Hq Co 1st Bn, Tucson, Ariz.
 Maj Robert K. Lieding, Hq 1st Bn, Madison, Wis.
 T/Sgt John P. Mastrogiovanni, Hq Co 1st Bn, Philadelphia.
 Capt Hubert M. Nance, A, Bedford, Va.
 Lt Earl C. Sturm, Hq, Co 3d Bn, Holliday, Tex.

MaJ Bertrand F. Lurie, Hq 1st Bn, San Francisco.
Lt Gerald McGuire, D. Revloc, Pa.
Lt (then S/Sgt) John Mellon, I, Port Richmond, Pa.
Lt Donald E. Kramer, Med, Cleveland.
Lt George H. Schmidt, Sv, Chicago.
T/3 Edward E. Stephens, Med, Spartanburg, S.C.
Capt Jacob T. Whallon, Med, Indianapolis.
S/Sgt William H. Cooper, D, Goodyear, Conn.
Pfc Conrad R. Bucien, G, Cliffside, N.J.
Pfc John J. Casey, L, Philadelphia.
Pfc Lawrence A. Ernest, E, Glidden, Wis.
Pfc John D. Gallione, C, Columbus, O.
Sgt Frederick I. Herzberg, G, Norfolk, Va.
Pfc Charles J. Houthoofd, B, Mt. Clemens, Mich.
Pvt Carlton P. Hunt, I, North Troy, Vt.
Pvt Robert J. Isherwood, Hq Co 3d Bn, Columbus, O.
Pfc Eugene O. Morrison, L, Renick, W. Va.
Pfc Samuel A. Sberna, I, Benwood, W. Va.
Sgt James L. Workman, I, Ironton, O.
Pvt Daniel E. Atkinson, E, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich.
Lt Antony M. Marine, Hq, Paulsboro, N.J.
1st/Sgt Norvel S. Boyd, K, Indianapolis.
Cpl James C. Campbell, Regtl Hq Co, Klamath Falls, Ore.
Lt George H. Carter, K, Quincy, Mass.
T/4 Richard M. Davis, Regtl Hq Co, Marietta, O.
Sgt Edward K. Tupacz, Regtl Hq Co, Schenectady, N.Y.
Pfc Earl R. Boston, Regtl Hq Co, Salem, Ind.
Cpl Elpidio Valadez, Regtl Hq Co, Chicago.
Pfc Peter Zill, Regtl Hq Co, New York City.

254th INF.

Capt Willie J. Frederick, Hq 1st Bn, Jenks, Okla.
T/Sgt Martin Blum, Sv Co, New York City.
Capt Robert E. Farrell, Hq 2d Bn, Iowa City, Ia.
Lt Raymond L. Gordon, Jr., Hq, Dermott, Ark.
Lt Col Marion W. Schewe, Hq, Lincoln, Ga.
Lt John G. Bruce, Regtl Hq, Farnville, Va.
Capt Paul O. Hughes, Hq, Oregon City, Ore.
Maj Abraham Glatzer, Med, Brooklyn.
Lt Milton Seltzer, Sv, West Hartford, Conn.
Lt Col Robert E. Tucker, Hq 1st Bn, Medford, Mass.
Capt Raymond J. Barg, Hq, Evanston, Ill.

255th INF.

Capt Charles C. B. Richards, Med, Rochester, N.Y.
S/Sgt Paul Cizmar, Med, Youngstown, O.
T/Sgt John J. Conley, Jr., Hq 2d Bn, Wisconsin, Pa.
Lt Daniel D. Drew, Med, Muskogee, Okla.
T/4 Horace B. Fyfe, Hq Co 1st Bn, Hoboken, N.J.
Pfc William J. Johnston, Med, Flint, Mich.
T/3 Sidney E. Levy, Med, Durham, N.C.
Lt Raymond B. Miller, Hq, Hutchinson, Kan.
T/5 Thomas E. Jones, Jr., Med, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
Sgt Richard H. Kershner, Hq Co 1st Bn, Drums, Pa.
Lt Eldon C. Kunze, B, Belleville, N.J.
Pfc Clifford E. Logsdon, A, Manfordville, Ky.
Pfc Norman J. R. Plante, Hq Co 3d Bn, Spencer, Mass.
1st/Sgt Norman H. Runngren, A, Hazelhurst, Wis.
Sgt Henry Manzi, Hq Co 1st Bn, Philadelphia.
Maj Joel M. Le Sueur, Hq, Ore Kan, Va.
Capt Frederick C. Winkler, B, Pomona, N.J.
Capt Howard W. Olson, Sv, Le Mars, Ia.

