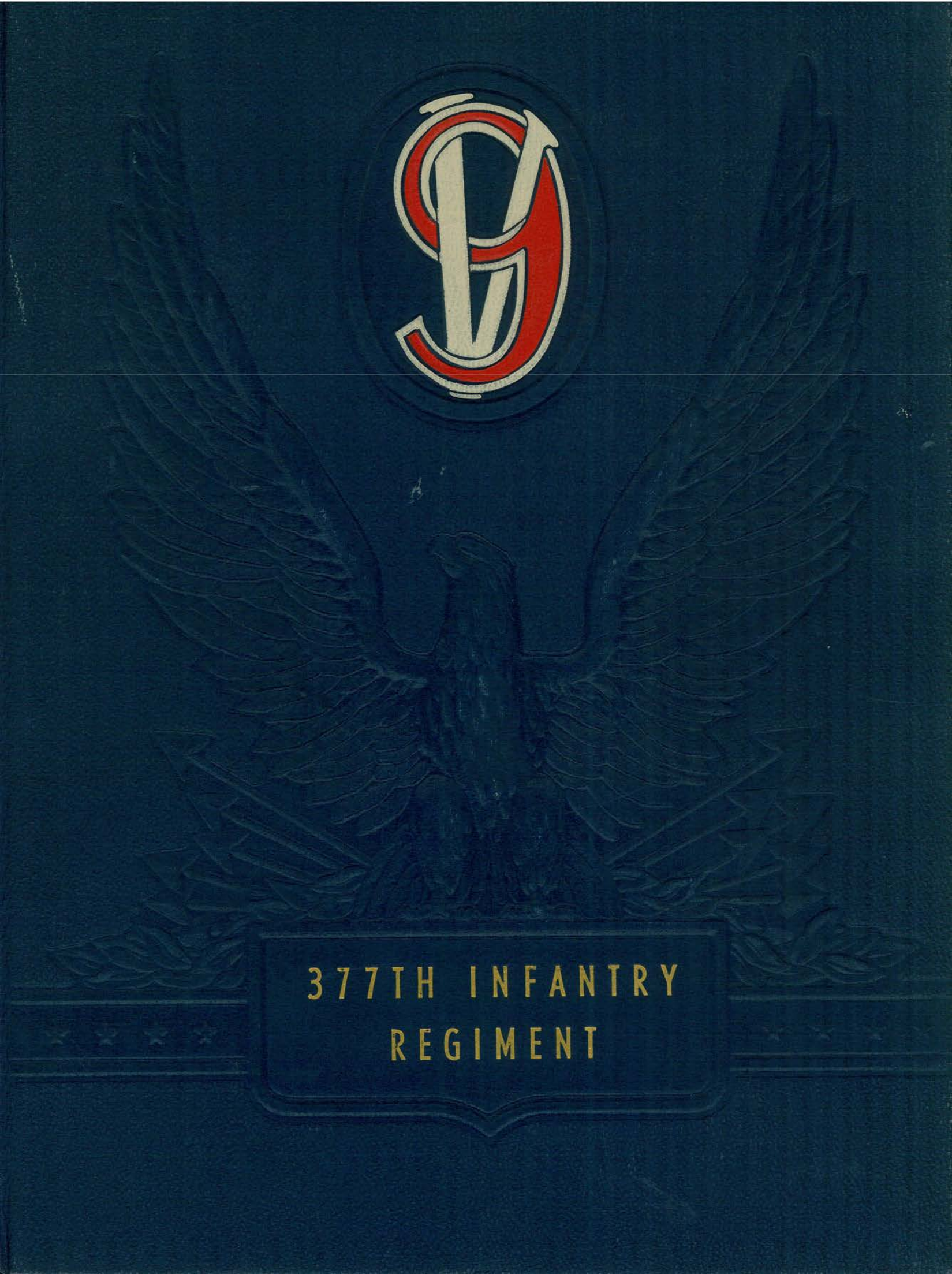

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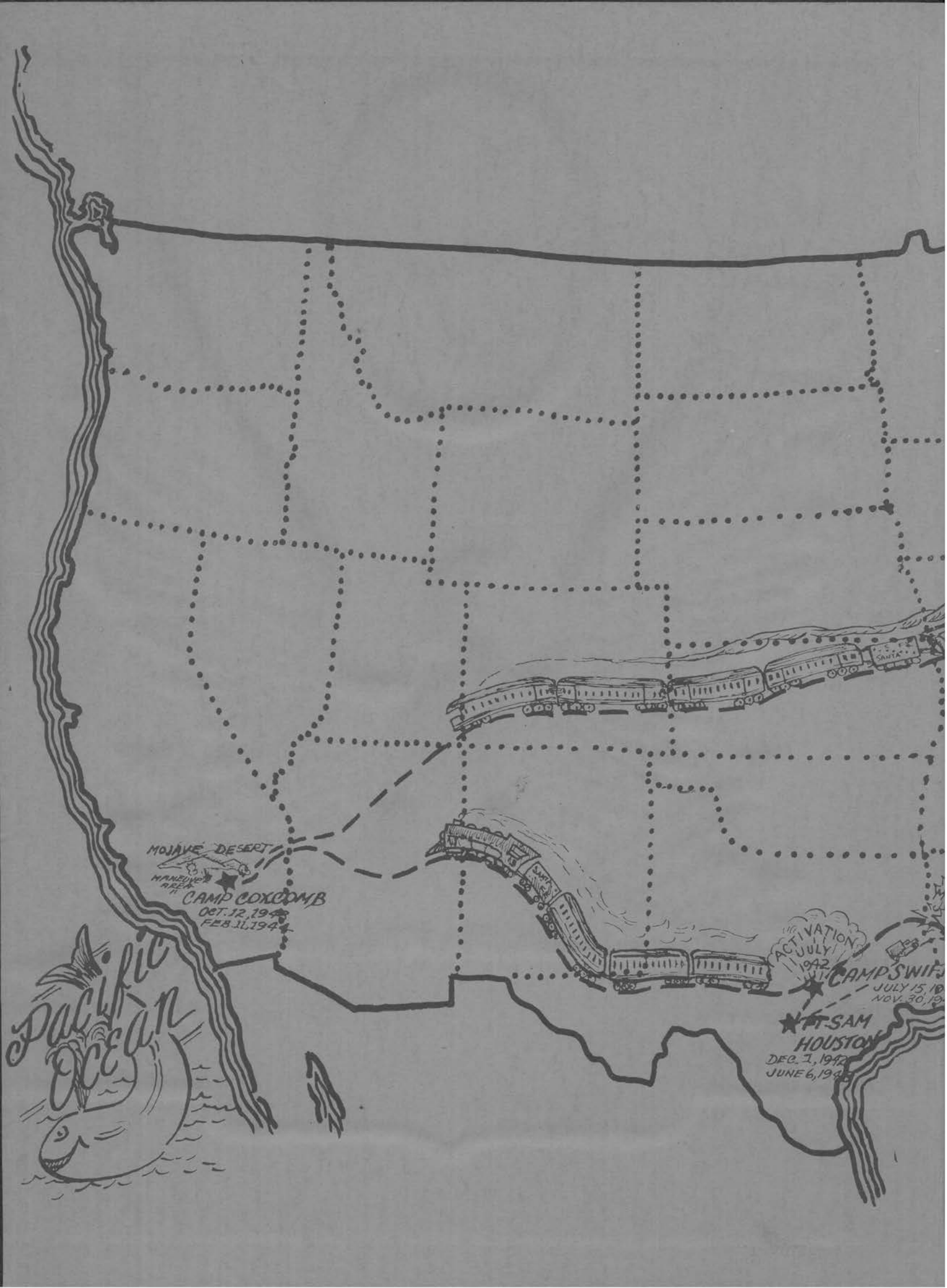
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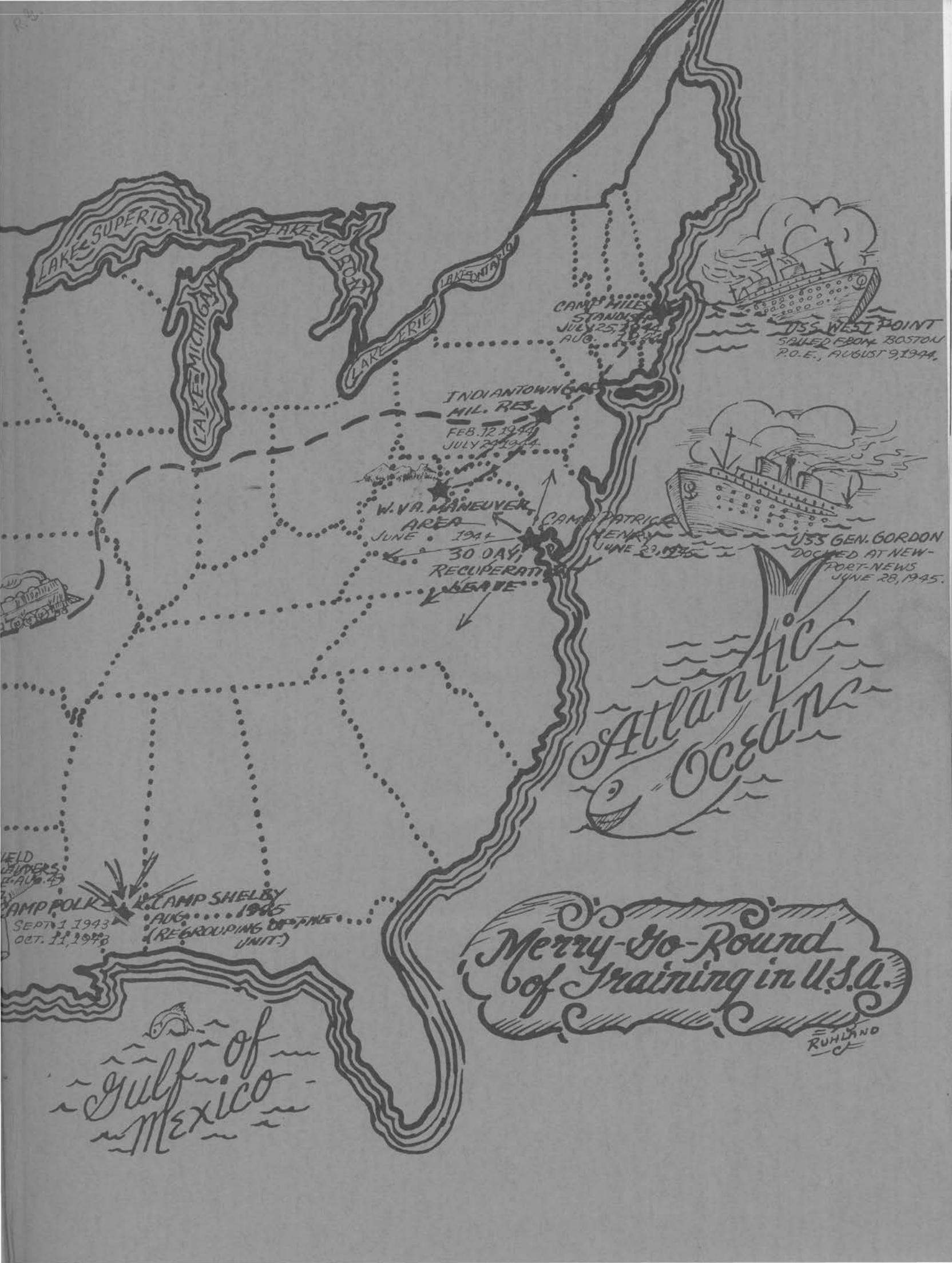
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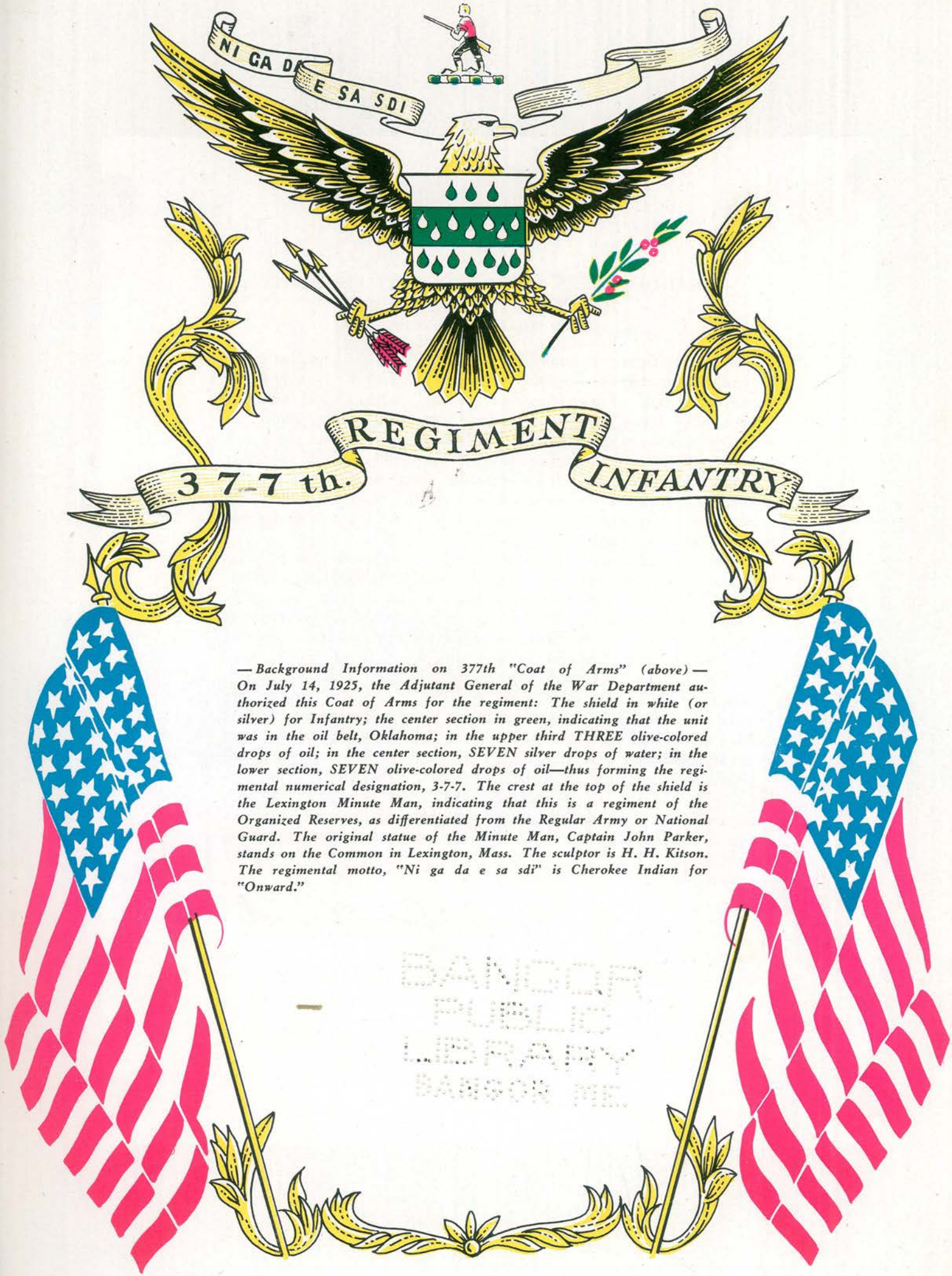

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This brief regimental history has been prepared in the hope that it will serve in some means to keep alive our memory of friendships made during our three years of activation, our pleasures, sacrifices and hardships experienced during those years and our appreciation of the privilege of having played a soldier's and man's part in the great conflict just closed.

In our pride and satisfaction for duty well performed let us not forget those five hundred odd of our comrades whose lot it was to pay the supreme sacrifice in the accomplishment of this, the most glorious and complete victory that ever has been achieved by our people during our entire history as a nation.

Our thanks and appreciation for making this book what it is go to Lt. Richard Hedblom, Regimental Historian, and to the following members of the regiment who so ably and willingly assisted him: Lt. William R. Johnson and the men at U. P. S. for the tedious alphabetical roster at the back of the book, Lt. George M. Fuermann for assistance in selecting pictures and facts from the Division files, Lt. Clarence J. McGowan, T/Sgt. William J. Ollis, S/Sgt. Murray Kaplan, S/Sgt. Vernon J. McCarthy, S/Sgt. Daniel H. Spies and Pfc. Donald M. Harriman, editorial assistants; T/5 Philip G. McKeen, photo editor; M/Sgt. Gilbert M. Ruhland and T/5 John A. Keller, for their art work; and the many unnamed members who assisted and aided the work by submitting photographs and providing suggestions, anecdotes, corrections and the like.

I wish for each and every member and former members of the regiment the best of health and prosperity for him and his family and trust that it will not be too long before each is established again in his pre-war position in his community and can resume life where it was interrupted so rudely by Mr. Hitler a few months ago.

Fred E. Gaillard

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Colonel, Infantry
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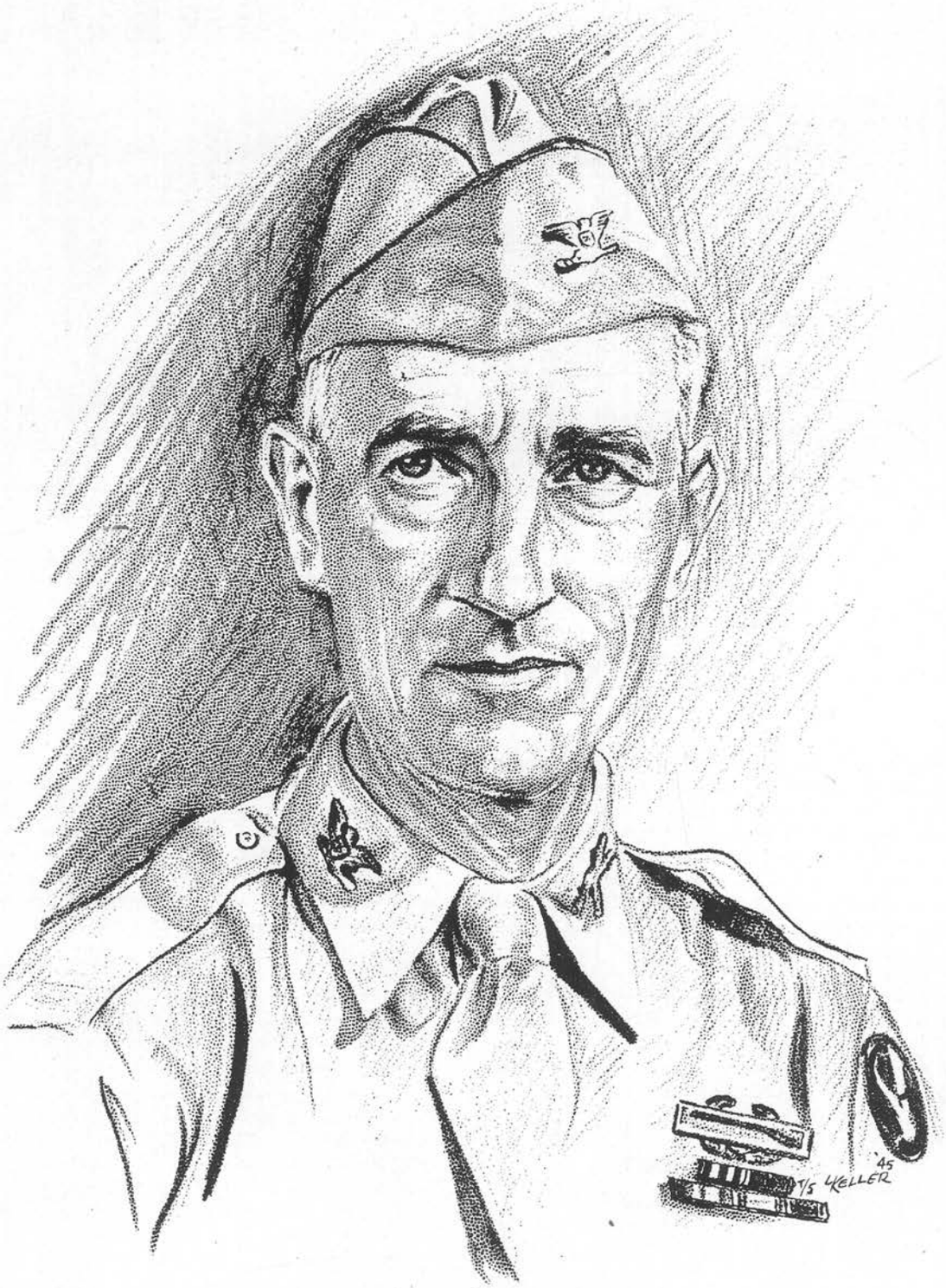

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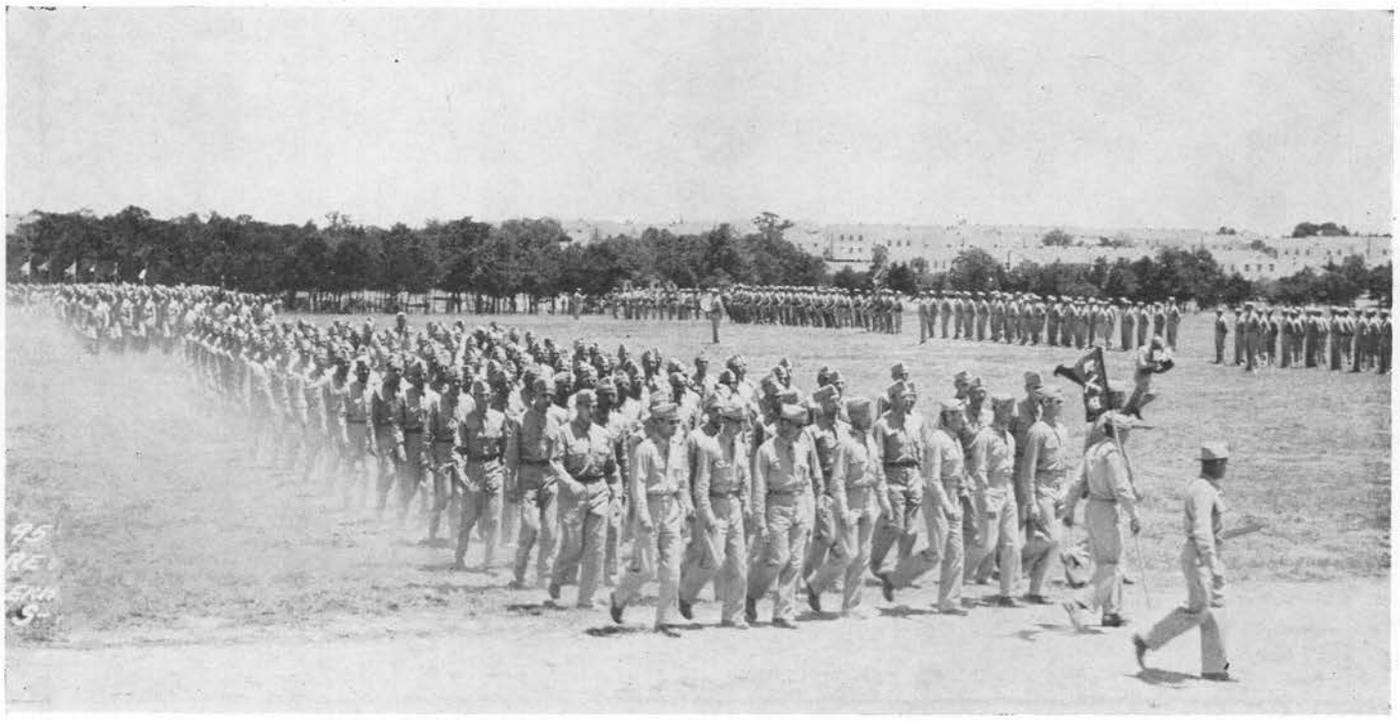


The first review of the 95th Division was at activation ceremonies, Camp Swift, July 15, 1942. In the background are barracks where personnel of the division lived.

CAMP SWIFT

This is a history made by the men of the 377th Infantry Regiment. It's a story of men who served their country and served it well. Men who underwent the toughest, most rigorous, most backbreaking training that the Army could hand out. And men who, after two hard years of this training, went across to the field of battle in Europe, met the enemy, and defeated him at his own game—war.

It all began on the sandy flat of the recreational area at Camp Swift, Texas, a typical Army camp located about 30 miles from Austin, with the usual training-center panorama of red-and-white water towers, white wooden barracks, and green recruits. There, under the blazing hot sun of July 15, 1942, the 377th Infantry Regiment was activated, along with the rest of the 95th Infantry Division; Major General Harry L. Twaddle received the divisional colors; activation orders were read before a division review; and the curtain rose on three years of accomplishing infantry missions, both training and combat.*

MIDWEST SENT MOST

They were not professional soldiers, the majority of the men who stood there that day. Prior to donning their khakis, they had been recruited from all paths of life. Most of them had taken the oath at Midwest induction centers, and despite fresh, new uniforms, they were still just clerks, machinists, miners, lumbermen, farmers, and students, right off the train and still confused from the maze of reception centers.

The job of transforming this cross-section of America's civilian life into a combat team of efficient soldiers became the responsibility of a few regular Army officers, many reserve officers, and a large group fresh from Officer Candidate school. Backbone of the training program was the non-commissioned officer cadre, drawn largely from the Seventh Division, and hand-picked for their assignments by General Twaddle. Regimental Commander was Colonel Francis A. Woolfley (now General Woolfley), who came to the division from the Infantry School at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he had helped prepare the Mobilization Training Program under which the 95th and all other divisions were to train. His three battalion commanders were Lt. Col. H. L. Morris, Lt. Col. Paul H. Mahoney, and Major William M. Hoke. Executive Officer of the regiment was Lt. Col. George C. Nielson.

Most of the names on the Officer and enlisted roster of July 15, 1942, have long since disappeared through normal training losses. Combat casualties clipped the list of "old timers" heavily, too. But among the names of the men who served since the day of activation, there were many left at Camp Shelby in 1945 to recall Camp Swift. A few among these remaining "backbone" enlisted men of the cadre were M/Sgt. William L. Rysberg (now CWO), regimental supply; T/Sgt. William H. Sullivan (now CWO), S-1 section; 1st Sgt. Charles Ridge (now 1st Lt.), Cannon Co.; S/Sgt. Robert J. Hammell (now 1st Lt.), regimental S-3 section; and M/Sgt. Boyd M. Webster (now WOJG), regimental communications. Twenty-five of the officers originally assigned to the regiment at activation date were still with the 377th at Shelby. Among these appeared the names of three first lieutenants, Joseph F. Decker, Albion C. Mulcock, and Robert L. Walton, all of whom later became battalion commanders with the rank of lieutenant colonel, with long combat time in their assignments (along with Lt. Ross W. Hall, who left the regiment during the post-combat occupation period after long service as lieutenant colonel and Third Battalion commander).

*The 377th Infantry Regiment, although never actually organized in World War I, was to have been a unit of the 95th Division. Organization of the 95th had begun at Camp Sherman, Ohio, during the last days of the war, but had not been completed at the signing of the Armistice. Earlier plans had called for the 377th, 378th Infantry Regiments, and the 359th Machine Gun Battalion to be made a part of the 189th Infantry Brigade organized in France by the Commanding General, A.E.F., but subsequent instructions changed the location to Camp Sherman. In November, 1921, the 377th Infantry was reconstituted a unit of the 95th Division, Organized Reserves, with headquarters at Tulsa, Okla., under authority of Section 3A, National Defense Act. The shoulder patch containing the letter "O" with a "K" within it has been associated with the Division during its reserve status, the "OK" for Oklahoma.

The high calibre of these officers and non-coms guided the regiment through the basic training which started soon after activation. They were working in a camp that was as new as the recruits. For when members of the cadre had arrived a month before activation from Camp San Luis Obispo, Calif., the carpenters were still hammering the nails in the last few barricks. In the 13 weeks of basic which were soon humming along, human raw materials were smelted into a strong foundation which was later forged into the invincible "Iron Men of Metz."

Basic was rugged. Close order drill, calisthenics, bayonet drill, running assault courses, rifle marksmanship, gruelling hikes, and field drills were employed to weave closely-knit, co-ordinated teams. Classes in map-reading, camouflage, cover and concealment, sanitation and first aid, military courtesy, gas warfare, and infantry tactics rounded out the program. Selected men were sent to Divisional schools for training as radiomen, mechanics, cooks and bakers. From training companies, the men reverted to regular companies where they were assigned to platoons and squads.

AUSTIN, A WEEKEND MECCA

Weekdays ,the soldiers had considerable opportunity on a "you will" basis to learn intimately the rough Texas terrain on daily afternoon hikes over the reservation. But the type of terrain to which they were more inclined was the "you may" trips on weekends to Texas towns like Taylor, "largest inland cotton market in the world"; Bastrop, closest to camp and overflowing with GI khaki; Elgin, a country crossroad with a homelike touch; Smithville, on the road to Houston, railroady and residential. Last, but not least, was Austin, weekend mecca and overnight home for married men. That 30-mile trip to the Texas capital and home of the state university wasn't always easy in the rush hours, but once there, the newly-acclimated GIs found a wide variety of amusements.

After a little more than two months' training, the best leaders among the recruits were offered new opportunities, along with top-notch cadremen. The regiment was asked for officer candidates, and responded with more than 100 who soon left for Forts Benning, Sill, Belvoir, and other OCS camps.

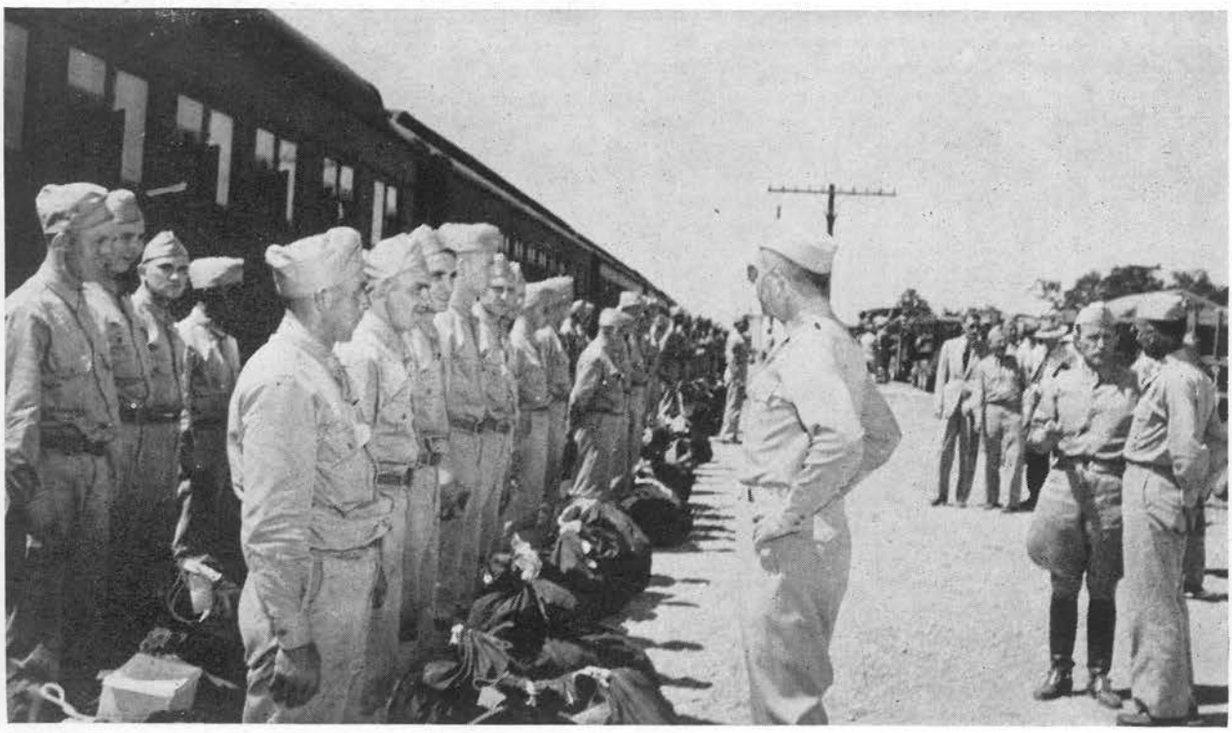
Among the sharpest memories of Camp Swift and marksmanship training was the uncanny firing of the M-1 and '03 rifles by the ranking non-com of the regiment, Master Sergeant Robert L. Spears, the Sergeant Major. M/Sgt. Spears could repeatedly select any M-1 on the rack, coolly step up to the firing line, and accurately fire away—calling his shots with exactness and precision, with the results so close together in the bull's-eye that it was virtually impossible to spot them. Men in the pit never used any markers except white and red ones when the methodical Sergeant Major was on the line. Among his many firing honors had been the title of No. 1 marksman in the Camp Perry, Ohio, competition a few years back.

By the end of the training cycle at Swift, several changes had occurred in higher echelons of leadership. Lt. Col. Morris died, and succeeding him as First Battalion CO was Major Aubrey W. Akin (now Lt. Col., commanding 379th Inf.), the Executive Officer, Lt. Col. Nielsen, transferred out and Lt. Col. Leo J. Farrell became his successor. In the lower echelons, however, continuity of leadership was maintained with a good deal of "bucking" by men in the many Table of Organization positions which called for a higher rank.

By the end of November, the recruits of four and a half months earlier had completed individual training, and now faced the job of learning to fight as members of a permanent combat team. This phase of the 95th's training called for a different locale; consequently, the entire division left Camp Swift early in December (the 377th leaving on 4 December 1942), and traveled by motor convoy to San Antonio, Tex., and to the permanent Army reservation, Fort Sam Houston, more generally known as "Fort Sam."

Just prior to the movement, some deserving GI's were entitled to furloughs, and took off for home, the first of a new furlough cycle orginating at Camp Swift and continuing through days at Fort Sam.

Major General Harry L. Twaddle inspecting the newly arrived troops of the 95th Division at Camp Swift, Tex.



One of the 95th's most colorful reviews came on 16 June 1943. With billowing clouds in a vivid blue sky creating atmosphere, color guard and band lead the combat team at Arthur MacArthur Field, Fort Sam Houston.

FORT SAM

Unlike most Army posts, Fort Sam Houston is situated in town, just a stone's throw from the business section of San Antonio, Tex. Its sleek, white, Spanish-style permanent buildings and the neatly-trimmed green of Arthur MacArthur Field in the center of the post make the Fort one of San Antonio's most scenic attractions.

Men and officers of the 377th Infantry had only to step out of the gate to be in town and enjoy the plentiful opportunities for recreation. The usual transportation bugaboo of Army posts was virtually non-existent. Memories of Fort Sam are among the fondest in the regiment's history.

But the six months' period while the regiment was based here had its bad points, namely Camp Bullis and Camp Cibolo on the Leon Springs Military Reservation. These two rugged camps furnished very good training but were not too pleasant because they introduced ticks, blisters, and foxholes. Bullis was 21 miles from Fort Sam; Cibolo lay eight miles farther. Men of the 377th knew every tortuous step of the route, since the training schedule called for full field packs, a foot march to get to the reservation, and moving in file along the paved road that led out from San Antonio toward Leon Springs. Upon arrival at the reservation, camp was established in a tent city which provided sleeping quarters.

Cibolo was no picnic. The pyramidal tents were fine, but there was nothing to sleep on but bare ground, occasionally softened with straw. The whole area was rocks and sand. Days were hot and nights were cold. Foxholes, to be quarried in the stubborn rocks, turned out to be slit trenches most of the time. The biggest problem was the ticks. Thousands of these tiny pests burrowed into the still-tender skins of GIs, who had to stick close to the ground as they "snooped and pooped" while moving tactically on field problems. The pests caused sores and fever (which came to be known in medical circles as "Bullis fever"), and soon filled Brooks General Hospital with hundreds of scratching soldiers. Some men still carry scars, and everyone who was there carries itching memories of those persistent pests.

Company, battalion, and regimental field problems at Leon Springs began to develop in the individual soldiers of the 377th those qualities of teamwork and co-ordination which later in France and Germany spelled the difference between success and failure in combat missions for Combat Team Seven. Between each set of problems came a break in the routine—the march back to Fort Sam (somehow the trip back always seemed shorter!), and a chance to catch up on hot showers, girl friends, dances, movies and sports. Sport competition included the well-known Division basketball team, on which T/Sgt. Glen D. Culp of Third Bn. Hq. Co. was an outstanding player. A number of 377th men entered the Golden Gloves boxing tournament in San Antonio, and made good showings.

Much emphasis was placed on physical fitness at this stage of training. One incentive for added effort in promoting the program was the physical fitness tests conducted by Eighth Corps to which the division was assigned at that time. Colonel Woolfley was pushing the program pretty hard in the regiment, as the following incident will prove. It happened on Monday afternoon. The previous Saturday all officers, including the Colonel, and all men had hiked in from Camp Cibolo. Those who were to represent the 377th in the Eighth Corps fitness tests were assembled for a talk by the Commanding Officer.

32 FAST PUSHUPS

"If at my age I can do 17 pushups," he asked, "you all should be able to do 34, shouldn't you?" Everyone agreed. "Does anyone doubt my ability to do 34?" he queried. A member of A/T Company raised his hand. "Would you like a demonstration?" continued the Colonel. The man replied in the affirmative. Getting down to the ground, Colonel Woolfley proceeded to 32 fast pushups. When he rose to his feet, it was amid the enthusiastic applause of the men. The story spread quickly, and this recollection of the C. O., more than any other, has lasted through the years.

Shortly after this time, Colonel Woolfley left the 95th on an assignment to the 76th Infantry Division at Camp McCoy, Wis., where he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

On 11 March 1943, command of the regiment was assigned to the Regular Army officer who was to lead the 377th for the remainder of its training and combat history, Colonel Fred E. Gaillard. A graduate of Virginia Military Institute, he served

during World War I in various training assignments in the States, attaining the rank of Captain. In 1920, he received his permanent commission as a lieutenant in the Regular Army, thereafter serving in various assignments in the States, Hawaii, and the Philippines. From June until September 1942, the colonel (then, a lieutenant colonel) was assigned to the 95th Division in the capacity of G-1. Then, transferring to G-3, he directed the division's training until 20 December 1942, when he was assigned to VIII Corps Headquarters at Brownwood, Tex., as Deputy Chief of Staff. His promotion to full Colonel came through while with VIII Corps, on 12 January 1943. Two months later he became the 377th Regimental Commander.

This tall, slender Texan, stern, of soldierly-bearing, a strict disciplinarian who quickly instituted highly efficient administrative policies which stood intact throughout his tenure, soon became the epitome of the energy and spirit with which the 377th tackled its various missions. His endless drive for military perfection in the men under his command was softened only by the consideration which he gave to baseball teams, boxers, the organization of a regimental band, his affection for pets, and similar special interests. He commanding appearance while leading a regimental parade, with his legs wrapped in the ever-present GI leggings, soon became an inspiring symbol of Army leadership to those under his command.

One of the acts which endeared him to regimental personnel while at Fort Sam was his sympathetic attention to that 49-mile jaunt to Camp Cibolo which was the current headache for the foot-sore. Deciding that the hike had been made enough times for it to have little training significance in return for the time spent, Colonel Gaillard inaugurated the shuttling of men between the two locations by Army truck. To say this change was popular would be an understatement.

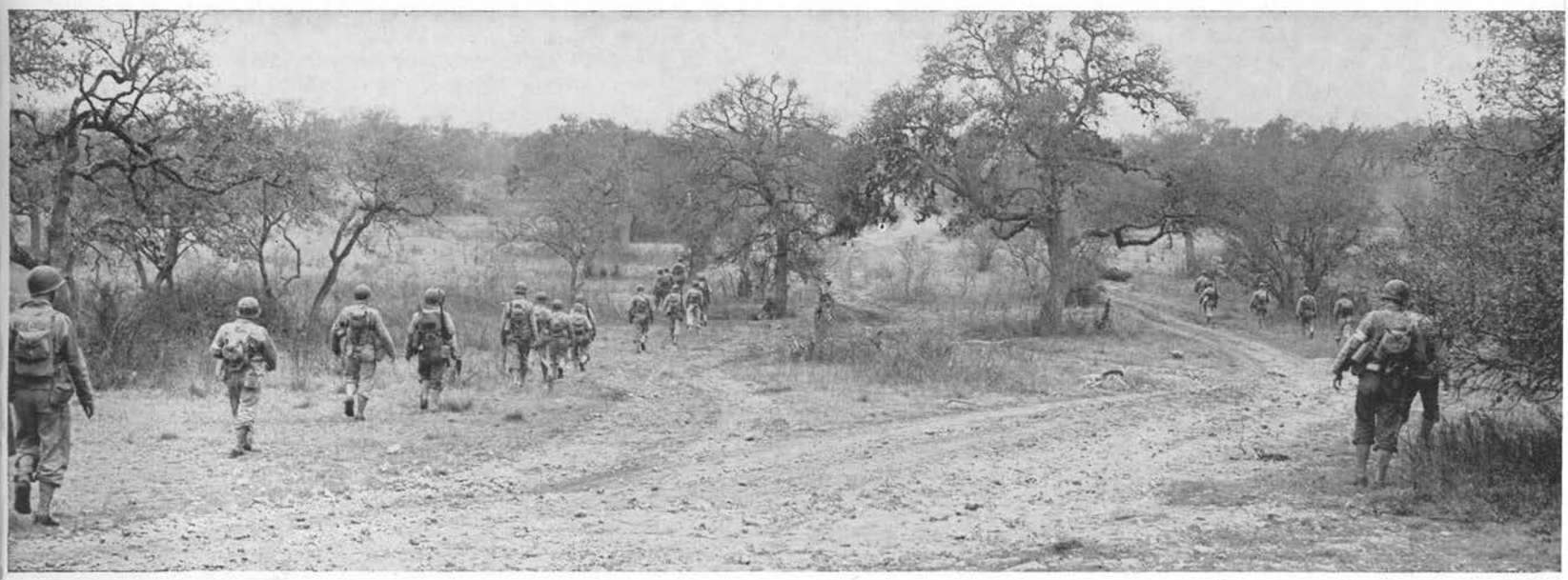
Other changes in regimental leadership while at Fort Sam brought to the Second and Third Battalions the officers who were to lead them through combat overseas. Lieutenant Colonel Mahoney left the regiment, replaced by Captain Robert L. Walton (later Lieutenant Colonel) in the Second Battalion C. O. spot. Lieutenant Colonel Hoke was transferred to Regimental Executive Officer, replacing Lieutenant Colonel Farrell. Captain Ross W. Hall (later Lieutenant Colonel) was assigned as C. O., Third Battalion, at this time. First Battalion changed C. O.'s also, for when Lieutenant Colonel Akin transferred to the 379th Infantry at Fort Sam, Major Edwin P. VanCise was assigned to his position.

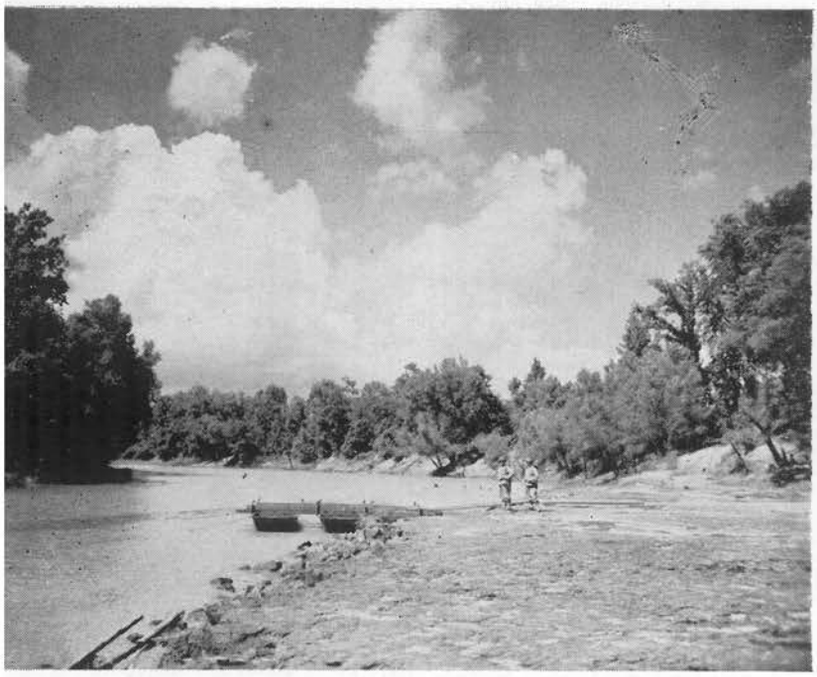
Last major phase of training in Texas was the "D-Series" problems, a two-week, large-scale maneuver on the Division level at the Leon Springs Reservation. This problem afforded the Division staff its first chance to function in the operations with the regiments. With each regiment as enemy detail for one of the three phases of D-Series, all had a try at co-ordinated mock battle. No live rounds were fired in the division or regimental problems here.

Rumors of an impending move became fact early in June 1943, when the orders came down: "Louisiana maneuvers!" Rechecks were made on field equipment, kitchen crews prepared to do all their cooking on the move, and the men got their feet in condition for long hikes over dusty maneuver roads. On June 21, 1943, the regiment bid a reluctant farewell to Fort Sam, set chin straps for Louisiana, and hit the road.

At Fort Sam Houston, Tex., Colonel Francis A. Woolfley accepts regimental colors from Major General Harry L. Twaddle, Division Commander, while a color guard stands by. On extreme right of the picture is Lieutenant Frederick B. Aldrich, Headquarters Third Battalion.

Company E, 377th Infantry, on approach march, moves out on Oppenheimer Road at Camp Bullis, Tex., March, 1943.





Sabine River crossing problems furnished the Regiment training during Louisiana maneuvers that later was to prove invaluable for combat work on the Moselle and Saar Rivers in France and Germany.

L O U I S I A N A

No jeep driver who dodged pine stumps will ever forget the Corps training problems in Louisiana. Nor will the foot troops who floundered through the woods and swamps maneuvering with or against the 31st and 88th Infantry Divisions and the 11th Armored Division. When it wasn't rain or mist to complete the immersion which soaked the GI brogans, it was choking dust clouds from the trucks which passed or the troops ahead. The dust coated your mouth and throat and thickened your tongue until the only thing in the world which mattered was the next drink of water. Those next drinks were few and far between, for water discipline on Louisiana maneuvers was one of the toughest enemies 377th troops fought. The SOP was one canteen a day, but the GIs found out then (and the War Department agreed later) that the ration was just not enough to maintain health.

Foot troops had detrained at Many, La., after the trip from Fort Sam. Troops which made the trip in convoys of organic vehicles converged on a bivouac area north of Many and joined the foot troops there. The Many bivouac was in the northwest portion of the whole maneuver area—a wild region of varied terrain approximately fifty miles square in the west central part of Louisiana.

BATTLE OF THE FLAGS

First came two weeks of "flag" problems. Everyone found out that a blue flag meant you can advance; red, you can't; white, hold up for umpire's decision; green, look out, for it's "brass" in a staff car. And somehow, the recon car with the inevitable artillery fire umpire, and his inevitable red-and-white flag and cowbell, always appeared and went into action wherever men bunched up, sending them scurrying for cover like real artillery would.

The "Blues" were to fight the "Reds" (for this, men and vehicles were designated with red or blue helmet bands or banners) and never the twain would meet without a fierce battle of the flags. Despite this simulation, wooden bazookas, "noise-makers" for enemy machine gun fire, and "loaded" ammunition trucks, which either were empty or didn't exist, the maneuvers provided a realistic test of field skill and a wealth of experience. Real tanks, "flag" artillery, and airplanes, which made bombing runs over the troops dropping sacks of flour instead of bombs, added touches of combat.

Problems lasted from three to five days with two-to-three-day "breaks" intervening; however, the breaks were usually shortened considerably by road marches. These problems varied greatly in direction of attack and withdrawal, with some of them covering as much as 100 miles in zig-zag and cross backs. The heat as well as the humidity added to maneuver woes, and as a natural result, many a man faltered and fell out, exhausted by its intensity. On one such day, with the temperature reported to have been a blistering 120 degrees, the regiment was advancing on a sizzling hot, macadam road. Some fortunate GIs were off the road on flank security and stumbled upon creeks, finding momentary relief with a helmet-full of refreshing water on their throbbing faces. But eventually, a large portion of the regiment staggered off the road, forced to rest from the sun's penetrating rays. Maneuvers, they found, were really tough.

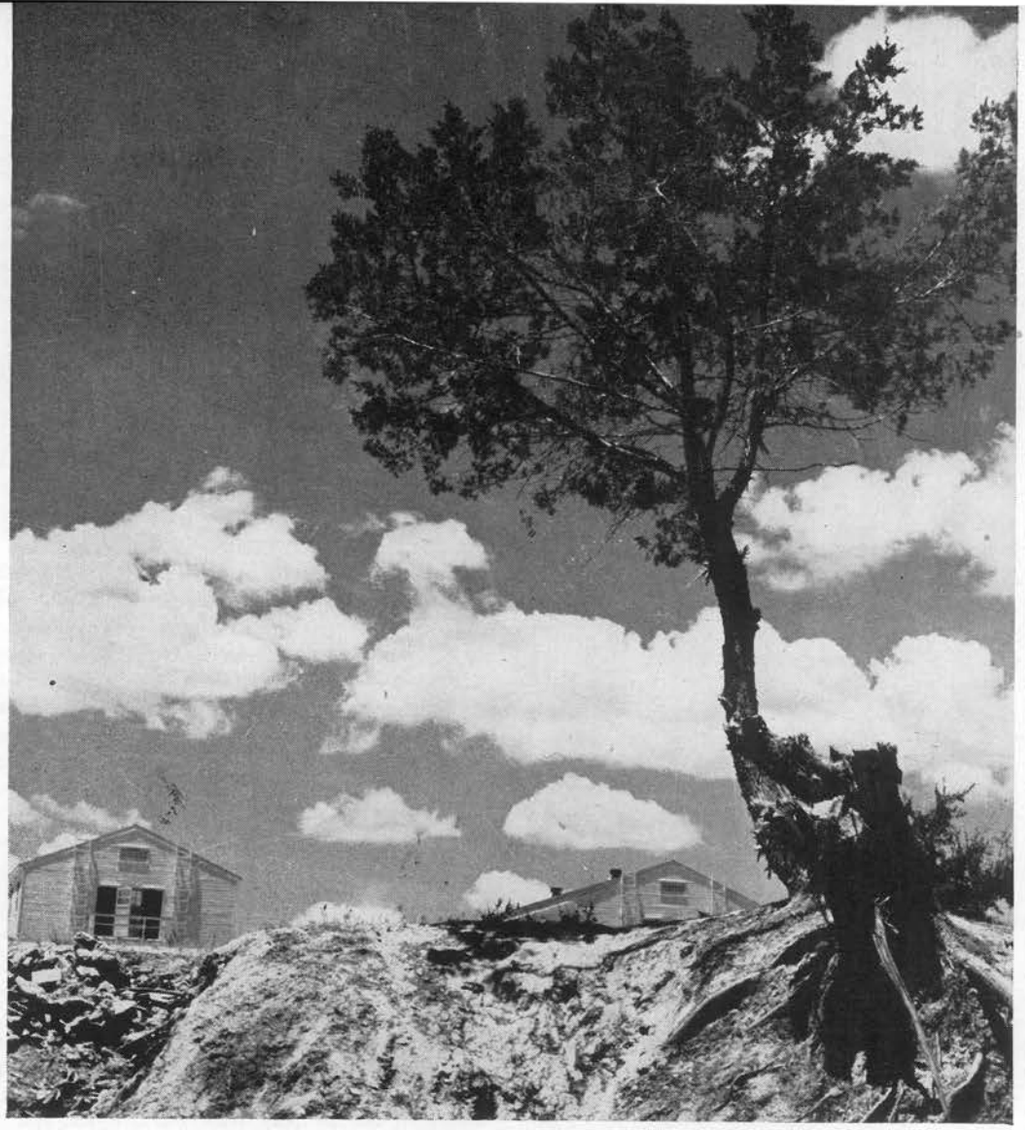
Only major change in command during the maneuver period came when Major (now Lt. Col.) Joseph F. Decker replaced Major Van Cise as CO of First Battalion.

Some of the maneuvering engaged in by the regimental personnel was strictly not on the operations map at S-3. The 95th had arrived in Louisiana in the thick of the watermelon season, and the results were obvious. At one halt in a mid-maneuver break, well-worn paths from each battalion area to the nearest melon patch soon appeared. But the owner was fully reimbursed, for each man in the regiment contributed five cents from his next month's pay for watermelons.

Last phase of maneuvers was the Sabine River crossing problem at the Louisiana-Texas border. Troops of the 377th were about 10 miles from Leesville at maneuver's end, after which the regiment moved into bivouac just north of Camp Polk, waiting for quarters at the camp to be vacated. On August 25, 1943, the 377th moved into Camp Polk, La., for what was scheduled to be a six-month stay.

Once again the men were able to sleep in barracks and enjoy hot water and flush toilets. After a few days of reorganization, refresher courses on the firing range began. Small-unit training found squads out in the backwoods on three-day problems, during which they cooked their own meals and operated against fast-moving "enemy" patrols which tangled with the squad's security at virtually any hour of the day or night. During these forays, squads remained completely out of contact with their base, and followed a pre-determined route of reconnaissance on which they were to report at the end of the period.

The division learned officially that it had been rated satisfactory by umpires of the Louisiana maneuvers, but unfortunately it had little time to rest on these laurels. For persistent rumors began and official orders confirmed soon after that the division was moving west. October 11th found the regiment entrained for the long Pullman ride from Polk to the West Coast. At least, most of the men believed the Coast was their destination. Was the division going overseas to fight the Japs! Probably, they figured. After all, they had trained for 14 months, and the type of training they had received indicated the Pacific theater would be their battle grounds. Uneasy about the future in store for them, they gradually settled back in their train seats and viewed the scenery as it slowly changed into the beautiful infinity of space and color that is the Golden West.



Barracks at Camp Polk, La., are pictorially framed by sand, a pine with eroded roots and deep blue sky. The Regiment had brief stay at Polk after Louisiana maneuvers.

COXCOMB

Those who thought the regiment was moving to the Coast on that train ride from Camp Polk were about 200 miles wrong. The correct destination was Camp Coxcomb, California (one of a dozen or more Desert Training Center camps scattered about the plains of the great Mohave Desert), 200 miles east of Los Angeles. The nearest town was Indio, a little railroad stop 50 miles from camp.

The pyramidal tent city became home for the regiment from October, 1943, to February, 1944. Completely devoid of trees, bare and sandy, and baked under cloudless skies most of the year, the broad, gently-sloping plain upon which Camp Coxcomb lay was between three towering, rocky mountains—Palen, to the east, Coxcomb to the west, and McCoy to the northwest. These, characteristically, appeared only half as far away as they really were. Temperatures broke 100 degrees during noonday, but dived unsuspectingly to such shivering levels, as soon as the sun set, that tents had to be heated by the new type Sibley stoves. Despite the roasting the regiment received during October, it was fortunate to arrive at the end of summer rather than the beginning.

As beautiful sunrises over Palen Pass and sunsets behind Coxcomb Mountain began to lose their novelty, the locale changed temporarily to Camp Clipper firing range, 60 miles distant (just down the road a piece, in terms of desert distances), where all personnel reviewed the firing of their weapons thoroughly, shuttling to and from Clipper by truck and camping there for several days. After range season, squad, platoon, company, and battalion problems took everyone out into Coxcomb Valley to learn its intricacies and find out how not to get lost on a desert and become meat for the coyotes. One GI's remark at problems' end summed up the whole Coxcomb stay: "As far as you could see, you couldn't see a damn thing!"

Between problems, there were frequent rest periods in camp, with plenty of space for sports, and even USO shows and movies on outdoor screens, with a Lana Turner movie to warm those who shivered under coats and blankets as they sat on the cold sand. A cycle of passes, some for week-ends and some for six days, brought relief to many from the monotonous desert environment. These meant trips to Palm Springs, San Bernadino, Los Angeles, and Hollywood.

The small-unit field work soon revolved into readiness for training at the regimental level, and the 377th moved out from Coxcomb for combat team problems and "The Battle of Palen Pass." On these, "yesterday's supper tonight" was not uncommon because of shuffles during inky-black nights. Fires and lights were strictly prohibited, and kitchen trucks always were brought up under cover of darkness. Kitchen crews served suppers blindly at about 2300 and breakfast just as gropingly at about 0300. Noon meals were stuffed in the pocket before the day's work began and consisted of (by noon) dry sandwiches and an occasional orange.

All in all, Christmas and New Year's Days on the desert were not all that could be hoped for by the men at Camp Coxcomb. But a sumptuous Yule Day repast, traditional for all Army personnel, did its share of morale-building, and was complete with

Air view of the north half of Camp Coxcomb, Calif., showing Division Headquarters in the circular formation and at the top right, Division Artillery and 377th Infantry Regiment Area. Dots in straight rows in the pictures are pyramidal tents. Engineers had their field day when they laid out Camp Coxcomb.

turkey, stuffing, nuts, hard candy, and even Christmas trees with the customary trimmings and presents from home.

'C' GOES 'HOLLYWOOD'

Company C, commanded by Capt. Edgar T. Savidge, received an unexpected new Year's present with no strings attached. Hollywood beckoned for an Infantry company, and Division bestowed upon C Company doughboys the privilege of working with the Signal Corps and Universal Motion Picture Company at Griffith Park, Calif., on "Queen of Battle," a glamorized picture of the infantry released to the general public. They also were featured in the official War Department training films, "Soldier in Bivouac," "At Your Command," and "Personal Health in the Jungle," with most of the shooting on location at Palm Springs, Calif.

The company went on detached service on 8 January 1944 and rejoined the regiment in April at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa. Its First Sergeant's reaction to that assignment for the movies tells the story: "It's the best deal we ever had in the Army!"

The final stage of training at Camp Coxcomb was a full-scale division maneuver with the whole California-Arizona Maneuver Area as the battle ground. The 377th Combat Team was attached to the 11th Armored Division, which was pitted against the remainder of the 95th Division plus attached units, including the Air Force. The regiment moved out on the Parker Dam Highway and travelled to the South to start tactical work among the foothills of the Palo Verde Mountains. Freda, Garnet, key passes in the Little Chuckwalla and Mule Mountains, Highway 60-70, "Green Route," "Purple Route," Blythe—all these will recall the month of complicated maneuvering during this period to those who were there. January and the whole maneuvers ended simultaneously as the regiment moved in on the offensive against a huge, 95th-dug tank trap 12 miles east of Coxcomb.

After the ever-present critique, men piled into trucks and sped toward Coxcomb. As darkness fell and the convoy, with lights full on, swung along the desert highway, the white dots of its headlights viewed from camp formed an endless file of glowworms inching over the brim of the horizon and creeping closer and closer to home under a canopy of stars.

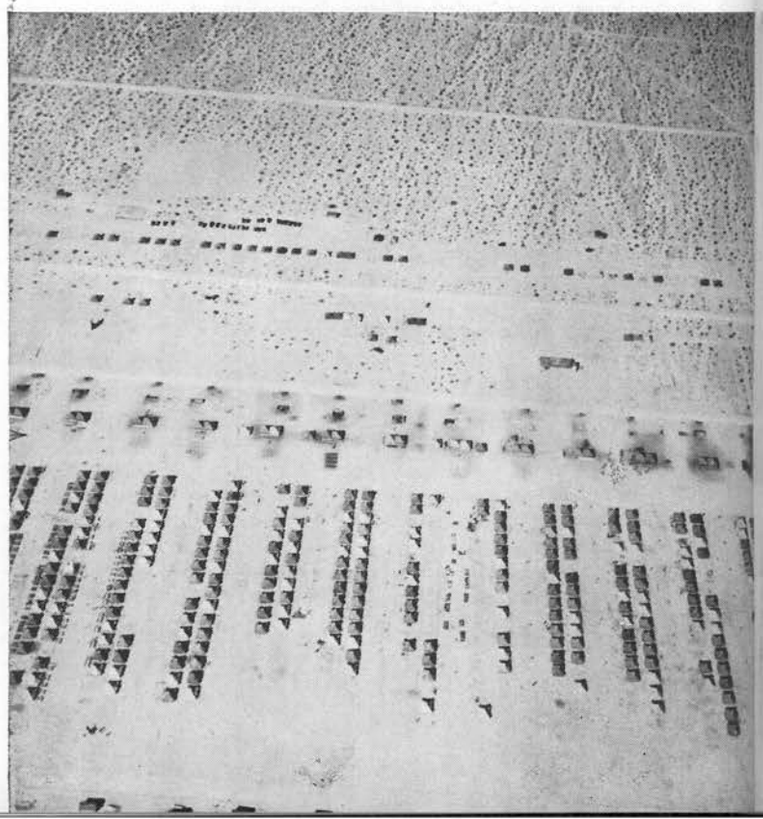
Such sights as this vast panorama of the desert at night were being seen for the last few times, for within two weeks of maneuvers' end, the regiment was to entrain for Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa.

On February 16, the last units of the 37th motored to the spur of the Santa Fe railroad at Rice, boarded Pullmans, and started the five-day move diagonally across country. Moving the regiment's personnel, their personal baggage, and the equipment to feed them, takes roughly five trains of 15-18 cars each. Moving them all the way across country complicated this task. It was no wonder that one of the trainloads on that trip, routed north through a small bit of Canada, suffered some frigid weather one night when no steam could be turned on in the last half of the train.

THE GAP

Morning of 21 February 1944 saw men of the 377th energetically unloading from a long line of railroad cars at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation, Pa., still stiff from the five-day trip from California. The lively stepping was a result of snappy-cold weather, for an unexpected blizzard the day before proved that the warm, sunny days of the desert were things of the past. "The Gap" looked to them much like Camp Polk, La. It had been the

377th Area looking west toward Coxcomb Mountain. The photo was taken from a plane over the Motor Pool. Familiar landmarks that can be recognized are the P. X., Captain Patterson's entertainment "pavilion," movie screen, Regimental Headquarters, private car lot, and the dots which are greasewood bushes and sagebrush. The trans-desert Colorado River aqueduct, out of this picture, was between camp and the mountains to the west.



training site in peacetime for Pennsylvania's National Guard, but now was in use as a reception center and as a semi-staging area for overseas-bound troops, particularly Infantry and Transportation Corps.

The 377th's area lay on higher ground near the northeast end of camp from which an expansive view of other areas could be seen. Farther northeast at the end of camp were the towering derricks and dummy ships used for training by the Transportation Corps. To the north was the long line of blunt, green-covered foothills of the Blue Mountains (a leg of the Appalachians), extending to the right and left as far as the eye could see. The Indiantown gap was the largest of three yawning gaps in the line of mountains in this area.

Like Fort Sam, The Gap provided many a memorable time for 95th men. At one time or another the imagination of almost everyone who was there returns to Harrisburg, capital of the Quaker State, the city where you could get anything; or Lebanon, famous for USO good times and dances popularized by the tuneful 377th Regimental Orchestra organized by 1st Lt. William H. Patterson (later Captain) on the desert; or Hershey with its chocolate factory, amusement park and hockey team. Other nearby towns which hold memories for some G.I.'s are York, Pottsville, Pottstown, Pine Grove, Wilkes-Barre, Reading and Philadelphia.

After the release of 38-year-olds and of many others with physical disabilities, the regiment became understrength. Consequently, requisition for men was made and on February 25 trains from various reception centers unloaded a large group of inductees for assignment to the 95th. These men had to be thoroughly but hurriedly trained with a stepped-up, eight-weeks' training course. Time was short. The Division was well aware that it would soon be overseas where it would apply its intensive, varied training.

On March 1 the regiment reached full Table of Organization strength by transfer in of several hundred replacements from the curtailed Army Specialized Training Program and from Army Air Force ground personnel. The majority of these men already had completed most phases of Infantry basic, but they continued basic here as a refresher course. Training completed, the recruits were assigned to their parent companies and from that point continued "team" training as members of their permanent squads.

GOVERNORS REVIEW 377TH

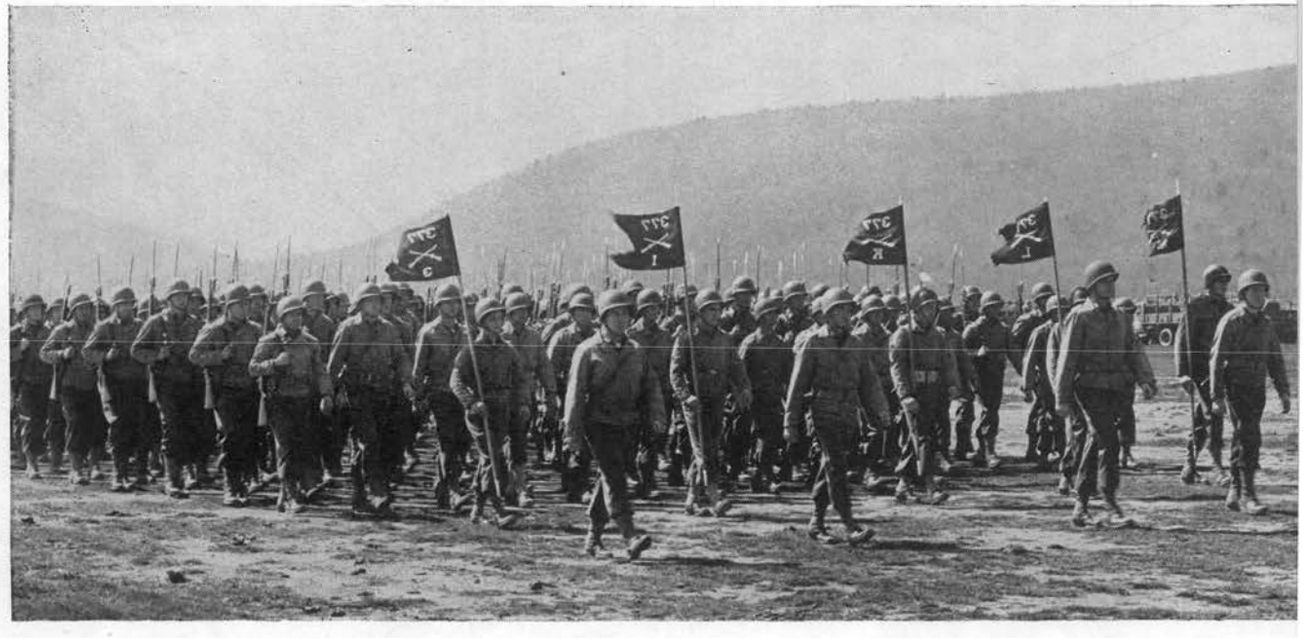
Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson (later the Secretary of War) made an official visit to the Gap on April 1 and reviewed a Divisional parade in which 377th participated. On May 28, the regiment, along with a detachment of WACs and a representation from the Negro Transportation Corps troops, was reviewed by an assembly of 37 State Governors who were conducting a national meeting at Hershey, Pa.

During the months of March, April and May, a selected group of officers and men motored to West Virginia to become acquainted with mountain climbing at the Seneca Rock Mountain Climbing School. Some went to pack-mule school there to learn how to handle those temperamental animals and to solve the mysteries of the Diamond and Basket hitches. On June 11, Combat Team Seven (377th) left the Gap for West Virginia Maneuver Area near Elkins, W. Va., for mountain training. The first few days here were devoted to mountain climbing and instruction in "rappelling" by means of nylon (ladies note) ropes. This instruction came from men who certainly could qualify as mountain goats, for they scrambled over rocks as though they were right at home.

Thus oriented, the regiment went tactical again for battalion maneuvers and continued the scrap of the Red against the Blue. Like the other two maneuvers this was a tough grind, and the weather did nothing to help the situation. Life, already on a permanent slant in these mountains, soon became a battle with mud after heavy rains fell. Dirt roads were quickly churned into seas of goo that sucked in vehicles and made walking a drudgery for foot soldiers. Maneuvers ended suddenly on June 21, 1944, amid rumors of immediate overseas movement, as the doughs were braving the steep grades and torrential current of the Blackwater River and Canyon operations. The regiment enthusiastically put aside its mountain tools and packs and feather sleeping bags, but it was with a great deal of foreboding that they climbed upon their convoys of trucks and moved back to the Gap via the smooth, elegant Pennsylvania Turnpike to await further orders.

The wait wasn't a long one. On June 22, just one day later, Division received the alert. All personnel were advised of the alert status by Col. Gaillard at a guarded meeting in the camp's mammoth field house. Article of War 28, concerning desertion in time of war, was read to (and its reading certified by) all officers and enlisted men as a precautionary measure. Strict censorship of all personal mail was invoked for obvious military reasons. Restriction to the regimental area came on July 22, when wives, sweethearts, and babies got that final kiss which had to last both parties concerned for 11 months. Showdowns of personal and organizational equipment came in such rapid-fire succession that some kept their clothes laid out 24 hours a day and saved themselves loads of trouble.

The soon-to-be "Iron Men of Metz" were ready for overseas movement and combat duty.



With steel helmets and bayonets fixed, Third Battalion of 377th Infantry marches in review across the drill field prior to overseas shipment. The twin hills in the background form the gap for which the reservation was named.

TO ENGLAND AND FRANCE

On July 25, 1944, the Regiment boarded the train at Indiantown Gap, and after an overnight trip arrived at its destination—Camp Myles Standish, Mass. From an exceptionally audible public address system came the order for detraining, after which a firm, unfaltering voice pierced the silence, "You are now at a secret address. No mention of it will be made in your letters, telegrams, or telephone calls." Security was to be strictly enforced.

Camp Myles Standish, located near the city of Taunton, Mass., was the Division's staging area prior to embarkation at the Boston Port of Embarkation. It consisted largely of one-story, tar-papered barracks with pine tree backdrops, and the always popular Service Clubs, theaters, PXs and telephone exchanges for the last calls home, which were very carefully censored. The mess halls were huge affairs, each feeding thousands with an abundance of good food, the meals being prepared by company cooks from units being staged under the supervision of the camp staff.

The schedule provided for a whirlpool of activity. Aside from regular routine training, the days feverishly featured films required preparatory to overseas movement, boat drills, security lectures, clothing and equipment inspections, and typhus shots that hit like the sting of a hornet. Duffle bags and packs were streamlined, equipment tagged, anti-gas impregnated clothing issued.

Just before leaving, much athletic equipment was issued, with many a bulging duffle bag getting an extra softball or bat. This gave rise to another rumor—sports goods, hmmm, that's for occupation troops! Maybe we are.

REACH GANGPLANK AUG. 9

The men were prepared for embarkation. Final movement orders arrived, and on August 9, 1944, the Regiment swiftly and systematically boarded the Boston-bound express train and in a short time reached the loading sheds in the shadows of the dark, gray liner, the U. S. S. *West Point* (formerly, the S. S. *America),* the troopship destined to carry the regiment to the shores of England.

Shouldering packs and duffle bags, the doughboys hustled up the ship's gangplank in accordance with their assigned places on loading lists. American Red Cross ladies offered a few timely and cheerful words, a winning smile, and refreshing ice-cold orangeade. Equipment deposited in their assigned quarters, troops flocked deckward for a last glimpse of the Boston harbor. Abreast the flood tide at 8:00 P.M., the *West Point* majestically nosed out into the channel, with men lining the rails and a Navy blimp circling overhead. In the gathering dusk, the dancing lights of the Massachusetts coastline soon faded below the horizon.

Life aboard the West Point was relatively comfortable for everyone but the "overload," that unfortunate 700 from Third Battalion who slept out on the wooden afterdeck and the steel promenade deck for all but one of the nights on the trip across the Atlantic—for them night life was really rugged.

LIFE IN A LIFE JACKET

The first day at sea was an indoctrination in Navy routine and ship's terms. "Troops will wear life jackets at all times," "The smoking lamp is out," "Sweep down," "Lay below," all preceded by the "Boatswain's whistle," and "Keep those heads clean" evoked much comment from the men. Fortunately the trip across was exceptionally calm; hence "over-the-rail" exercises were held to a minimum. Troops ran through abandon ship drill daily as the ship raced and weaved smoothly through the deep, blue water. Thousands of human eyes and the ship's infallible mechanical eye, radar, were ever-watchful for the dangers of floating mines and submarines. Strict blackout at night was observed.

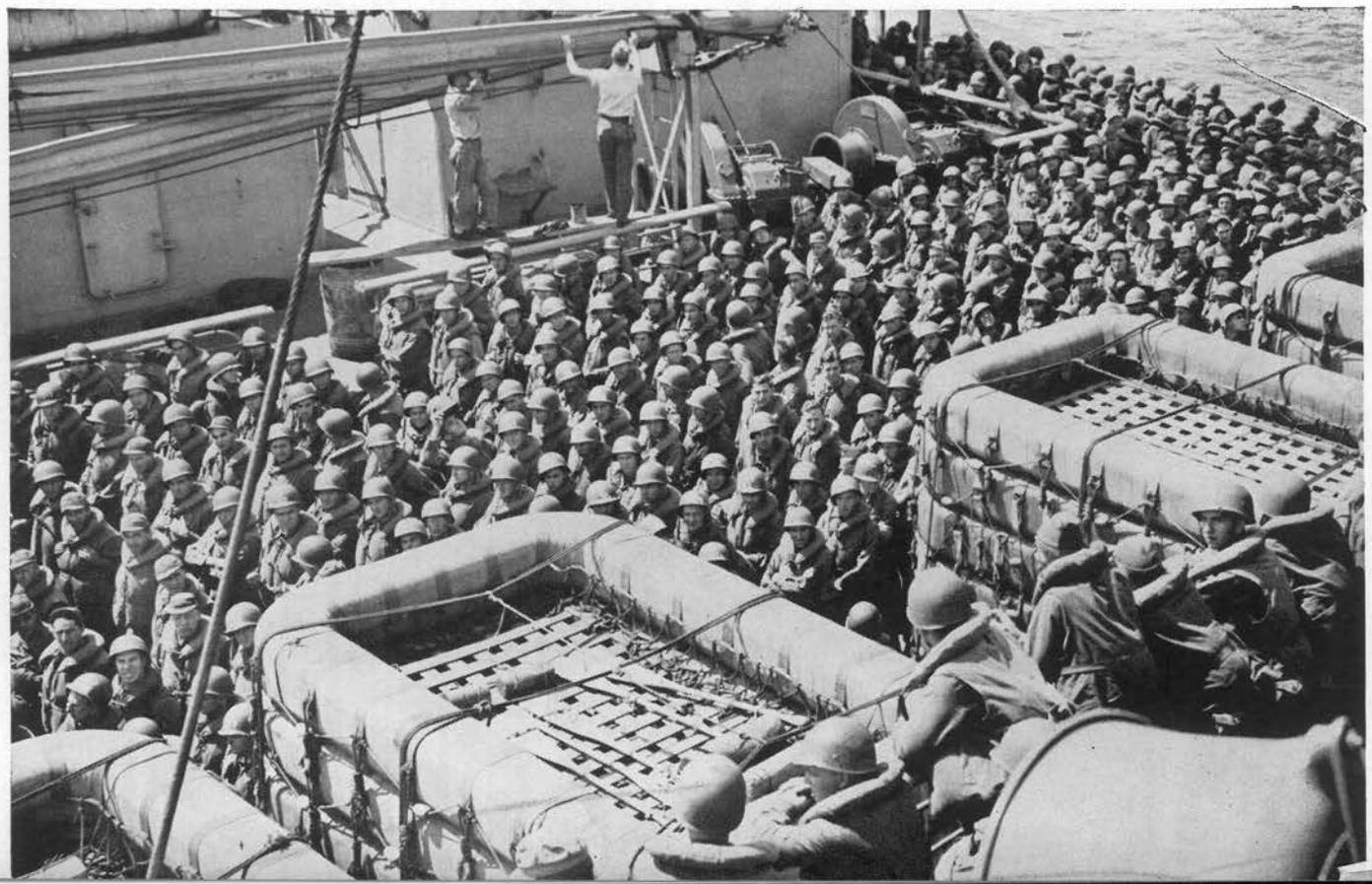
The decks usually were crowded with doughboys relaxing under an umbrella of blue sky—some reading, sleeping, or playing cards, while others just scanned the horizon, dreamingly, their imaginations winging them first back to their homes and families, then to the combat days ahead. Ship's radio broadcast news reports during the morning, the men learning on August 15th that Allied troops made an invasion landing on the southern coast of France between Marseilles and Nice, and on the 17th that Patton was 23 miles from Paris. Afternoons, the Navy band entertained royally, then gave way to 377th's serenading regimental orchestra which rounded out a complete swing and jive schedule. During early evenings, church services and song fetes were conducted by both Army and Navy chaplains.

Finally, after nine days of vast, open sea, came "land ho" as the coast of Ireland was sighted. Tension mounted as the ship rounded Northern Ireland, skidded through the North Channel, passed the faded hills of Scotland, the Isle of Man, Wales, and then, the ship-dotted harbors of England. The first actual evidences of the war were experienced with awe when the half-sunken, war-torn hulks of vessels were sighted by the life-belted passengers of the *West Point.*

At 2:00 p. m., August 17th, 1944, a pilot boat guided the ship into Liverpool harbor. Eventually, the large bulk of the *West Point* was secured to the Mersey Dock and cockney dockhands began unloading. The view from the ship's deck indicated that Liverpool had felt the devastation and destruction of war, for steel girders were pockmarked from shrapnel, glass windows were shattered and boarded up, and only jagged foundations remained of many bomb-shattered buildings.

In due time, the regiment unloaded and entrained for the shift

Boat Drill enroute to England. Who said the *West Point* was crowded?



across England, passing through the rolling hills and broad countryside surrounding Sheffield, Nottingham, Leicester and Oxford, finally arriving at the destination, Sutton Scotney. Here, the regiment was greeted and oriented on Camp Barton Stacey by members of the advance party, (Lt. Edgar McCracken, Lt. Roy Farmer, Lt. Theron Tomasello, Lt. Cecil Sanderson, Lt. Edgar Oetting, M/Sgt. Robert Provost, S/Sgt. Daniel Kolosowsky, Pfc. George Pinchin, S/Sgt. Richard Jansen and T/Sgt. William Bockhaus) which had left the States secretly in June from The Gap and had done an excellent job of "paving the way."

From Sutton Scotney trucks shuttled the troops over the winding macadam roads to Camp Barton Stacey, located near the towns of Andover, Winchester, Salisbury and Basingstoke. Stacey's barracks were very plain, wooden, clapboarded, single-storied buildings, well-equipped for blackout protection, a precaution necessary against German buzz-bombs and bombers.

Additions to a normal training schedule here included an exhibit of captured German equipment and demonstrations of German Infantry tactics put on by specially trained units. Combat veterans visited units and told what really was happening at the front. The men soon came to realize the preliminaries were over and the main event was soon to start. Their passes to historic London and to nearby Winchester were the last they were to receive for many months.

Bzzzzzzzz . . . BOOM!

A buzz-bomb incident added certainty to any hesitancy anyone might have had that war was not too far away. During an air raid alarm one night last in August, a heavy droning noise filled the air. Then the putt-putt of a buzz-bomb became distinct overhead. Suddenly the noise stopped. That meant its descent. In a few seconds a terrific blast shook the countryside. Men, hastily clad in makeshift attire, streaked for the slit trenches, nearly terrorized by this taste of indirect warfare. The bomb had landed four miles away but it sounded like it was next door. Barton Stacey is remembered by many for just this incident.

September 6, 1944, the Regiment again was restricted, final dispositions for the move to France had been made, and the orders received. Three days later the entire unit moved by train and truck to Southampton, where men and vehicles were loaded, ready to cross the channel, on Liberty cargo ships with their crude messing and latrine facilities. The ship's navigator nursed the bow toward an awaiting convoy, and the small fleet of ships steamed toward France. Ships the 377th men rode in included the *Harold K. Andrews,* the *Empire Crossbow,* the *Elihu Root,* the *William S. Tillhman,* and the luxurious *Llangibby Castle.* The trip was unusually rough, hence the shores of France were very welcome to many. The convoy anchored off Omaha Beach to await smoother water. After several days, the calm seas of September 13th permitted the transfer of personnel onto the bouncing LCTs and finally to the one-time bloody shores of Omaha Beach.

As the landing craft approached the beach, troops had a better view of the obstacles that had faced those first troops ashore on D-Day. Under these very waters on which the boats were gliding had been mechanical objects of destruction. There was the long line of scuttled ships used as a breakwater. Even the fine sand of the beach had hidden sudden death. To the rear were the high, steep cliffs, bomb and shell-scarred, and on the skyline were knocked-out pillboxes and gun emplacements. Near the water's edge, LSTs, LCTs, tanks and trucks lay shattered, all evidence of the costly price of entrance to France. The first German PWs were seen; the war was over for them; for the 377th it was just beginning.

From the beach, the column of soldiers toting their leady packs wound its way up the steep hill and under the archway spanning the trail, which bore the legend "Over this trail passes the pride of America's Armed Forces." GIs seemed more solemn and determined, for to the left of the archway were the graves of those who had died in the Omaha invasion. Few words were spoken; it was a moment for many deep thoughts.

The regiment was now in the province of Normandy where the first American troops pushed in on D-Day. Essentially an agricultural section, the countryside was dotted with picturesque little farms. Invasion and breakthrough had brought ruin and devastation to the towns, but the farmhouses, for the most part, were untouched. Their rural life remained the same; in fact, the war and German occupation had changed their routine very slightly. Instead of fences, hedgerows bounded fields, which after years of growth had become almost impenetrable. The same hedgerows had provided excellent cover and concealment for the Germans and made the initial days of invasion costly for the Americans. But now it was September, and the Germans had retreated to Northern France and along the French-German border. Normandy was the site of landing areas, huge stock piles and dumps for war materials and assembly areas for the men who were constantly pouring ashore.

Regimental area at Camp Barton Stacey, near Winchester, England.

THE "APPLE CORPS"

In a group of these hedgerow-enclosed orchards, near Trevieres, scattered over an area about 20 miles square, the 377th assembled and bivouacked. Life here again settled down to a period of routine waiting. Command-post tents, kitchen shelters, and pup tents were set up. The men returned to the old but necessary training schedule, consisting principally of calisthenics, close order drill, short hikes and sports in the afternoon. Here the men made their first acquaintance with French rains and the resulting mud (more of the same was to follow).

Construction of wooden sides for pup tents, and even a whole wooden kitchen in First Battalion area, gave incipient carpenters a chance to try out their craft. And when there was little else to do, one could always fall out for a detail that was to pick up apples, a daily task. (The rumor even started that the Division was soon to be attached to the Apple Corps, for their efforts in the orchards).

Soon after, Division directed that provisional trucking companies be formed of qualified members of the regiment to answer the call from front-line divisions for vitally-needed supplies. A good majority of railroads and paved roads had been demolished by retreating Germans to slow the advance of onrushing American infantry, supported by armor. Allied strategic bombings with their thousands of sorties added to the destruction. Trucking outfits were the only immediate solution to the supply problem, and every available truck was pressed into service in a gigantic network of "Red Ball" highways that sprang into being practically overnight.

Headquarters for 377th Redballers were established near Chartres, France, with Major Albion Mulcock (now Lt. Col.) commanding. Captain Edgar T. Savidge, Jr., held the Executive Officer's position and the three company commanders from 377th

Omaha Beach, D plus 100, with Tent City in the background.

D Company's bivouac area in the hedgerows of Normandy.

were Capt. Kenneth V. Lockwood, Capt. Hiram F. Small and Capt. Maurice J. Reynolds (now Major). The Red Ball drivers bivouacked in pup tents (when they didn't sleep in their 6 by 6's) and also improvised tents by utilizing truck bows, covered with canvas tarpaulins. Others lived in pyramidal tents.

The work was divided into groups so that each man drove two days and rested one. The first group, under the direction of a capable officer, reported with the convoy to the control station at St. Lo and received instructions as to what material was to be hauled. After the trucks had proceeded to Cherbourg, Quartermaster troops loaded the trucks and the first group advanced the cargo to Houdan. Then the second shift delivered the goods to its destination, and returned to Chartres.

"RED BALL"

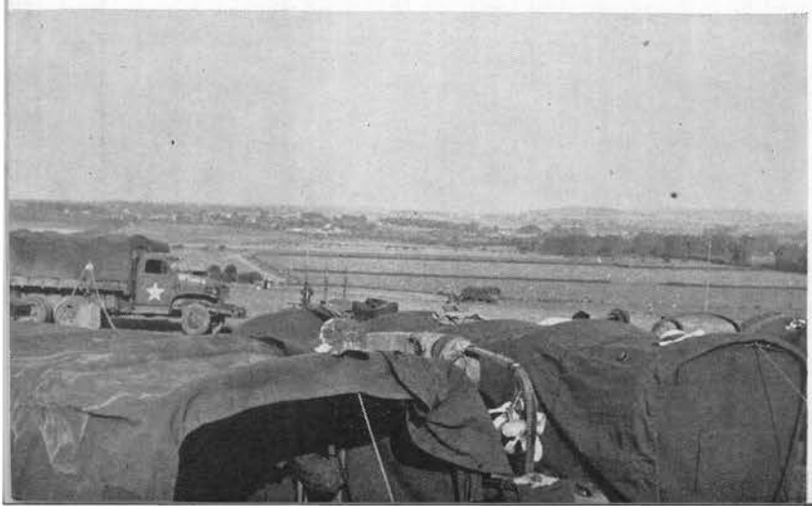
Trucks of the "Red Ball Express Highway," as it came to be known, roared over the many, comparatively narrow, twisting roads of France, parts of Belgium and Holland. The usual route took them from Cherbourg, through St. Lo, Argentan, Dreux, Chartres, Versailles, Paris to the front line destination. A special convoy trucked once to Brussels and Longwy, a trip of six days which delivered to the First Army 30,000 gallons of gasoline.

In spite of the continual grind and strain placed on the drivers, very few serious accidents occurred. The cargos were dangerous—ammunition and 80-octane gasoline usually having top priority; K-rations, winter clothes, and PX supplies stood a close second. On the return trip, empty gas cans and prisoners of war were herded into the trucks, and hauled back to rear areas. Vehicles were utilized continually, with hardly any rest. Only the long and tedious hours of labor by untiring mechanics and drivers kept the trucks in usable shape. Convoys ran practically bumper to bumper, often hitting speeds in excess of 50 miles per hour. Speed and safety were watchwords, and the drivers and mechanics enforced it to the best of their ability.