861st FA.

Capt Robert W. Addy, Hq, Inglewood, Calif.
Lt Col Donald C. Beere, Hq, Lafayette, Ind.
Lt John P. McIntyre, A, Yonkers, N.Y.
Lt Robert F. White, C, Dublin, N.Y.

862d FA.

* 1st/Sgt Robert J. Johnson, B, Rushford, Minn.
* Lt Ernest M. Kleinman, B, East Cleveland, O.
* Lt Albert J. Kotich, A, Ft. Collins, Colo.
Lt Col James H. Lightfoot, Hq, Lawton, Okla.

863d FA.

-Capt Gordon O. Fraser, Hq, Moro, Ore.
-Lt Col Albert S. Britt, Jr., Hq, Savannah, Ga.
-Pvt William C. Christopher, Hq, Richmond, Va.
-Sgt Eugene K. Hardway, Hq, Newark, O.
-T/5 Luther H. Yohe, Hq, Harrisburg, Pa.
-Pfc Robert F. Butler, B, Auburn, Ill.
Lt Franz H. Ross, Savannah, Ga. (also awarded Air Medal).
Lt Willis E. Brown, B, Minneapolis.
-Lt Jimmy L. Butt, Hq, Wetumpka, Ala.
-Capt Alfred J. Cellucci, Sv, Boston.
-Capt Aubrey M. Garrison, Jr., Hq, Birmingham, Ala.
-Maj Sam W. Hawes, Hq, Lincoln, Neb.
-Capt Francis X. Kilduff, Jr., Hq, Atlantic Highlands, N.J.
-Maj Edward W. King, Hq, Denver, Colo.
Pfd John T. Lukaszewski, B, Manhasset, L.I.

-Capt James E. Murphy, Hq, West Union, Ill.
-Capt Richard J. Sexton, Med, Easton, Pa.
-Capt Edward F. Winter, Hq, Elizabeth, Ill.

DIVISION ARTILLERY.

Hq Btry—

T/5 Seymour J. Bernhard, Brooklyn.
S/Sgt George F. McKay, Jr., Brooklyn.
T/4 Antonio P. Vasquez, New York City.

Hq—

Capt Harrison M. Brown, Lakewood, N.J.
Lt Col Chester H. Anderson, Hq, Moore, Okla.
Capt William S. Horner, Hq, Eaton Rapids, Mich.
Maj Harry J. Kern, Hq, Tiffin, O.
Maj Albert P. Putnam, Hq, Houlton, Me.

263d ENGR.

Capt Ernest B. Dahl, B, Burlington, N.C.
Capt John H. Teunison, Jr., A, Jackson, Miss.

718th FA.

Lt Col Ferdinand T. Unger, Hq, Frankfort, Ky.

63d QM Co.

Lt Col Henry P. Duvall, Cheraw, S.C.

763d ORD Co.

Maj Robert K. Keag, Chicago.

363d MED. BN.

Lt Col Paul V. Kiehl, Irwin, Pa. (also awarded Silver Star)

63d RCN. TR.

* Capt Thomas W. Reagan, Windber, Pa.

DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

Lt Col Frank T. Ritter, ACofS G-4, Vineland, N.J.
Lt Col Guy G. Shaw, Jr., Div. Surg., Kaufman, Tex.
Col Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff, Washington.
WOJG John R. Payne, AGO, Baltimore.
Maj Vail A. Van Natta, Asst. AG, Chicago.
Lt Col Ralph Lavorgna, AG, New Haven, Conn.
M/Sgt Leonard A. Pitterle, IG Sec., Freeport, Ill.
Lt Benjamin B. Safar, ADC, Panama City, Fla.
Lt Lawrence E. V. Stenstrom, ADC, Superior, Wis.
Maj Joseph S. Kantor, Asst. ACofS G-2, Tulsa, Okla.
Capt Melvin C. Waters, Asst. AG, Glenville, Ga.