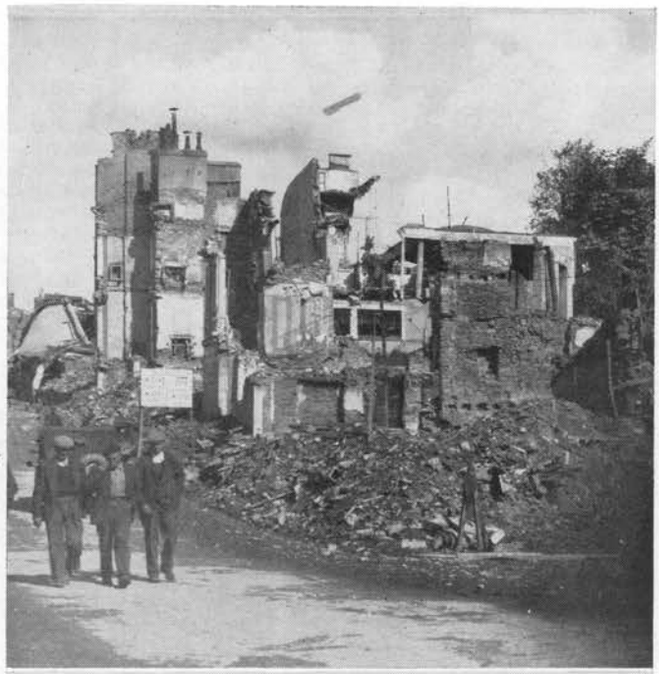
In early October our Red Ball duties were taken over by another Division and 377th men returned to their companies as the movement of the 95th Division to the front became imminent.

Red Ball drivers of Bayeaux-to-Brussels run on their front porch at bivouac area. Left to right: S/Sgt. Raymond R. Devling, F Co.; T/Sgt. Donald H. Belman, F Co.; S/Sgt. Robert F. Kunselman, E Co.; Pfc., James S. Dahlmier, Sgt. Raymond H. Maxwell, E Co.; T/Sgt. Urban Rothermel, F Co.

Red Ball bivouac area, Gisors, France. Tents were made by stretching "tarps" over truck bows.



All who saw it say devastation in St. Lo was greater than in any other French town.



"40 AND 8'S" AND BATTLE BAPTISM

On October 9, 1944 those 2,100 men who were to travel to the front by rail left the hedgerow bivouac area and proceeded to the loading point at Carentan, France. The remainder of the regiment moved by organic transportation across the roads of France to the Norroy-le-Sec area near the front. But the majority of the men faced a long rail ride. These GIs got their first look at the French boxcars marked "40 Hommes—8 Cheveaux," famous in the last World War, their home for the next five days. Unlike the long, "luxurious," freight cars they had seen in the States, the dumpy little four-wheeled cars seemed incapable of holding 40 men with equipment, but circumstances proved otherwise. Duffle bags, packs, gas masks, weapons and rations were loaded aboard and the GIs piled in, facing an inevitable discomfort.

Movement was restricted practically to the area covered by one's feet. After a while, though, confusion subsided and an arrangement was organized. Packs, gas masks, and rifles draped the walls and ceiling, while duffle bags carpeted the floor. Doors were opened and five men sat on each side, viewing the countryside, legs suspended. Soon, the shrill, high-pitched scream of the engine gave way to the creeping rattle of the freight. The wheels circled faster, and the long train began to roll smoothly across France, carrying a new threat to German imperialism.

The first major problem, sleep, arose that evening. Different cars had different methods of approaching this problem, but they all seemed to conclude that there were too many people in the same place at the same time. One car decided that duffle bags would make good mattresses, that it would be best to sleep with heads to the wall, feet massed in the center. Maneuvering by the trial and error method resulted in absolutely no relief to the jigsaw puzzle.

Conversation was limited to "Oh my aching back!—Whose foot is that in my face?—My leg's asleep, I gotta move it," and similar but unprintable remarks, many of them directed at Hitler. Frequently, the train stopped; then an occupant in the rear would remark, "I gotta get out for a minute!" He was immediately answered with loud cries of dismay. Unless the situation was desperate he usually remained in place. Next morning found most men half-frozen and aching with stiffness. Leaving the train was attended by another danger—getting left. The French train crew would promise solemnly that there would be a lengthy stop at a siding and everyone would pile out to stretch, eat or whatnot. As likely as not the train then would pull out without warning, leaving the unfortunates stranded. The result was that each succeeding train picked up a considerable number of stragglers from the one that preceded it.

The scenery featured beautiful, rolling-green farmlands with their antiquated field implements. Quaint French peasants waved at every passing car. The devastation wrought by war became more and more evident. War-torn towns, burnt-out and discarded military equipment, occasional plane wrecks and bombed-out railroad yards with their twisted masses of rusting cars, engines, and tracks evidenced the Air Corps' successful raids which disrupted the German supply system.

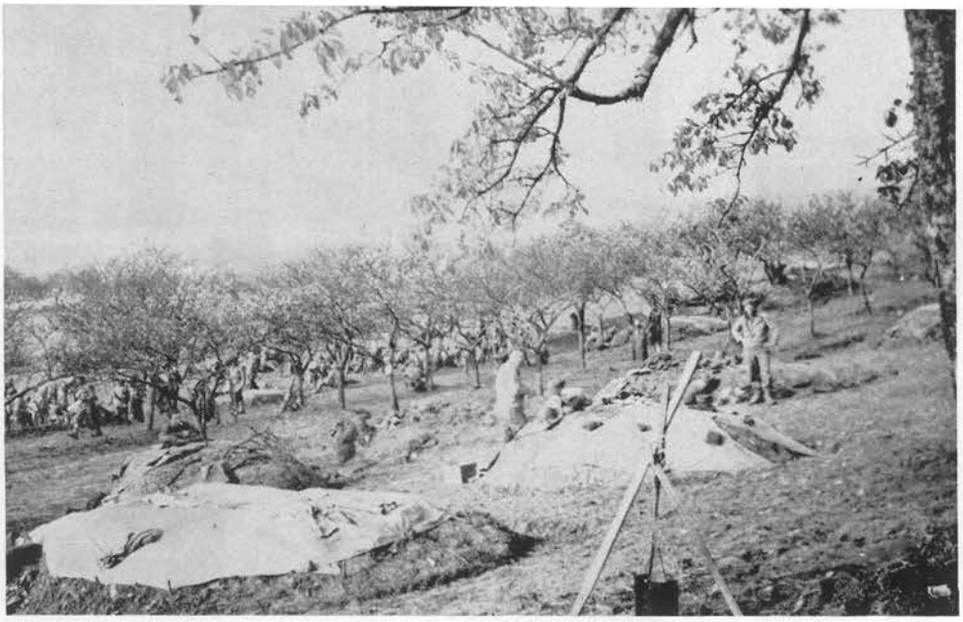
The trip continued practically without incident, passing through some of France's largest cities, southern Paris, Versailles, and Verdun. At one time, close to the destination, faint sounds of artillery fire were heard in the distance. Finally the train rolled into Arlon, Belgium. But orders had been received changing our assignment from the Ninth to the Third Army, and necessitated a move farther south. On October 15, 1944, the train arrived at Barroncourt; here personnel disembarked and loaded into Third Army Quartermaster trucks which transported the regiment to a bivouac in the vicinity of Norroy-le-Sec, a small town about 20 miles northwest of Metz.

Unloading in pitch black darkness amid the rain and mud, the men stumbled and groped their way into the woods, equipment and all, and bedded down for the night as best they could. All night long, flashes of artillery fire to the east in the direction of Thionville and the distant rumble of guns marked the front lines, about 15 miles away, and gave the men something to think about and kept many from getting that rest.

Pfc. Albert J. Blaschke and Pfc. Robert S. Ball, Headquarters, Second Battalion, rode the 40 & 8 on a reserved seat in the observation tower.

GENERAL PATTON TELLS 'EM HOW

Next morning, companies were organized and settled into their respective areas. Lieutenant General George S. Patton, Commander of the Third Army, visited the Division that same afternoon and talked to a group of officers and non-coms from the various units assembled at Division CP. Having heard considerable about the General's spicy speeches, they were prepared for something out of the ordinary in the way of a talk by a CO. They were not disappointed. His effect did not depend on language alone, however. The most emphatic thing he did was countermand most of what the men had been taught for the past two years. The General barked: "There are three ways to die: dig in, lie down, and don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes. To dig in is just to tell the blankety-blank airplanes where to bomb, mess up the scenery and cause you to get dirty and tired. To hit the ground, doughboy, is just to allow the Germans to get a better shot at you. Germans don't have white eyes, they're dirty yellow." (He explained that their eyes are yellow instead of white because they



F Company's bivouac area in Vittonville, France.

contain a certain extraneous matter.) He advocated marching fire, advancing in a skirmish line with weapons blazing from the hip or shoulder. To men who had agitated the ground in the better part of Texas, Louisiana and California digging foxholes and slit trenches, and who had been bawled out time and again for not hitting the dirt, this was rank heresy. (But they found later that General Patton was right.)

The next day, October 17, the Regiment moved to the Foret de Vencheres, west of Champey, where preparations were made to relieve the Second Infantry of the Fifth Division which was in the lines east of the Moselle River. On the 18th, the Second Battalion, along with the regimental scout team (nicknamed "Kersey's Commandos"), shuttled to Vandieres where they proceeded on foot across the river to Champey, to outpost positions along the Seille River. Here, they relieved the front line elements of the Second Infantry. And with that move, the regiment officially was in contact with the enemy!

Second Battalion discovered fighting in a containing action was quite uneventful. But their battle baptism had its big moments. The following evening, a group of E Company doughboys barged into their CP and reported "a full-scale German attack's on the way!" They had counted a hundred and ten men passing their foxholes less than 20 yards away, they said. Battalion alerted all companies for a possible attack. The Commandos patrolled for infiltrating Germans, but found nothing until they approached E Company's lines. There, they were fired upon by a jittery squad of E's men, so they withdrew rather than chance a battle with their own men. They successfully identified themselves at another sector of the line.

Reports now indicated that E Company was cut off from Battalion and that Heinies were infiltrating their positions. Flares to trap and expose the Germans soon began to illuminate the area. Capt. Wilbur G. Neel, Battalion S-3, disposed of a hundred or more in a few minutes in an attempt to locate the enemy. Before the night ended, the companies had used up the Regiment's supply of flares, the Division's supply and had taken a slice out of the Corps' reserve. Exactly what did occur never was determined but no German attack materialized. Among the explanations of the supposed presence of the large enemy group are: A Company of the Second Infantry withdrawing after being relieved by some 377th troops; wandering livestock; or possibly pure imagination on the part of some green and untried troops.

G Company in its battle baptism manned outpost positions near the town of Longeville on the forward end of a particularly rough and gloomy road. The Germans had erected a road block on one point of the road where it bordered the river and covered this with machine gun fire from a position about 800 yards away across the river. To discourage the enemy gunner's triggerfinger, Captain Ernest Wilder, observer for the artillery, often called for a concentrated barrage of 105s on the German positions each time a Second Battalion jeep moved down the road to contact the G outpost. Thus the jeep was usually unmolested.

The Regimental Commandos patrolled the area diligently, and even though they were unsuccessful in obtaining prisoners, they did return with valuable information on enemy installations to the front. The first man to be killed in the regiment was a member of the Commandos who was accidentally shot by a fellow GI. An eight-man Commando team was patrolling between the lines late at night, and came to a large depression. The soldier, apparently ahead of the rest of the patrol, went into this depression while the others went around it. A member of the team spotted the outline of a figure in the depression and challenged him. He remained quiet, even when called by name; then, he stirred and was shot, mistaken for a German. Several other men in the regiment were wounded in similar action while on the same type of patrols. It was a saddening orientation to combat, shooting one's own men, but one that was typical of virtually every unit new to the front line.

WHO PURLOINED THE PORKER?

The infantrymen, in this their first taste of fighting, soon learned that they were going to have to "live off the land" occasionally if the monotony of C and K rations was to be avoided. One of H Company's cooks, T/4 Edward R. Gehm, serving as special cook for Second Battalion Headquarters, had an unforgettable experience learning this. With the aid of Major Albert Sebesta, "Dutch" Gehm had caught, slaughtered, and dressed a stray pig, and had left it hanging unguarded at the scene of the "crime" until time to prepare supper. But another "crime" was committed that night, for they discovered that the object of their dissection had disappeared. Armed with grenades, rifle and bayonet, the embattled cook and Major Sebesta hunted for the thief, swearing vengeance. To this day the mystery of who purloined the porker remains unsolved.

The Third Battalion, in Division reserve in Vittonville, spent its time practicing the coordination of tanks and infantry on the

Carentan, France, where 40 & 8's were boarded for the ride to the front.

F Company boys sample "White Lightning" at Versailles, France, while en route to the front by 40 & 8.

offensive. The First Battalion, in regimental reserve, just south at Champey, made a thorough reconnaissance of the area for possible routes countering any German drive which might develop.

On October 24 C Company, with an attached section of mortars and machine guns from D Company, moved into the area occupied by E Company at Lesmenils, which in turn moved into the left sector of the regimental area. Two days later, the Second Battalion went into regimental reserve, relieved in its sector by the First Battalion.

At the end of the regiment's first week in combat, General Patton, Third Army commander, visited the First Battalion observation post in Lesmenils. He also visited the regimental CP the same day, 26 October. At the OP he looked out over the Seille river to the quiet front lines and to the town of Cheminot in enemy hands.

"What is in the town?" he asked. When told by S/Sgt. Daniel H. Spies that very little movement had been observed, General Patton said emphatically that he thought our troops could take the town. "You can't win the war by sitting still and trying to save your life," he declared, "that's the quickest way to die."

Gen. Patton studied a map in the OP and was oriented on the terrain to his front. He sat for a few minutes at the telescope for a closer view and also used a huge pair of binoculars he carried. Accompanying the General on his visit were Maj. Gen. Walton H. Walker, XX Corps commander, Maj. Gen. Harry L. Twaddle, Colonel Gaillard and Lieutenant Colonel Decker.

Third Battalion remained in Divisional reserve until Sunday, October 29th, when it replaced the Second Battalion as Regimental reserve. For the next two days, Second Battalion trained with the tanks as Divisional reserve, while First Battalion and K Company (only unit of Third committed) held the line. Each battalion having had a short seasoning in the line in a quiet sector, the regiment had acquitted itself well and was now ready for more important work. The men had shown themselves conditioned both mentally and physically for the tasks ahead.

On the last day of the month, 377th was relieved by the Second Infantry, Fifth Division, and made the short hop over to relieve the 357th Infantry, 90th Division, from its positions north of Metz in the area of Rombas, Uckange, and Mazieres-les-Metz.

METZ BUILD-UP . . .

For the whole month of October, men and materiel had been pouring into Lorraine where Third Army was getting set for a new offensive. General Patton saw as his objective the Darmstadt-Frankfurt area, and he chose XX Corps to make his main effort, namely, "to encircle and destroy the garrison of the Metz fortified area and seize a bridgehead over the Saar River at Saarburg." Before Third Army could advance, Metz must fall.

Metz, a fortress city throughout history, stood in a looping bend of the Moselle River, ringed by a system of ancient fortresses on commanding ground overlooking the broad, flat river valley. The Seille River flows in from the south and joins the Moselle in the eastern edge of the city. The junction of the two rivers and the deeply etched valley adjacent to the "V" thus formed provided Germans with what their General Staff considered one of its best "strong points." Here the Wehrmacht located one of its officer candidate schools and training ground in weapons and tactics. Instructors and students turned text book knowledge into practical application with devastating effect on the troops attacking the city.

From 1870 until 1918 Metz was a German city and an impregnable fortress that Allied arms of World War I had failed to penetrate. In the years between that war and this, the French modernized the city's defenses and tied its forts into the Maginot Line which ran a few miles east of the city.

The Germans developed its western defenses. By now the city was encircled by mutually supporting forts complete with disappearing guns, steel turrets and a honeycomb of underground passages.

The XX Corps decided to encircle the Metz fortifications using three infantry divisions and one armored division. The Fifth and 90th Divisions were to attack from the south and north respectively with the 10th Armored following the 90th. The 95th Infantry Division was to hold a broad front north and west of Metz, execute feints at Uckange and Thionville, and be prepared to follow up any enemy withdrawal to the east out of Metz.

377TH CHOSEN TO ATTACK

First offensive action in the 95th Division was assigned to the 377th Infantry and included both a night assault crossing of the Moselle River and a night attack. That was the plan, but the weather interfered. The rising Moselle River had reached a flood stage that was its worst in 29 years. Corps did not wish to gamble on a single crossing alone, so orders were changed; the 90th Division's crossing in the north at Koinigsmacher was to be augmented with a second crossing at Uckange.

The Division Field Order issued November 7, 1944, directed the regiment to force a crossing of the river at Uckange, reconnoiter in force and seize the Bertrange bridgehead, to take the Hannibois Woods, and to attack south from Maizieres. D-Day was November 8, 1944. H-Hour for the forced crossing at Uckange and a simultaneous night attack to the south and southwest of Maizieres-les-Metz was set at 9:00 p.m.

The Regiment's three battalions were to jump off simultaneously, with the First making the bridgehead at Uckange, Second taking the Hannibois Woods, and Third the Maizieres-les-Metz area, and then later all converging on the city of Metz. Following is the story, by battalions, of how the Regiment accomplished these Metz missions. The story begins with First Battalion located in bivouac just after it made the move north from positions near Champey.

UCKANGE TO METZ

FIRST BATTALION

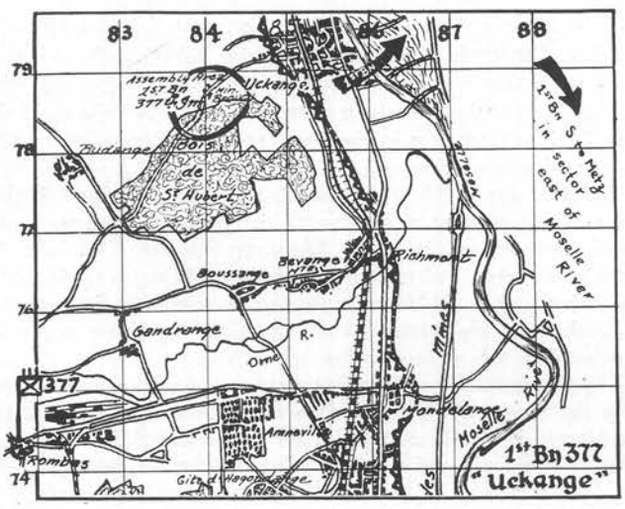
"What you doin' with a 90th Division patch on your sleeve, Bob? You been transferred?" A First Battalion dough was talking to a buddy, by a pup tent in the mud of Bois de St. Hubert, north and east of Rombas, France, where B, C and D companies were bivouacked in regimental reserve. (A was in Uckange.) It was a cold, wet Sunday afternoon, November 4th, four days before the regiment's jump-off toward Metz.

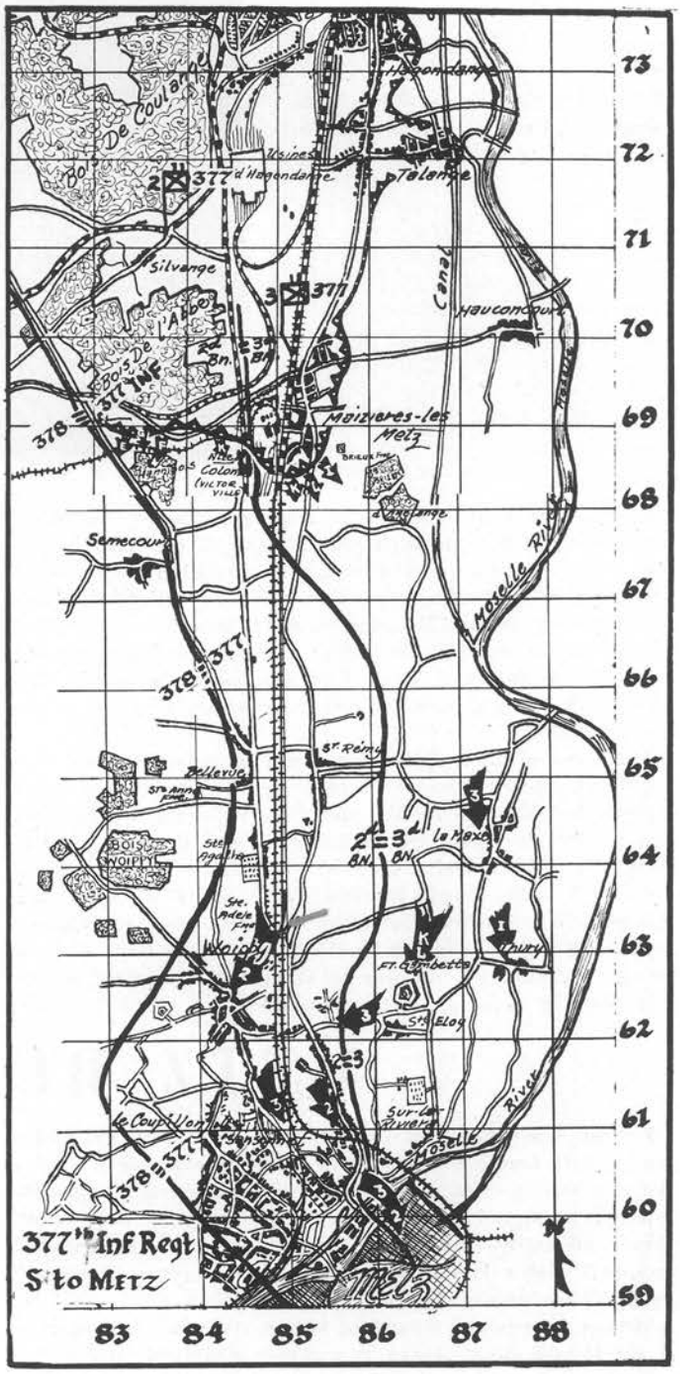
"Hell yes! So have you, fellah. Let's get on the beam and get that patch changed. You're in Casanova's outfit now." Bob gave out the dope with an air of authority; he had just heard that hot poop from his squad leader down by the CP.

He was almost right, but not quite. Like most first reports, this one was "not quite fact." A bit later, Pvt. Bob found out the whole story, and it set his imagination to working. Staff members in higher headquarters had their tactical imaginations working and overtime too, on "Operation Casanova."

For Bob and his squad leaders and all the rest of the fighters in First Battalion weren't quite "in" the 90th Division but the tacticians wanted the Germans to think they were. The regiment's part in the larger picture of Operation Casanova was this: First Battalion was to pull a gloriously deceptive feint in the Uckange area, and mislead the Krauts into believing that the main effort of crossing the Moselle above Metz was in the Uckange zone. The actual crossing in force was to be by the 90th in the Koenigsmacher area farther north.

Scenario for the deception read like directions from a movie script. "All 95-377 markings obliterated from vehicles . . . Deception unit moves into assembly area south of Budange . . . Command post signs in First Battalion changed to read '359 Inf' (a 90th Division unit) during the night . . . Bulldozer is spotted in Uckange near crossing site and concealed . . . On B plus 1 (B for Bombing Day) the Air Corps is to bomb the east bank of the river opposite Uckange as the signal to begin the demonstration . . . Medium and light tank platoons move under cover of darkness from Budange to west part of Uckange, halt for about one hour and return . . . Deception unit moves to concealed position in Uckange near point where assumed crossing is to be made. It there institutes its sound deception program to coincide with what would actually be bridging operations after bridgehead was established by troops."





DRAMATIC PLAN

The plan had all the elements. That two-page memorandum from Regimental Commander Fred E. Gaillard gave explicit directions. Its drama captured the imagination of the humblest private down the ranks. First Battalion (less Able Company) took its orders, rehearsed the details and, letter perfect, stood by for zero hour on the night of November 8.

Able Company alone of First Battalion units was committed in and around the industrialized little river city of Uckange, during the tense and ominous week prior to November 8 and 377th's all-out offensive on Metz. Captain Richard W. Wood, A Company commanding officer, had been instructed on November 1 to garrison his company in the west bank towns of Uckange, Pepinville, and Richmont, between two adjacent Task Forces: Task Force Polk on the left flank, and Task Force Rosoff (in command of Captain Martin Rosoff, 377th Anti-Tank Company CO) on the right.

Able's mission included containing the enemy on the east bank, and reconnoitering the river line to determine the extent of enemy defenses and signs of offensive preparations. Two vivid indications of Able's efforts at Uckange stand on the records. Regiment S-3 phone journal describes the first:

"3 Nov. 1810: From Capt. Wood, Able to S-3—This information comes from my French contacts here. It is reliable. Across Moselle from my positions enemy units are mainly engineers, and work is going on there especially at night, putting in barbed wire emplacements and other engineer work. I am going to investigate an enemy mine field by a little artillery fire tomorrow." The Boche were there and active. Very active. And with more than engineers. For at 2:45 a.m., that night, out of the inky blackness and chilly mist that blanketed the Moselle River, half a dozen enemy artillery shells screamed down on A Company's CP, demolishing part of the house, and killing two sentries at their posts, Pfc. Charles A. Armstrong and Pvt. James F. Vanerka.

"DON'T UNDERESTIMATE JERRY"

It was cruel and undeniable evidence that Heinie on the other side of the river was a cunning, swiftly-striking enemy either with keen direct observation of A's troops, or with an observant informer in civilian clothes planted in the A Company area.

The Jerries repeated the shelling at 6:00 a.m., after which the CP was moved to a newer and safer location. "There's a Heinie bastard with a radio or a phone in one of these shacks, by God I know it," Captain Wood bitterly told his men amid the gagging smell and gritty taste of fallen plaster and bricks, as the grim, ever-present combat duties of evacuation of dead comrades and treatment of wounded were attended to. "That first round hit the CP right on the nose. Jerry knew we were here all right. That first round!"

As the story of the shelling spread through the regiment, with the amazing lighning speed that characterizes all casualty stories (and by daylight brought this one to the lips of doughs in Easy Company way over southwest near Jailly Farm), 377th fighters formed one of their first conclusions about Jerry:

"Don't never underestimate Jerry. Sure as yuh begin to think he's a dope, then's when he's got yuh by the ankle." That was the sound advice handed out by an Easy squad leader later. And the sergeant wasn't shooting the bull either. He was hitting it.

GENERAL BRIEFS COMPANY

C Company knew something was up. The General himself! "Briefing prior to tomorrow night's river crossing . . . by the General." The company quickly assembled up near the CP. It was their first attack. They were nervous and a bit uneasy about those letters they had written home that morning anyway.

And they didn't like having 90th Division's "T" patches on their shoulders. Hell, they were 95th men and proud of it, even though the whole battalion couldn't admit it openly for almost a week while they waited for B-Day (Bombing Day) there in St. Hubert Woods.

They got the dope and straight, there in the woods, from General Harry L. Twaddle: This was it. Their mission was big. They had the training. They were the Army's best. A lot was expected from them. Go to it!

By afternoon the next day, Wednesday, November 8, they were ready for the word that would call them into their places in the assault boats. Company A of the 320th Engineers was standing by to take them across. Already the roar and whistle of friendly artillery was sweet in their ears. For 920th Field Artillery Battalion, in direct support of their crossing, was starting to lay down before them "the most beautiful artillery barrage I've ever seen," as the Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Joseph F. Decker described it. The Heinies were doing some pretty sweet artillery work of their own in Uckange, for just two nights earlier Col. Gaillard and others at First's Uckange CP were severely jolted by some direct hits. Enemy shells whistled in that afternoon and evening, some 150s among them, but there was nothing in Jerry's attitude that indicated that he was nervous about the crossing.

By this time, Change 1 in the battalion and company's mission, to make a deceptive crossing that night and return to the west bank the following day, had come through. The crossing was now to be an actual bridgehead, established and maintained on the east side of the Moselle. The high ground just north of the second town beyond the river, Imeldange, was to be seized and held until junction with Second Battalion, 378th Infantry. This 378th battalion was part of a task force that was to cross at Thionville and push south down the east bank of the Moselle, with Metz the eventual objective. Bertrange (the first town east of the river across from Uckange) and Imeldange (almost adjoining Bertrange on the east) both were tiny, "two-block," rural villages half a mile apart, about 13 miles north of Metz.

ASSEMBLE FOR ATTACK

That night C Company, under the command of Captain Edgar T. Savidge, Jr., packed up and took off at 7:00 p.m., from St. Hubert Woods, and the physical action quieted nerves and steadied the pulse. With full bandoliers of ammunition, the ammunition that was to bring their first taste of German blood, they marched up through the November darkness into the city of Uckange and took their places in the assembly area for the crossing.

As dusk grew up and became strong darkness, and as blackness smothered observation, that roar of artillery turned crescendo. Time for crossing was 9:00 p.m. Smoke generators were deployed

First's crossing at Uckange was made in boats like this one; it's a training shot of 377th troops making assault crossings.

at the crossing site. Tank destroyers, anti-tank guns, machine guns, mortars, the weapons of Recon troop, the Intelligence and Reconnaissance section, and all available riflemen opened fire as planned in the deception scenario, which had been followed with the exception of air bombardment; priorities for egg-laying were elsewhere, and weather for it very unfavorable. Cement 3 (Operations, Division) had phoned down to Celery 3 (Operations, Regiment) at 4:05 p.m., that "umbrella support was unavailable.")

Engineer preparation had already done its work. Starting at 6:30 p.m., engineers of Company A, 320th Engineer Battalion, had moved across the river in light craft from a point above Uckange and had partially detonated many of the wicked iron-cement mines with bangalore torpedoes. The Germans had laid the mines on all good landing slopes. Barbed wire also was gapped by the torpedoes. Earlier attempts to detonate the mines with artillery had been unsuccessful. Rifle fire, too, was fruitless.

"2100—Red 3 to Celery 5: Attack begun!" So reads the phone journal of Regiment. First had taken off on time. Company C was on the way. The regiment's offensive history had begun.

Assault boats one at a time loaded up a dozen men and moved into the stream. Paddled by hand (later boats were outboard powered), 17 of them were propelled swiftly across the 200-yard width of the stream up to the 160-yard partial gap blown in the mine field. Boat after boat made the trip until all of C Company, a forward aid station crew with S/Sgt. Pershing V. Holm of the medics as senior NCO and a three-man wire team successfully made the crossing. 1st Lt. Gates, forward observer from 920th Artillery, and two of his men laid a wire across the river as they made their crossing (but this was soon blown out). Darkness closed about them on the far shore.

"Then they pounded hell out of us!"

To a man, First Battalion personnel who crossed the river that night and during the following ones would admit to the truth of that comment made by the battalion commander. And "they" of that quotation includes more than the Germans. Old Man River and the piff-poor weather were working for the Krauts during the rest of Uckange bridgehead history.

With its uncannily accurate artillery fire and its venomous armored attacks, the team which First Battalion elements faced across the Moselle was almost unbeatable.

Almost, but "not quite."

WATERS STAINED WITH BLOOD

The racing, swirling flood waters of the turbulent Moselle were stained bloody red many times during the next seven days of topsy-turvy, fever-pitch battle in the Uckange bridgehead. But when help arrived in the form of the Infantry-Armor Task Force driving south from Thionville, there were First Battalion men there to join in the mop-up of Imeldange and Bertrange, in spite of cruelly-painful immersion foot, muscles fagged from lack of food and sleep, and minds stark from the perils of savage fighting behind enemy lines. They held the bridgehead. The diversion of the enemy made possible by their actions was an integral factor in the success of the flanking drive across the river south toward Metz.

Weather opened its attack that first evening, too, for it was then that engineers and initial-wave infantry first noted that the lapping waters were rising. By daylight continuous rain upstream swelled it to floodstage. Through Thursday and Friday the flood waters engulfed those shallow banks in the bridgehead area and spread havoc from one flank of the bridgehead to the other. The crossing width widened to 400 yards in places, the wrong places. (*Stars and Stripes* revealed later that the Moselle flood was the worst in 29 years.)

To First Battalion supply and medical personnel, tackling the herculean task of maintaining communications across the flooded Moselle plain, the crossing, in their mind's eye, was at least twice that 400 yards distance. Maybe five times as much. For the Boche had caught the range, knew the deal the battalion was pulling, and they drew careful and murderous beads on virtually every boat that attempted the trip across.

Battalion communications men set up their first switchboard in Uckange Thursday night. Shortly afterwards, a 150-mm. shell knocked it clear across the room. T/5 Henry L. Norman, a wireman, who had started out the door of the switchboard room, had the door slammed in his face by the shell. That disaster was just the start of an unavoidable Uckange communications snarl which defied efforts to untangle it.

T/5 Norman, Pfc. Walter P. Jacob and S/Sgt. Ralph E. Hendricks of First's wire team, made the initial crossing with C Company, stringing a phone wire which promptly broke in midstream. A second, temporarily successful attempt was made that night by Lt. (now Capt.) Jerome Wieselberg, but while he was making a return trip with some of the first wounded, the wire snapped a second time. Another try was made after dawn filtered in through the heavy clouds on Friday, but the swift current made that and further attempts impractical.

At no time was there connection by telephone to the companies stranded in the bridgehead area surrounding Bertrange and Imeldange. An ingenious three-station radio-relay system later proved to be the only communication maintainable, and that often was ineffectual because of batteries which had lost their punch through overuse.

BRIDGING ATTEMPTS FRUSTRATED

Company C completed its crossing at 9:40 p.m., and worked inland about 300 yards just south of Bertrange across a gently sloping flat and into a German communication trench. The security took their places for defense, and to protect a supply route to the river bank. There were a few casualties. Light artillery and mortar fire harassed the move, but C Company doughs could hear that most enemy artillery was falling to their rear, working heavy damage at the crossing site. For the Boche had discovered where B Company of the 135th Engineer Battalion was doing its damndest to build a footbridge and to float two infantry support rafts. Twenty casualties was the toll for their first attempt.

Subsequent attempts to bridge the Moselle that night were utterly futile, for precision shelling slashed into bridging personnel and materiel.

Finally, work on the bridging was abandoned. Although a reconnaissance was made for a new site where work could progress unknown to the enemy and even attempts were made to lay a heavy steel cable across for control and guidance of assault craft, these efforts proved useless. Days later, after the battalion bridgehead had merged with the task force that had crossed further north, a ponton bridge was completed.

At 4:30 a.m., B Company and one platoon of D crossed in assault boats, sustaining heavy casualties, but nonetheless pushing through part of C Company to high ground, at a point about 400 yards beyond Bertrange.

The phone journal report at 9:05 a.m., tells the big picture on bridgehead operations on that date: "Celery 3 to Lt. Col. McCrory (G-3): Two companies are across river. River is very high and we're not sending others over. Baker is on northern end of final objective. C is still at bridgehead."

GALLANTRY DISPLAYED

But the small picture, those hundred-and-one minute acts of bravery and heroism etched in memory of survivors of the bridgehead, is the one that counted for participants. Among the winners of Silver Stars for heroism that night at Uckange were:

T/4 Ogle A. Sullivan, First Battalion medic, with the first wave across the Moselle, who administered life-saving first aid going from foxhole to foxhole treating his comrades in the face of enemy fire; for others unable to protect themselves, he hastily dug slit trenches and put them in them.

Or Pfc. Glenn F. Smith, who, with the C Company waves that assaulted the east bank, was wounded in the leg by a mine, but drove into enemy-held terrain to take some critical high ground and thus hold the bridgehead.

Or S/Sgt. Stanley Levinski, who prostrated himself across German concertina wire, thumbing his nose at a flock of mines, and

A GI artist's conception of dropping K rations and small arms ammunition from artillery liaison planes to First Battalion troops in the Uckange bridgehead. The air supply route was resorted to when flood waters of the Moselle cut all other communication and supply lines. (Sketched by Pfc. E. L. Deal of A Company).

let comrades use him to make a successful landing from the assault boat. He had tried it once in training back in the States. Now the training payoff was no small change!

And Sgt. James E. Krallman, C Company valiant whose steady voice and clear-cut orders, perseverance and skill was a monument of leadership in the hell of boatwork on the choppy Moselle that night. And Pvt. John W. Pridham, another from C, who rushed an enemy strong point alone and opened his platoon's path to the objective.

B and C thought the going that night, their first of offensive action, was the toughest possible. So did the men of that platoon of D, including the wounded of one machine gun squad whose assault boat received a direct hit in mid-Moselle. But they were wrong. The next six days proved that. The rains had continued. The isolation of First Battalion troops was virtually complete. Casulaties were mounting, and supplies diminishing, with no relief in sight.

There were those who defied Boche superiority in their determination to maintain a flow of supplies across and flow of the wounded back to safety and medical care. 1st Lt. Robert S. Merrill of D was among them; he was killed while on a volunteer mission of getting ammunition across the river and casualties back. 2nd Lt. Anthony S. Rutkosky's Silver Star also was posthumously awarded for his heroic and selfless treatment of casualties when their emplacement was hit by an enemy shell. This shell, a 150-mm. projectile, wounded S/Sgt. Bernard H. Irle, Pfc. John Gray, and Lt. John Peterson, and killed T/5 Morris Kirkland and Pfc. Charles Frazee when it landed right next to the gun emplacement.

Sgt. Irle, supply sergeant for Company C, initiated the supply attempt which preceded his being wounded and eventually led to his death. Against the advice of Captain Lockwood, knowing the odds were against him, Irle told the captain that "the company needs ammunition and that's my job, Captain." He then made the crossing and got the ammunition to its place, only to be wounded as that shell whistled in. Then the medics and Lt. Rutkosky got them to the bank and into the boat. The boat had moved almost to the west bank when another artillery shell hit it direct, and partially sank the craft. All but Lt. Peterson and Pfc. Darwin McCoy, a medic, were killed.

Pfc. Raymond Spradling of D Company was assisting the shuttle of ammunition across the river Thursday, when his officer was killed, but he went on with his job. The boat received a direct hit while he was evacuating casualties, but Spradling refused treatment himself until others in his stricken craft were aided.

BOCHE PROBE FROM SOUTH

A small enemy counterattack came late Thursday morning, as the Boche probed for information in their attempt to penetrate from the south and cut off the bridgehead troops from the river. Pfc. Franklin Diamond, a BAR man of C Company, was ready when a strong enemy combat patrol rushed his position. Refusing to give ground, he sprayed the patrol with his BAR, killing four Boche and wounding others, ending that threat to his platoon's flank.

When even assault boats with outboard motors failed to make successful trips across the raging Moselle with supplies for the isolated bridgehead troops, the situation was truly desperate. Back at the regimental CP in Rombas, Major Paul M. Neumann, S-4, conferred with Col. Gaillard and Lt. Col. John P. Doidge, Regimental Executive Officer. The results of that conference paved the way to the last remaining supply route for First Battalion—the air. Artillery liaison planes rose from an airstrip near Amneville on the first such mission division planes had attempted: dropping rations, small arms ammunition, and medical supplies to the isolated troops.

The mission was dangerous for the liaison pilots and the six Service Company men who volunteered to ride behind the pilots of the

tiny L-4s, to throw out the supplies they had to carry on their laps, when "on target." Between noon and 4:00 p.m., on Friday, 10 of the planes flew a total of 104 missions (round trips) to the bridgehead, dropping supplies from a height of only 25 feet. 1,080 K rations, 46,000 rounds of small arms ammunition, 4,000 rounds of .50 caliber ammunition, two boxes of medical supplies, two sacks of cigarettes, 200 bottles of Halazone tablets, one sack of toilet paper, several bottles of blood plasma, and one sack of chewing gum, candy, matches and D rations.

For meritorious service in participating in aerial flight in the liaison-plane supply of First Battalion troops, the Air Medal was awarded to Pfc. Joseph T. Bellerby, T/5 Charles H. Mitchell, Pfc. James E. Reidburn, Sgt. (later 1st Sgt.) Maurice R. Ingman, Pfc. (later S/Sgt.) Joseph E. Ferenc, and T/5 (later T/4) Robert E. Cole. Testimony that each 10-minute mission was no joy ride is indisputable: several dozen bullet holes had pierced the wing fabrics. Did the supplies reach our troops? "We got all the rations we needed from the planes," answered Lt. Glen R. Becraft for his platoon of C Company.

Major Neumann, who made six or eight trips to check effectiveness of the air supply line, "could see some of our men standing in water in their foxholes. They waved and shouted when we dropped some rations right down next to the foxhole." They may have been men of Lt. Earl P. Sidle's third platoon of C Company, who had the roughest area on the river bank. His platoon "waded in icy water waist deep when the company was forced to higher ground by the rising waters. When we reached the high ground, we dug to keep warm. There was constant shelling and tree bursts in the woods."

GERMANS HELP G. I. MEDICS

T/4 Ervin Bluhm of the First Battalion medical section tells one of those incredible battle sidelights that lighten the horror of death.

A boatload of medics, showing the Geneva non-combatant cross, started across the river to give medical care. They first drove upstream against the current several hundred yards and landed on the east bank at that point. Here they were met by two German soldiers, who emerged from a dugout on an old highway embankment, told the medics they couldn't land there, and almost cordially directed them in broken English downstream to the place they were seeking. The baffled medics returned to their embarkation point suspicious and puzzled, so that Sgt. Bluhm could take the matter to the battalion commander. There Lt. Col. Decker squared them away on a clearer azimuth, and off they went for another try. This time they crossed the river almost directly, then turned off the motor and paddled along the flooded field east and along the road to Bertrange, finally reaching the edge of the village of Bertrange—still in the boat. A Jerry officer stepped out to meet them. "No English troops here," he explained. "We are taking care of one wounded American . . . Your troops? Up there," and he pointed up the river, and said it was the only way they could get there. The determined medics paddled away. They ran into no more Jerries, but their respect for the power of their non-combatant insignia increased immeasurably from that point on.

Further missions of the "Red Ball Airway Express" panned out well, even though ice on the wings of the tiny planes on several occasions forced pilots to turn back. Forty-five more missions were flown with the "manna from heaven," this time including: two sacks of blood plasma, 500 packages of cigarettes, four blanket sets, 300 pairs of socks, 150 pairs of gloves, 340 sleeping bags, 70 batteries, two SCR-300 radio sets, 600 heat units, two bottles of cognac for use by aid men, 36 rounds of 60-mm. mortar ammunition. The two radios were damaged in dropping and efforts to repair them were futile.

Prior to dropping the mortar ammunition, one liaison plane flew over the German-held town of Bertrange and dropped several rounds as an experiment; none of them were detonated on the German guinea pigs, so it was judged safe to drop mortar ammunition near our bridgehead troops.

BATTALION REMNANTS CROSS

Red 6 (CO, First) received orders to cross the remainder of his battalion the morning of Monday, November 13, as soon as flood waters had subsided to navigable conditions, and take the towns of Bertrange and Imeldange, then seize the high ground north of the towns preparatory to a junction with the task force driving up the east bank.

Company A, plus 35 reinforcements under the command of First Sergeant (later Lt.) John A. Hein, C Company, and an attached MG section from D jumped off at 4:00 a.m., and completed crossing 40 minutes later with only one boat overturned. A feint by boats with outboard motors upstream from the crossing drew considerable fire from the successful crossing. By 8:00 a.m., it had captured Bertrange. Four enemy were killed and 31 PWs taken. First platoon, commanded by 1st Lt. Charles W. Burns, captured 27 of them in clearing the town.

At 9:00 a.m., the battalion CP and the remainder of the battalion, less one platoon of D and headquarters operating personnel, who crossed two days later after junction with Second Battalion, 378th Infantry, started over and finished by midnight that night, crossing the Moselle under heavy barrages which intensified as soon as Heinies discovered the crossing upstream to be only a feint.

Red 6 set up his CP in a building next to the church in Bertrange, and at once instructed A to continue the attack to Imeldange, assisted by B Company from their positions in the woods south of the town. By noon, A had occupied Imeldange and cleared it of the enemy, establishing contact with B Company. No casualties were suffered, 12 PWs were taken, and 30 Russian laborers in civilian clothes were evacuated.

By 1:00 p.m., Col. Decker had moved his CP to Imeldange, conferred with his company commanders and staff and issued orders essentially these:

"Prior to junction with Second Battalion, 378th, on the high ground to the north, we will remain here long enough to reorganize. A will secure Imeldange, B will move into Imeldange and assist A by placing security to the south of the town. C will move into Bertrange and secure this town while reorganizing. D Company will attach a platoon of MGs each to C and B. Bazookas will be employed near all road intersections. This is to be done by 3:30 p.m. Battalion aid station is in Bertrange to which all wounded will be evacuated. The barn just southeast of Imeldange will be a temporary aid station in this town, and all cases of immersion foot will be brought there."

The COs moved out on their missions, and the battalion commander went on a reconnaissance of the high ground previously assigned by Division as the final objective for the battalion. By 3:30 p.m., the companies had reported it would take at least another two hours to complete evacuation of wounded and disabled men. B had only 40 men able to move without help. C had only 80.

SUFFER FROM IMMERSION FOOT

Immersion foot, which cut such a wide swath in the battle effectiveness of First Battalion, is a condition resulting from exposure of the lower limbs to cold water over a considerable period of time. Serious immersion results in complete numbness and disability. Many of these First Battalion fighters had suffered immersion for fully five days. This condition was largely responsible for the delay. The job of moving into the towns and preparing to move out was just about completed by dusk. But by dusk a determined, heavily-armored, and well-prepared enemy was just beginning its job: Counterattack in force, with a do-or-die mission of wiping out First Battalion's bridgehead!

Coherent accounts of what happened to First Battalion from 3 p.m., Monday until 1 p.m., Wednesday are difficult to find. Resistance, though determined, was of necessity isolated and sporadic. The Germans realized that the battalion was cut off from the remainder of the regiment, was consequently short of food and ammunition and entirely without adequate anti-tank defense. They included at least eight vehicles in their initial assault, five of

them half-tracks mounting dual-purpose guns. The enemy column entered the battalion sector from the east, keeping to the roads throughout, moved along the main street of Imeldange. The enemy deployed his armor along the north-south road and dispatched several vehicles to harass Imeldange. The attackers split Imeldange and Bertrange, then concentrated on the units in Imeldange.

Starting at the east edge of town, the enemy proceeded systematically to destroy all houses occupied by troops, either by burning or by blasting them with self-propelled guns or tanks. During the first attack, the battalion CP was partially demolished by a tank, and its personnel at the time—the battalion CO, Captain (later Major) William E. Gore, the operations sergeant, a radio operator and three others—escaped finally by going out the back of the building to a heavy wood. "The first we at the CP knew of the counterattack was the sound of the armored vehicles coming along the road," recalled Col. Decker. "They broke through A Company's security in a hell of a big hurry, I guess." The radio operator in the meantime had tried to get to the radio and send word back, but point-blank fire from an armored vehicle at a 10-yard range put it out of commission and temporarily ended communication between all companies and the CP.

CP GROUP SEPARATED

After it became dark Col. Decker decided to try getting back to Bertrange, along with five men of the CP group who had assembled in the woods. They set out through the woods south of Imeldange and reached the small lake which they crossed by crawling over a dam containing the lake. Moving by stealth beyond it, they approached the north-south road between Imeldange and Bertrange, where they encountered a line of enemy vehicles. "By crawling up to within 20 yards of sentries," Col. Decker reported, "we saw there were some Krauts in one of the tanks listening to our radio messages on a set they must have captured from us. That damned Kraut could speak better English than you or I."

The party returned to the dam, and it was at this point that Col. Decker and Sgt. Kyle O. Cox became separated from the others, who had made their way back to the CP building in the darkness. The Colonel and Sgt. Cox tell harrowing tales of their close escape from pursuing Krauts. When tree bursts of our own artillery whanged over their heads and splattered twigs and branches into their foxhole, Col. Decker whispered to the sergeant. "Cox, we're going to fight it out and not surrender." Cox said, "Yes, sir!" That falling foliage saved their lives, for it concealed their foxhole from the enemy nearby. Another time they escaped only by hiding between the rows of a cabbage patch while a German patrol passed by. Once in the darkness, the Colonel saw a German sentry standing by the road. Drawing his .45 and whispering, "Cox, you cover me," Col. Decker stalked up and brought the butt of his automatic down with all his might on the enemy's head. The "enemy" turned out to be a large post.

(Until the relief of the battalion by the 378th and Recon forces, Col. Decker was able to gain contact only with the B Company CO, Capt. Vladimar B. Kovac. Capt. Kovac joined Col. Decker and said he knew where Capt. Wood of A Company was and that he thought he could take instructions to him. Plans were made for strengthening the defense by attempting to move all available troops to the high ground north of Bertrange. Capt. Kovac left Col. Decker on his mission, but neither he nor a large number of his men were heard from again. Capt. Wood and many members of A Company also disappeared and, with many of B Company men, were later found to have been captured by the enemy. Just how the defense of A and B Companies was broken through has not been learned at this writing).

Using smoke to aid him, the enemy was working west along the main street of Imeldange from house to house with considerable success. By 10 a.m., on the 14th the men in the CP building had decided to move west a few more houses to where some of B Company men were holding out along with Captain Gore, Lt. Harry M. Heitzman and Lt. William H. Doty (both wounded), S/Sgt. (now Lt.) Andrew Skrele and three others. By noon, it became apparent that they would have to move again. They crawled between the houses west down the street to a more substantial barn occupied by Capt. Kenneth V. Lockwood and remnants of two heavy MG sections from Company D. This barn, which had been used as a temporary evacuation point and aid station, was the main center of resistance to the Germans in the town during the remainder of the counter-attack. Capt. Lockwood had contact with Bertrange with his radio, and through a radio relay was able to call for artillery fire, which was used time and time again to break up enemy attacks in the open.

When the enemy occupied a house 150 yards up the street, Capt. Lockwood asked Sgt. Ira Bayne of B if he could use his 60-mm. mortar and three shells he had available with any effect. Bayne said he'd try. He set up his mortar in a narrow alleyway, shooting the tube almost straight up. One round was fired and the group "waited and waited and waited. We though it never was coming down," said Sgt. Hendricks. When the round did land, it struck a corner of the target; the next round was laid directly on the house occupied by the enemy. Many of them ran from the building and were fired upon by our small arms. Later when the enemy tried to set up a MG in the street, fire by Lt. Heitzman and Pfc. Leo Richards killed at least one man.

By nightfall, the situation was serious with enemy approaching closer and closer to the group in the stable. Artillery fire was called upon a target a few feet from the position, successfully too, to stave off enemy. "Then with the house next door afire, and flames beginning to curl over the roof of our stable," according to Sgt. Hendricks, "the wind apparently changed because the fire died down and did not again threaten our structure." Enemy approached as close as 10 yards from the windows, but accurate fire from Richards, Pvt. James B. Stringos and Cpl. Richard Carpenter held them off. In the rear of the building, enemy were attempting to enter the back yard through a hole torn in a stone wall by artillery. "The minute a Kraut would stick his head through the hole in the wall, we would open fire," Richards said.

GERMANS BURN BARN

Capt. Gore reported that "I won't ever wear hobnail shoes again, after hearing the sound of the German boots scraping on the pavement outside the building all through the night." He said the enemy "poured oil on the barn and set it afire." Capt. Gore also saw the Germans force some of the First Battalion men they had captured to walk barefooted up the road even though they suffered from terrible cases of immersion foot.

Back in Bertrange, C Company had not fared quite so badly, for enemy penetration was not as thorough there. The remnants of C Company were organized by Capt. Savidge into a defense of the town. Shortly after the attack began, a column of more than 50 infantrymen marched on the town but were immediately fired on by a D Company heavy machine gun, which inflicted heavy casualties. The column quickly broke and scattered, then began a two-sided encirclement of Bertrange.

During that night, one tank followed by a halftrack came from the east into Bertrange. They went along the main street almost to the west edge of town, then started to turn around and reverse their route. Three men from C Company worked simultaneously to destroy the halftrack, Pfc. John Pridham with a bazooka and Pfc. Weldon Johnson and Sgt. Ralph Daffer with AT grenades. All three projectiles hit the halftrack at the same time, and the German crew abandoned the vehicle. As they ran Pfc. Theodore Webster opened up on them with his BAR and killed the whole crew. The tank continued back through the town, firing point-blank into buildings, and disappeared to the east.

Radio messages notified those on the west bank of the river the urgent need for bazooka ammunition to oppose the counterattack. Four two-man teams were dispatched. Two of them successfully made the crossing, and managed to reach the edge of Bertrange. In the pitch dark volunteers from this group entered the town to find friendly troops and had almost advanced through it when an enemy flare went up from Imeldange. They were mistaken by C

T/5 Edward J. Stepanik, DSC winner, Company C

Company troops there for enemy and fired upon. T/Sgt. Roger Nagan and S/Sgt. Richard Broomall were wounded by hand grenade fragments and Pfc. Lawrence Carpenter continued into the town uninjured. Two bazooka teams finally joined with C, the others being forced back because of intense artillery fire.

Reinforcements had been moved up to Uckange the night of the 14th and since the need was desperate, an attempt was made to move them as well as supplies to Bertrange across the river in spite of heavy artillery. One of the boat loads of new men was successful in reaching the opposite shore. What happened to the other boat is best told in the words of T/5 Urban A. Wieck, a medic on special duty at the scene.

REINFORCEMENTS LOST

"At about 11:00 p.m., I was one of six motorboat operators on special duty with 320th Engineers to assist in the crossing of the Moselle by First Battalion. I saw two of my co-workers on the motorboat team board an assault boat and prepare to cross the river. I assisted them in the loading of about 12 men in the boat. They were riflemen reinforcements, I'm sure. When the boat was loaded and the gear adjusted for the crossing and before the motor had started, I pushed the boat out into the stream in the manner we customarily used to launch boats. Visibility was practically zero. It had been raining all night and was quite foggy. Once the boat had started across I could see only a blob of black out on the water. Then I turned and headed up toward the engineer OP where I was going to stand by. The current was moving swiftly, too swift to swim against and make any progress upstream. The river was about 150 yards wide, and had flooded up to the streets of the town. There were no shells falling in the vicinity of the crossing at that time. I got about 75 feet away from the water's edge when I heard the motor start and the boat begin to make headway. I continued on about halfway to the OP when I heard a commotion and cries from the direction of the river. By this time the boat must have been three-quarters of the way over. I ran quickly to the OP and reported, then came back with another soldier. We launched another boat with a motor and quickly pushed out into the river to start looking for the men and to help them. I started shouting for them before the motor got started, as the other man had a little trouble getting it going. We couldn't see anything. We even paddled the boat by hand so the noice of the motor wouldn't drown out their voices. All we did was bring in artillery with our calls. We went down the river almost to the dam and locks (half a mile down) but failed to locate the boat or the men. Maybe the motor carried the boat down, and the men's heavy equipment pulled them under." To the day of this writing, no survivor of the boat has been found. Some of the bodies have been recovered, but the event goes down as one of the most tragic of the regiment's history.

FRIENDLY ARMOR ARRIVES

By morning of the 15th, relief of the besieged battalion was imperative. Other troops of the 95th Division, among them, the Second Battalion, 378th, had made a crossing at Thionville farther north, and had been ordered to drive south with all speed toward Bertrange-Imeldange. Aided by Recon troops, this relief battalion by noon completed the capture of Fort Illange about a mile north of Bertrange and drove toward Bertrange. Col. Decker and Sgt. Cox were the first to notice their approach. The two had been in a foxhole on the high ground north of Bertrange, surrounded by enemy. Their position was just 200 yards from a bunker full of Jerries, who had patrols out combing the area for any Americans they could cut off. Sgt. Cox reported, "We stayed there near the road until the 378th came down about noon. We heard the familiar roar of our water-cooled heavies first. Then a jeep and armored car appeared. We joined up and went back into Imeldange."

When Capt. Lockwood saw the 378th forces entering Imeldange he quickly organized a party of six men at the barn and set off east down the main street to flush out the enemy remaining in town. Approximately 50 prisoners were taken in this action by Capt. Lockwood, Capt. Gore, S/Sgt. Skrele (with a LMG) and Pfc. Stringos (with a heavy MG), along with Pvt. (now T/Sgt.) Donald Fitzgerald of B Company. The 378th elements had sufficient anti-tank weapons with them to force the withdrawal of enemy armor. Scattered elements of A, B and D Companies participated in the final taking of the town. Col. Decker, as soon as the contact had been made, was told by the task force commander of a new mission to be undertaken by the battalion as soon as it was in shape for action—First Battalion was now attached to a task force that was to push south toward and into Metz along the east bank of the Moselle.

In the period before the new attack south the next morning, First Battalion counted its casualties and reorganized. A Company had only two officers and 40 enlisted men left. B Company had only two officers, both wounded, and 70 men. C had 110 men left, and two officers. D Company lost 12 enlisted men and two officers, most of them in the river crossing.

Virtually everyone of the First Battalion men who rallied to finally eject the Boche from the Bertrange-Imeldange bridgehead had fought a gallant desperate fight to the finish. Many are the dead whose stories never will be known, but recognition has been given some by the awarding of Bronze and Silver Stars.

T/3 Jerome Van De Voorde, T/5 Carl Hathorn of the medics and 1st Lt. (now Capt.) Frederick Brandenburg, their medical officer, performed deeds of heroism that saved lives. Crossing under constant artillery fire, they moved along the shrapnel-torn route into Bertrange and established an aid station with sorely needed medical supplies they carried on their back. While the counterattack raged, the medics coolly attended to their business, treating and evacuating many wounded back to the river bank through barrages. Lt. Brandenburg moved up from Bertrange to Imeldange, crawling in a ditch alongside the road. It took several tries but he finally made it and got to many wounded in buildings in time to save their lives. Another medic, S/Sgt. Pershing Holm, also was decorated for aid he gave during river crossings.

MORE HEROISM

D Company personnel received considerable recognition for their heavy weapons support. Capt. Lockwood marshalled the defense in Imeldange and was largely responsible for maintenance of communication across the river by radio. Cpl. Raymond Ebert, contained in a house with 13 others, led a savage counterattack during this period. Sgt. (later T/Sgt.) Glen Hayes demonstrated particularly aggressive leadership and was largely responsible for preventing enemy penetration through his unit.

During the 10th to the 13th Sgt. Gilbert Carlson operated MGs for three days and nights to stave off the attack in Bertrange even though once flood waters forced him to carry his MG and a wounded comrade to a new area. Pfc. Robert Heaps, in Imeldange, volunteered for the mission of retrieving and carrying supplies to his unit, finally being wounded.

Among those of C Company recognized was T/5 Edward Stepanik. The only aid man in action with B and C and HMG sections of D during a protracted period of fighting, this medic took over two log-and-dirt bunkers made by the Germans and set up his wounded men inside on makeshift cots. For this and braving enemy fire many times going to and from foxholes to treat the wounded, Stepanik received the DSC. Captain Savidge of C was recognized with a Silver Star for excellent leadership of his company during the entire bridgehead operation, during which they were subjected to repeated savage attacks. He and his company spent five days in wet foxholes; then, when the enemy pressure was withdrawn, he reorganized the company and these men carried their share of the burden in the subsequent drive toward Metz. Pfc. Howard Brown and S/Sgt. Richard Broomall both received Silver Stars. Brown was responsible for bringing some much-needed bazooka ammunition across the river and on into Bertrange while under heavy fire. Broomall led a reconnaissance patrol which broke through enemy encirclement at Bertrange.

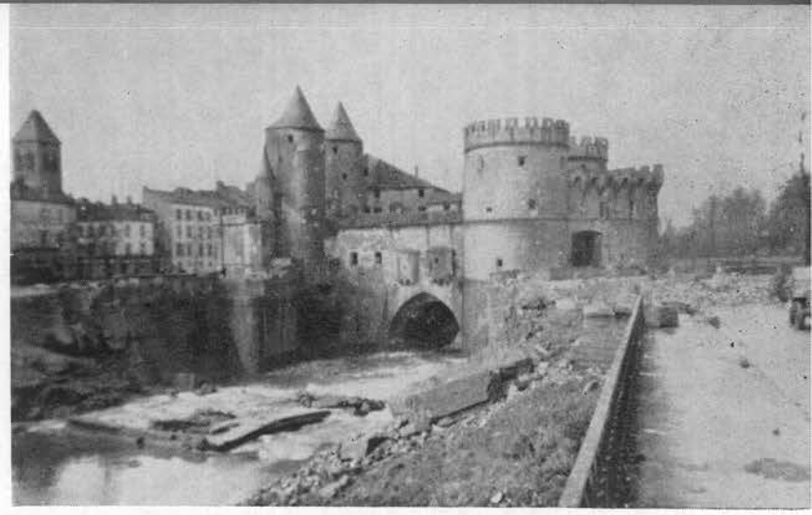
By 8:00 a.m., of the 16th, First Battalion, with one platoon of tanks attached, had moved out on its new mission with the city of Guenange, its first objective. In conjunction with the Second Battalion, 378th, it was attacking in a column of companies with C in the lead. The battalion took Guenange, moved on to Bousse where it swung east to Rurange to the left of the 378th battalion, which had met strong resistance in its zone.

By 3:00 p.m., Rurange was taken, but during the severe fighting there Capt. Lockwood and Capt. Savidge were wounded and Savidge evacuated. (Both A and B Companies already were operating as the joint command of Lt. Murlin Cox, so small were their numbers after the bridgehead operation. The lieutenant was later decorated with the SS for repeatedly leading his men successfully against strong positions, in one day taking almost 200 prisoners.)

MONTREQUIENNE TAKEN

Next stop in the rush south that had already outdistanced supporting artillery, was Montrequienne. Both sides of the road approaching this town were heavily mined, many of the mines visible on top of the ground. Apparently the enemy had hoped to channelize the attackers down the road and then mow them down with automatic fire from MGs. This plan was frustrated for the approaching tanks and infantry surprised the enemy at work and scared the crews away from the guns. The Jerries were chased into woods by fire from MGs on the tanks. Lt. Zmistowski of C accounted for one machine gun position himself in the Montrequienne action, destroying it with grenades.

By 4:00 p.m., Montrequienne had fallen, and First Battalion stayed for the night. The attack was resumed by 7:00 a.m., the next morning, November 17, and by 10:00 a.m., Flevy, the next town south, was taken and the column had moved to the outskirts of Ennery. Progress along this sector of the road was frequently retarded by road blocks and large craters blown in the road. But the battalion pushed on quickly through Ennery, Chailly, southeast to Antilly (bagging 25 prisoners there) and back south again to Rupigny by 2:00 p.m. In that city, enemy artillery was heard firing from the vicinity of Chieulles; evidently German shells



An impregnable-appearing castle on the east side of Metz, abandoned by the retreating Nazis.

from Chieulles were dropping upon Second Battalion, 378th, where it was advancing along the river bank. That unit was meeting heavy resistance in the vicinity of Malroy, a mile and a half west.

Reconnaissance indicated that one battery of four 105-mm guns and some smaller weapons were firing toward Malroy. The enemy still was apparently unaware of the approach of First Battalion. Acting on this opportunity, the battalion commander immediately issued orders to strike swiftly with C Company on tanks attacking frontally, while B entered town from the east.

MGs and mortars of D Company opened with very effective fire at a range of 400 yards at 2:45 p.m., and B and C Companies quickly moved in. The enemy was caught completely by surprise. In the fight which followed the battalion captured 110 prisoners, took four 150-mm. guns, four 105s, one 88-mm. and five 20-mm. AA guns. Large stores of signal equipment also were taken, plus 10,000 military blankets. Attached TDs knocked out the 88 and 20-mm. guns which had been turned on the battalion's flank as the enemy finally sighted troops entering the town. Total battalion losses in this engagement were one man killed and one wounded. The battalion was well on its way to exacting a heavy penalty for the losses it had suffered in the bridgehead at Uckange.

As the battalion consolidated in Chieulles, Lt. Wieselberg and two men of message center, Pfc. Bernard Ethen and Pfc. Herman Bunting, volunteered for the job of investigating by jeep a report of enemy seen at a fringe of woods near the main road. They sighted a group of the Germans at a gun emplacement, wheeled up in their jeep, dismounted and demanded that the Germans surrender. The enemy surrendered, taken in by such a show of bravado.

That night in Chieulles a group of reinforcements were brought up, and A and B Companies were separated and reorganized. Next morning, the battalion moved out with the mission of capturing the town of St. Julien and Fort Bellecroix. The Second Battalion, 378th, was to take Fort St. Julien.

Accordingly, First Battalion by-passed that fort and took the town after a heavy engagement in which A Company, with a platoon of tanks attached, did its job so well that no other elements of the battalion had to be employed. When 60-mm. mortars were no longer needed in the close-in fighting in St. Julien, S/Sgt. Charles Riley, of A Company, organized his mortar sections and a few riflemen into assault teams and helped clear the town, capturing many of the 312 prisoners.

TREMENDOUS EXPLOSIONS AT FORT

The battalion then moved toward Fort Bellecroix, one of the oldest of Metz's many forts, located just east of the Seille River opposite the main portion of Metz. Its heavy masonry walls were an imposing part of the landscape, with part of the fort concealed by a heavy growth of vegetation. Company A attacked the fort from the street side meeting only small arms fire as they moved inside the building and began rounding up several hundred pris-

oners. Minor skirmishes were fought inside but resistance soon ceased and the prisoners were disarmed and passed back through C Company to the rear. C Company then pushed ahead along the road skirting the north end of the fort. Parts of both companies were regrouping in the vicinity. At just about 3:00 p.m., two tremendous explosions took place within the fort and along the road, shattering the heavy masonry wall of the massive structure and sending gigantic chunks of walls, breastworks and trees into the air. The main force of the explosion seemed to blow the rear of the fort up and over the front wall into the street.

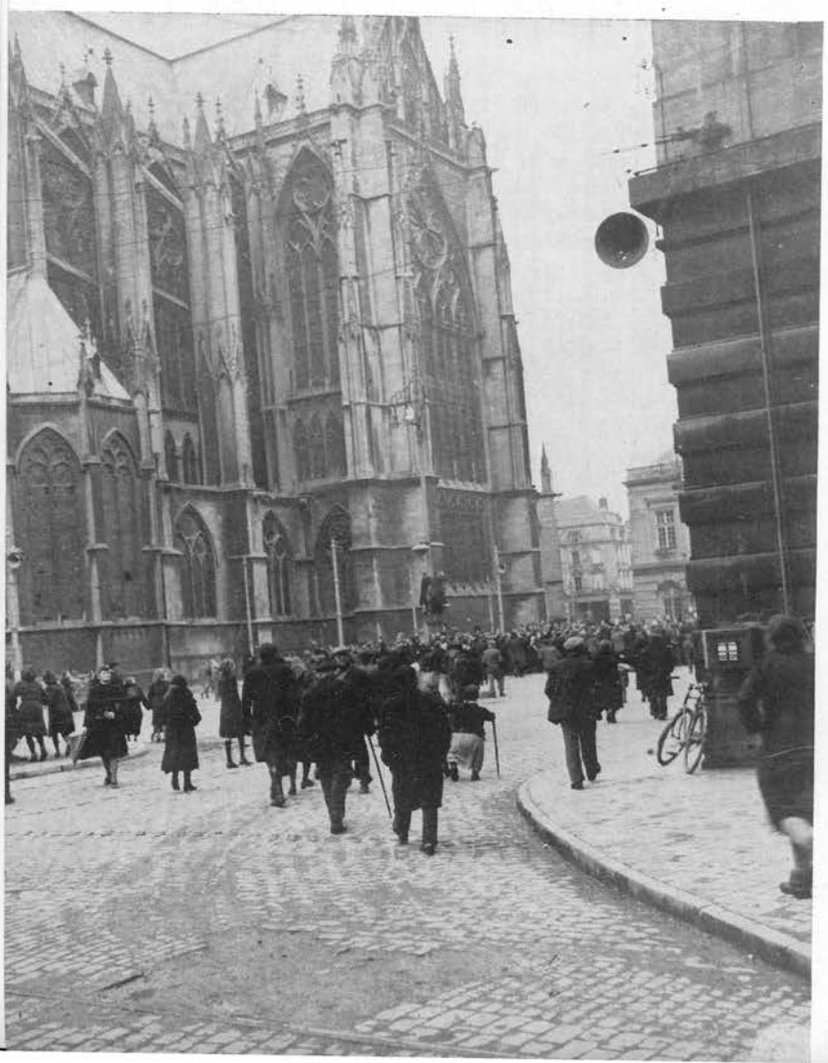
Eight men of C Company were killed instantly and 49 injured in the explosion of Fort Bellecroix. The final count of casualties resulting from the explosion showed 17 killed and 59 wounded in the battalion.

Some of the survivors reported the incident as follows: "You couldn't hear the noise; the explosion seemed to push against me. All of a sudden I saw big chunks in the air. I hit the dirt and prayed. My face was blackened by the dust, and it was hard breathing."—Sgt. Joseph Janov. "The sky suddenly got black aand trees and rocks were flying around. The second explosion toppled boxcars nearby, but the one I lay under remained upright because it was shoved against a loading platform. Some men thought the heavy dust cloud was gas."—T/Sgt. Earl H. Grade. "It looked like the whole mountainside was suddenly moved over to the other side of the street. An area back of the fort 75 to 100 yards long appeared to have been mined and then detonated electrically."—S/Sgt. Eulas L. Terry.

Reorganization was slow. Most of the men were stunned or out on their feet. The battalion commander reported it was necessary to lead many men personally into position to prepare for an expected counterattack at this time. A company of TDs was rushed forward and put into position, but the counterattack did not materialize. The battalion evacuated its wounded, set up a hasty defense for the night and prepared to continue into Metz proper in the morning.

Just after the explosion, First Battalion's kitchen train, at work back in Charly, was approached by a slight young man in a priest's robe. "I know where there is a cable connected to mines and demolitions all over the city of Metz," the priest told Pfc. Ferdinand Westphal, Battalion Headquarters cook's helper. The priest explained to Westphal that when the cable was installed underground, the Germans had different workers construct each section so that none would know where the cable went or that it was connected to mines and demolitions.

A huge crowd of happy Frenchmen gathered outside the Metz Cathedral to welcome Bishop Heinz the day after this fortress city had fallen.



But one man had worked on the cable along its entire route and he had told the priest that the Germans were going to use the cable to blow up Metz. (Division G-2, through a connection with men of the Free French Forces of the Interior inside Metz, had heard that German demolitions within the city were all connected with a master switch, but the FFI had been unable to locate the switch. This may have been it.)

MASTER SWITCH DESTROYED

Westphal reported the story up through channels and eventually he was called before the task force commander who ordered his intelligence officer and an engineer demolition man to go with Westphal and the priest to examine the cable. The priest took them to a manhole in a field. After surrounding pillboxes were thoroughly checked for booby traps, the lock was shot off, the cover removed revealing a switchbox. The cable leading into the box was composed of innumerable small wires which were attached to various terminal boards and switches. Unable to determine exactly what use the box served, the engineer and the intelligence officer decided to destroy the installation with an axe. No further explanation was ever made on the incident, although the cable was traced underground several miles. It led directly towards Metz.

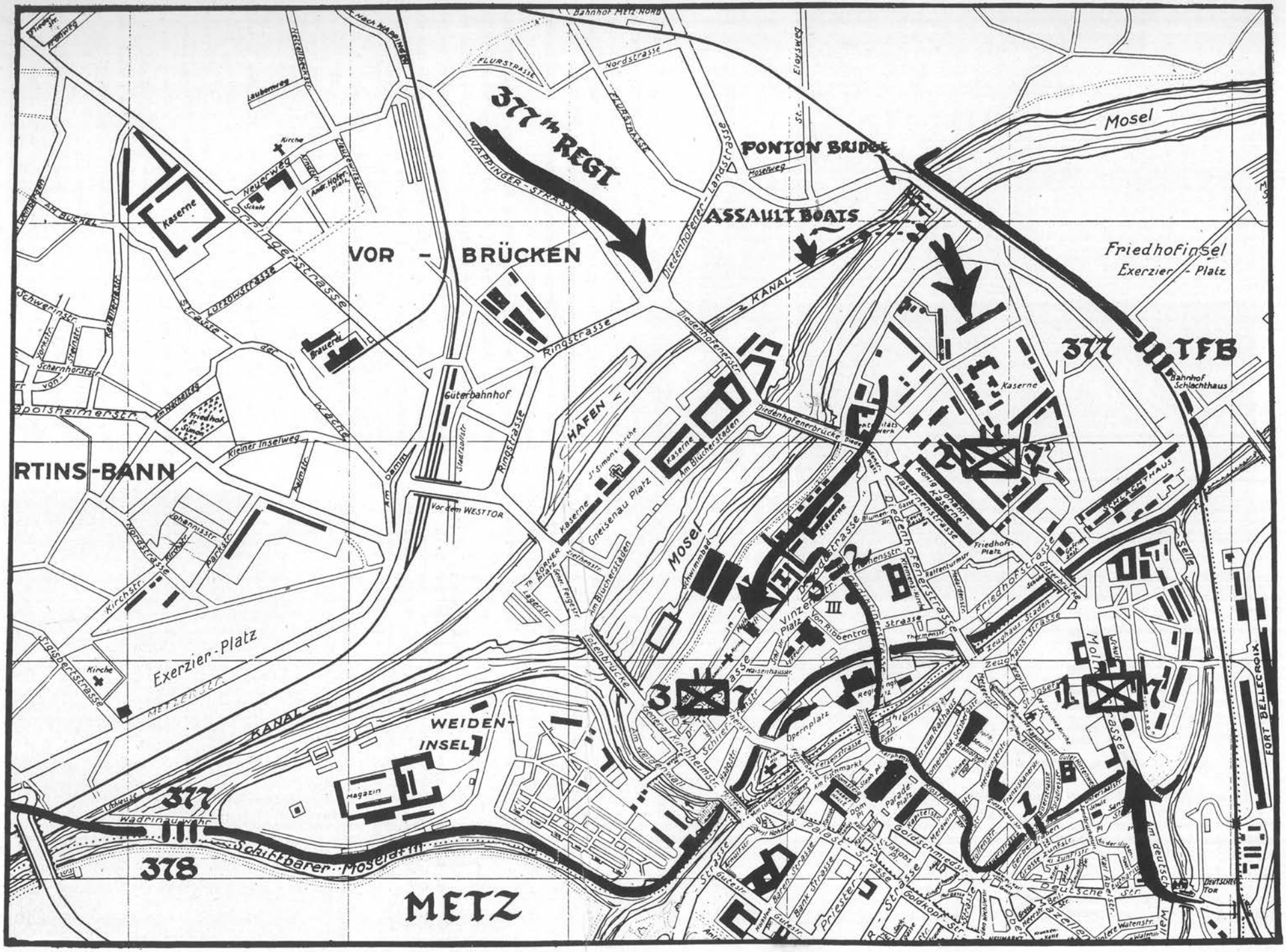
First Battalion was to make its crossing into Metz proper over the Seille River just at the south end of Fort Bellecroix. Assault boats had been brought forward, for it was believed the Germans would certainly destroy the bridge across the Seille at that location. For some unaccountable reason, the bridge was not blown and the Germans defended it with only a machine gun and rifles.

Pfc. Armand C. Brooks of Headquarters Company contributed largely to the successful capture of the bridge intact. He was occupying a forward OP following the far-sighted instructions of 1st Lt. Robert L. Darrah, battalion S-2, in a building directly opposite the bridge. Midmorning of the 19th, regrouping for the attack, B Company troops occupying the area around the bridge withdrew. This left Brooks and a few B Company men stranded in the building. The men looked out a second-story window down through a railroad overpass and out across the short span of the bridge directly into the city of Metz. Suddenly German soldiers appeared on the Metz side of the bridge, setting up a machine gun to defend it. The men held their fire knowing they were alone in the area. At this point a 2½-ton truck pulling a trailer load of assault boats came down the road and up to the bridge defended by the mashine gun. Just as the truck turned the corner toward the bridge, the enemy MG opened up but so did Brooks and the men in the building. Brooks killed the gunner and one other man who ran across the bridge and peered around the corner of the underpass. The engineers scrambled for safety inside the building occupied by the GIs. German medics withdrew their wounded and, with the machine gun liquidated, no further attempts were made to defend the bridge. At 11:00 a.m., B Company men moved across the bridge, fanned out, and by noon the battalion began the mopping up of its assigned portion of the city. By 1:00 p.m., the battalion had the first part of Metz assigned as its objectives—the sector just opposite the Fort. By nightfall it was well on its way to bagging a final total of more than 300 prisoners. FFI members within the city gave valuable information on such installations as Gestapo headquarters and gasoline dumps (one such dump contained almost 20,000 liters of gas all set to be blown up).

RESISTANCE ENDS

Monday, the 20th, was the last day of fighting for First Battalion in Metz. By 11:00 a.m., the companies had expanded their areas to new boundaries as set by regiment, encountering only slight resistance and that mainly from snipers. One of the methods used to speed these jobs was that employed by Pvt. (now S/Sgt.) Harry F. Ott of D Company. Ott stripped down his heavy machine gun and, firing from the hip, roamed about the streets neutralizing whatever enemy fire he encountered, and received the Silver Star for his actions.

Resistance in Metz ended officially at 2:25 p.m., on November 22. Shortly thereafter, the battalion moved out to its new assembly area east of Metz and prepared to continue the attack toward the Saar River. The members of the battalion did not know it at the time, but their exploits in the two weeks they were separated from the remainder of the regiment did not go unnoticed. The Commanding General of the 95th Division saw fit to award the battalion Battle Honors, by General Orders No. 12.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HANNIBOIS WOODS TO METZ

The grave of a 90th Division GI was found at Jailly Mill. He was buried by the Germans prior to the attack by E Company.

Jailly Mill looked peaceful under a soft film of snow when revisited by parties searching for our dead. Mines and booby traps planted by the Germans made the trip hazardous.

While First Battalion began crossing the Moselle at Uckange, Second Battalion was launching a night attack on Hannibois Woods, objective No. 1 in the regiment's drive on Metz. From assembly areas in Bois de l'Abbe, a mile west of Maizieres, Second Battalion looked out over the battlefield-to-be to the thick growth of young trees on high ground 500 yards to their front. A railroad track and a macadam road ran parallel to each other across the front at the edge of the woods. Midway between the road and the high ground which was the objective ran a small, marshy, tree-lined stream destined to provide the only bit of cover for the attacking troops. Half-way up the rising ground on the far side of the stream were two groups of buildings, Fereau Mill and Jailly Mill. The grain storage sheds, barns and other buildings of the mills were grouped around rectangular courtyards enclosing them on three sides.

The scene was innocent-looking at first glance because the mines "sown like cabbages" around the mill buildings were invisible at a distance and enemy riflemen dug in along the railroad embankment were well camouflaged. There was, of course, no evidence of the murderous rain of artillery and mortar shells that was to descend later on the woods from the high ground south and west of Hannibois. The zone, apparent later, was an enemy final protective line. During the week preceding November 8, when Second Battalion occupied the defensive positions in the Bois de l'Abbe the enemy scattered small arms and artillery fire over the whole area. Guns of the 920th FA responded in kind and counter-battery duels were frequent.

This was the situation at dusk on D-Day, November 8, with H-Hour, 9 p.m., drawing close. The battalion order was brief. At H-Hour E Company was to attack and seize Jailly Mill while at the same time G Company was to seize Fereau Mill 500 yards to the east. Company F, initially in reserve, later was to go around Fereau Mill and on to the high ground into Hannibois Woods.

The night of their first offensive combat was to be a bloody one for Second Battalion. Daylight, November 9, found only one of their objectives taken. Here's what happened:

E Company had the least trouble getting started. The second platoon, led by 1st Lt. Thomas N. Bowman, jumped off on schedule toward Jailly Mill. "The job was soon done and every-

Concrete stick mines accounted for many of E Company's casualties when Jailly Mill was attacked. Later signs were posted to warn unwary GI's.

Jailly Mill, the scene of bitter counter-attacks by both the Americans and Germans, was finally abandoned after the night attack on November 9, 1945, but retaken later.

Fereau Mill, France. This picture was made some days after Second Battalion's night attack on Hannibois Woods.

thing was going OK," said T/Sgt. Donald N. Limpach. "We used grenades and set the building afire. My squad was sent around to the front of the building to check the lay of the land. As soon as we were out of sight of the rest of the platoon, an enemy machine gun opened up on them and they dove for a ditch. As they hit the ground, there was a blinding flash and a big mine field exploded in one blast leaving 15 men casualties, three of them dead."

MINEFIELD EXTENSIVE

"The minefield extended about 75 yards along the road and up to the house," explained Platoon Sgt. Jack D. O'Dell (later 2nd Lt.). "All of a sudden there were big balls of fire and then a sheet of flame," he recalled. "Then I heard the cries of the wounded." Lt. O'Dell, Pvt. (later Sgt.) Elmer Strawhacker, and S/Sgt. Eugene Gniewkowski were awarded Silver Stars for going into the minefield to bring out their injured comrades. Noise and flashes of the exploding mines drew increased enemy artillery and mortar barrages, complicating the evacuation of the wounded. "At last in the gray light of dawn the job of evacuating the wounded was finished," said T/Sgt. Charles J. Arnold.

S/Sgt. John B. Dean's squad was sent out to the enemy side of the farmhouse with instructions to dig in and protect the evacuation of the wounded. "I never thought I'd dig a 6-foot foxhole as fast as I did that night," said Sgt. Limpach. "We dug in about 150 yards from the burning building." Came the dawn of November 9 and the revelation that Sgt. Dean's squad was dug in only 25 or 30 yards from the machine gun which had fired the night before and caused E Company to set off the minfield. About the same time the gun was spotted, three of its crew were also seen walking down the road. S/Sgt. Dean, Sgt. Limpach and the rest of the squad opened up with a BAR and M-1s. One German was hit as he tried to fling a grenade.

G Company, jumping off at 9:00 p.m., against Fereau Mill, found that control of troops in the pitch darkness was at first as big a problem as dealing with the enemy. Mines were everywhere and G Company found the going tougher the nearer they got to the Mill. After two hours of squirming their way through artillery and mortar barrages and detouring around minefields, 2nd Lt. Mark Goodyear and 11 men of the second platoon finally reached a barn at the mill and climbed through a window, getting some shelter inside from the heavy shelling.

With Lt. Goodyear were T/Sgt. Ernest H. Crawford, S/Sgt. Voris G. White, S/Sgt. Curtis R. Scales, Sgt. Arvil L. Silcox, Sgt. Clifford A. Ziebarth, Pfc. Harold C. Layman, Pfc. Andrew S. Gandy, Pfc. Donald J. Giroux, Pfc. Frederick F. Sanford, and S/Sgt. Walter L. Wright (the latter wounded). The group was unable to take the rest of the buildings in the mill group without reinforcements.

S/Sgt. Robert E. Roberts of F Company volunteered to go back and find a route to bring reinforcements (first platoon of F) through the minefields. He carved a path back, brought up the third squad to the barn. During the next trip, a mine exploded wounding two others and Roberts, who sustained internal abdominal ruptures from concussion. Wounded similarly twice again on other trips when thrown into the air by explosions which also injured several more men, he continued on his mission. For this, Sgt. Roberts was awarded the DSC. S/Sgt. Scales, on a similar mission, succeeded in guiding part of F Company and one squad of G Company's third platoon to the beseiged position, and received the Silver Star.

PREPARE TO HOLD OUT

Sgt. Harry Hunt, G Company, had just hoisted himself through the window into the barn when machine gun fire wounded the man following him. Sgt. Hunt climbed part way back out of the window to assist the wounded man inside. The machine gunning continued and Hunt was wounded twice before he pulled his comrade to safety. Later that night Hunt was lying on the floor alongside Pfc. Joseph Allen, also wounded. Allen's right arm

T/Sgt. Donald Behlman's foxhole deluxe, overlooking Fereau Mill, Maizieres-les-Metz sector, France.

was partially paralyzed and he couldn't move it. Suddenly a grenade rolled inside the barn right next to Allen. Catching a glimpse of the grenade as it rolled toward Allen, Sgt. Hunt realized their desperate situation immediately, reached across Allen, grabbed the grenade and threw it high in the air. At the same time he threw himself face down on top of Allen. The grenade exploded in the air and Hunt was seriously wounded in the back but Allen was safe.

The group inside the barn at Fereau Mill set up the strongest defense possible under the circumstances, and prepared for a sleepless night. The reinforcements were arriving, and they were just in time, for the enemy, occupying adjoining buildings, counter-attacked at 3:00 a.m. For a short time there was the wildest type of close combat, with grenades tossed in all directions by both sides. Two German soldiers appeared in the loft overhead and began dropping grenades through a hole in the loft floor down into the Second Battalion firing positions. F and G Company wounded had to be moved to safer positions inside the barn.

Finally the counter-attack spent its force, and as the GIs began to push the enemy back into the adjoining building, the two Germans in the loft disappeared. T/Sgt. Edward J. Kapalla found them buried in the hay the next morning when he stumbled over them without knowing they were there. They surrendered without resisting.

At daylight the first platoon of G Company under 1st Lt. Donald Moore arrived to help the men besieged in the barn. Other elements of E, F, and G Companies soon arrived and rushed in to overwhelm the few Germans who remained. It had been a rough fight, but aggressive closing-in won out. Lt. Goodyear received the Silver Star for his bold leadership in repulsing the counter-attack.

Back in Bois de l'Abbe, Lt. Col. Robert L. Walton, battalion commander, had assembled the rest of F Company as they withdrew into the woods. The first platoon of F was isolated in the barn at Fereau Hill, he told them. "Who is game to attack . " T/Sgt. Langley Gibson, Pfc. (later T/Sgt.) George Volk, volunteered to help. About a platoon and a half of F Company and part of G Company attacked up the slope to the Mill with Lt. Col. Walton in the lead. "He's got a lot of guts," said Volk "—too much guts." Reaching the barn, Volk forged ahead of Col. Walton

S/Sgt. Robert E. Roberts, Jr., DSC winner, Company F

Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Walton, Commanding Officer, Second Battalion, DSC winner.

seeking the first platoon of F Company. He soon found S/Sgt. James G. Kline, who told him where the platoon was and where the enemy was in the adjoining building.

"HE'S GOT GUTS"

Turning to the battalion commander, Volk told him he had found the F Company men in the barn and that the enemy were across the courtyard. "Col. Walton went over there all by himself, kicked a hole in a barn door and sprayed the whole area with his grease gun. He's got guts," Volk said again. "He had his helmet turned sideways so the Lt. Col. insignia would not make such a good bull's-eye and was running all over the place, firing as he went."

As a result of his firing and breaking in the door, members of a German machine gun crew inside the building abandoned their gun and hurried to the cellar where they were pulled out and taken prisoner a few minutes later by F Company men. For his fearless and inspiring leadership Col. Walton received the Distinguished Service Cross.