DIV. HQ. CO.

Sgt Edward D. Koranek, San Antonio, Tex.

436th AAA BN.

S/Sgt Woodrow W. Gates, D, Waxahachie, Tex.
S/Sgt Ralph R. Green, D, Monticello, Ky.
Sgt Andrew Wargo, Jr., D, Watson, Ark.
Capt Lee Bidgood, Jr., Hq, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Chap (Capt) Henry C. Bristow, Hq, Rochester, N.Y.
Capt Roland C. Burge, C, San Antonio, Tex.
Capt Wayne R. Carlson, A, McPherson, Kan.
Capt Herbert S. Dieckman, Med, Evansville, Ind.
S/Sgt Eugene J. Glassman, C, Hayes, Kan.
T/3 George Herman, Med, Union City, N.J.
Maj Edwin O. Lundsted, Hq, St. Paul, Minn.
WOJG Frederick M. Stouder, Hq Btry, New Orleans.

740th TANK BN.

Capt Willis B. Chapman, Sv Co, Waco, Tex.
Maj Graddy H. Floyd, Hq, Fairmont, N.C.
Capt Louie E. Fryer, B, Birmingham, Ala.
Sgt Cecil C. Taylor, Hq, Estelline, Tex.
Lt William S. Wright, Hq, Wichita, Kan.
Sgt Rogers B. Van Zandt, Hq, Tioga, Tex.
Capt James D. Berry, C.
Lt Raymond R. Smith, D.
Lt Charles S. Walker, B.
Capt Cecil J. Wright, Jr., A.
Capt Llewellyn A. Williams, Jr., Hq, Crowley, La.

776th TANK BN.

Lt Donald B. Allreds, C, San Gabriel, Calif.
Capt Jess L. Cusick, Jr., A, Louisville, Ky.
Lt Col Dwight E. Moorhead, Schenectady, N.Y.

822d TD BN., CO. A.

Pvt Anthony Cimeo, Philadelphia.
T/5 Gabriel H. Ghiz, South Charleston, W.Va.
Pvt Hubert G. Murphrey, Dallas, Tex.
Pvt James M. Phillips, Jr., Gatesville, Tex.
Pvt Jose P. Quintana, San Domingo, N.M.
T/5 Tonido G. Larussa, Hq, Plaquemine, La.

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enemy, by aggressive exploitation of opportunities, by excellent command and staff procedure", Gen. Milburn said.

"In the numerous towns taken, the rapid advance over difficult terrain, in the capturing of several bridges intact, the officers and enlisted men of the Division demonstrated the same initiative, fighting spirit and leadership that were evident in their past performances under this headquarters."

To the corps commander's commendation Gen. Hibbs added his own indorsement, "with great pride".

"Your aggressiveness, professional skill and determination to win enabled you to rise above the fatigue caused by long rapid marches and tough combat throughout an area of rough, stream-cut terrain in order to smash the retreating enemy before he could form new lines of defense.

"You have played a splendid part in crushing the last organized resistance north of the Bavarian Alps.

"I am deeply grateful I have been honored by being the commander of a fighting outfit such as this."

Eagle-Eyed MPs Nab Heinies 'On Way Home'

Two vigilant members of the 63d MP Plat., Cpl. Leon Hudson, of Shreveport, La., and Sgt. Walter Brimhall, Chicago, were on their way to deliver a message late one night near Asselfingen when Hudson brought their jeep to a screeching halt and shouted that he had just seen a Kraut run across the road into a nearby field.