In the early morning attack on Fereau Mill, Sgt. Herbert L. Clausen, G Company, with his LMG squad, flanked enemy machine guns and forced the surrender of six men. Lt. Donald L. Moore was also cited for his actions in the final assault on Fereau Mill.

F Company's attempt to bypass Fereau Mill and seize Hannibois Woods fared little better than the others. "We faced a minefield 1,000 yards long and 800 yards wide," reported 1st Lt. Joseph R. Houser, leader of the first platoon. Before F Company's attack three bottles of captured cognac were distributed to each platoon and each man who so desired had a drink. "This is the last drink we'll have together," Lt. Ernest Halton told Lt. Houser. It was; Lt. Halton was killed in Hannibois Woods the next morning.

The pitch black night, the mines and the four or five enemy machine guns, which opened up as the company crossed the line of departure, limited the advance to about 70 yards. The second and third platoons tried vainly to move forward in the face of increasing enemy machine gun, mortar and artillery fire. "We laid low

War trophies collected after the first night attack, November 10, 1944.

on the wet ground wondering what would happen when it became light enough for the Germans to see us," said Volk. "There were lots of flares going off around us and it was just like daylight one moment and pitch black the next. We carried bangalore torpedoes to blow a path through the minefield and were to work our way around Fereau Mill and up to the corner of the woods. Just as we crossed the creek enemy machine guns opened up, pinning us down."

F Company spent practically the whole night there, suffering 44 casualties. "It was so dark," said Lt. Houser, "that the only way to maintain contact was to hold on to the man ahead of you."

COMPANY CO WOUNDED

F Company commander, Capt. Robert F. Jenkins, was wounded in the leg by shrapnel that same night. Lt. Houser also was wounded. Capt. Jacob Thompson, G Company, took over the job of rallying F Company and organized a planned withdrawal back to the Bois de l'Abbe. In these words 1st Lt. Roy L. Farmer (later Captain) took over command of F Company. (He led it all the way into Metz).

Just before the jump-off on the night of the 8th, Capt. Douglas H. Aitken, Second Battalion Surgeon, established his aid station in a small shed less than 75 yards from the front line. During that night and the next day the area around the aid station was heavily shelled and machine gunned but miraculously the shed was not hit. Presence of a medical officer saved many lives that would have been lost had the aid station been back in defilade in the rear.

Early in the morning of November 9, Second Battalion was reorganized at Fereau Mill for the push into Hannibois Woods. Casualties from the previous night's action were heavy and the first job was to evacuate the wounded. Prisoners captured at Fereau Mill were pressed into service as litter bearers. Fourteen German dead were counted in the area around the Mill alone. Much credit for the reorganization in G Company went to 2nd Lt. (now Capt.) Herbert H. Hardy of the third platoon, who received a Silver Star for his leadership in the final assault on the Mill.

Pvt. Ralph Morgan, who persisted in a mission of conveying important information of enemy AR position to his platoon leader even though wounded by sniper fire and suffering the loss of a foot from an enemy mine explosion, was awarded the DSC for his heroic actions during early morning on the 9th.

Four men in F Company received the Silver Stars for courageous work in evacuating wounded from Fereau Mill. Pvt. Harry G. Modest untangled a wounded comrade from barbed wire and evacuated him. When he went back for a second time he failed to return and is believed to have been captured. Another wounded man was removed from barbed wire by Pfc. Ramon G. Jarmer and taken back to the aid station. S/Sgt. (later T/Sgt.) Urban J. Rothermel and Sgt. (later T/Sgt.) Earl R. Scheidt were decorated for crawling through a minefield to evacuate wounded men.

At 10 am., November 9, the battalion jumped off from Fereau Mill to attack Hannibois Woods. E, F, and G Companies, using marching fire, moved up the gentle slope through the thick growth of trees and bushes. The marching fire pinned the enemy down, but had little effect on mines and booby traps which were strewn all through the woods. The men moved at a fast walk, firing from the hip as they went. When the men saw the enemy staying in their holes they fired even faster. G Company caught the enemy flat-footed at an enemy main line of resistance along a railroad embankment at the edge of the woods. When the Germans refused to come out of their holes along the embankment, at least 35 Germans were made permanent residents in ready-made graves. When their light machine guns were knocked out by enemy mortars, the G Company gun crews turned to the big job of carrying ammunition to the fast moving troops and carrying back wounded on the return trip. Artillery and mortar tree bursts and the re-echoing whang of rifle bullets made Hannibois Woods a real hell on earth.

BAR MAN LEADS ADVANCE

Pfc. John W. Metych, BAR man, led his squad in silencing an enemy machine gun which was holding up the platoon's advance, killing the two Germans who manned it. When a second gun opened fire as the men examined the knocked-out gun, Metych again moved forward, this time forcing a three-man crew to surrender. When the platoon advanced again after waiting through an artillery barrage, a third machine gun opened fire. For the third time Metych led the attack but suffered a leg injury when an enemy shell exploded nearby. Unable to continue, Metych continued to fire his BAR for five minutes pinning down the enemy

Pvt. Ralph Morgan, DSC winner, Company G

T/Sgt. Urban Rothermel, F, DSC winner for various acts of heroism from November 8 to Decemer 13. Here he's in a dug-out across from Fereau Mill, scene of some Second Battalion fighting on November 8-9.

gun crew until the rest of the squad advanced far enough to throw grenades.

Reaching the opposite edge of the woods, the battalion began to dig in on its objective at 11:45 a.m. Artillery and mortar increased as the afternoon progressed. It became apparent that positions would have to be changed. Troops were becoming casualties in a hurry, for the enemy had direct observation from the high ground to the southwest, firing mortars, 88 and heavier shells on the E, F, and G positions with deadly accuracy. It was during this attack that Lt. Halton, F Company's first platoon leader, was killed. Capt. Jenkins, Company F, and Sgt. Daniel Morril were injured by the same mortar shell which killed Lt. Halton, it landing right on their position. Dead and wounded were evacuated with the help of 35 PWs while troops continued under fire. Casualties were mounting with no reserve in sight. Also Victory Village, still untaken in the left rear, was a too dangerous threat. E Company's first platoon had more difficulty pulling out of Hannibois Woods than it had had in going into it. Pulled out of reserve to help F and G Companies, 1st Lt. (later Capt.) George B. Kozlak's men "Had no fear of battle but there was a fear of not knowing what was coming" as they pushed up into the woods.

Informed of the withdrawal in midafternoon, the first platoon began the 250-yard trek back down the hill carrying their own wounded on their backs as they went. Once at the bottom of the hill the third platoon of E Company took over evacuation of casualties.

After the attack on Fereau Mill and Hannibois Woods, G Company counted up nine of their own men killed, 37 wounded, three evacuated for battle fatigue, and three missing in action. Among the wounded was Capt. Jacob H. Thompson, Jr., hit by a bullet at Fereau Farm. 1st Lt. Hughit J. Boulet took over command of G Company. His success in leading G Company on the drive into Metz earned him a Silver Star. Lt. Col. Walton, moving back from the woods to his battalion observation post, was injured by shrapnel but continued to the OP and refused evacuation. T/Sgt. Raymond J. Rausch, H Company, received the Silver Star for taking over his machine gun platoon and leading them in a successful withdrawal from the woods, and directing aid men to wounded comrades while wounded himself.

CALL FOR SMOKE SCREEN

When the withdrawing troops continued to be harassed and disorganized by the heavy enemy shelling, Lt. Hardy of G Company called for a smoke screen which was furnished by the artillery and H Company. Under cover of the smoke screen, the withdrawal was speeded up and original lines in the Bois de l'Abbe were restored at 5:30 p.m. The defense line now ran along the south edge of the woods and to Jailly Mill. F and G Companies occupied the F sector opposite Fereau Mill and E Company drafted cooks and service personnel into the defense of their wide front around Jailly Mill. The next day a platoon from 378th Regiment on the right took over part of E Company's sector.

Late the night of November 9, after the withdrawal out of Hannibois Woods, the enemy patrolled in force at Fereau Mill. When they found the mill had been abandoned by our troops, they burned the buildings to the ground, later reoccupied the area. Artillery fire was laid on them with good effect.

November 10 and 11 the battalion front was relatively quiet. On November 12, G Company took over the K Company positions on the slag pile south of Maizieres. E Company reoccupied the positions at Fereau Mill and reported the enemy had laid mine fields there before withdrawing. Col. Walton was evacuated on November 14 for wounds received two days earlier in the attack in Hannibois Woods. He refused evacuation at first, but when his slight wounds became infected he was forced to go back for treatment. Major Albert L. Sebesta took over command of the battalion, and led it all the way into Metz.

On the morning of the 15th, G Company was all set to provide supporting fire from the slag pile when the 378th Infantry opened its main drive on Metz. Advancing on the right flank of the 377th, the 378th was supported by G Company's weapons plus nine .50 caliber machine guns. G Company drew heavy return fire. "It sounded like those shells were pouring back at us at the rate of a thousand a minute," said Lt. Hardy. T/5 Russell W. Posey, first platoon aid man with G Company on the slag pile, lost his life from loss of blood after being hit by shrapnel while treating G Company wounded. T/5 Posey's supreme sacrifice was recognized with the award of the Silver Star posthumously.

After helping G Company furnish supporting fire for the 378th, E Company left its original defensive positions, moved to the southeast through Maizieres around the eastern edge of the slag pile and pushed on down the main Metz road toward St. Remy. E Company had 40 new reinforcements and an additional pleasant surprise, their first tanks in direct support.

About 500 yards out from the slag pile Capt. Vern Martinson, commanding E Company, was wounded by shrapnel and had to be evacuated. Members of E's first platoon met Capt. Martinson on the road as he was being evacuated to the aid station and asked him if he had been hurt bad. "Tiny" replied, "No, I just got mad and took a bite out of myself."

This was 1st Lt. Edward Nichols' impression of the Second Battalion marching down the road in a column of companies with E Company leading: "It was just like Louisiana Maneuvers with a little simulated firing. The third platoon was a beautiful sight the way the doughs were spread out at the head of the column. The boys were pretty tense at the start until Pfc. Lorenzo Belt relieved the tension. With the Germans shooting at him, he showed his unconcern by leveling his BAR at several rabbits

flushed out of the grass. The idea was good for a laugh and it was just what the men needed."

Neither Lt. Nichols nor Lt. Robert Waeber, heading E Company's column, had a map and as a result the head of the column passed through St. Remy, first objective, without realizing it. At the road embankment and railroad underpass south of St. Agatha things began to happen. Enemy machine guns, later found to be well-emplaced in small fortifications, held up two platoons of E Company. When the enemy guns first began firing under the railroad underpass, Platoon Sgt. (later Lt.) Jack O'Dell and Sgt. (later T/Sgt.) Donald N. Limpach started through the underpass. O'Dell and Limpach ducked and crawled along the railroad almost under the road overpass before the MG fire stopped them. With those two pinned down, Lt. Nichols and Sgt. (later Lt.) Alvin T. Tyner went over the road and out-flanked the machine gun position. One of the guns stopped firing as a result of the flanking movement, and O'Dell and Limpach rushed through the overpass and helped reduce the other gun.

The engagement at the railroad underpass was a series of small actions each one a bit of heroism in itself. Pfc. Dennis Russell rushed up to the road embankment early in the action and fired grenade after grenade from the launcher on his M-1 over the road and down on the other side of the embankment. A German on top of the overpass was all set to drop a grenade on Lt. Martin H. Meyer standing directly beneath him. The German's body and the unexploded grenade both dropped at Lt. Meyer's feet at the same time and Pfc. (later S/Sgt.) Raymond Gagnon chalked up a bull's-eye for his M-1. Sgt. Willard K. Langenberg shot and killed a sniper who was aiming at Lt. Nichols. Later on, a PW admitted that the battalion's advance had been so swift that few pre-arranged demolitions were set off.

A GERMAN FAKES

Back at the slag pile, where the first platoon of E Company was on the end of the company column, mopping-up was under way. Snipers were still infesting the area around the slag pile, causing casualties. Two men stepped on mines. One mine casualty, T/5 Mike Slevicki, was lying only 10 or 20 yards from Pfc. Gilbert Gabriel who had been hit by shrapnel. Both men scrambled for their weapons when two Germans suddenly popped out of a bypassed foxhole. The Germans, however, indicated they wanted to help the injured Americans. One of them started walking toward Gabriel who shouted a warning about the mines. The German kept coming and Gabriel, becoming suspicious, opened fire with his BAR. The German fell dead. His companion took off across the mine field on the run, setting off a mine which killed him and further injured Slevicki.

As E Company neared Woippy, the third platoon spread out on the right and the second on the left. S/Sgt. Charles J. Arnold, firing his M-1 from a standing position at a range of 300 or 400 yards, killed a German on the run. The driver of a Jerry truck heading out of town was killed when he took shelter in a house and tanks fired into the building, knocking it down around him.

Lt. Nichols said afterwards: "We had a field day shooting Germans. They were being flushed out by the 378th on our right and fled right across our front as we worked our way south." During the day, at one time, the company was four miles in front of units advancing on its right and left and sweated out counter-attacks which luckily never came. PWs captured by the company said road block charges and mines were never set off because the speed of E Company's advance caught them napping.

Snipers were still firing when the reserve platoon (first) reached Woippy. Pfc. Willie H. Bishop asked where the CP was and a building was pointed out to him. He wasn't told that the CP hadn't moved in yet. When Bishop entered nonchalantly with his rifle at sling arms, he had the surprise of his life, for he interrupted four German officers just sitting down to hot chow in the cellar. The Germans didn't resist and were taken prisoners.

In Woippy the men of E Company acquired their first P-38s and other enemy small arms. Eight 88-mm. guns were also taken before F Company arrived at dusk to help set up defenses for the night. Sixty-six PWs were captured there in the afternoon of November 15.

F Company made the march down the road into Woippy through artillery and mortar shelling. The company had three casualties during the march. Lt. (now Capt.) Roy L. Farmer was in charge.

While F and E mopped up in Woippy, back in the Jailly Mill area seven H Company men organized litter teams to evacuate a group of wounded from another regiment since there were no aid men available. Their prompt action saved many lives. The seven men, who received Silver Stars, are S/Sgt. James Thornburg, Sgt. John Sales, Pfc. Arnold Groves, Pfc. Joe Youree, Pvt. George Beacham, Pvt. Cecil Holtsclaw, and Pvt. Mike Rhoades. T/5 Gene Cowles, H Company medic, directed the operation and continued to treat the wounded even though his left leg was useless. He also was given the award.

THOSE DANGEROUS "BETTIES"

Starting back at the slag pile, G Company had moved out down the Metz road as soon as their supporting fires were masked by friendly troops. Mines were everywhere as the company left the slag. T/Sgt. Edward Kapalla stepped on a bouncing betty which bounced right off the stomach of Lt. Hardy falling into the mud, a dud. According to Lt. Francis J. Loucks, then a platoon sergeant, "We really saw minefields. There they were, visible on top of the ground, three solid rows five deep. You could see the bouncing betties sown like cabbages with their prongs sticking out of the ground. We had to keep our eyes open all of the time." The light tanks had trouble with the mines and two of them had their tracks knocked off.

G Company spent the night of November 15 outside Woippy in the German barracks near St. Agatha. The men waded a flooded creek just before reaching the barracks and the water was just deep enough to come over the tops of overshoes. Hitting the ground when shells landed near meant taking a swim and some of the men did it.

The company spent a cold, miserable night with no bedding at all and no heat. The factory had a tin roof and a dirt floor, but the "only heat was the hot lead flying around," recalled S/Sgt. (later T/Sgt.) John J. Stirbis. "My squad was the only group which had any real shelter and they were in a sandbagged dug-out in the dirt floor. There was room for six men. We had 14 in there." During the night 88-mm. guns laid direct fire on the building from Fort Deroulede.

T/5 George Rhoads, medic attached to E Company, went through a minefield to get a wounded man. Warned to wait for

F Company cleared this area of Woippy, France

the barrage to let up before venturing forth again, Rhoads nevertheless started out under heavy fire to an exposed outpost position after another casualty. He was killed by the barrage. The Silver Star (posthumous) was awarded him.

The night of the 15th was a hot one for E and F Companies who sweated it out occupying a small sector on the north edge of Woippy. F Company, when it arrived at dusk, passed through E Company and set up defenses on the south side of the sector. E Company weapons platoon carried food and ammunition to isolated outposts defending the area.

For the most part, the men remained quiet during the night and didn't reveal their positions to the enemy, even when the Germans drove horses through the streets in attempts to get E and F Companies to open fire. F Company suffered three casualties when a German patrol fired a panzerfaust into one of their LMG positions. Sgt. Stanley J. Iwansky organized one defensive position which he held for six hours against German harassing patrols.

Second Battalion, led by E and F Companies, resumed its attack early in the morning of the 16th, gradually working into the center of Woippy, dislodging Germans from virtually every house along the way. By 2:00 p.m., the town was taken. Artillery and mortar fire was heavy and caused many casualties in the battalion. E Company captured a regimental command post and took the commanding officer and three of his staff officers prisoners. They also seized intact an enemy supply dump and four 105-mm. guns along with a large supply of ammunition.

Two H Company 81mm. mortar sections suffered nine casualties when enemy shells landed squarely in their gun positions in an area between buildings in Woippy. Pvt. Joseph A. Yazbek, G Company, did a heroic job evacuating casualties under artillery fire and through minefields. His gallant efforts cost him his life during a heavy artillery barrage. He received the Silver Star, posthumously. Pvt. Edward S. Slominski, H Company, crept up to a German MG squad, surprising them, and forcing them to surrender.

E Company with Lt. Thomas N. Bowman in command was busy coordinating with F Company in clearing the southern half of the town. It was hard work, but no one in E Company was tired after they saw Pfc. Francis Walton running up and down streets firing his machine gun from the hip, all of the time wounded himself and with a bloody handkerchief bound around his head.

MILLER TAKES MGs

S/Sgt. Andrew Miller, G Company squad leader, personally knocked out two enemy machine guns which were holding up G Company's advance in Woippy. With the rest of the company under cover Miller exposed himself to the crossfire of both guns, entered the building which housed the right gun and forced the crew of five to surrender. Miller then recrossed the street through fire from the remaining gun and when 10 feet from the basement tossed a grenade inside, and called on the other crew to surrender. Receiving no response, he tossed a white phosphorous grenade and entered the cellar himself. He found two enemy dead and three wounded. The two Germans in good condition he took prisoner. For this and at least five other heroic acts before his death, Sgt. Miller has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, posthumously. (See special page on CMH.)

Four men in G Company will never forget what S/Sgt. David L. Chandler did when a small black German concussion grenade came sailing through the window at them. Chandler shoved two men aside and threw himself on the grenade smothering it. It did not go off. "Scared," he said, "Sure I was scared. I didn't sleep for nights afterwards." G Company's casualties in Woippy were heavy. The first platoon leader, Lt. Daniel Coltin, was killed during his second day with the company. Shrapnel wounded many others.

E Company struck out late in the afternoon against Fort Deroulede, German strongpoint west of Woippy and the source of much devastating artillery and mortar fire which fell in Woippy and vicinity. The men fought their way part way up the long slope to the Fort but were forced to withdraw when they met a "rain of steel" from the Fort's guns, said T/Sgt. Donald N. Limpach. Second Battalion spent the night of November 16 in Woippy and relaxed a little with most of the town under control. In G Company S/Sgt. Stirbis' squad for the second straight night had the warmest quarters. They "slept in the cellar of a three-story building which burned all night and kept the cellar plenty warm," said Stirbis. "The only thing that bothered us was a dead German at the top of the stairs."

The Second Battalion consolidated forces and reorganized just south of Woippy on the morning of November 17. At 3:00 p.m., G Company led the advance southward out of Woippy to begin the drive over the last three miles into Metz. G Company, working with tanks in direct support for the first time, was followed by F Company with E Company in reserve. After a four-hour advance through a heavily populated section of the road toward Metz, the battalion paused to reorganize while a few

The road from Woippy to Metz with Second Battalion anti-tank truck on the way in, its crew proceeding on foot.

elements finished the job of flushing Germans from each house along the route.

There were many incidents humorous and tragic as the battalion closed into le Sansonnet after dark. One rifleman kept trying to elbow his way through the G Company fourth platoon column as the weapons moved in. After three or four men had pushed the figure aside, someone took a closer look and discovered that the rifle slung on his shoulder was a Mauser—the man was a German soldier very much in the mood to surrender. The weapons platoon accommodated him. E Company cleared a big barracks and munitions dump. Lt. Eugene Green, battalion S-2, told E Company later that among the prisoners they captured were several SS troopers. F Company suffered two casualties from artillery fire during the late afternoon drive.

Orders were sent out from Regiment to send out patrols to reconnoiter the area around the Hafen Canal and the Moselle River for possible crossings into Metz. Higher headquarters sought information on the condition of bridges.

THE GHOST PATROL

Accordingly, E Company's third platoon, led by Lt. Waeber, moved out of Woippy after dark on November 17 with the mission of moving down the three miles on the road into Metz to determine if bridges across the canal were still intact. Three engineers accompanied the group which started out with an assault boat. Carrying the heavy boat became too much of a problem though, and the group dropped it on a curbstone soon after the start. Without the boat the platoon rapidly moved down the deserted street. They saw lights on in the cellars of one or two houses but saw no one. Everyone in the platoon knew that there were German soldiers in the houses they passed, but not a shot was fired and no one challenged them. The only explanation for this unusual infiltration is that the Germans inside the houses thought the E Company men were either other German soldiers or civilians because visibility was not good in the darkness.

At a turn in the road about 500 yards from the canal, the patrol heard sounds of people moving about near the river and vehicle movements in the direction of Metz. Lt. Waeber left the main part of the group there as security, and he and five men went forward to try to find the bridge. They stepped over trees felled across the road and ducked a civilian or two they saw on the street. The five men accompanying Lt. Waeber were T/Sgt. Robert Van Cleve, Sgt. Joel Epps, Pfc. (later S/Sgt.) Charles Arnold, Sgt. John Clark and Sgt. Lantz Mollihan.

The group approached a major intersection at the west approach to the canal bridge and there discovered an 88-mm. gun zeroed in on the road back to Woippy. Keeping in the shadows and off the street where possible the six-man patrol worked its way close enough to the canal to make sure that the canal bridge was intact and crossing the bridge was still feasible. While the group was there the railroad bridge farther north was blown up with a tremendous charge which scattered debris over both groups of E Company men.

Rejoining the rest of the platoon was no easy job but the six men did it in spite of the fact that they met several civilians on the

street and detoured around the 88 position. Together again, the platoon lost no time in returning to Woippy, picking up the assault boat en route.

The morning of November 18 G Company led the 95th Division's entrance into Metz, fighting its way down "88 Boulevard" to the corner at the approach to the bridge over the Hafen Canal. The assault was not easy. The 88 opened up with point blank fire as the second platoon rounded a corner and 20-mm. flak from the island was exploding all over the street as G Company fought its way along. Eight to 10 casualties were caused by an enemy machine gun on the left which eventually was knocked out by tanks attached to G Company. Tanks were just what the 88 was waiting for, but the German gunners missed their one and only chance when their first shots missed the mark. The tank crews were better gunners.

As the attack proceeded E Company took one side of the street flushing out each house, and F Company took the opposite side faced with the same task. Lt. Waeber received the Silver Star (posthumously) for leading an assault on an 88-mm. gun which was firing from a flank, as did S/Sgt. Joseph P. Sherman for braving enemy fire to contact an isolated outpost and bring back a report of its activities.

Once the canal was reached G Company saw that the bridge reported intact by Lt. Waeber's E Company patrol the night before had been partially demolished by the Germans in the intervening time. Crossing of the canal was slowed by the blown bridge but not stopped. The second platoon of G Company forged on across on the partially destroyed bridge. There was a footbridge still intact, but it was heavily mined. G Company found mines strung all over the banks of the canal and suffered some casualties from them, for the following message appears in the regimental telephone journal—from Second Battalion: "0930—They are across. We need litter bearers."

MOP UP BEGINS

Once the troops were across the canal, mop up of the island began. Two 88-mm. guns and several 20-mm. flak guns were captured. About 250 German PWs were taken by G Company and a HMG section from H Company. As soon as the island was cleared G and H Companies could look across the Moselle into the heart of downtown Metz. Best of all there were German soldiers on the opposite bank busy digging in a machine gun. Lt. Ross Harris of H Company and his MG crews watched the Germans dig the hole and, as soon as they had finished, opened up with their water cooled 30s and dropped the Germans quite dead into their own hole.

Different and more important targets were appearing. A German staff car drove down to the opposite bank and five Wehrmacht officers stepped out to have a look. "They didn't realize we were there at all," said Lt. Harris. "We let them bunch up good and tight before we opened fire." F Company followed G to the canal bridge and set up defensive positions at the intersection opposite the knocked-out 88-mm. gun. E Company remained also on the north side of the canal alerted for an assault crossing of the Moselle, last barrier before the heart of the city.

There had been reason to hope that the bridges across the canal and river into Metz would not be blown. An FFI group, estimated to number 400 Frenchmen, was known to be active in the city. Certain French on the west side of the river had contact with the FFI leader in the city, a man known by many aliases. The group reported the Germans had emplaced demolitions on all bridges, which were to be set off if the Americans threatened the city. It was also known that the Germans had connected all demolitions with a master switch somewhere in or near the city. The plan was to inform the Metz FFI through the British Radio when the 95th was in position to enter the city. The loyal French were then to sabotage the German demolition efforts. Accordingly, the French were informed when the Division was ready to enter Metz, but their efforts were fruitless.

During all of the operations on the island and in le Sansonnet, assault guns fired on Fort Gambetta to prevent the enemy from hitting the regiment's left flank with a counter-attack.

Sunday, November 19, was to have been a day of comparative rest for Second Battalion troops. Church services were planned and companies were reorganizing and preparing for the assault across the Moselle into Metz proper. Regimental and battalion staff officers were out making a reconnaissance for the river crossing when, about 11:30 a.m., E Company was alerted to cross the Moselle at noon. There had been a last minute change in crossing sites. G Company and heavy machine guns from H Company peppered fire on the opposite bank of the Moselle but they were unable to cover effectively the east bank of the river where E Company expected to establish a bridgehead. Engineers prepared assault boats which were stored in a warehouse near the river bank.

Because of the last minute change in crossing sites, the route of E Company's entrance into Metz across the Moselle in assault boats led down the canal from the blown bridge to the junction of the canal and the river. From there the boats were to strike out directly across the Moselle. Col. Gaillard took up a position in an OP on the river bank and staff officers watched E Company cross.

A VICIOUS CROSSING

The change in crossing sites had upset pre-arranged artillery and mortar supporting fires so E Company's first platoon crossed the river without much benefit of supporting fires except for machine gun and rifle fire from H and G Companies on the island. Initial results of the crossing were vicious. Four men, including Lt. Nichols, climbed out of the first boat to reach the other bank. Five men left the second boat. The other men in the first two boats were casualties as enemy machine gunners and riflemen fired on anything which moved in the boats as they crossed. Everyone kept low in the third boat; it was swept downstream and out of the fighting. Subsequent boats had less and less trouble as the initial landing party made quick work of reducing two machine guns and several riflemen who were firing on the boats.

The crossing site was changed for later boats which were loaded on the Moselle River bank at the junction with the canal. This change eliminated the trip down the canal. First men across the Moselle in E Company's first boat were Lt. Nichols, Pvt. John E. Clark, S/Sgt. Lantz Mollohan, and Pfc. Albert Goyuen. Sgt. Joel Epps and four others landed from the second boat.

Here is Lt. Nichols' story. "In 15 or 20 minutes we had everything under control on the opposite bank. Two machine guns firing from the east bank were overrun. Almost before I could turn around Germans started waving a white flag and coming out." Lt. Nichols particularly commended Platoon Sgt. Tyner of the third platoon and Platoon Sgt. O'Dell of the second platoon for their work. All three received the Silver Star. Killed in action during the crossing was Lt. Waeber, third platoon leader who had reconnoitered the canal route two nights before. 1st Lt. Thomas N. Bowman, commanding E Company, was in the third boat which was washed downstream. After a second try, he reached the Metz side of the river and took over the company to begin the mop up of the city. Lt. Bowman was killed the next day by a sniper while standing in a third floor OP in a barracks inside Metz.

Before F Company crossed the river, Regimental Chaplains Peter J. Baker and Albert G. Schofer held brief prayer services for Catholics and Protestants. "The fellows really appreciated the chaplains' work," said T/Sgt. Volk of F Company. "They were up there in our front lines and inspired us. F Company didn't suffer a single casualty in the river crossing which followed the meeting with the chaplains."

F Company followed E across the Moselle undergoing only long-range sniper fire in the crossing but meeting more after the landing in Metz. Meanwhile G Company had withdrawn from their posi-

Side view of the heavy ponton bridge across which most of the 377th passed (except for initial waves) to get into Metz. (Poor visibility fogged the picture.) The boat in the foreground is the heavy ponton type used for bridges.

tions on the island and followed F across. On the opposite bank G Company swung to the left of F Company, coordinating with them in a defensive position for the night of the 19th. Second Battalion was near the heart of Metz which was still putting up a stubborn fight from fortified buildings and permanent forts bypassed by the invading troops.

Many acts of heroism during the first afternoon's fighting were recognized with awards. Pfc. (later S/Sgt.) Willard K. Langenberg, E Company, led an attack on a German barracks using grenades to kill four enemy and capture 20 others. F Company will never forget Pvt. Howard W. Deford, aid man who continued to treat wounded men in spite of loss of speech and hearing after an artillery shell blast. Lt. Henry Sherr, MAC, led a group of seven litter bearers across the Moselle to treat and evacuate 20 casualties, thus saving many lives.

"WE'RE ACROSS!"

At 3:28 p.m., November 19, First Lt. Eugene Green, battalion S-2, summed up the situation to Lt. Col. John P. Doidge, regimental executive officer, by telephone: "We're across. We have cleared out for 200 yards. Have given company commanders orders to clear out to certain phase lines. Have 110 prisoners across and 200 more here. Am sending them over in assault boats and will need help from you on your side of the river. Expect to have 1,000 over by night. Everything behind us is blowing up. Casualties were heavy at first but are light now. Everything is across but second platoon of G, one platoon of H and Battalion Headquarters."

Inside Metz, G Company settled down in a former barracks and prepared to spend the night. There wasn't much apparent enemy activity and the men could use flashlights and shout to one another making their preparations for the night, without drawing fire. But after G Company bedded down except for security posts, the Germans who had been watching the whole proceeding from just across the street, decided to do something about it. They sneaked across the street up to the barracks and tossed grenades through broken windows and holes in the walls. G Company woke up and as soon as the men ran outside the building, the attackers took off on the run. The company set up a machine gun in the street after that and fired it at intervals to discourage Germans from approaching the building.

Then began the battle to end resistance in Metz proper. Enemy snipers made the work particularly hazardous and a continual hail of sniper fire caused many casualties. Metz had not yet fallen, but the enemy was bottled up into a few city blocks as each unit cleared out assigned zones. House-to-house and street fighting were not evidenced in their usual form, and taking of the city proper was not nearly so bloody as had been the fighting at the city's gates. The enemy partially evacuated the city the night of November 18-19 and only isolated rear guard elements remained to harass our troops from buildings and fortified positions.

By the morning of November 20 First Battalion had completed occupation of its zone, but progress in the Second and Third Battalion areas was slower. There were many stories of individual heroism as mopping up in these areas started in earnest. The same sniper bullet wounded both Major Sebesta, battalion commander and 1st Lt. Hughit J. Boulet as they directed G Company operations. Capt. Wilbur G. Neel, battalion S-3, took over command of Second Battalion. He led the battalion to the successful conclusion of the Metz operation and earned the Silver Star.

G Company was halted by small arms fire from a barracks. S/Sgt. Andrew Miller, assisted by S/Sgt. David L. Chandler, S/Sgt. Joseph P. Sherman and Lt. Hardy, pushed a wagon under a window, climbed on the wagon and through the window. Inside the room he forced six men to surrender. The rest of G Company followed through the same window and cleared the building capturing a large number of prisoners.

A BLUFF WORKS

The same day Sgt. Miller and three volunteers entered an adjacent building in the same manner. A German CP was reported in the building and Miller immediately found himself face to face with a machine pistol and four Gestapomen. Thinking fast and talking faster, Miller told the Gestapomen they were hopelessly surrounded and that even though they had him prisoner, they themselves would soon be captured. The bluff worked and the officers surrendered.

S/Sgt. Miller brought about the surrender of over 50 Germans on November 20 when he fired a bazooka round 200 yards through an attic window of a barracks into a German machine gun position. The gun was zeroed in on the street and barracks occupied by G Company and was holding up the advance of F and G Companies. In order to get a good shot and be free of sniper and machine gun fire at the lower windows of the barracks, Miller, Lt. Hardy, and Sgt. Chandler climbed five stories to the attic where they found a big window overlooking the German machine gun position inside a window across the way. Miller couldn't see the men but he could see the flash of the gun. His first round went dead center through the window. Two Germans were killed and seven others wounded inside. The Germans put up the white flag immediately and Miller went downstairs to arrange the surrender of the 50 Germans in the building.

T/4 Harry J. Neville, wounded by a shell while in a building with five G Company men, continued to give first aid to the others until he collapsed from his own wounds. His personal sacrifice was recognized with a Silver Star. Pfc. Rudolph Tezak, E Company aid man, was killed during the final phase of the Metz operation, when he went to the aid of a wounded man in a city square exposed to enemy fire. For his extreme sacrifice Pfc. Tezak was posthumously awarded the Silver Star. Another G Company medic, Pfc. Raymond A. Omnerick, continued to evacuate wounded after he was hit by a sniper's bullet. His disregard of his own life earned him a Silver Star.

Pfc. Chester R. Nunn, G Company, received the Silver Star for rushing an enemy machine gun emplacement forcing the crew to abandon the gun. Pfc. Rennan Totdes, with E Company, wandered alone into a cellar with his M-1 slung over his shoulder. He soon realized he was not alone in that cellar and before he could get his weapon off of his shoulder, German soldiers began filing past him. There were 57 prisoners in all. Sgt. Joseph Jabonski, E Company, wiped out a machine gun nest and led his squad in the mopping-up operations for three hours, even though wounded.

These Krauts had enough. Second Battalion soldiers guard their trip to the rear near Metz, France.

On the 20th E Company established contact with First Battalion fighting towards them from the north and east.

On F Company's second day in Metz proper, T/Sgt. Volk of F and S/Sgt. Melvin Rouse of G, tipped off by a Pole that some Germans were hiding out in a basement, took a small group and went down into the cellar. "We gave them a line," Volk said, "and they came out without resisting. There were 40 in all." F Company also reached the edge of First Battalion area on the 20th. Mopping up was still going on in isolated sectors on the morning of November 21.

S/Sgt. Jerry P. Lannin's second squad of the first platoon of G met disaster as they rounded a corner, coming face to face with an enemy machine gun. The Germans let the first two scouts get around the corner and then opened up on the rest of the squad as it appeared. S/Sgt. Lannin didn't know it until later but one bullet went through his helmet, knit cap and parted his hair right down the middle without so much as scratching him. Other members of the squad were not so fortunate. When the opening machine gun bursts had quieted down, five men lay dead in the street.

While the squad remained where they had hit the ground, S/Sgt. Donald B. Conkrite, platoon sergeant, ran up and hit the ground with them. When told of the situation, he and S/Sgt. John J. Stirbis talked it over and decided to run for cover to a nearby house and try to make their escape out of a rear door. Conkrite dashed across the street and was in the house before the enemy fired two quick shots. When Stirbis ran a moment later, they peppered the area but only nicked the sleeve of his jacket. It was about 15 yards to the house and two more men, Pfc. Melvin Blessington and Pfc. John B. De Cecca later made the mad dash to temporary safety. A third man, Pvt. Eugene Clark, became confused and passed the door of the house before he realized it. When he stopped at Stirbis' yell, a sniper killed him just outside the door.

Conkrite then decided to make a run for it and get help, with Stirbis pouring fire on the building in which the sniper lay. Conkrite made good his escape and the rest of the men settled for a long seven hours waiting for his return. During this time, Stirbis killed one of the snipers who periodically fired at the house. A German medic, who unknown to the men in the house was actually a PW, having been captured a short time before approached the dead men in the street and began examining them. Called into the house, he offered to get help and evacuate Blessington to friendly lines. This was arranged and Blessington was taken by German medics to a nearby house from which he shouted directions to the men telling them just where to run to make their escape.

Second Battalion was up against the last resistance, but it was stubborn. In a half dozen instances, machine gunners emplaced in buildings had to be encircled and flushed out dead or alive. Part, but only part of the enemy forces known to have been in Metz, had started to evacuate the city, but those rear guard elements who remained to harass regimental troops were still under the fanatical fingers of the few SS men who insisted on prolonging the fight. Sniper firing forced the battalion to clean out all buildings from the ground up before advancing. This was slow work, but at 11 a.m., E Company made contact with first battalion at a bridge over a small branch of the Moselle on the zone boundary. By 6:00 p.m., on November 20 Second Battalion had cleared its entire section.

MOSELLE PANORAMA

A scene that clearly depicts what was happening back at the Moselle crossing site about this time has been described accurately by Pvt. Nathan Amchan, H Company: "It was about noon, raining, and nastily cold. Our gloves were soaked. I was standing facing the Moselle at a point where a small canal begins. No shells were falling in our area. The river at this point was about 100 yards. About 300 or 400 yards to my left were huge pillars of smoke coming from plants the Nazis had set fire to the night before as they made ready to flee. Five or six hundred yards to my right a real battle was taking place, with noise from shells, rifles, machine guns and Heinie automatic pistols dimming my ears. Dirt could be seen flying on both sides of the river from explosions caused by the numerous shell bursts.

"Directly across the river were barracks occupied by the Nazis only a day ago. Every available foot of ground within sight of the naked eye was filled with moving Nazi prisoners and many, many women civilian prisoners held for questioning. Many of these civilian women had been acting as go-betweens to arrange for

Nazi soldiers to surrender to our riflemen—and Germans would file out with a white cloth to serve as a flag, led by a woman, with their hands either raised upwards or clasped behind their heads. Children and horses could be seen roaming around on the other side of the river. Occasionally, to break the routine, a GI could be seen riding a horse, or a bicycle, wearing either a Nazi helmet, a Prussian-pointed officer's hat or a civilian felt high hat.

"About one hundreds yards to my left was a bridge spanning the river which had about 10 feet of it destroyed by the retreating Nazis. Boards were put in to bridge this destroyed part. A long line of many hundred Nazis who had surrendered could be seen moving across this destroyed bridge, scaling and jumping when they reached the wooden boards, to get to our side of the river to be marched to the rear. Each prisoner walked about five yards behind the other—the line really was unending.

"Directly in front of me was a full colonel of my regiment, and a major or two observing the boat traffic across the canal into the river and over to the other side. Eight to 10 men got in each boat. Boats going from our side were all GIs; those coming back were all prisoners with one GI guarding them, except for an occasional boat with wounded soldiers, mostly American, some enemy . . . Five ambulances stood behind me, with a dozen or more medics wearing Red Cross arm bands carrying these wounded to the rear for quick attention. Jeeps with litters, empty, and jeeps with wounded men were constantly moving along the road. Directly to my left front for about 40 yards were huge trucks carrying parts for the construction of the ponton bridge. Huge rubber boats, 20 feet long, were being lifted from the trucks by cranes.

"Here and there are soldiers standing, beating their hands to get some warmth; one eating cheese and crackers, another using a gasoline stove heating rations or warming coffee; here is a soldier smoking, another chewing gum; another leading and a second following another group of prisoners. Here are stored boxes of rations, there a jeep drops "K" rations and two supply men. Up comes a huge truck with a section of the ponton bridge, and back goes an empty truck with its contents removed by the crane. There are prisoners helping to load, unload, carry wounded. The prisoners obviously are glad to be out of action. They are eager to volunteer to get that bridge finished so that other comrades of theirs can get out of the war, too. And all around we see destroyed enemy guns, with several hated '88s' standing paralyzed, muzzles pointed skyward. Here is a captured German Lt. Col. arguing that he requires an American officer and not a private to return him to the Prisoner of War Camp—to him it is still a game to be fought according to his books."

G Company was ready for the final round, which took place November 21, when a civilian reported Germans holding out in a house. S/Sgt. Miller and Lt. Hardy set out to get them although the house was outside their area. After a circuitous route through backyards, a machine gun position was pointed out. Lt. Hardy boosted Miller through a back window, surprising the Germans who were not even manning the gun and were in the cellar. Miller and Lt. Hardy added 12 more Germans to the PW total. This was one of the many actions that earned Miller the CMH and Lt. Hardy the DSC.

During the mop up one platoon of F had a narrow escape when Sgt. (later T/Sgt.) John J. Kadlub of E Company warned them away from a building just before it blew up. Sgt. Kadlub's platoon had finished searching out the huge Wehrmacht warehouse and was lined up along a wall outside. Explosions were going off in neighboring buildings and when Sgt. Kadlub saw a man from F Company emerge from the warehouse he yelled a warning. The medic, last man in the F Company column as it filed out of the building, was about 10 yards from the building when the first explosion shook the structure. Other explosions followed in short order, but luckily no one was hurt.

Resistance in the Division and regimental sectors in Metz was officially ended at 2:25 p.m., on November 22 when a patrol from Second Battalion was sent out to bypassed Fort Deroulede, west of Woippy; the patrol reported the fort was deserted. Along with other units, Second Battalion was relieved by elements of the Fifth Division and made preparations for the push eastward to the Saar.

General Twaddle pins medal on Lieutenant Herbert H. Hardy (later captain), DSC winner, Company G, at Drewer Nord, Germany.

THIRD BATTALION TO METZ

For a week prior to the night attack which launched the Metz drive, Third Battalion was sending out combat patrols nightly from its holding line around Maizieres. German combat patrols were frequently encountered and considerable action resulted. A patrol of two officers and 23 men on the night of November 2 encountered enemy of unknown strength, killed two Germans, and sustained three casualties.

A patrol the next night from K Company, led by Capt. Samuel T. Pinckney, killed eight enemy, had five casualties. Later that same night, Capt. Donnelly P. Bolton of I Company learned the telephone wire to an outpost was cut, which indicated enemy patrol activity. One Item Company patrol was already out, so to offer protection to the outpost and facilitate return of the other patrol, a second patrol went out. Upon advancing to the outpost this group was ambushed by a German patrol. Two Item patrolmen—Lt. Thomas E. Williams and Pfc. Francis E. Clouser—were killed and five were wounded, including Capt. Bolton and Lt. James W. Cain. Although he was wounded in the chest, Lt. Williams assisted in picking up Lt. Cain, who was badly wounded, and started to carry him back. While enroute, Lt. Williams suddenly said: "I feel like I'm going blind . . . I can't see . . . ," and dropped to the ground unconscious. He was found to be dead when litter bearers brought him to the aid station. Lt. Williams was the first officer killed in the regiment.

Patrols continued up to the night of the attack but no further ambushing action took place.

ATTACK BEGUN

Third Battalion's preliminary objectives in the Metz drive were: the slag pile south of Maizieres-les-Metz, the Chateau Brieux and its adjacent woods south and east of Maizieres, and the town of Hauconcourt on the Moselle east of Maizieres. (Hauconcourt was not an initial objective.)

The first assault, at 9:00 p.m., November 8, met with little success. Just beyond the line of departure extensive enemy mine fields caused heavy casualties in the assaulting companies. The noise of the exploding mines signalled the beginning of an enemy artillery and mortar barrage that lasted throughout the night. Heavily-mined approaches slowed K Company's advance to the lofty slag pile. Between K Company's lines and the slag pile was 400 to 600 yards of flat exposed ground. First platoon was to take the left half of the slag pile and the second platoon the right half, with the third platoon moving into Victory Village after the slag pile had been taken. The second platoon of M Company was in close support of the two platoons attacking the slag pile.

At 9:00 p.m., first platoon took off down the railroad track which led directly to the slag pile. Friendly artillery and mortars had laid down a heavy barrage just before the attack started and the Commandos (the regimental scouts) had reconnoitered the approach up the railroad track. The night was pitch black; even white handkerchiefs tied to the clothing of the men could not be seen a few yards away. To keep contact the men had to hang on to one another. After moving up the railroad track the platoon ran into a mine field—"bouncing betties" tied together and set so that several went off at once. The two leading platoons of K Company suffered quite a few casualties in the mine field, three men being killed. All but two men of the second platoon reached the slag pile, but once there new troubles arose. The men were disorganized and beginning to mill around. In the darkness, the enemy just a few yards in front tried to trick K Company men by picking up the American names they heard and repeating them hoping to call some American into a trap. More than half of the second platoon was lost in the confusion at the base of the slag pile and were listed as missing in action, presumably captured by the enemy. By 10:00 p.m., K Company had partially encircled its objective, but casualties were severe.

The drive up the steep slope of the slag pile was even worse. Two groups of first and second platoon men pushed forward and upward on the inky shifty slope. The men were forced to their hands and knees as they sank knee-deep in the loose gravel-like slag. Crawling was slow and hard on men and weapons alike. Moving parts of BARS jammed on small particles of slag. Even M-1's failed to function properly.

SLAG PILE UNTENABLE

Meanwhile, first platoon found the going equally hard. Lt. Kenneth Bush, platoon leader, had his foot blown off by a grenade which the Germans rolled down the slope on his men. Ten men from the platoon finally reached the top of the slag pile and found the Germans dug in all around the rim. After a hard but brief fight, they succeeded in occupying a small section of the rim and dug in to await further developments. As the night progressed, it became apparent that reinforcements were not coming and the two groups had no alternative but to withdraw. At midnight both groups began the hazardous descent from the slag pile. Twelve men from the second platoon reached the original K Company positions in Maizieres that night. Seventeen were missing in action. The rest were wounded or killed. Pfc. Arthur Patterson, medic with K Company, worked constantly through the slag pile fight to evacuate wounded.

With K Company in the slag pile assault were three communications men from Third Battalion Headquarters Company, Pfc. Warren Swan, Pfc. (later S/Sgt.) James Ault and Pfc. Patrick Whitlatch. Although telephone lines are normally laid after a position is taken, these men were actually with the assault groups and firing at the enemy while carrying drums of wire on their backs. Through their efforts, instant communication was available during most of the attack.

Third platoon during all this period was involved in a separate but equally grim action. Starting out on its original mission to prepare to attack Victory Village as soon as the slag pile was taken, the platoon moved out at 9:00 p.m., toward the village. They struck minefields almost immediately and Lt. (later Capt.) John Martin settled the problem by switching on his flashlight and leading his platoon single-file through the minefield. No extra fire was received when the light was used. It was a long chance but it worked.

There, in position at the railroad "Y" junction north of Victory Village, the men waited all night for the end of the fight on the slag pile. At dawn they saw that the Germans were still on the slag, so Lt. Martin made a quick change in plans and decided to take his platoon up the slag pile. The attack was a success. It

caught the enemy by surprise since they were not expecting an attack from that direction—northwest corner. First enemy installation hit was an OP, which was soon overrun. They ran into the same enemy tricks the other platoons had experienced the night before. "American grenades were showered on us and when we would approach an enemy position they would call out, 'Hold your fire!' in perfect English," said Sgt. Mahlon Dyke. "We used our LMG with telling effect on the Germans. They tried to stop us with machine gun fire and grenades."

Dyke continued, "Apparently our advance was so sudden it caught them off guard because we drove close to 100 enemy off the slag pile and to the southeast. We had 18 men on top of it. It wasn't as easy as all that, however, because Germans in Victory Village began firing into our positions and the enemy who had retreated from the position began to regroup and encircle around through the village to cut off the K Company men."

K Company mortars were contacted and the enemy counterattack and encircling movement was stopped at the railroad "Y" north of the village by an intense 60-mm. mortar barrage during which several hundred were loosed on the enemy in 18 minutes. This fact was verified by Weapons Platoon Sgt. Allen Hensala, and the gunners, Sgt. Orrin Wilson and Pfc. (later Sgt.) Artell Peay. Sgt. Wilson's mortar tube got pretty hot under the strain, but the shelling had permitted third platoon to pull back off the slag pile without being cut off. K Company's mortar barrage attracted attention in Maizieres as well as in the Village. Captain Richard Haggman, Battalion S-3, from his position at the CP, thought the steady pounding of the propelling charge in the tubes was ack-ack fire.

ITEM ATTACKS CHATEAU

At the same time K Company attacked the slag pile, I Company set out to capture Chateau Brieux and the adjacent woods on the regiment's left flank. Lt. Peterson Cavert, leading I Company's first platoon, surprised a German outpost in the darkness and killed three Germans manning a machine gun. From then on things got hot. The Germans, alerted by the firing at the outpost, opened up with everything they had. One enemy mortar barrage caused 13 casualties in the first platoon alone.

"Murder night was on," recalled S/Sgt. Walter Waters. "You couldn't see your hand in front of your face, it was so dark." Lt. Cavert and T/Sgt. Forrest E. Skelton had a big job in maintaining control of the platoon in the darkness.

"There were more mines out there than Carter has liver pills," remembered Pfc. Marvin Lockard, radio operator with the platoon. The men were in the middle of the minefield without knowing it, and the deep moat surrounding the chateau was also an unpleasant surprise. The chateau buildings above ground were mostly piles of wreckage by the time first platoon reached the moat's outside edge. Softening-up artillery barrages had done their job well, but they didn't touch the enemy in the well-protected underground cellars. As the I Company men approached the chateau, the Germans occupied well-emplaced gun positions in the rubble of the chateau and sent out a steady stream of withering fire. With the first platoon pinned down by heavy fire from the chateau, a hurry call was sent back to Maizieres for mortar support. S/Sgt. Waters and Sgt. Harry Rose responded on the double and set out 900 rounds of 60-mm. mortar in about a half hour. The sudden "counter-battery" mortar barrage did the trick, and the enemy fire was stilled long enough for the first platoon to withdraw to Maizieres. "It didn't take me over five minutes to make that trip," recalled Lockard. The first attack on Chateau Brieux was unsuccesful, but I Company now knowing what to expect, made plans to try again.

By noon of the 9th, one platoon of K Company reinforced by a platoon plus two squads of L Company was ready for a final assault on the troublesome slag pile. S/Sgt. Dale Poe was acting platoon leader for K Company's assault platoon and Lt. Alexander Spando and First Lt. Donald D. Parks led the L Company men. K Company was assigned the right half of the slag pile and L Company the left.

Artillery knocked out machine gun and mortar positions, and a rolling barrage was laid in front of the troops as they advanced using marching fire. After some confusion at the start, the men from K and L Companies forced their way up the steep slope of the slag pile. Footing again was precarious, and the troops were slowed to a crawl as they struggled upward. The enemy poured out machine gun and rifle fire from the cemetery on the east and Victory Village on the west as the men advanced through the mine fields adjacent to the man-made mountain. S/Sgt. Poe was wounded and leadership of the K Company platoon was taken over by S/Sgt. John Marolt. Both companies suffered severe casualties from Victory Village machine guns which could lay fire all over the exposed west side of the slag pile. "There was no cover on the slope and we couldn't run so we had to crawl on all fours and take it as best we could," said Pfc. Clinton Bombard of K. At least eight men from the two companies were killed by automatic fire from Victory Village and from positions on the slag pile and others were wounded.

S/Sgt. Marshall Heriford of third platoon gave the platoon a boost up the slag pile which cost him his life. As he crawled up the slope and tossed a grenade toward an AR gun position holding up the platoon, he was killed. But the grenade found its mark, and eliminated that automatic weapon.

SLAG TOP REACHED

Initial assault waves, bent on reaching the top of the slag pile, necessarily bypassed many enemy still in their holes. These Germans left behind sniped at everything in sight. The job of mopping up these snipers was a tough one for troops which followed the first assault waves. Iron rails covered the tops of many foxholes and communications trenches and tunnels led from one hole to another. The enemy had direct observation on the slag pile from Semecourt, and they used pin-point artillery with deadly accuracy, killing several L Company men in their holes on the slag pile. Other men were buried in their foxholes when near hits shook the loose slag and caved in the sides. Some men dug four or five different holes. Pvt. Ernest Hayes of M Company got a shower of dirt three times and each time, with rising consternation, carefully cleaned his M-1. A close hit resulted in his being buried, M-1 and all.

T/Sgt. (later First Lt.) Raymond J. Albano of the third platoon of L Company recalled the assault: "You never see anything like that in training. It wasn't in the book and we were on our own. Once we were on top of the rim, the situation changed. K and L guns could then fire down into the Village. It was the enemy's turn to sweat. Five of M Company's machine guns sprayed the town with lead," said Albano. "Finally four L Company men reached the highest point of the slag pile and dug in."

Lieutenant Raymond Albano, Company L, discusses the mechanism of the bazooka with some of his men. This handy tank buster was put to good use by Lieutenant Albano in France and Germany.

Here is Albano's story of this three days atop of the slag, along with S/Sgt. Harold Hiatt, Pfc. Donald Veroeven. and Pfc. Clarence Johnson: "During the three days we all had a field day shooting Germans, but none more satisfying than the first day when we cleaned out 15-20 Germans caught in the cemetery east of the slag pile. We were looking down their throats as they tried to work their way southward down the road towards Metz. I'll never forget the first one I saw. He was jumping from tombstone to tombstone in the cemetery. Their attempt to crawl in a ditch was a dismal failure. Only one out of the 15-20 Germans was able to make it." For the three day period of the grim "King of the Slag Pile" game, Albano, aided by the three men with him, fired 15 rounds of bazooka ammunition, 34 rifles grenades, 200 rounds of M-1 and 39 hand grenades. Albano's group was credited with knocking out four machine guns and killing 12 Germans. Albano received the Silver Star for his inspiring leadership here.

Supply lines were maintained on the side of the slag pile concealed from enemy still in Victory Village, so that K and L's job was easier now. The companies reorganized and dug in.

I Company's second try to take Chateau Brieux was launched at 3:45 p.m., November 9, with 1st Lt. William Kreuger's second platoon on the company right flank making the main effort. The third platoon, under Lt. Jack Fazenbaker, was in the center; the first was on the left. The enemy again opened up, but supporting fire was much heavier and enemy fire was held down. The Germans concentrated much of their fire on Maizieres, trying to knock out mortars supporting the second platoon's attack. A few men of the second platoon were able to bypass the chateau and succeeded in reaching the opposite side of the woods beyond the chateau. It was here that Lt. Kreuger was hit by a piece of shrapnel in the back of the head. Although paralyzed from the waist down, he instructed his men to turn him around so that he could still continue to direct the setup of a defense position for his small group. He was then evacuated. For his heroism he was awarded the Silver Star.

Meanwhile, Pfc. Harold Hilton of the first platoon and Sgt. Lambert Wilson were among the men who finally forced their way into the chateau, using marching fire. They captured nine PWs in one cellar and several more in another. Most of the chateau's defenders had made their escape through an intricate system of trenches leading to Brieux woods in back. Five men from M Company were captured when they found themselves cut off by the Germans. They had advanced too far and their ammunition had given out.

HEROISM DISPLAYED

Two Item men killed while performing valiantly under fire at Chateau Brieux received posthumous Silver Stars. Pfc. Eugene Newlan, shot through the chest by an enemy sniper, continued to fire his BAR until his squad reached the objective. Then they found him dead in his firing position. Pvt. Ernest Plude, shot in both legs, continued to fire and even shouted encouragement to the others around him. Then a third enemy bullet got him. On the 9th, a medic, Pfc. Richard Peddicord, lived up to the sterling standards being set by medics by his evacuation and treatment of wounded. He went into a mine field after one wounded rifleman and while returning got machine gun slugs in both legs, but kept on until his job was finished. Pfc. John Hooks of M Company, not a medic, did a similarly courageous job; he left his weapon, crawled up, aided and evacuated a wounded man, then went back to work on his gun.

Pvt. Walter Smith, second platoon, I Company, spent two days in a shell hole so severely wounded he could not move from it. He decided not to call anyone to help him until the shells stopped falling because it would have been too dangerous. During his wait he managed to fire at a machine gun and put it out of action.

The chateau's defenders were few that night but they had quite a variety of weapons to hold their positions. At 5:00 a.m., next morning the enemy loosed the heaviest artillery and mortar barrage of the Metz campaign on the chateau and its defenders. At 9:00 a.m., two squads of Germans attempted to counter-attack through the trenches behind the chateau. One squad approached from the right and one from the left. But S/Sgt. (later 1st Lt.) Donald O'Brien was ready for them, for he had his 60-mm. mortar section set up in the courtyard of the chateau where it could be fired in any direction on short notice. Lt. William Munday's 81's were also called on and delivered accurate fire. With the tube pointed almost straight up in the air O'Brien fired so that the rounds landed only 150 yards out in front on the approaching Germans. They scattered in all directions when the mortars hit, some trying to squirm through a fence.

About noon, Pfcs. Henry J. Deschene and Glen Gesell moved out cautiously with a mission of reaching Maizieres to get reinforcements for the defenders at the chateau. They brought back 50 new men. Defense of the chateau was reorganized with a company CP group and the second platoon plus part of the weapons group manning the position.

A group of men from I and M Company led by Lt. Petteys went on the mission of mercy to evacuate the dead and wounded. (Two days earlier he had contributed greatly to the company's supporting fires by reorganizing units which had lost leaders. In so doing he was wounded but remained at his post for approximately six hours directing mortar fire.) This group was responsible for alleviating the suffering of many wounded there.

Soon after that a new danger threatened as the Germans blew out the west side of the embankment of the Canal des Mines de Moselle to the east, spilling the flood out onto the plain where it

began to engulf the chateau. For one day I Company sat there in the chateau and watched the water rise. It was waist deep in parts of the basement, so the men had to sleep on furniture and board platforms hastily set up. It was a grim experience for several wounded men whose evacuation was virtually impossible. The Germans kept up a harassing fire and sent patrols up to the chateau to find what I Company was doing in the flood. November 14 I Company prepared for a new jump-off to Metz.

PATROLS SENT OUT

During the interim between the preliminary assaults on November 8-9 and the coordinated main drive on Metz beginning November 15, Third Battalion occupied Maizieres, sending out patrols every night to the south and east. Several attempts were made to enter the town of Hauconcourt on the Moselle bank east of Maizieres, but rising waters on November 14 flooded everyone out, including the Germans. The town was abandoned as an objective.

Lt. Alexander Spando and Pfc. Thomas Velesquez left their L Company positions on patrol one night and suddenly found themselves looking into the muzzle of a German machine gun. They were less than 15 yards from the gun. Velesquez in Indian fashion knifed the gunner and then they sprinted back to Maizieres.

In Maizieres during the same period L Company suffered many casualties in the broad minefield on the southern edge of town. Two men, Pfc. Joseph Reilly and Pfc. Melvin A. Johnson, returning from an isolated outpost for rations, were killed by mines as they dodged in and out of backyards to keep out of enemy observation. Three men out of a six-man rescue party were also killed when they went to try to help Riley and Johnson. Pfc. Walter Whitten, Pfc. William Carpenter, and Pfc. Edward A. Norris were killed by the same blast. Pfc. William Rohrbach, Pfc. Melvin W. Johnson and S/Sgt. William Nemethy escaped. Nemethy was fourth man in a litter team, three of which were killed as they stooped to pick up the litter. S/Sgt. Nemethy said the group knew there were mines all over the place but they thought they were in a break in the minefield used by Riley and Johnson. Another mine casualty in a different part of the same minefield was Pfc. Robert Brown. Pfc. John Robinson, Pfc. Kenneth Schumate and S/Sgt. Bruno Kozlowski volunteered to go in and bring him out.

By November 15, Third Battalion was all set for its part of the coordinated attack which was to put the regiment inside the city of Metz. I and L Companies were to strike out at 10:00 a.m., cross country working southward in the area between Second Battalion and the Moselle River. The objective was La Maxe, a small town lying in the middle of a flat open plain. K Company was to clear Victory Village.

K TAKES VICTORY VILLAGE

After being relieved by G Company on the slag pile November 12, K Company returned to Maizieres and reorganized its platoons. Sixty-five reinforcements were received, and the company prepared to attack Victory Village the morning of November 15.

Starting on schedule, K Company met stiff resistance but finally at 2:30 p.m., the company broke into Victory Village with the help of two tanks. Here's how they did it.

The first and third platoons approached the Village from the north and tried unsuccessfully to make a frontal assault over the railroad tracks into town. Well-emplaced machine guns opened up from the town and two men were killed before the attack was called off. At the road underpass at the railroad "Y" north of Victory Village, K held up, fearing the underpass was mined. This was the same spot where a patrol on November 5 had run into

Captain Samuel T. Pinckney, DSC winner, Company K

glass mines and machine gun fire when they tried to reconnoiter the village. T/Sgt. Marolt of K tried to spearhead and attack with his platoon, but was killed in the attempt.

The machine gun fire was still there, first platoon men who dashed across soon found out. Seven men were casualties when K Company tried to cross in front of the underpass opening. Stopped by this machine gun, the majority of the first and second platoons was withdrawn to make an encircling movement around by the slag pile and attack the Village from the rear. A holding force was left at the underpass. T/Sgt. (later 1st Lt.) Walter Soroka of M Company using smoke grenades was able to cross the railroad tracks with his machine gun section which included Sgt. Nick Walters and Sgt. Arthur Panek After being there for about an hour they pulled back.

Meanwhile, Capt. Samuel Pinckney and the third platoon were held up by an enemy machine gun on the right flank. Taking a small patrol, Capt. Pinckney led the attack on the machine gun and succeeded in knocking it out. In the subsequent action Capt. Pinckney and Lt. Martin were wounded.

The force attacking from the rear laid low until 2:00 p.m., then they rushed into the village through a minefield and surprised the Germans. The fight at the village was not concluded until late afternoon, when tanks and infantry finally smashed all resistance. PWs totaled 76. Capt. Pinckney's flanking maneuver and capture of the town and other valiant actions at Maizieres earned him the DSC. Ten of the 76 PWs were selected to lead the others back through the railroad underpass into Maizieres to see if the underpass was mined. It wasn't.

Lt. Charles Trommetter took over command of the company temporarily while Capt. Pinckney was being treated. He successfully maintained contact between the assault platoon and the com-

T/Sgt. Frederick M. Peterson, DSC winner, Company K

mand group when no radio was available. He himself climbed on the lead tank later and directed fire that led to the collapse of the village.

During the attack on the Village, M Company's heavy machine guns were emplaced on the slag pile providing supporting fire. Six Germans trying to escape after the capture of the town were mowed down by the guns as they ran for the woods to the southwest.

LOVE JUMPS

Recalling L Company's jump-off from Maizieres, Lt. Albano said: "Too much happened to remember it all." Love Company was assigned the right half of the Battalion sector, with I Company on the left. At the start, 2nd Lt. John Bernd took several men forward of the main L Company column to scout out the cemetery on the main road just east of the slag pile. Lt. Albano's group on top of the slag pile had done a good job. There were no live Germans in the cemetery, which was filled with slit trenches and foxholes dug right next to graves. Lt. Bernd's patrol stopped in the cemetery to wait for L Company to catch up with them.

As soon as they stopped, the Germans started lobbing mortar shells in on them and Sgt. Clement Smreck watching the shells come closer and closer suddenly dived for a German foxhole alongside a tombstone yelling, "Move over Mary, I'm coming in with you!"

Six machine guns were captured on the east-west road just below Maizieres, and Albano was credited with capturing three of them along with a 20-mm gun. In the process of the capture of the guns, 14 Germans were killed and 20 more were taken prisoner.

During the advance south of Maizieres, S/Sgt. John Rice's squad was knocked out by an enemy machine gun which opened point blank fire on Rice and four others as they went forward after seeing a white flag waving in the gun emplacement. Four men were killed, two on each side of Rice, but he himself was not hurt. The four men were Pfc. Edward Velasquez, BAR man, Pfc. Joe W. Preston, Pfc. James Matson and Pfc. William Childress. Velasquez had just walked up to the emplacement calling on the Germans to "Come on out," and as two Germans, carrying the white flag, started toward him the enemy gun opened up.

Turning slightly to the east, L Company took Tappes Chateau which was mainly defended by an 88-mm. gun. Two light tanks working with L Company were knocked out by the 88 before it was hit by M's heavy mortars. L Company held up after reorganizing at the chateau to wait for a resupply of ammunition which was running low under the strain of marching fire all the way from Maizieres. The final advance into La Maxe was relatively easy.

I Company advanced southward on the battalion's left flank nearest the Moselle River, being delayed by ditches and trenches about 700 yards out of Maizieres. The platoons were forced to fight from trench to trench in a heavy artillery barrage, as five men of the Ammunition and Pioneer platoon of Headquarters Third were dispatched to blow the canal bridge at Amelange to prevent enemy tanks from closing in behind them.

VALLEY OF DEATH

1st Lt. (later Capt.) Vincent A. Geiger, third platoon leader, called the cross-country march from Maizieres to La Maxe an attack through the "valley of death." Item overcame well-entrenched enemy gun positions, broke through enemy minefields and pushed forward over wide open terrain interlaced with innumerable drainage ditches and small canals. "The company spread out and moved forward with marching fire," said Lt. Geiger. "In a half hour the area was clear but it was a terrible 30 minutes. Two officers and two of the platoon sergeants were casualties.

T/5 Harold Keith of I Company was shuttling ammunition in a jeep and trailer between Maizieres and La Maxe when the jeep received a direct hit from an artillery piece. Unwounded, Keith observed that a fire had started and that the precious ammunition in the trailer was endangered. He coolly walked up, disengaged the trailer, moved it to safety, went after another jeep, and continued his mission.

A sidelight on the ammunition shortage was furnished by Pvt. Gordon Hendrickson of M Company on that same day. Wounded, Hendrickson dropped back from the company positions. When everyone thought he was evacuated, he turned up at the gun position again with a packboard full of badly-needed ammunition. Pvt. Joseph Cain of M Company also covered the difficult half-mile back three times to supply mortar rounds.

Two L Weapons Platoon members distinguished themselves that day, Lt. John Mestayer and Pfc. (later Sgt.) Stanley Wisniewski.

North of Woippy on the road to Metz, these German supply sheds were pounded by artillery. Service Company CP was later set up in this supply depot.

Pfc. John Leonard, runner for Company G, with a captured German supply wagon. The scene is the 377th Infantry Command Post near Woippy, France. Many CP personnel are in the background near the building.

When the platoon was stopped from displacing by enemy fire, these two crawled up through hedgerows close enough to lay fire on the enemy positions from a LMG they carried. They took two machine guns, killed three enemy, and brought back 18 prisoners. The lieutenant was seriously wounded in the eye during the action.

Opposition folded up when I Company outflanked a position at Amelange Ford at the junction of the canal and the Moselle River north of La Maxe. Accurate fire from 81 mortar soon discouraged the defenders, and an officer and 20 men surrendered.

The second and third platoons continued their marching fire into La Maxe at dark and sprayed everything with bullets, securing I Company's sector without trouble. L Company captured its half of the town with equal ease. As the troops entered La Maxe, M Company's second platoon placed guns at the edge of town to cover roads. Before they were able to dig in, red flares went up from the enemy lines, aimed at the MG positions. A heavy barrage of 88s followed but luckily no one was hurt.

METZ DRIVE WELL ALONG

By nightfall, November 15, Third Battalion was well along toward Metz. I and L Companies occupied La Maxe and Battalion Headquarters and K Company settled down for the night at Tappes Chateau a mile and a half north of La Maxe. The coordinated drive southward from Maizieres had noticeably disorganized the Germans, and although they made the ground gained expensive, the attack was running ahead of schedule. The tough crust of German resistance south of Maizieres was broken and only one last heavily-defended point, Fort Gambetta, stood squarely in front of the battalion, barring the entrance to Metz itself.

Fort Gambetta, one of the older links in the Metz chain of fortresses, squatted low in the flat, open Moselle Valley but was protected by a heavy tree line and a moat which encircled the breastworks. The trees blocked the attacking infantry's view of the buildings while the enemy, on the other hand, had a unobstructed view in every direction. Across the Moselle River, 2,500 yards to the east and at an elevation 300 feet higher than Fort Gambetta, stood Fort St. Julien with its guns covering the valley and the approaches to Fort Gambetta.

L Company moved out at 7:00 p.m., November 16, across country flat as a billiard table, objective Gambetta. The company approached the fort on a cross-country route directly from the north with the troops spread out in extended order, third platoon in the lead. Third platoon had almost reached the trees surrounding the moat when, "all hell broke loose." Guns from St. Julien and Gambetta opened up simultaneously and within five minutes most of the first and second platoons were casualties. Crossfire from automatic weapons firing from Gambetta cut down all but six in the second platoon and seven in the first. Third platoon was more fortunate and found some slight shelter in a shallow ditch, and 14 men answered when Lt. Spando had them count off.

"We had hit a blank wall," said Albano. "We didn't expect much opposition when we started out against the Fort, but there we were, hugging the ground in that shallow ditch 200 yards from the fort sweating out what to do next. The Germans knew we were in the ditch, but we were too close for them to bring effective artillery and mortar on us. They tried, though, and two Germans even crawled out part way to the ditch trying to pick us off. We picked them off instead."

Friendly artillery fired some but it was difficult to adjust with American wounded lying out in the open around the fort. Tank destroyers fired into the trees around the fort and beat tattoos on

the walls of the buildings, temporarily cutting down the fire from the fort. Ammunition stacked near artillery guns, dug in among the trees around the fort was exploded by TD fire. The blast sent huge columns of smoke and debris into the air. At Fort Gambetta L Company's advance was materially aided by Albano who knocked out an enemy machine gun and an 88-mm. gun on the fringe of the Fort's defenses with bazooka fire. Eight enemy were killed.

K PUSHES TO FORT GAMBETTA

Finally, out of contact with the rest of the company, Lt. Spando asked the platoon messenger, Pfc. John Dornak, to try to make his way back for instructions. Dornak was hit by a bullet from the fort the moment he exposed himself from the sheltering ditch. Lt. Spando then decided to go himself and succeeded in squirming his way along the ditch until he could make a dash to the rear. He returned just after 1:00 p.m., with K Company forces.

Shortly after leaving La Maxe, Capt. Samuel T. Pinckney, K Company Commander, still suffering from wounds received the day before, was injured a second time when a mortar shell landed near his position. One of the officers ran to assist him and was wounded himself when a third shell landed nearby. The third shell killed Captain Pinckney. Notified of Captain Pinckney's death, Lt. (later Capt.) John Toland reorganized the company and with the help of T/Sgt. Peterson set about continuing the attack. Peterson personally destroyed two enemy automatic weapons. Finding himself under heavy enemy shell fire he remained in an exposed position to retain control over his men. When ordered to withdraw, he maneuvered his men so skillfully that no further casualties were sustained. For his demonstration of bravery which caused his men to attack with great daring, Peterson was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

"During this period, the Germans were traversing and searching the area with mortar and artillery and there was no cover," according to T/Sgt. Allen Hensala. K Company moved to L Company's right flank and reached the woods and moat surrounding the Fort. There were German dugouts in the woods and the men got some cover, but tree bursts made the situation critical. Shelling was constant and the men were forced to keep under cover all of the time. The K Company positions, exposed as they were, still were better than L Company's positions directly in front of the Fort and to their left.

M Company's heavy machine gun sections which had moved forward with K and L Companies also suffered heavy casualties as the fort's defenders targeted in on their guns. Sgt. Robert Wurst of M left his foxhole for a minute. As he did, a rifleman immediately crawled in, and was killed by a direct 88 hit. Lt. Robert Cosgrove, M Company FO for mortars, was directly responsible for eliminating several of the fort's weapons by his accurate calls for fire.

At 5 p.m., the L and K positions became untenable. Suffering from heavy casualties neither company was able to push the attack further; in their exposed positions they were unable to hold out as they were. L Company pulled back first crawling where cover was available and dashing across open stretches. The company reassembled near St. Eloy and immediately received orders to return to La Maxe for the night.

The withdrawal of K Company was aided by smoke delivered by 81's from M Company. K Company also pulled back near St. Eloy and moved from there into La Maxe for the night. The company had suffered heavy casualties including Capt. Pinckney, Lt. Trommeter, and Lt. James Allan, who although wounded, stayed with the company until withdrawal was complete. Lt. Toland led the company during withdrawal and reorganization until relieved later by Lt. Martin.

FORT ST. JULIEN

While L Company was advancing on Fort Gambetta, I Company on the left flank was moving towards Thury, a group of farm buildings directly south of La Maxe. Thury was closer to Fort St. Julien than Gambetta was, and I Company men soon discovered that the St. Julien guns were aimed right down their throats. Item's first platoon received the fire just before it reached the east group of buildings in Thury. Only six men were left after the barrage ceased, and they were pinned down in ditches.

"I'll never forget looking up on the hill across the Moselle and seeing that innocent-looking white building which kept pouring those shells down on us," said Pfc. Richard Hughes. "We felt pretty helpless out there in that flat country." At noon Hughes moved into the chateau to see what had happened and found all of the third platoon occupying the building. He soon called the other five members of the first platoon inside.

That night, the I Company group in Thury was ordered to withdraw, so they drew back to La Maxe.

With Second Battalion controlling Woippy, original plans were changed so that Third Battalion was to by-pass Fort Gambetta and move into Woippy behind Second Battalion. There, a coordinated drive into Metz was planned. At 11:00 a.m., Third Battalion began moving out of La Maxe. By 4:00 p.m., with the battalion closed into Woippy, K and I Companies were ordered on south. They spent the night in the OCS School barracks. L Company was in reserve and battalion headquarters remained in Woippy.

1st Lt. George Clerc led Sgt. Peterson's squad on a patrol to the canal the night of November 17 with a mission of determining if bridges were still intact. Three engineers and an assault boat were going along but the boat was left behind at the last minute. Their route led through a maelstrom of exploding shells, flares, and small arms racket. "I never heard so much noise in all my life," said Lt. Clerc. "We were all scared, as we went through G Company's positions and on down to the canal. At the canal we moved to the bridge, walked out on it far enough to tell that it was passable but hazardous for foot troops and no good at all for vehicles. We didn't see any enemy soldiers."

On the morning of November 18, I Company began flushing out the uncleared wing of the huge garrison just south of the railroad on the north side of the canal in Metz Nord. About 3:00 p.m., that same day K Company crossed the Hafen Canal on to the island. A MG section from M Company also made the crossing. The troops occupied Fort Moselle on the southwestern end of the island and mopped up snipers in the area. Eighteen prisoners were turned over to the company by a civilian girl who talked them into coming out of a bunker. The company, with Lt. Martin in command, stayed a second night in the same position.

All companies received reinforcements and reorganized on the 18th. On November 19 a patrol was sent back to by-passed Fort Gambetta to see whether it was still occupied. They found it entirely deserted. After making a thorough search of the buildings the men turned to the sad task of picking up their own dead from the battlefield. Forty-seven bodies were evacuated before darkness stopped the work.

I Company crossed the Moselle River into Metz behind Second Battalion late in the afternoon of the 19th. Machine gun tracer bullets were an awesome sight, spattering overhead in the gathering dusk. But they were harmless, and I Company crossed with little incident. The first night in Metz men bedded on a concrete floor in an open shed right on the opposite bank of the river. Little was known of the situation, and in the excitement of having arrived at last inside the city of Metz, the men spent a sleepless night. Another shed, near the battalion CP, was a Jerry ammo dump, which kept blowing up all night, with 88 projectiles going off like Roman candles.

K and L Companies crossed into Metz next morning, November 20, and pitched into the job of mopping up the sniper-filled city. L Company took up positions across the street from an enemy-held church and prepared to hold the position that night and to attack in the morning. After dark, three Germans moved down the street past the L Company positions. Halted by L Company guards, they said there was a whole company back up the street waiting to surrender. One German was permitted to return to lead the company back, but he returned with only two more men. Pfc. Robert Schaeffer, acting as interpreter, had an uneasy time that

GI's of Third Battalion seen here are patrolling a section of Metz in search of snipers.

night talking German out there in the street. More than one G. I. tried to take "that German-speaking guy" prisoner in the darkness.

On November 20, I Company reached the Metz Kaserne and after taking 52 PWs from a building across the street, set up to harass the Kaserne (city garrison) with machine gun and small arms fire. First I Company men in the building were told to "watch that building (Kaserne across the street)—there's a sniper in it." Nobody knew it then, but there were about 200 snipers there including Generalleutenant Heinrich Kittel, Metz commandant.

K Company moved across the Moselle into Metz on November 20 going directly to the hospital area. The assault boat crossing was without incident except for flak which fell in the crossing area but not close to the boats.

GENERALLEUTENANT CAPTURED

By November 20 only isolated pockets of organized enemy resistance remained in the city. Two such strongpoints were in the Third Battalion area. The 21st of November was to see three separate and more-or-less final actions, one to be accomplished by each rifle company in the battalion. At dawn on the 21st, L Company was all set to attack enemy hiding out in a large church. I Company was to attack the Kaserne. K Company had no organized resistance assigned in the early morning, but fate granted King men the anti-climax of the whole Metz operation—capture of Generalleutenant Heinrich Kittel, commanding general of the 462nd Volksgrenadier Division and of the whole Metz fortress.

K Company had fought its way up to the German hospital on the southern portion of the Ile Chambiere (an island formed inside Metz by the criss-crossings of rivers and canals) and was holding up briefly for further orders.

Sgt. Orrin Wilson and Pfc. Kenneth Anderson were standing in front of a building near the hospital when Sgt. Peterson came running down the street. "I've got a General down here and I need help," he panted. Anderson and Wilson got T/Sgt. Harter, S/Sgt. Hensala and the Burton twins (Pfcs. Stephen and Robert). The seven men then started back to the hospital, where they met a Fifth Division machine gunner who was a captive of the Germans. The prisoner had seen Peterson passing by from a hospital window, and, on the pretext of going out after water, he had contacted Peterson and told him there was a German General in the cellar of the hospital. He led the K Company men down to the basement operating room in the hospital, where on the operating table lay General Kittel. Kittel had been wounded (by I Company fire, presumably) in the left leg, which was in a cast from the thigh down. The French doctor attending to Kittel's wound asked that treatment of the General be permitted to continue, with a guard placed at the operating room door to observe the General at all times. "We were afraid that they might try to slip the General a needle or something and deny us our prisoner," said T/Sgt. Hensala, "but nothing like that happened."

Most Germans in the hospital were still unaware that the Americans had entered the building, so Sgt. Peterson, with the help of other K Company men, set up posts at strategic tunnel entrances. Germans entering the hospital through the tunnels thus walked right into their hands. "They were coming from every direction," said Pfc. Anderson.

Guards on General Kittel cleared the room of all but necessary items. A German nurse was permitted to take care of him, but she was not allowed to speak to him and was even thoroughly searched every time she entered the room. The General was moved out of the hospital and back through PW channels the next morning. While Sgt. Harry Brochman was standing guard at the door of the General's room, the General told him in broken English: "377th is good fighters. 378th pretty good. Where is 379th?" The General said he had got information on the fighting from three American PWs.

ITEM ATTACKS KASERNE

I Company's battle for the Kaserne would make a thrilling chapter in any blood-curdling Saturday movie serial. This was the last installment, however, because the Kaserne was the nerve center of the stubborn defenders of the city. The General had been asked to surrender the Metz garrison but refused to do so, saying that he did not have the authority and that the garrison would fight to the last man.

1st Lt. (later Capt.) Alex McIntryre's men early in the morning crossed the street for the kill, with M Company's machine gun section covering them. The second platoon rushed down the basement steps. Before long it was back out again with 200 prisoners who surrendered as soon as they saw GIs swarming all over the place. In the cellar with the Germans the second platoon found a Fifth Division man who was being held captive. The cellar and first floor of the Kaserne were soon placed under control and prisoners were being rounded up everywhere. Lt. McIntyre, company commander, was wounded by a sniper bullet as he herded prisoners in front of the Kaserne.

Although it was safer on the first floor of the Kaserne than it was outside, the second and third floor were still enemy strongpoints and the source of much of the sniper fire. One of the first I Company men to reach the second floor was Pvt. (later S/Sgt.) Francis Caldwell who along with a friendly Russian made his way up the stairs at one end of the building. The second floor appeared deserted at first, and Caldwell and the Russian had entered two rooms without incident. As the Russian led the way out of the second room a shot rang out from the other end of the hall and the Russian was hit.

"All hell broke loose," said Caldwell. "They tried to come out every doorway. It looked like a nest of rats popping their heads out of doorways all up and down the hall. I didn't know which one to shoot first. When I saw an officer pop out in the black uniform of the SS, I was so scared I had to shoot. I think I got five Germans in five minutes. Two officers were dead and one wounded." The battle for the second floor was over. I Company had one more floor to go.

The third floor was tougher than the second. There was an officer and about 15 men at each end of the hall at the top of the stairs. Every time a GI would try to go up, they would roll grenades down the steps. T/Sgt. Louis Larson tried to get up those stairs. Then Lt. (later Capt.) Irving Taylor tried persuasion and when that failed he used threats, threats to blow out the end of the building. Getting no results, Lt. Taylor had a tank brought up. The tank made quick work of knocking out one section of the third floor of the Kaserne. Resistance began to wane. The officers were still arrogant though, and insisted on surrendering to an officer. Lt. Geiger took their surrender after he had dug down through about three layers of clothes to find his insignia. (It wasn't too healthy to be showing bars in Metz with so many snipers to aim at them).

COMMAND CHANGES FAST

After Lt. McIntyre was wounded at about 11:00 a.m., Lt. Taylor of M Company took over command of I Company. Before he could completely reorganize the company, he too was wounded—just half an hour after taking over the command. Lt. Geiger succeeded Lt. Taylor and after reorganizing the company, he pressed on to the company's final objective, seizing 150 prisoners before the job was done. Pfc. (later Sgt.) Edgar Crabtree cornered three German officers in I Company's area and killed them when they resisted capture. Three more who approached were grenaded.

Capt. George Rollins, Cannon Company commander, was also in on the final surrender at the Kaserne. Up front with observers for his guns, Capt. Rollins joined in the fight for the upper floors. 1st Lt. Sidney Cochran, Cannon Company observer, was killed at the Kaserne when he exposed himself to sniper fire while assembling and evacuating prisoners. For deliberately disregarding his own safety in the interest of the job to be done, Lt. Cochran received the Silver Star (posthumously).

One platoon of I Company moved on to the hospital the night of the 21st and assisted in the evacuation of the city's highest ranking PW, General Kittel. Near the hospital 1st Lt. Dan L. Boulet and T/Sgt. Charles Whittington were cleaning Jerries out of tunnels. Lt. Boulet was going down a tunnel and brushed against a barricade. Both he and Sgt. Whittington saw the barricade hid a booby trap at about the same time, and Whittington pulled the lieutenant back and out of the door as the explosion came. Lt. Boulet was hurt by concussion.

At the hospital I Company had its share of canned fish, chocolate bars, canned fruit and big cakes of cheese with which the place was well stocked.

For L Company's objectives on November 21 third platoon was to take the church, and the first and second platoons were to clear out a large group of buildings including a large hospital. Capture of the church was accomplished in short order. Lt. Spando's platoon grenaded the doorway and Lt. Albano shot two Germans standing just inside the half-opened door. The door slammed shut and had to be opened with a bazooka. Entering the church was made even easier when a tank fired 10 rounds through the door from across the street. After that Sgt. Thomas Kiddon's squad entered the church with Lt. Spando and captured 15 Germans. The first and second platoons found the big hospital undefended and soon moved on to a swimming pool building nearby, where they ran into resistance. The company concentrated all its fire on the building and resistance soon waned.

NOBODY OBJECTS

One squad took up positions in an undertaker's parlor and set up a bazooka to fire across the street. T/Sgt. Jerome Daunbauer and Pfc. (later T/Sgt.) William McQuaid were certain that was one of the strangest bazooka positions they had ever occupied. "The undertaker still had a body on the slab," said Daunhauer, "and the guy on the slab never blinked an eye the whole time we were there."

The bazooka fire was effective and 18 Germans soon filed out of the cellar across the street with their hands in the air. The second squad of the first platoon then entered the building and cleared it. "Prisoners were coming from everywhere," said Sgt. Woodrow Cullison. "A Frenchman walked in next door and brought out eight more Germans."

As L Company pushed toward the river, they flushed out an SS captain hiding in a bunker. Sgt. Kiddon and his men entered the bunker and chased the officer and his men outside. The SS man was still in a slit trench firing as he went. His wild pistol shots at close range killed a Free Frenchman operating with the group and nicked the helmet of another man. The stubborn SS trooper refused to come out of the slit trench until he was grenaded out by Sgt. McQuaid. Ten men in all were captured. In the bunker L Company found the best port wine they had ever tasted.

When his platoon was held up by an enemy machine gun firing from the second floor of a building. Pvt. Shepard entered the house and worked his way upstairs, stopping the gun and capturing 11 men. Pfc. Carl of M Company removed a wounded comrade from a street under enemy fire at the request of an American Red Cross representative. Discarding his behind-the-scenes role of prisoner of war interrogator 2nd Lt. Skala, Military Intelligence Service, in charge of the CIC team, remained constantly in front with the troops where his knowledge of how to handle German soldiers was put to good use. Lt. Skala was instrumental in forcing the surrender of an estimated 500 enemy. He received the Silver Star for his actions. Corporal William Morgan of K Company evacuated two wounded comrades from an exposed position and then went back for the body of his platoon leader, Lt. Jack Horne, killed shortly before by a machine gun. Then Morgan went after the MG with a bazooka and knocked it out.

K Company closed the Metz operation the next day when it finished clearing the underground tunnels. A Russian who had been held prisoner by the Germans for two years led the patrols through the intricate system of tunnels. That ended fighting in the fortified city for the Third Battalion.

WIND UP

Enemy resistance in the Division's Metz sector ended officially at 2:25 p.m., November 22, as the Third Battalion cleaned out the final pocket of German defenders of the city. The Metz campaign lasted 14 days, beginning at 9:00 p.m., November 8, with the Operation Casanova at Uckange. From the very start the rookie regiment was up against some of the greatest obstacles to be found in the grim business of war. These were, briefly:

1. A river crossing begun at night to seize a bridgehead during which the highest flood waters in 29 years cut virtually all communication and supply lines except radio and air.

2. A last-minute change in plans which changed a well-advertised feint crossing of the Moselle River into the real thing, against a well-prepared and expectant enemy.

3. Armored counter-attack, opposed only by a meager supply of small arms, grenades and bazookas. . . . This to fight an enemy who knew our troops were cut off from the rest of the regiment on the other side of the flood-swollen Moselle River.