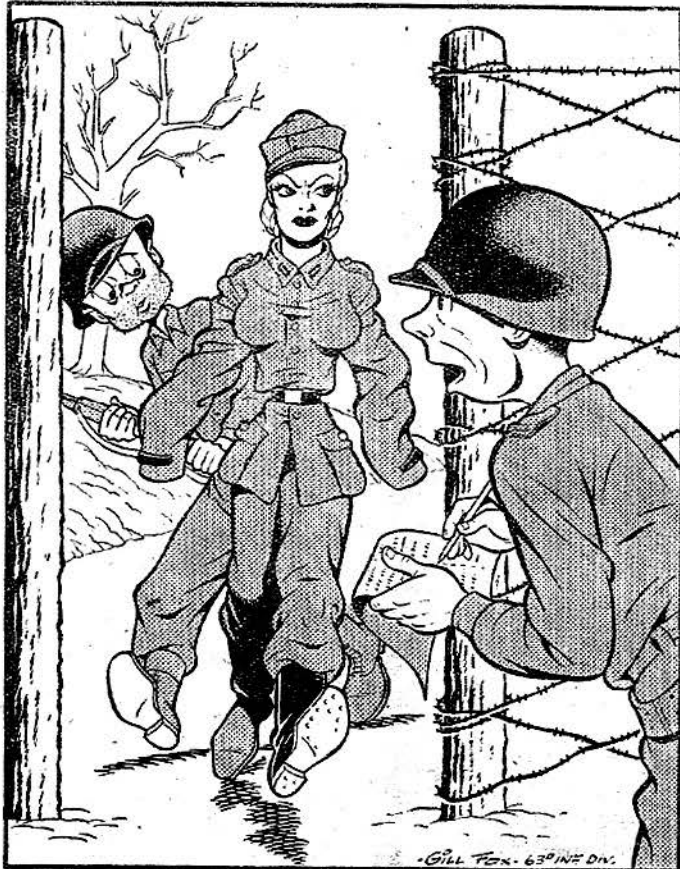
Hudson called to the German to surrender. Receiving no reply, he pumped a few shots from his carbine in the direction of a dark figure which rolled over and struggled to its feet. At the same time Hudson noticed another figure crossing the road into the field. By this time the first Kraut, an officer, declared in English that he would surrender but said he could not order any of his men to do so. While the palaver was going on 19 more Germans emerged from a woods and gave themselves up.

Interrogated by the Division IPW team later, the Germans stated their officer had told them the war was over and that they were attempting to make their way home when captured. They bore only small arms which they said they kept in order to shoot game on the way.

Without the Nazi uniform they all look alike. BE WISE — DON'T FRATERNIZE!

Be firm, be courteous, BE WISE — DON'T FRATERNIZE!

The leopard can't change his spots — DON'T FRATERNIZE!



Careful, Lieutenant, this one wouldn't surrender his two grenades!

Division Sidelights

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able to keep men at the regiment's rest center well supplied with V-Mail forms. Upon a request for stationery, his sisters sent him 480 forms.

This story goes way back to the time when the 63d was maneuvering before the Siegfried Line. It seems that men of Baker Co. captured five Heinies. Four were tractable enough but the fifth insisted upon being permitted to return to his lines for his iron headgear. The Americans insisted they were informal about such things and suggested he come along without the metal chapeau. The Heinie took things into his own hands and started back toward his lines. Needless to say he didn't get far.

Men of Co. I still talk about the persistent Kraut who tried on three separate occasions to blow Pfc. Lonnie Hess, of Richlands, Va., out of his foxhole. The first time a pole charge was discovered nearby. The next morning a Teutonic voice called out asking how many men there were in the hole. Hess decided to investigate and was just in time to see the Heinie taking to his heels, dropping a burp gun

in his haste. Not content, the German returned the next day. This time Hess was ready and another Kraut went to Never Never Land.

718th F.A. — Recently Pfc. Adam Hoffman, of Btry. C's wire section met his youngest brother S/Sgt. Andrew Hoffman, on the Seventh Army front. At the same time, almost, in far away Tacoma, home of the Hoffmans, another reunion was taking place between Sgt. Russell Hoffman of the Army Air Forces, and Louis a member of the Merchant Marine. The Navy has the remaining members of the Hoffman Clan. SF/2c Michael has been in the South Pacific 16 months and SF/1c Ray is in South Carolina.

March Order Moe was the name given to an ME 210 which gave men of Btry. B a few anxious moments when things were hot at the front CSMO (Close Station March Order) is the Artillery's signal to move out of position. In three instances of CSMO Btry. B. was either bombed or strafed by a Kraut plane. Accurate ack-ack fire kept the enemy from causing too much damage, but the visitor did cause the battery's only two casualties.