4. Attacks in extended order down the exposed, broad flat valley of the Moselle, under direct and indirect enemy artillery fire through fire direction centers manned by instructors and students of an enemy officer candidate school.

5. Attack on numerous permanent fortified positions built up to perfection by the Germans in a 50-year period preceding World War I. During the operation against Metz, each battalion attacked at least one of the imposing fortresses.

PUBLICIZED IN HOME PRESS

The Metz operation received considerable publicity in the American press. This interest on the part of the public is easily understood because of the historical significance of the attack. From the point of view of the regiment and its personnel, it was an important morale factor. It proved to the officers and men of the regiment that they could more than hold their own against the German Wehrmacht.

Other units provided the fire support, but the infantryman did the ball-carrying and took the casualties. The 377th Infantry in the 14-day period from November 8 to 22 suffered 1,395 casualties, roughly one-half of its initial strength. Eight officers and 75 men were killed, 12 men died later of wounds, 38 officers and 1,012 men were wounded, and 10 officers and 240 men were reported as missing in action, most of these from the First Battalion in the Uckange bridgehead. The total number of casualties suffered by the Regiment was roughly 60 per cent of the total of the 95th Division for the same period. Although no unit likes to make a point of the number of casualties it sustained, at the same time it cannot be denied that the casualty rate, in general, rises directly in proportion to the importance of the role taken. The closer contact with the enemy the higher the casualty rate.

Casualties inflicted upon the enemy naturally are difficult to determine. The 377th captured at least 2,500 prisoners, including the commander of Metz, during the 14-day period. Enemy dead totaled about 700 and enemy wounded 1,500 according to conservative estimates. Thirty towns and villages, in addition to Metz, were taken during the attack.

DECORATIONS

A summary of citations reveals some interesting facts about individual accomplishments. One member of the Regiment, S/Sgt. Andy Miller, received the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously. Four members of the Regiment received Distinguished Service Crosses for actions during the Metz drive. Of the 387 Silver Stars awarded in the regiment in all campaigns, more than 55 per cent were awarded for actions in the drive on Metz. The Bronze Stars awarded for the same period represent more than 50 per cent of the regiment's all-combat total of 763. Battle Honors went to First Battalion in 95th Division General Order No. 12, for the gallant fight for the Uckange bridgehead, and to Second Battalion for its drive toward Metz, in General Orders No. 158.

Continuity of leadership was maintained throughout the regiment's drive on Metz although eight rifle companies changed commanders at least once. Five companies each had three different COs during the operation. One company (B Company) had four different officers in command. This was also typical of non-commissioned leadership, and pays high tribute to excellent training preparation and to command function in higher echelons.

The steady, efficient work of 377th's Regimental and Battalion Headquarters and Service Companies which maintained communication and liaison throughout the entire operation and kept a steady flow of much needed supplies moving down the main supply route from Rombas to Hagondange and south into Metz, can not be excluded from a complete accounting for the regiment's success in the drive. Wire or radio communication was maintained through protracted periods of heavy shelling. Service Company's use of air transportation to troops isolated in the First Battalion bridgehead has already been mentioned.

Even musicians of the unofficial regimental orchestra joined the drive, maintaining a tight ring of defense around the regimental command post as it moved from point to point south into Metz. Originally in Rombas at the start of the operation, the CP was moved to a point south of Amneville on November 14. A forward CP moved into Maizieres-les-Metz the next day but moved back to Usines d'Hagondange the night of the 15th.

The morning of the 16th the CP was moved forward to a bunker near Ste. Agatha where it remained for two nights until moving into Woippy on November 18. The rear CP as well moved on the 18th to Woippy from its original location south of Amneville. By the 20th the forward headquarters group was inside Metz where it was joined by the rear elements on the 21st. Service Company, originally located in the University building in Rombas, moved to Cite d'Hagondange and then into Woippy on November 19, where it remained during the rest of the Metz operation.

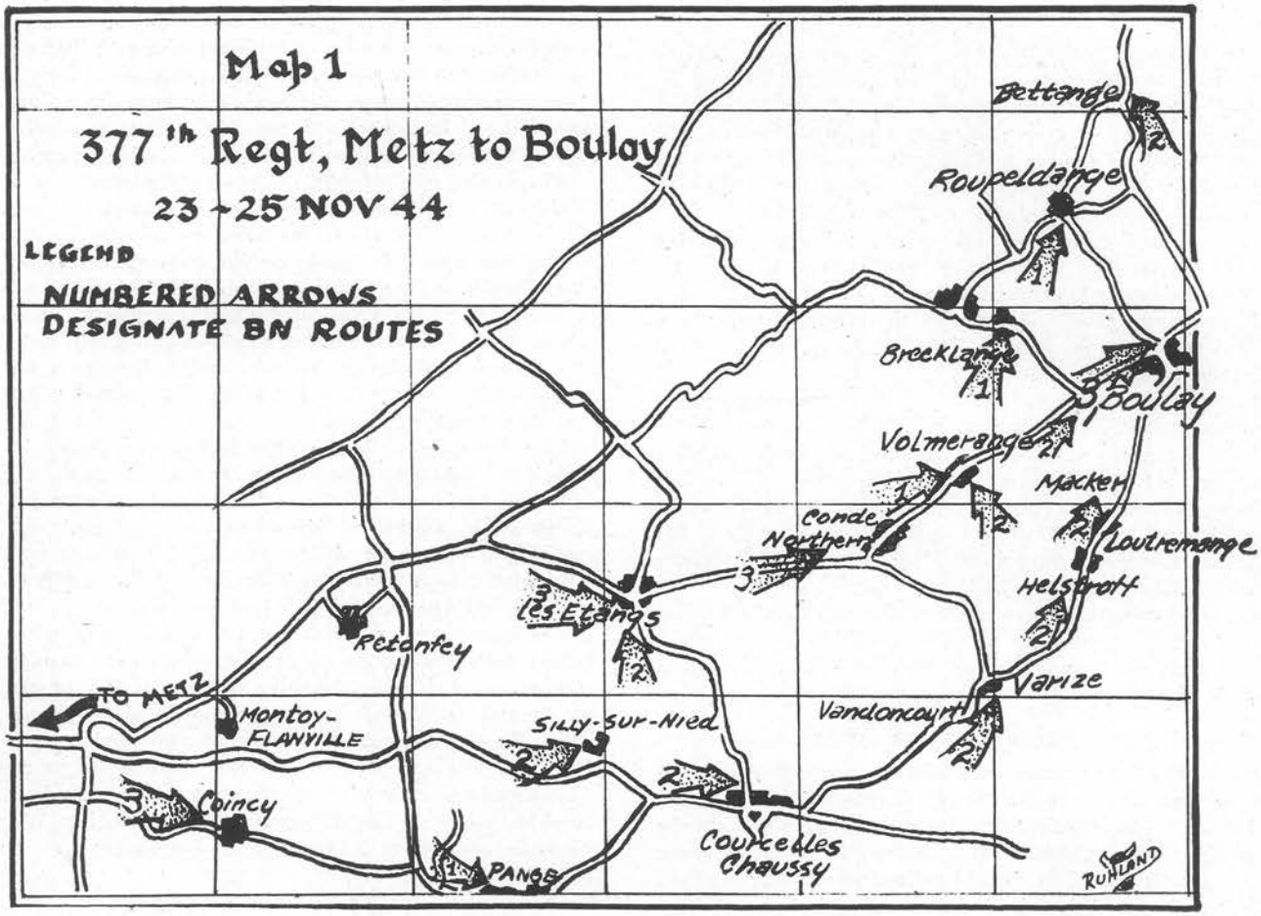
TF ROSOFF HOLDS

Prior to Operation Casanova and the advance on Metz, the area between First Battalion at Uckange and Third Battalion around Maizieres-les-Metz was occupied by the Regiment Anti-Tank Company, Regimental Intelligence and Reconnaissance platoon, and part of the Division Reconnaissance troop. These units, named Task Force Rosoff and commanded by Captain Martin Rosoff, Anti-Tank Company Commander, manned a holding line almost five miles long. Their area included the towns of Mondelange, Hagondange, and Talange. In addition to holding in front, Anti-Tank Company fired on enemy observation posts and other likely targets across the river in front of the task force pushing south on the east bank of the Moselle. On one occasion when AT Company was knocking down a church steeple, the enemy brought down 88-mm. counter-battery fire on the gun. Cannon Company laid smoke on the same church steeple and then returned fire on the enemy gun. The fire mission was successful and the enemy laid smoke around their own gun position.

On November 16, as the task force pushed south on the east bank of the Moselle, an enemy detachment was observed laying mines in the path of their advance. Anti-Tank Company laid fire on the area south of Ay sur Moselle and knocked out a vehicle and one man in the mine-laying group. The rest of the enemy ran into a woods where they were captured by the task force soon afterwards.

Cannon Company furnished successful supporting fire to the Battalions during the period. Before Second Battalion's assault crossing of the Moselle, Cannon Company fired 800 rounds on the south bank of the river in 30 to 45 minutes. Other fires were coordinated with those of the 920th FA Battalion.

Capture of Metz put the regiment in the headlines back in the States, but the bold type could not tell the significance of the story of the first offensive combat, an action which left a permanent mark in the minds of officers and men and completely disfigured the face of the fortress city. It left the 377th Infantry attackers combat veterans who knew now they could lick the pants off the Germans.


Map 1
377th Regt, Metz to Boulay
23 - 25 NOV 44
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Loutremange
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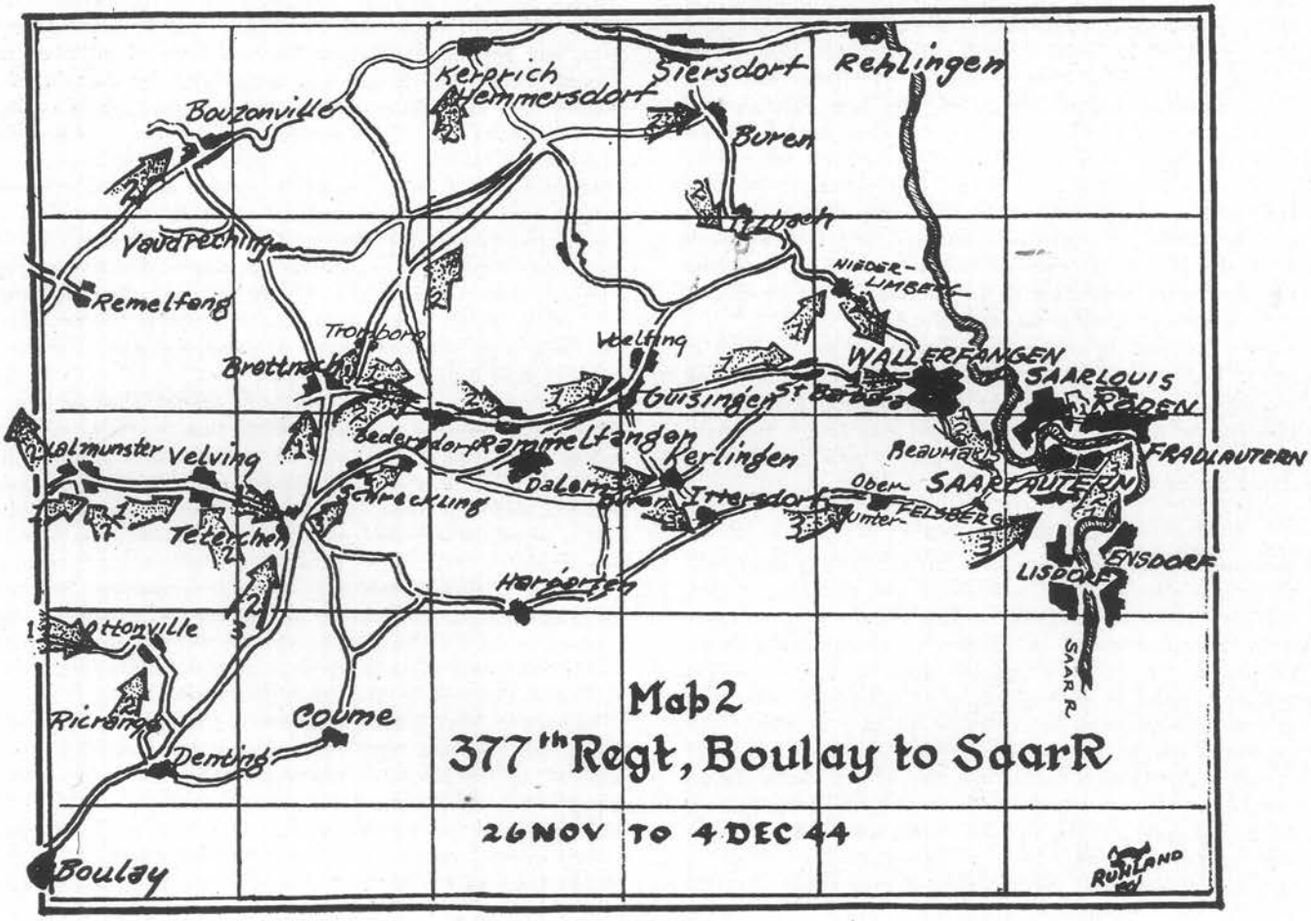
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SAAR R.
Richange
Coume
Denting
Boulay
Map 2
377th Regt, Boulay to SaarR
26 NOV TO 4 DEC 44
RUHLAND

The main supply road into Saarlautern

METZ TO THE SAAR

With Metz secured and surrounded, the regiment was ordered to assemble several miles east, outpost its zone while reorganizing and then to push off on the drive to the Saar. Here is how the regiment fitted into the picture for this next phase of action:

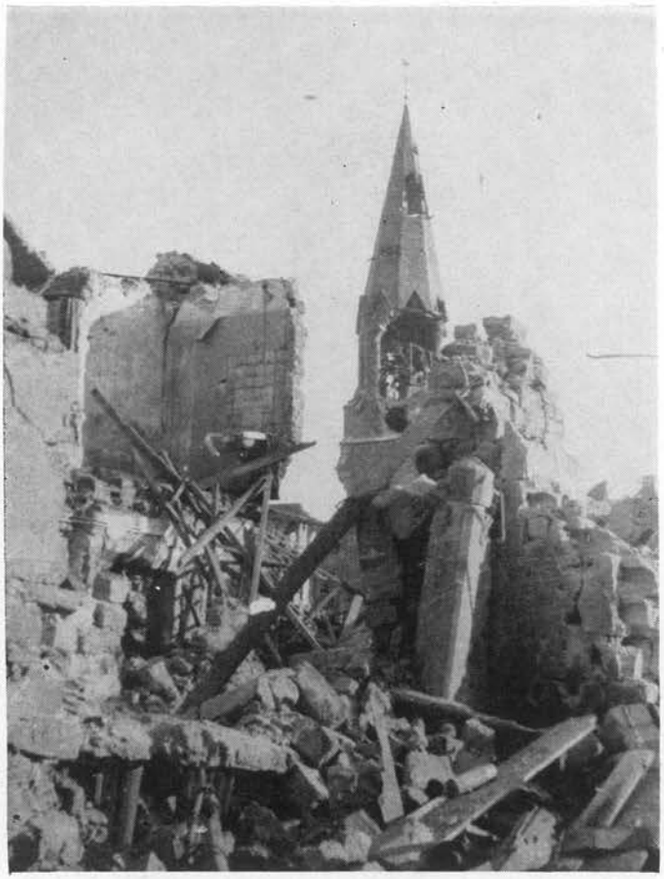
The original plan of XX Corps had been to keep its weight north of Metz, driving toward Saarburg and Merzig. But as the 95th and Fifth Divisions drove into Metz, and the 90th and 10th Armored were delayed in the north, the plan was changed to meet the situation. Corps decided to take the most direct route to the Saar, and directed the 95th to "attack northeast, making main effort on the left flank, and seize crossings between Saarlautern and Pachten." The 90th Division would attack abreast of the 95th, but use the bridgehead to be established by the 95th. The 10th Armored would attack and cross further north. The Fifth Division was to be in Corps reserve.

As the Fifth took over in the Metz area, the 95th pushed two regiments—377th and 378th—forward to the line of the Nied River. The 377th Infantry was on the left, where the "main effort" was to be made, and was directed to jump off with two battalions abreast, maintaining contact with the 90th Division on the left. The 378th was to push off similarly, keeping contact with XII Corps on the right. The 379th was in division reserve.

Terrain in the zone of advance was made up of rolling hills that rose to the high plateau overlooking the flat Saar basin. There were minor streams, and wooded areas, but more of the land was open high ground. Midway between the Moselle and Saar lay huge forts of the French Maginot Line, converted for German use. Across the Saar, beginning at the waterline and extending eight to 12 miles eastward, was the impregnable Siegfried Line.

That was the situation and terrain as the regiment pushed out, with First and Second Battalions on the line and the Third initially in reserve. The story is continued, by battalions.

FIRST BATTALION... TO SAAR



Two excellent OP's, the city hall and the church steeple, got it bad in Boulay, first large town taken during the drive to Saar.

Thanksgiving Day, 1944, found First Battalion occupying the 500-year-old ancestral chateau of the Marquis de Pange. Headquarters, B, and D Companies were spread out with space to spare in the chateau's 58 rooms. Companies A and C were quartered in the town of Pange nearby. Battle-weary GIs, their hopes buoyed up by the arrival of reinforcements, were even happier over the prospects of Thanksgiving Day turkey. The battalion ate turkey and lots of it, although the cranberry sauce and dressing had been delayed along the supply route somewhere.

The battalion was organizing its first position east of Metz with the specific mission of outposting the regimental sector. Instructions went out early in the morning for contacts to be made with Second Battalion on the left and Second Battalion, 378th Infantry, on the right. The line was forming for the push to the Saar.

Lt. Robert L. Darrah, Battalion S-2, and his driver, T/5 Norman A. Barber, set out before breakfast to contact the 378th. Lt. Darrah made the contact and he and Barber were on their way back to Pange to be on time for the Thanksgiving turkey. "On a short cut over a narrow road there was a tremendous explosion when either a mine or a dynamite charge was set off," Barber said. Lt. Darrah was killed instantly and Barber was thrown clear of the jeep, seriously wounded. Barber had to make his way as best he could back to Laquenexy where he was immediately evacuated by the 378th.

Before the battalion could move out of Pange, early on the morning of the 24th, the Ammunition and Pioneer Platoon had to construct a hasty foot and jeep bridge over the Nied River at the south edge of Pange. The foot bridge was ready for the troops when they reached the river, and the supply jeeps trailing the column were eased across the loosely made bridge with painstaking care.

In a new regimental line-up the First Battalion was to move northward to Vaudencourt and Conde Northern for a drive eastward on the left of the attacking echelon. Headquarters, C and D Companies spent the night in Vaudencourt and A and B Companies were in Conde Northern. Communication and supply efforts were hampered by makeshift bridges over the German Nied River between Vaudencourt and Varizie near Conde Northern. Little enemy opposition was encountered, as the Germans were apparently withdrawing for an organized defense further to the east. Late in the afternoon of the 24th the battalion received notice that a "big plan was in the wind for tomorrow."

The "big plan" was a coordinated assault on Boulay-Moselle and Ottonville Woods immediately north of the town. Preliminary reports indicated that the Germans were organizing a defense in the heavy pine woods and the city, provincial government seat for the surrounding area. The city of Boulay was on the principal highway and railroad to Saarlautern and the gateway to the Saar Valley.

BATTALION PUSHES OUT

First Battalion moved out at 8:30 A.M., November 25, with the mission of capturing Volmerange, Brecklange and Roupeldange and moving into the northern half of Ottonville Woods. Volmerange was captured with little resistance at 9:50 A.M. and Brecklange soon afterwards. A branch of the Nied River north of Brecklange was flooded far over its low banks and A Company had to wade through water just over the tops of overshoes before reaching Roupeldange at 11:30. The battalion splashed through behind them, many heavy weapons and company supply jeeps bogging down in the marshy lowland. There was some resistance from artillery fire in the assault on Roupeldange but the terrain

was the greatest obstacle. Most of the enemy fire was concentrated on the main road into Boulay south of the battalion sector.

By mid-afternoon First Battalion was poised in Roupeldange ready for a dash across 800 yards of open ground rising slightly to Ottonville Woods. The advance into the woods was made in a line of skirmishers with B Company on the left and A Company on the right. The only main road in the woods ran crossways to the line of advance and the numerous fire breaks cut in the timber ran directly north and south while the line of advance was to the northeast. Company A received artillery and mortar barrages as it advanced through the woods and some casualties were suffered. By 4:00 P.M., the woods were clear and A and B Companies were on the far side looking down across Ottonville creek and into the town of Ottonville. They were looking also into the back doors of the Maginot Line of fortresses which stretched across the high ground north and south of Ottonville.

From these fortresses and the high ground to the northeast came a rain of mortar shells exploding in splintering tree bursts in the midst of the A Company positions. Enemy machine guns opened up and bullets whipped through the trees causing many casualties. At least three men were killed in the mortar and machine gun fire. It was the beginning of a long night for T/5 William R. Fogelson and Pfc. Francis Kane, aid men with A Company. The injured were moved to a Maginot pillbox on the north edge of the woods in which a fire was found still burning in a heating stove—providing a fairly warm, dry place for the injured. The rest of A and B Companies spent a wet, cold night in the woods.

Next day A Company suffered more casualties and even the pillbox aid station was partially isolated as snipers peppered bullets on men who dashed back and forth from the woods to the pillbox. S/Sgt. Harry McWilliams, A Company communications sergeant and radio operator, was hit in the leg and 1st Sgt. (later 2nd Lt.) William R. Johnson took over the radio.

Much credit in A Company's advance through the woods goes to Pfc. (later S/Sgt.) Emery F. Dobs who fired his light machine gun from the hip accounting for two enemy machine guns and 10 enemy dead. He received the Silver Star for his action.

ATTACK OTTONVILLE

C Company, with the forward command post of Battalion, moved out of Roupeldange the morning of the 26th to contact A and B Companies and launch a coordinated attack on Ottonville. A and B Compaanies were ordered to move to the right edge of the woods after they were unable to cross Ottonville creek and approach the town from the southeast. The shift in position was further complicated by heavy enemy shelling which disorganized A Company. Both A and B were ordered to move into Ottonville from the northeast tip of the woods. Company A meanwhile was facing a big task of reorganizing its scattered forces, some of which had reached Boulay in the confusion. Lt. Harold Weaver of A Company received the Silver Star for his action in reorganizing the company while exposed to enemy fire.

Company B swarmed over the high ground south of Ottonville in late afternoon dusk and with the remaining elements of A Company on their left moved into Ottonville. Two platoons of B Company took the high ground on either side of Ottonville creek along with several pillboxes blocking the approach to the town. The other platoon was sent directly east and moved into Ottenville on the main road from Ricrange and Boulay. Both companies moved through heavy mortar and machine gun fire as they zigzagged down the open, sloping ground between the woods and Ottonville. Streams of red tracer bullets caromed out of the pillboxes on the hillside across the creek. "It was like running the infiltration course downhill," recalled Pvt. (later S/Sgt.) Virgil Hitchcock of B. "It was trickier, though. The Germans fired tracers overhead to make you feel safe under their fire, but plenty of regular machine gun slugs were coming in waist high."

Three-inch high-velocity guns of a towed tank-destroyer unit attached to the battalion had knocked down the church steeple at Ottonville in three well-placed shots. The steeple was clipped off at the base and fell tip first into the town square. The mayor of the town was killed by B Company when he tried to escape with a German officer. The officer also was killed. A and B Companies pushed forward rapidly to clear the town before it became too dark, but it was 10 o'clock and pitch dark before the job was done. They took 55 prisoners. C Company and the battalion forward CP had moved to the northeast tip of the Ottonville Woods, where the battalion CP was set up in a Maginot Line pillbox.

On the slope between the woods and the town throughout the night, rescue parties worked feverishly in the pitch darkness, locating men by their cries of pain. Almost a mile westward along the enemy side of the woods T/5 Fogelson and 14 wounded men of A Company were still sweating it out in the pillbox aid station. Enemy small arms fire had zoomed over the area all day and prevented the evacuation of the casualties by daylight. Inside the pillbox they were crowded but safe although cut off from other troops. About midnight on the 26th a carrying party composed of medical litter bearers, augmented by men from First Battalion antitank platoon and S-2 section, reached the pillbox aid station and started evacuating the casualties. The evacuation was directed by 1st Lt. John Mannion, MAC. All casualties had to be carried by hand on litters for more than a mile through the woods to a spot where they were loaded on medical aid jeeps. Four men were required to carry one litter through the heavy mud and dense woods. The evacuation was completed just before dawn.

In Ottonville A and B Companies spent a relatively quiet night. Company C and Battalion Headquarters moved into Ottonville early the next morning. From there the foot troops started a long trek that took them northward all the way to Brettnach and Tromborn.

FRENCH HIDE FLIER

Company C, supported by one section of heavy machine guns, took off cross-country from Ottonville northward to Valmunster where they took over the town without opposition. Capt. Edgar T. Savidge of C and T/Sgt. Moineau of D, entered a house and Sgt. Moineau, speaking French, introduced himself and the captain. After this long introduction in French, a man in the house replied in perfect English, "I'm certainly glad to see you, Captain and Sergeant!" He was a gunner on a B-17 forced down in the vicinity and had been hidden by the friendly French for 14 months.

B Company moved northward into Velving where they found no opposition. Pausing only shortly in these towns, both companies, joined by the rest of the battalion, moved on north through Teterchen to Brettnach and Tromborn. Headquarters and A stayed in Brettnach while B and C Companies with D in support moved into Tromborn. The battalion was then placed in regimental reserve.

Movement northeast continued on the 28th, B, C, and D Companies moving into Villing and Headquarters and A Companies into Voelfling. Although in reserve the battalion took some enemy artillery fire. C Company's kitchen was damaged by artillery fire in Villing and one of the battalion anti-tank platoon's guns was overturned and put out of action in Voelfling.

The 29th of November was cold, cloudy and foreboding, por-

tent of grim things to come. The sun was still hidden in the clouds as First Battalion was committed between Second and Third Battalions to move eastward to the banks of the Saar and take Guisingen, St. Barbara, Niederlimberg and Wallerfangen.

First Battalion troops crossed the German border near Ihn late in the morning. B and C Companies met elements of Second Battalion on the near edge of Guisingen who said the town had been taken. As First Battalion moved in, however, they met artillery fire from the northeast and sniper fire within the town. Some casualties were suffered but by 2:45 P.M., Guisingen was again clear of enemy and the Battalion organized to push on to St. Barbara, next town to the east, situated on a high ridge overlooking the Saar River valley and the Siegfried Line.

PANTHERS DEFEND ST. BARBARA

St. Barbara boasted a single street which stretched for 1,000 yards along the ridge to eastern edge of town where the road dropped 300 feet into Niederlimberg in two sprawling hairpin turns. Key to control of the town and ridge and gateway to the Saar was the road, and the Germans knew it. They brought up Mark IV Panthers to defend the town.

B and C Companies approached the town abreast, meeting artillery and mortar fire as they plowed through the mud. C Company's Communications Sgt. Frank Weiser became lost in the fog after hitting the ground when an artillery shell fell nearby. He floundered toward voices and ran right into a German gun position and was taken prisoner. The Germans tried to get Weiser's radio to work but he had fixed it just before he was captured. A German officer questioned the GI and out of it arose a discussion of what we were fighting for. "We are fighting against Bolshevism," said the Nazi. "We are fighting for souvenirs," countered Weiser, facetiously. Later the enemy retreated and Weiser, alone again, rejoined C Company next morning.

Tanks and tank destroyers supporting the battalion's advance found the St. Barbara road cut by a wide, deep anti-tank ditch which extended completely across the line of advance. Although without supporting armor, the infantry moved in, and by 4:10 P.M., parts of B and C Companies were at the edge of town.

C Company was about 100 yards inside town when 1st Lt. Earl Sidle's third platoon was sent farther into town. It was getting dark fast and the clouds which had obscured the sun all day had descended to ground level in a heavy misty fog. Pvt. (later S/Sgt.) Lawrence McPheeters, from a house on the north side of the road, first heard and then saw a muddy-colored, camouflaged tank lumbering down the road. Troops in the street saw the Panther tank at the same moment. There was a scramble for cover as the tank machine-gunned the street and sent 88-mm. shells into the houses. Men hugging the ground in shallow ditches along the road heard machine gun bullets pepper the pavement around them.

The enemy tank, apparently having spent its ammunition, lumbered backwards into town. Word was sent back along the road for anti-tank protection and bazookas, and two 57-mm. anti-tank guns were sent forward. Three jeeps and two guns were manhandled across the enemy tank ditch near Guisingen. S/Sgt. Peter Cesaretti's gun was ordered into position at the edge of town, the second gun being held in reserve back along the road. The gun was barely in position about 150 yards up the road inside town, when three rounds were fired at it, and although the gun was not hit directly, two men were hurt. Cpl. Ambrose Antelope suffered the loss of his foot when hit by shrapnel from one of the shells. Pfc. Vincent McInnis was hurt at the same time.

PANZERMEN ATTACK

Jerking forward with supporting infantry this time, the tank concentrated on the gun and two jeeps near it. S/Sgt. Virgil Smith and Pfc. Nels Norman tried to man the 57-mm. gun but both men were driven to cover before a shot could be fired at the tank. Enemy panzer-uniformed infantrymen entered some of the houses farther inside town, and in the pitched battle which followed, most of C Company's third platoon and part of the first, including Lt. Sidle, were captured. T/Sgt. Moineau and Sgt. Ernest Pazcko helped about 21 men to safety out the rear of a house as the enemy entered the front door.

B Company, which had almost reached the first corner inside town, lost 25 men captured by the enemy before they were able to withdraw to an open slope just inside town on the north side of the road.

Again the tank withdrew, this time fired on by bazookas. The scattered troops scrambled to survey the damage. In the melee the enemy had driven off B Company's supply jeep and the tank had wrecked another jeep and the 57-mm. gun. The one remaining jeep in operating condition was lifted and turned about by hand so the enemy would not hear its motor. Cpl. Antelope, who had calmly applied a tourniquet to his own mangled leg, was lifted onto the jeep along with McInnis. The jeep was then pushed back down the road until the motor could be started out of hearing of the enemy.

S/Sgt. Robert Menninger and his squad put the remaining anti-tank gun into position in a garage back of a house at the edge of town. Capt. Savidge placed three of his men in a house on the north side of the street. The remainder of the group set up a defense in a house on the opposite side of the street. Most of B Company was dug in in the fields just outside of town, and D Company's heavy machine guns were pulled back to the edge of town. Everyone felt sure the tank would come back.

The tank did come back again and again "every hour on the hour" usually with supporting infantry. Once the tank beat a hasty retreat when S/Sgt. (later T/Sgt.) Stanley Levinsky, C Company, scored a near hit with a bazooka. The house at the edge of town was a hot spot. The men inside were concentrated on the second floor and in the basement. The first floor was raked over and over by shells from the tank's big gun which was unable to elevate high enough to hit the second floor or depress low enough to fire into the cellar. Infantrymen on the second floor took a heavy toll of the enemy riflemen accompanying the tank.

ONE RIFLE AND GUTS

With McPheeters in the house directly across the street were Pfc. Leslie J. Dunlap and Pfc. Fred McLaughlin, C Company. All three ducked into the cellar as soon as the shooting started. The enemy followed them down the cellar steps but climbed out again when McLaughlin opened up with his M-1. Several times during the night the enemy tried to enter the cellar but each time they were driven off. Near morning, there was "a big explosion" and "suddenly the roof started pouring down upon us," said McPheeters. The tiny vegetable cellar was filled waist high with debris and two of the group's three rifles were buried in the rubble.

What First Battalion saw looking from St. Barbara into Wallerfanger and Saarlautern.

The group held out until daylight with only one rifle and a lot of guts.

Several times during the night the Germans called upon the GIs to surrender. Cpl. Ralph A. Barr, C. Company, was killed by an enemy grenade when he went to a window thinking it was the enemy who wanted to surrender. Wounded in the leg by rifle fire, a German lieutenant crawled up to the house and fainted. Revived inside, he told Capt. Savidge he was commanding 200 men and eight tanks in the defense of St. Barbara.

German patrols went out to the edge of town several times seeking the B Company positions. "You could hear them coming right up to our holes," recalled Pfc. Robert Jordan. "They'd call to each other to keep contact in the darkness, and they'd call out to us in broken English, 'Doughboy, give up!" Some Germans unknowingly infiltrated Baker's circle of defense. At least two such Jerries were gagged and pulled into foxholes. Several GIs were believed captured the same way. Most of the men maintained a silent vigil to avoid revealing their position, but once in a while a GI picked off an approaching Kraut. About 4:00 A.M., the Company pulled out of its holes, filed back through the woods, and dug in again outside of Guisingen. At daylight Baker pushed out from there when A Company came up with tanks.

Back in St. Barbara near dawn, Pfc. Elza Harl and Pfc. Norman of the anti-tank platoon stopped the oncoming enemy tank with a bazooka shell, which wrecked a track. Although unable to move, the tank continued to fire. When the beleaguered troops finally heard our own tanks rumbling up from Guisingen at dawn, they thought the Panthers were attacking in force. A tank near the front of the incoming A Company column made quick work knocking out the stalled enemy tank and a new push into St. Barbara was organized. The enemy resisted stubbornly and used tanks sparingly but effectively to keep our troops and armor from massing forces in the town's main street. A short street branched off diagonally in the center of town and here two mutually supporting Panthers kept our own tanks and tank destroyers out of range. Artillery fire was heavy on both sides.

INFANTRY CHASES TANKS

For two days enemy tanks and infantry continued to harass First Battalion in St. Barbara. One of our tanks was knocked out by an enemy anti-tank gun firing from the direction of Felsberg to the south. On the 30th the two mutually supporting Panthers knocked out one of our tanks with a direct hit straight down the street. 1st Lt. Frederick Baker of A Company chased one of the enemy tanks out of hiding and it was knocked out by one of our tanks. In a similar incident, Lt. Harold M. Sinclair of B Company took a squad of men down the right side of the street, clearing houses and dropping two-man security in each building, and finally reached a building by the town's first cross street. Working alone through a couple more houses, he came through a hallway that led right up to a Heinie tank, parked in concealment around the corner. While figuring out what he alone could do against a tank, his very appearance luckily flushed the tank out and it lumbered off toward the rear. That night S/Sgt. Charles V. Riley of A scored a hit with a bazooka on another Panther. The enemy tank was disabled and thought to be knocked out, but sometime during the night it was apparently pulled away by still another Panther.

Capt. Kenneth V. Lockwood, D Company, and Lt. Baker, A Company, were wounded at the same time by sniper fire while on a reconnaissance in the eastern edge of town. Capt. Lockwood had a narrow escape when a bullet creased his helmet in a glancing blow. He was evacuated soon afterwards and 1st Lt. (later Capt.) Milford Davis took command of D Company. 1st Lt. Edmund C. Winter was wounded on December 1 by artillery as he was directing operations in the town square.

C Company was sent to occupy high ground south of St. Barbara to let our tank destroyers get into position to knock out the enemy tanks. One officer was left in A Company and one in C Company the afternoon of December 1, and the situation was bad. Under a new plan all friendly troops were withdrawn from St. Barbara on the morning of December 2. A knockout blow was coming.

Five battalions of artillery firing simultaneously on the town delivered the final punch. It was a time-on-target mission, all the shells timed so as to land on the target at the same moment. Fighter bombers raked the town and at 11 A.M., the final advance into St. Barbara had begun. Artillery and air had thoroughly blasted the town and it took less than two hours to mop up. The few prisoners taken were groggy from the heavy shelling.

Final tally in the tank battle showed three enemy tanks knocked out at a cost of two of ours. A third enemy Panther, presumably the one knocked out by S/Sgt. Riley and pulled back to the edge of town by the enemy, was found at the eastern edge of town where the Germans had abandoned the salvage job.

Many awards were made for heroism at St. Barbara, including Silver Stars to 1st Lt. Wayne Wellman, 1st Lt. Charles Fowler, Sgt. Glen G. Jacobs, T/Sgt. Walter Gerszewski, Sgt. Robert Crousoure and S/Sgt. Earl Appel.

ENTER WALLERFANGEN

The attack was continued at 9:00 A.M., December 3, and by 10:30 First Battalion troops were in Niederlimberg. With B Company leading, followed by A and C Companies, the battalion was in Wallerfangen and on the banks of the Saar River at 11:00 A.M. G Company was contacted on the north side of town, and a defense organized. Here the Defense Platoon of 95th Division Headquarters Company was assigned to the battalion, which was far understrength.

S/Sgt. Joseph Sullivan, Company C, in emplacement at the Saar River in Saarlouis-Roden sector, where A/T Company and units of First Battalion maintained guard.

One of D Company's heavy machine gun sections, completing its mission of occupying Wallerfangen, set out to find a platoon command post. Spotting a large, impressive-looking building they thought was a hotel, the D Company men went through a fancy gatepost past a formal garden complete with fountain and fish pool and on into the home of Franz von Papen, German diplomat. In the group were T/Sgt. (later 1st Lt.) Stanley R. Vraga, T/Sgt. George E. (Moose) Moineau, Pfc. Bruno Sadowski and Pfc. Pete Przenicny.

Von Papen was not at home but he had left his house with all furnishings intact. "There were bell cords dangling near all the easy chairs," said T/Sgt. Moineau. The butler didn't answer the GIs' ring, however, and the men had to get their own scotch out of the cellar. "It was good, too," said Moose.

After a day of rest and cleaning up, First Battalion moved into Saarlautern on December 5. That night C Company relieved G Company protecting the vital bridge over the Saar River. The front line was across the river in Saarlautern-Roden and Fraulautern. At the bridge that dark night Medic Driver Pvt. William H. Moore of Third Battalion was trying to move his jeep out of a shell hole in the bridge floor. In his efforts he himself slipped through the hole and into the cold river. Moving up with D Company, T/Sgt. Moineau saw Moore fall into the water and immediately dived in after him. He reached Moore and brought him into shallow water where others soon lifted both men out. T/Sgt. Moineau received the Soldiers Medal for the rescue.

With C Company guarding the bridge and the rest of the battalion in Saaarlautern, three days were spent training in the use of flame throwers, preparation of satchel charges and organization of assault teams to break into the Siegfried Line fortifications. At 4:30 A.M., December 9, A and B Companies crossed the Saar into Fraulautern, were oriented from Second Battalion positions and attacked, capturing several houses. C continued to guard the bridge.

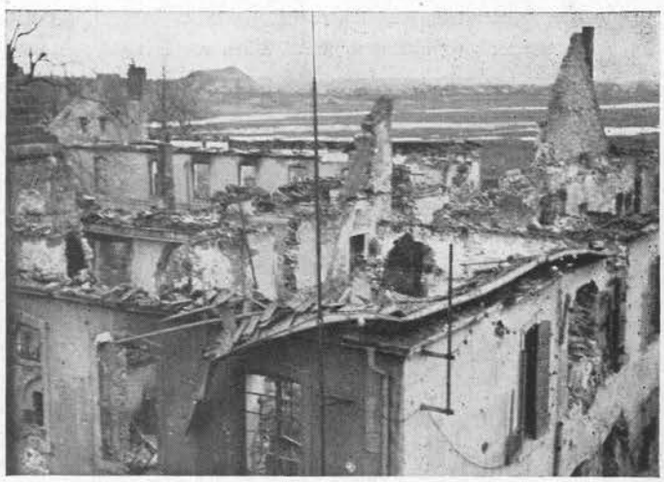
On December 10 First Battalion positions were shelled heavily as A and B Companies succeeded in ousting the enemy from a half dozen more houses. PW total was 37. C Company was relieved and closed into the Battalion position in Fraulautern at 8:00 P.M. Enemy tanks were heard during the day and patrols reported seeing four tanks emplaced inside shattered buildings being used as pillboxes. An enemy company CP was captured. B Company occupied a hotel on the northeast edge of Fraulautern after a pitched battle which raged from room to room. After the battle the building was so badly damaged all men were ordered out of it. T/Sgt. Paul Shannon, B Company, was killed by a sniper bullet during the fight for the hotel.

The outlook on December 11 was bright. More than 20 houses were captured and by 6:30 P.M., the Battalion Journal predicted, "Believe we can really go now."

Artillery fire was heavy during the day. Patrols crossed the railroad into the eastern edge of Fraulautern and reported the entire area occupied by the enemy. The railroad line was protected by a row of mutually supporting pillboxes disguised as innocent-looking buildings.

First pillboxes were captured on the 13th. Lt. (later Capt.) Charles Donovan and S/Sgt. (later 1st Lt.) Andrew Skrele worked under fire to convince 16 enemy in four pillboxes that their cause was hopeless. The pillboxes surrendered. Lt. Sinclair drew fire to himself to cover a flanking movement on another

Over these gutted rooftops of Fraulautern can be seen the Saar River and Saarlautern, in December.



position. Lt. Davis of D caused another pillbox to surrender when he dropped grenades through a chimney forcing eight Germans inside to come out. A nearby pillbox also surrendered. Late in the afternoon a German carrying a white flag came out of a pillbox saying 15 men inside wanted to surrender. They were accommodated.

The railroad was crossed, and by the 14th three city blocks had been cleared. Five pillboxes and 37 PWs were captured on the 14th. Eighteen buildings had been captured. Lt. Peter H. Skala, regimental prisoner interrogator, talked 20 men inside a pillbox into surrendering. Two tanks were moved up to support the advance of B and C Companies. S/Sgt. Elmer Wohl, B Company, made his way to the rear of a pillbox and persuaded its occupants to surrender.

Three city blocks were cleared on the 15th, netting a pillbox, 16 houses and the capture of 25 PWs. During the morning First Battalion positions were bombarded with German propaganda leaflets which invited our men to come over to German lines and have a rest, warm food and shelter. "We are going over," Lt. Col. Decker told Col. Gaillard, "but not the way they expect." The battalion's reply to the invitation was an attack. In the subsequent fighting, Lt. Clifford Souther, A Company, intimidated six soldiers in one house and 10 soldiers with two machine guns in the next house to surrender, showing the Germans just who was to do the surrendering in this war.

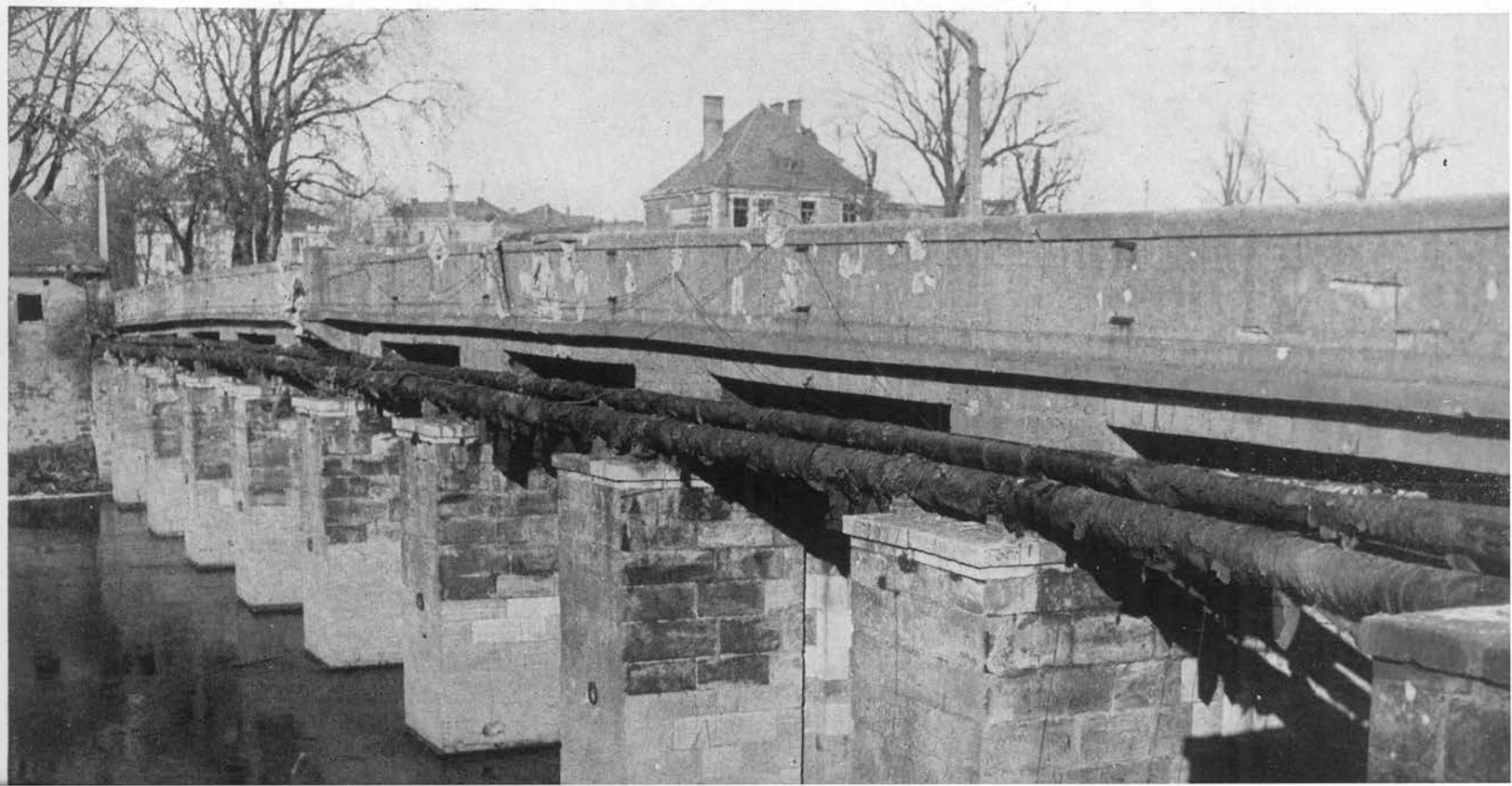
The battalion advanced rapidly in its zone on the 16th. One pillbox and 10 PWs were taken. It now held about two-thirds of the city of Fraulautern. Lt. Weaver, A Company, was killed as he directed his platoon's advance up a Fraulautern street. T/Sgt. Matt Koshmirl took over the platoon and led it on to the objective.

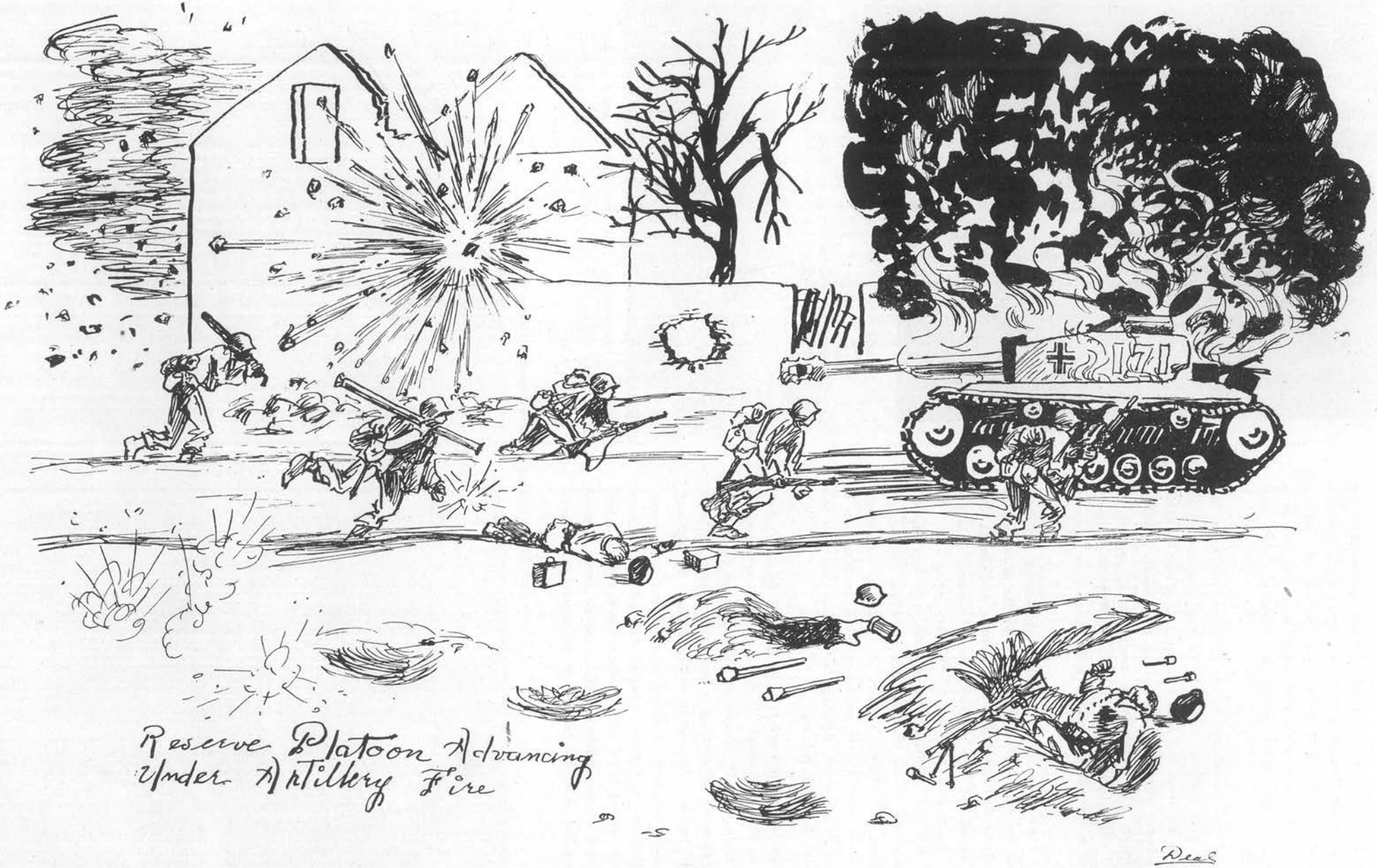
Moderate enemy resistance continued on the 17th but the enemy proved stubborn as A Company pushed forward on Hermann Goering Strasse almost to the edge of town. S/Sgt. Grover Sell, platoon sergeant of the attached Division Headquarters Defense Platoon, was killed as he led his men in the storming of a fortified house. S/Sgt. Sell was awarded the Silver Star (posthumously).

Saarlautern Bridge, won by 379th and guarded from recapture by 377th for much of December and January. It received the Wehrmacht's fiercest artillery and the Germans tried desperately to destroy it. Note sandbags covering demolition and telephone wires across the bridge. Shells severed communication lines repeatedly.

Relief came on the 17th after the battalion had spent 47 days in the front lines without a break. The battalion and the regiment were going into corps reserve. At 9:35 P.M., December 17, elements of the Second Infantry had taken over the First Battalion positions in Fraulautern. After spending the night in Saarlautern the battalion moved back to a rest area at Coume, France, closing in at 11:00 A.M.

Saarlautern Bridge looking northwest from Saarlautern side.





IMPRESSIONS OF THE FIERCE FIGHTING AT ST. BARBONA

IMPRESSIONS OF THE BITTER FIGHTING ON FIRST BATTALION'S FRONT IN THE VICINITY OF THE HOTEL IN A FRAULAUTERN SUBURB

SECOND TO SAAR . . .

Second Battalion's first mission after the move out from Metz was to outpost the regimental sector, contact the left flank unit, and reconnoiter routes to the northeast in preparation for the securing of the west bank of the Nied River. Accordingly, on November 23, Capt. W. G. Neel, then in command of the battalion after first the evacuation of Lt. Col. Walton and then Major Sebesta (executive officer), had G Company send out one platoon to outpost Lesmenils farm, one platoon of E to outpost Landremont, establish motor patrols to keep contact and reconnoiter forward and to the left. This patrol, jeeps with AR teams, contacted the 357th Infantry regiment on the left, found virtually no enemy activity but reported the presence of road blocks and blown bridges.

Foot troops moved out from Metz in a column of companies and by 9:00 p.m., on the 23rd the battalion had closed in to the vicinity of Silly sur Nied, eight miles east of Metz. Foot patrols, after the bridge just west of Courcelles was reported out, crossed the Nied River there and found that enemy troops had left the town hurriedly a matter of hours before.

This and other reports led to attack orders for the next morning. At 9:00 a.m., the battalion moved out in this order: F, E, G, Headquarters, and H, with contact maintained with Regiment by means of SCR-300 radio. Direction of the attack was roughly northeast, which would bring the battalion through the larger towns of Boulay, and the adjacent Maginot Line, Teterchen, Bouzonville, and finally into Saarlautern on the Saar River in the heart of the Siegfried Line in Germany.

Since the bridge over the Nied was completely out at Coucelles, the battalion moved almost out of its zone up through les Etanges with its motor elements in order to cross, but the entire west bank of the main river was secured within a few hours, with virtually no resistance. Russian "DPs" (Displaced Persons), free from their German masters, were eager to aid the advance elements and gave them the valuable information that the Krauts had been at the river the day before but had taken off to the east. Pausing at Vaudoncourt, a small town four miles east of the main river, the battalion caught its breath, then struck out for the day's objectives. Taking the shortest route toward Boulay, F seized Varize, then moved ahead to Helstroff, setting up an outpost at Macker, the next town in line. This put them just a little more than a mile from Boulay. G, moving up the left flank of the battalion's sector, first hit Loutremange and found it to be virtually under water from a flooded Nied tributary at that point. It was bypassed and G moved ahead to Volmerange, also on the river but not so flooded. Battalion Headquarters moved into Varize, the town just before F Company's Helstroff.

BOULAY FALLS EASILY

That night, Regiment ordered Battalion to reconnoiter the road to Boulay prior to an attack the next morning, when it was to seize and hold Boulay and Ottonville Woods, a mile directly north of Boulay. At 2:00 a.m., that night, a four-man enemy patrol gave the first real evidence that some strong resistance could be expected during the push to come, when it attacked an E Company outpost at Helstroff. The patrol was driven off.

The battalion received as attachments for the attack a platoon from Anti-Tank Company, a company of tanks, a platoon of Division Engineers, 12 towed three-inch guns, two reconnaissance tank destroyer platoons, and one company of 4.2 mortars plus 920th Artillery support.

The Battalion crossed the line of departure just short of the town of Boulay, at 8:30 a.m., that day, with E on the left, G on the right, and F following E. The infantrymen moved across the open fields and came within view of Boulay, the first sizeable town the Regiment had come to since Metz. The men were amazed by the lack of opposition, for the site offered ample opportunity for the same type of defense that the outskirts of Metz offered. The city centered on a bend of a branch of the Nied River, mostly on the east bank, and was protected on the right by a low line of hills, gentle and but sparsely covered with forest. The eastern portion of the city included a group of several score hospital buildings, single-storied for the most part, brick, well-built, enclosed by wire fencing, which apparently had been a large military installation just prior to American occupation. When E Company men reached and occupied the hospital they found it completely vacant. The same story was repeated throughout most of Boulay. Two enemy were killed and two captured, and that about tells all the trouble in the city.

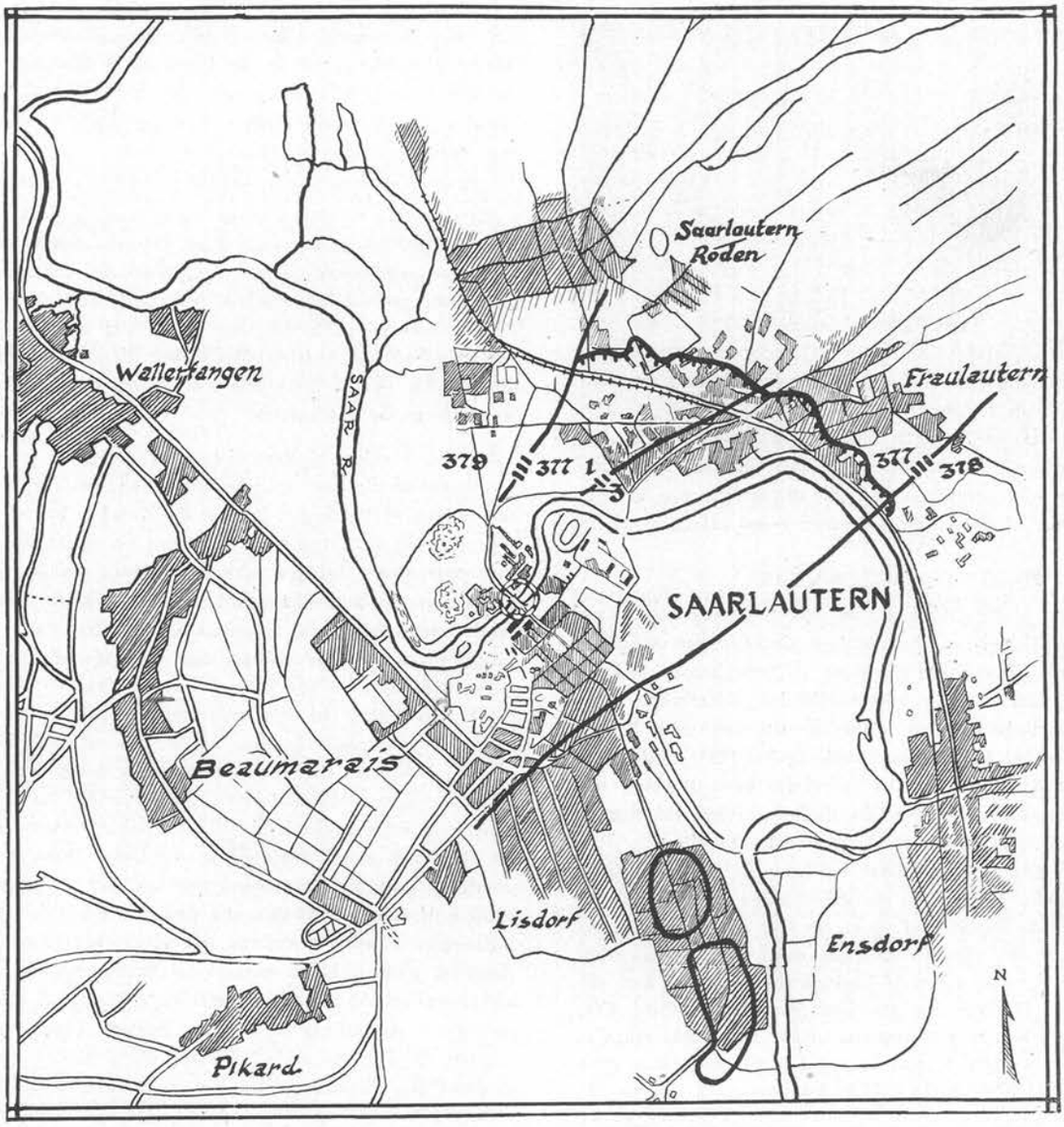
Those in the Battalion who were well-informed of enemy orders of battle suspected what later turned out to be all too correct—that the enemy had chosen to place a strong point of delaying action in the Maginot Line pillboxes and emplacements a mile north of Boulay. For the Second Battalion, that meant the main road leading north from Boulay and the east section of Ottonville Woods.

The Battalion quickly swarmed into Boulay and passed through. The forward companies found that three important bridges were completely out on what later proved to be the main supply route for the Division for the whole push to the Saar. The first two were narrow bridges over the Nied River branch in the northern part of town, and the third was an overpass for the railroad tracks that skirted the northern edge of the city. Battalion troops spanned these quickly, and pushed on toward Ottonville Woods, thus far unmolested by the enemy. Boulay was completely taken by 9:30 a.m.

That noon and afternoon Second Battalion men really earned a hundred times their pay, a fistful of decorations, and the healthy respect of some strongly entrenched Germans in the Maginot Line to their front. The tactical outline of what happened doesn't reveal the drama of their Ottonville Woods fight, for it merely states: "Took Boulay and continued to high ground NE and E of town. With E on right and G on left and F following E at 500 yards and after artillery preparation and TD fire, G seized the woods in its zone at 1300, and E seized the east end of the woods a half hour later, then having to reorganize two platoons. F linked E and G by 1600. Heavy mortar and artillery fire, particularly from Denting, Coume and Teterchen, harassed the action through the afternoon and evening. One large pillbox reduced."

DOUBLE TROUBLE NEAR OTTONVILLE

A more accurate eye-witness account is told by the men who were there; among these was Lt. Edward Nichols, then in command of E Company until his evacuation at the end of the action. His story goes like this:



"HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SAAR FIGHTING. Lisdorf: Where Second Battalion held defensive positions from December 22-31 and January 1-2. Saarlautern Bridge (encircled in map's center): Most vital point of entire bridgehead, guarded during part of December and January by various units of 377th. Rehlingen, Wallerfangen, Guisingen: Main points in Second's holding line during January 10-23. Center of Saarlautern (just southeast of bridge): Where 377th CP was during most of December and January. Saarlautern-Roden: Where 3rd received counterattack, but held bridgehead during January 11-23. Wavy black line in upper right shows farthest advance into Siegfried Line by 377th."

One of the French fortifications forming the Maginot Line.

"Just before the move toward the woods, Recon TDs reported that 'nothing had been seen' on our exposed right flank. Suspicious but willing we jumped off at 11:00 a.m., and went 400 yards with nothing happening. Our third platoon was on the right with Lt. Francis Curran, who had joined the company the night before. A large portion of his platoon and much of the first platoon, which was on the left, included some 40 to 50 reinforcements we received the night before. Our right boundary was that road which led from Boulay northeast to Teterchen. We moved down into a slight draw, and what we saw then gave us a headache—dummy emplacements! They looked real from a distance as we moved across the open ground toward the woods, but soon we saw they were shallow and fake, and that meant the Jerries were zeroed in on them. Artillery, mortar and machine gun fire opened up on us from the front and right front. It was really murder; the new men took it pretty wildly.

"Curran and some of his boys got through by sheer determination and found some cover in the woods which was the battalion objective. But the rest of us were badly battered. The wounded lay right in the open exposed to that MG fire from the road to the right. I got hit in the left calf and dropped into one of the

proach through the woods had been denied all armor by means of huge tank ditches, which measured about 14 feet wide and 20 feet deep. Later while clearing the woods, Hardy contacted Lt. (later Capt.) Charles Donovan of B Company; that junction, combined with the closing of the gap between G and E Company, filled out the regimental line that fronted the Maginot. The gap between G and E was filled with two platoons committed from the reserve company in command of Lt. Arthur Ashton.

The battalion held in position through the night and all the next day, receiving particularly heavy shelling at about 10:00 a.m., from enemy guns near Ottonville and Ricrange. Then it was converted to regimental reserve in Boulay at 6:00 p:m., after Third Battalion passed through its positions. All attached units reverted to Third Battalion for its push into the Maginot.

The Sunday respite in Boulay was short-lived. Monday morning the Battalion prepared to take off again, this time mostly astride tanks, for a nine-mile push through eight towns that was to take them within a mile of the German border. F led off followed by E, then G.

RUSH TO BOUZONVILLE

From 11:00 a.m., until 5:30 p.m., the battalion tank and motor column veritably clicked off the mileage, since enemy resistance was practically nil. It streaked north up to Teterchen, picked up some TDs there, then hit over west to Velving. Next came Valmunster, with Bettange the last station on the line west, before the battalion columned right to the north again. Only hold-up in Bettange was flood waters, for the town was on a bend of the flooded Nied. The tanks and vehicles sloshed through the streets, and roared on up north on the main road to Bouzonville.

Two eventful occurrences marred the ease of the battalion's march at this point. Just before the tiny village of Holling, the order came for F to deploy and move on foot against the town, which the company did. But the resistance there melted away with no casualties and the troops hopped back on the tanks and took off again. It was at Holling that the battalion lost its third CO. Capt. Neel, former S-3, was riding one of the lead tanks when a tank "trip wire" (designed to just clear tanks and decapitate men riding them) caught him on the side of the head. He was evacuated at once and did not rejoin the unit until February 27 at Millen, Belgium.

When notified of the wound sustained by Neel, Col. Gaillard chose to assign Third Battalion's executive officer, Major (later Lt. Col.) Albion C. Mulcock, to command the Second Battalion. Major Mulcock picked up the battalion at Holling, and the move continued without interruption north as far as the outskirts of Bouzonville. Here the Battalion swung sharply east at Vaudreching over to Alzing to clear those towns before moving on the larger town of Bouzonville, which was finally entered at 5:30 p.m.

Considerable resistance could logically have been expected from Bouzonville, for it was the largest between Boulay and the Wallerfangen-Saarlautern cities. But, pleasant surprise, "we moved into town greeted by hilarious rejoicing," according to Col. Mulcock. Flowers, not bullets, and wine and kisses were thrown to the surprised troops, who quickly took the happy French people of Bouzonville up on their offers of billets and all that goes with gratitude to the "liberateurs."

On the morning of November 28, F Company took off early in a column of platoons, marched into and took, without resistance, the village of Leidingen just on the German border, at 8:30 a.m. The column then swung north to Ihn, on which route there were numerous blown bridges with mine fields around them, denying the troops the use of attached tanks and TDs. Ihn went undefended but yielded a surprised German company clerk and a couple of civilians of military age. Outside of Ihn, there was a network of trenches and what the troops couldn't see in the heavy fog was that they led to machine gun positions on the slopes above and below the road. Leading out of Ihn with the third, first and second platoons in that order, F had easy going until about a half kilometer from Rammelfangen, then received machine gun fire from both sides of the road. With the third platoon pinned down, the first and second deployed up the hill to form a skirmish line on the left flank. The second squad of the first platoon hit two patches of enemy resistance and routed the Heinies in the ensuing skirmishes. Pausing along the side of the hill with marching fire, the first platoon killed several Germans, captured several more and sustained casualties. A machine gun opened up, pinning the men down and killing Lt. Howard Boehm. Then several men, including T/Sgt. Donald Behlman, Pfcs. Harry Gohlke, Willis Greeson, Roy Swinehart and Harold Wilson, sneaked around and assaulted the MG position. Another Heinie machine gun ripped and again pinned everyone down. S/Sgts. James G. Kline and Urban J. Rothermel charged and got this one. The first platoon then cleared the remaining 50 yards into town and reached the

Bouzonville, France, taken by Second Battalion on November 27.

first building, a school. The second platoon was pinned down, and did not move until dusk. Deployed on the left of these men, Easy Company had reached the same skirmishing area. Other Jerry machine gun positions forced them to dig in there for the night.

Easy Company that morning, November 29, got up and pushed on into town with marching fire, cleared the town, spent a little time reorganizing, and then pushed on through F Company and out of town. Deep and lengthy tank ditches outside of Rammelfangen were zeroed in, and the troops had to go through incoming artillery thrown at them from the general area of their next objective—Guisingen. It was another foggy morning, and the plowed fields were soggy. As the troops neared town, Heinies around an 88 gun caught sight of them, blew the breech, and retreated. The troops went on into town, found only a few Krauts left and reported Guisingen secured at 1:00 p.m.

BOCHE SLIP IN THROUGH FOG

But as the men were eating their noon K rations, a confusing battle broke out from both sides. About 50 German infantrymen came up the main street from the right, slipping in through the fog. German civilians ran out into the streets and told the Heinies in what buildings there were Americans, and a number of rifle battles broke out. At about the same time, First Battalion troops (B and C Companies) were coming around the sloping fields on the left side of town. They could see Heinies, and were fired on; the troops dropped and returned the fire. Civilians, GIs, and Heinies were pretty well scrambled up in the fog. But Germans retreating east (toward the next town—St. Barbara) were chased by First Battalion troops, and the Heinies from the right side of town went back to buildings on that side. One E Company man had the experience of becoming a prisoner of war and being liberated in the same half hour as a result. He was captured by the Jerries in Guisingen, taken by the Germans retreating to St. Barbara, and came back to GI hands when C Company overran his captors. E remained in Guisingen for the night.

F Company meanwhile had left Rammelfangen after E, then had deployed far to the left of E and Guisingen. Here F received intermittent rifle fire from the Jerries' outpost line of resistance, but continued on over the soggy rolling fields and made a couple of miles to Oberlimberg without much resistance other than light artillery. Company headquarters and weapons platoon men lost contact in the fog, and that night headed toward Oberlimberg to check and see if the company was there. S/Sgt. Ernest R. Schmidt took six men for this contact patrol. At the outskirts of town, they remained in dark shadows, watching someone come out of a building, pause, then return. Then one or two more persons came out for the same purpose. Sergeant Schmidt decided that that a good way to find out whether or not they were friendly or enemy troops would be to simulate their actions right beside one of them in the darkness. He did, but as he assumed the straddle trench position, the guard at the window halted him, and Schmidt was caught with his pants down. But the man at the window was an F Company man, so the sergeant identified himself, then called the rest of the patrol and finally the rest of the lost men into town.

During the day, G Company had followed along to the left rear, taking the towns of Niedaltdorf and Kerprich-Hemmersdorf without much resistance. It was on October 29 that CMH Winner "Andy" Miller met his death while part of Company G was climbing a hill overlooking Kerprich-Hemmersdorf. Enemy fire pinned the unit to the ground. Sergeant Miller, on his own initiative, pressed ahead with his squad past the company's leading element to meet the surprise resistance. The enemy position was smothered but at the cost of Sgt. Miller's life.

George Company moved ahead into the town of Kerprich-Hemmersdorf, waiting for elements of the 90th Division to come abreast.

Next day, Lt. Col. Mulcock ordered a feint attack on the Battalion's objective—Itzbach. F was to draw attention to the south of the town in the woods between Itzbach and Oberlimberg, then

This "snow jeep" got its winter uniform at Guisingen, Germany.

E Company was to attack through woods from the west of Itzbach. The maneuver was so successful that the town was taken with more than 300 PWs while German armor was still there; not a casualty was sustained. To effect this, one platoon of F Company and one platoon of heavy machine guns from H left Oberlimberg, reached the edge of woods before Itzbach southeast of town, and cut loose with some hot hell-raising.

E Company meanwhile had pulled out of Guisingen, headed north to the woods, then cut through them from west to east and sat on the edge of the woods as F feinted from the south. Capt. Kozlak of E also sent around a force of riflemen and an MG section to fire from the opposite (east) edge of town. Then Easy men infiltrated down the hill across the short distance into the first buildings in Itzbach and took the Heinies by surprise in the rear of their defenses. Several houses were secured immediately, but soon after direct 88 fire started to come in on them. "We could see their horse-drawn artillery pulling into position on the hill in the woods in front of us," recalled S/Sgt. William Taylor. "We called for artillery on them and soon stopped that!"

Easy remained in Itzbach during the night, and F remained in neighboring Oberlimberg to the south, after beating off infiltrating Germans. A machine gun section of H Company was sent from Oberlimberg to Itzbach to augment Easy's positions. Intermittent artillery fell during the night, and sometimes German armor could be heard withdrawing.

When morning of December 1 came, Easy men searched the rest of the town, but the enemy had withdrawn during the night. Even the civilians had taken to the hills, where they reportedly were living in caves. Only one man, a monk, was found in town. The troops dispatched him to talk the German soldiers into surrendering. It didn't work. The rest of the day didn't run so smoothly for either E or F. Those woods had to be cleared, and they were filled with enemy emplacements. Woods were virtually all around Itzbach. It was necessary for E to secure a supply route, the only possibility for that being a road through the woods to Oberlimberg. Third and second platoons made up the combat patrol. Entering the woods on the high ground southeast of the town, they hit resistance as soon as they approached the road. Machine guns fired on them from several points.

Catching sight of two machine guns close together, Pfc. Ernest Copeland, Pfc. Andrew Northcut, and Sgt. Joseph Napier crawled around to their right flank and charged the positions, firing from the hip and tossing grenades. On the left of the skirmishing, two more machine guns were accounted for when S/Sgt. Leonard Hanson, Pfc. Charlie Meissner, and Pfc. Henry Hudlow charged with fixed bayonets. Then Lt. Kermit D. Laird led his platoon forward and more positions were overrun. A total of seven machine guns were taken in the road skirmish, and a goodly force of Germans

was routed. But the large patrol suffered quite a number of casualties. Artillery was coming in too, so when it grew dark, the men withdrew.

A RUGGED AFTERNOON

F Company, on a similar mission of clearing the woods, ran into the same type of trouble and was even more severely cut up. Late in the afternoon the company went into the woods and made its way to the far edge, where the men started catching everything: machine guns ripped across them, Heinie rifles snapped from everywhere, and then mortars came in. The third platoon was pinned down. The second platoon managed to get a little farther before it too was pinned down. The company was supposed to dig in and hold, but by 6:30 p.m., the situation had become so untenable and casualties so heavy (five killed, four missing, and 22 wounded) that the company withdrew into town. That night, patrols from the third platoon went out to recover the wounded.

Because of the trouble E and F ran into, and the counter-attack which First Battalion was undergoing at St. Barbara, additional anti-tank and self-propelled guns were brought up, and the towns in the area, including Guisingen where battalion and G Company moved to for the night, were outposted. G had moved from Kerpich-Hemmersdorf, flushing out woods on the way, and then dug in around the orchards south of Guisingen.

It wasn't a good place to dig in. So thought Sgt. Thomas C. Miller, who couldn't become excited over the deal, murmurred something and then crawled into his sleeping bag head first. He was almost left there the next morning when the boys tried to wake him up by shaking the part of the bag that was supposed to be his head but really was his numb feet. Pfc. Gerard Mace regarded the incoming stuff a little more seriously, and frantically started to dig hole after hole, each time going down a meager foot only to hit solid slate. Mace finally made it on the seventh try, after much consternation on his part, to the amusement of his buddies who had better diggings.

Bombing of Saarlautern and subsequent attack by 379th troops were to take place on December 2. Second Battalion was merely to stay put except for security and reconnaissance missions. Lt. Laird and T/Sgt. Donald Limpach of E took their third and second platoons out to the previous day's battle area along the road, then went east through the woods to the top of the ridge from which the Saar and towns in its valley could be seen. They encountered no resistance. Civilians were streaming back to the town from the caves in the hills and told the Americans that the Heinies had withdrawn. Several Polish men who had been impressed as "Wehrmacht Soldaten" came along and gladly submitted themselves as PWs. "I talk Polish so I questioned them," explained Pfc. (later Sgt.) Theordore Madrey. "They said they didn't want to fire those machine guns at us, but that the regular German soldiers made them, and that when the Heinies weren't watching them, they'd fire up into the air."

Just before dawn, F Company set up a BAR at the edge of the woods in its sector; the men returned reporting no activity. S/Sgt. (later Lt.) Curtis White led a reconnaissance patrol at 9:00 a.m., all around the woods to the high ridge over the Saar, and made no contact with the enemy. G moved up from Guisingen, and helped out in the woods with similar reconnaissance. The companies remained in Itsbach and Oberlimberg overnight.

Certain that the Germans had pulled across to their side of the Saar River, the regiment began collecting its troops. G went down the hill into Niederlimberg where it found no resistance. E, F, and H pulled out of their towns and backtracked to Guisingen, then went through St. Barbara, following First Battalion down into Niederlimberg and on into Wallerfangen, right next to the bottom Limberg.

Wallerfangen was a pleasant little city, reminiscent of an ordinary middle-class residential district in the States—a good spot in which to take a breather, even though occasional artillery came in. Second Battalion didn't leave here until afternoon of the 5th. Then troops marched over the fields into Saarlautern, via Beaumarias, in a long staggered column, passing up the dug-in 105 howitzers which were giving supporting fire to 379th troops across the river.

PAREGORIC PREDICAMENT

Saarlautern had been taken and was cleared all except for snipers when the troops moved in. The platoons rated some fairly good buildings here. "That was where we had to throw out all that beautiful furniture in that one place to make room for ourselves," recalled Lt. White of F. "We were hoping to stay there for a while, but after we spent a night there in Saarlautern, we were all called up to the CP and told we were moving out into Fraulautern." Had the men stayed in Saarlautern any length of time, they might have received a change of clothing—the first since way before Metz. As it was, it so happened that only a couple of men in each squad could pick up some clean underwear although some men had equipped themselves from cupboards and trunks in the civilian homes. One man, who long ago had lost his "long handles" because his platoon medic once had run out of paregoric, was always frantically searching and finally found some oversized stuff in Wallerfangen.

For the one day in Saarlautern, G Company was assigned guard of the south end of the bridge. The first platoon men remembered finding a couple of big bunkers full of civilians, one all male and one all female. Shells came in that night and some fires started on the side of the bridge lighting up the whole area for a time. The Krauts seemed to be firing on the half hour, so when it came time for the troops to cross, each company moved across at 23 minutes past the hour. It was in the wee hours of the morning of December 7 when the line companies of the battalion got settled in Fraulautern, moving into buildings the 379th had cleared and was then occupying. "It was just getting light as we shacked up," recalled S/Sgt. William Taylor of Easy Company. "One man hunting for a place to bed down, picked up a mattress and found a Heinie hiding there. We figured they were pretty close then."

And the Germans were close. From this time on through the next fortnight, it was bitter house-to-house fighting, with the stubborn enemy holding the upper hand by controlling all open spaces in their fields of fire from fortified houses, pillboxes, and bunkers. G and F that morning jumped off down the street along the river. E jumped that afternoon, cleared houses three blocks down to the left. Next several days, G cleared along the river bank, captured the Battalion's first pillboxes (see special story following). Easy sustained counter-attacks, and had a hard time of it with the pillboxes just across the railroad tracks. F ran into counter-attacks and Heinie tanks, but had good luck with PWs going ahead of them and asking their Komeraden to give up. H Company was able to set up and give covering machine gun fire in some of the ad-

T/Sgt. (later Lieutenant) Lemuel G. Tilson, DSC winner, Company F, receives a handshake from Gen. Twaddle.

vances down streets. The battalion often secured the help of Lt. Skala and "Lucien" the Frenchman who always came along. These two men slipped into bunkers and pillboxes on several occasions and talked the Germans into giving up.

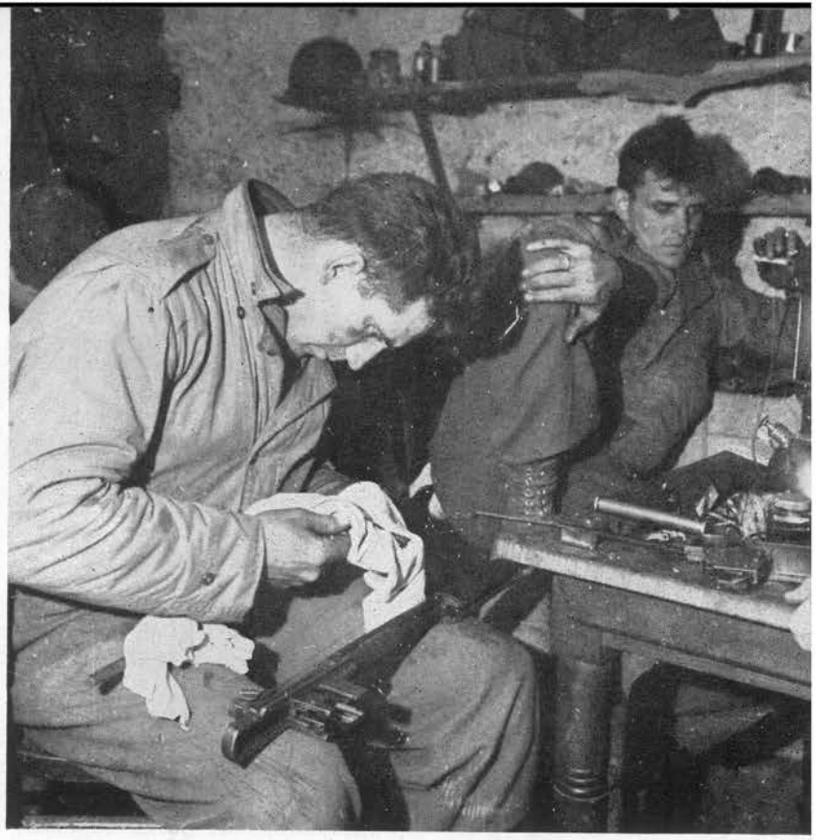
Third and second platoons of Easy Company were caught in a peculiar counterattack on the 8th. Seven Germans charged in on two guards in the doorway of the building that second platoon was occupying. The Heinies sent the guards back as prisoners, and kept the rest of the platoon trapped in the cellar. Instead of clearing the house, the Germans set up a machine gun in the kitchen to fire into the building occupied by the third platoon. Heinies were in buildings across the street, and most of them came from the big bank across the street to the second platoon's house. As each single man approached the doorway, he dropped, for S/Sgt. Charles Arnold, next door in the third platoon's house, was leaning boldly out of a side alley window near the front, calmly picking each of the Heinies off as he approached. Only the original seven Germans were able to get into the building. Machine gun fire chipped cement off his building, but luckily wasn't able to reach Arnold, although it was only inches away. The men in the basement of the second platoon house were really sweating, when T/Sgt. (later Lt.) Jack O'Dell and Pfc. Otto Pelka silently went up the basement stairs, drove the Heinies back out the front of the house. Men from the basement window picked them off as they came out. The platoons, however, were held up in these two houses by the Germans until the 11th, when the first battalion won its famous hotel room battle in the same block, after which the enemy withdrew.

Early on the 9th, F Company received a counterattack and repulsed it. On guard in the first platoon's building, Pfc. Michael Lakatta and Pfc. Wayne Wright held off the attackers until the rest of the platoon arrived with their firepower. Third platoon's building had been attacked simultaneously, and the men were caught in the cellar, with the Heinies on the top floor. About this time S/Sgt. Rothermel was passing the building, on his way to remove a satchel charge that was too near a burning building ahead. As he passed the third's building, he gave the company's standard password of "Cherokee" to make sure our troops were there and it was safe to pass. Receiving no reply, he promptly started tossing grenades, called on other men in the company, and they drove the Germans off.

T/Sgt. (later Lt.) Lemuel G. Tilson then led the second platoon on with a grenade assault room by room through the next three houses and captured 17 PWs. Next day S/Sgt. Earl Scheidt led the first platoon men through buildings across the street, got 13 PWs and four of their machine guns. The last building was in the middle of the enemy force and all entrances were covered once they got in. The building was a duplex, the other half being clear and also the buildings up to it. Three German tanks in an alley across the street had the doorways covered, and also were firing at other F-held buildings. Heinies were in the basement. Sgt. Scheidt and Sgt. John Kowalski fixed their bayonets, rushed through the open doorway down into the cellar and outparried the first Germans they met. The Krauts gave up. A hole was then dug through the basement wall for connection with the rest of the platoon.

'POP' TALKS FAST

On the 11th, the Battalion cleared a large area, going all the way to the railroad tracks. More than 100 buildings were taken. Some of Easy Company overshot the mark and reached a pillbox on the other side of the tracks. Lt. Laird, S/Sgt. Robert Kugler and his squad got into the box, which had been unmanned. More men came over, and a second pillbox was taken. In this one was the commander of seven pillboxes along the railroad. The commander gave them all up. The man of E Company who spoke German and who talked the Heinie into doing this was S/Sgt. Anthony Dettling. Sgt. Dettling had been in the Army in the last war (he volunteered to get overseas in this one), and all the men in the company had a high admiration for him. They called him "Pop" or the "Old Man" and regarded him as the daddy of the second platoon. He set the pace in any type of fighting. "The younger men would be all pooped out, and he'd still be going strong," recalled Sgt. Sam George. "Even as a squad leader, he insisted on carrying his BAR and was always pestering the CO for a new one. And he was the best BAR man in the Company. He used to take new replacements aside and orient them, give them the right kind of talking to they needed before being shoved into the fight. We remember how he always said that the war would end as soon as Turkey came in." Sgt. Dettling was killed on the 14th of December by artillery fire.



Cellars were the most comfortable places to sweat out an artillery barrage. Captain Herbert Hardy discusses the day's fighting with Pfc. Leo A. Stephany of G Company, at the CP, Fraulautern, December 14.

The 12th of December T/Sgt. Tilson had another of his pitched grenade battles. F's third platoon had become isolated due to enemy action. A number of wounded were held prisoner, and a squad was sent out to rescue them. Entering the enemy-occupied building, he grenaded the Germans from room to room. Result was proper evacuation of casualties and the capture of 20 enemy. For this and similar action T/Sgt. Tilson received the DSC.

The next couple of days the troops strengthened their positions and moved around into other houses which they previously had cleared. And they began listening eagerly to the rumors of relief.

F Company had considerable help around them when they cleared several pillboxes and fortified houses by sending up one of their PWs. It worked so successfully with this one prisoner that the men unwittingly took advantage of him. It seems in one bunker the PW had a hard time talking his buddies into surrender, and they made him stay there, threatening to kill him if he returned to the Americans. So during the night he had to sneak out. Realizing the GIs recognized him, he walked nonchalantly back to Fox's buildings. Then he vociferously complained about the detail. The men calmed him down, told him he had done a fine job, and assured him he would be sent back to the detail-less life of the PW cage.

Fifth Division troops moved into the battalion's positions on the night of the 17th, and the battalion pulled back to Saarlautern. Next day they traveled to Hargarten, France, and blissfully settled into their rest area.

THIRD BATTALION.. METZ TO SAAR

That turkey dinner, promised for us as soon as Metz was captured, had to wait, for during the next two days Third Battalion troops were on the run, getting into position for their part in the next big job—the drive to the Saar. This drive would involve piercing the Maginot line of forts, taking the rolling high ground to the Saar Valley, crossing the Saar River, and getting into the Siegfried Line pillboxes. As a preliminary step, the Battalion had to move to the east of Metz to a new line of departure which had been secured by elements of the Fifth Division which had bypassed Metz and had occupied the area immediately to the east of the city.

Moving out of Metz in a column of companies that rainy Thanksgiving Day, the Battalion marched all day to the east and ended up in Coincy and surrounding villages. The doughs were dog-tired from the fighting just finished as well as from the wet hike, and took advantage of the brief respite to clean up and get some sleep. Next day, the companies were ordered to move northeast, into and around Les Etanges. Here more reorganization took place. Companies were filled out with reinforcements. K Company and Headquarters had their turkey for breakfast on the morning after Thanksgiving before taking off; Item got in town that afternoon and had dinner then; L and M arrived after dark, got their turkey out of the kitchen's marmite cans. Their "mess hall" was the usual type of building found in those French villages—a barn-garage that was part of a stone and cement house.

The Battalion stayed in Les Etanges through the following morning, Saturday, November 25, then moved out in reserve toward the city of Boulay, and marched into it at 5:00 P.M.

OBJECTIVE TETERCHEN

Boulay had been taken by the Second Battalion and was secure up to about 2,000 yards beyond, where Second Battalion troops were dug in along the far edge of Ottonville woods. Here is where Third Battalion's mission was to begin the following morning. The immediate objective was to break the Maginot Line and capture the town of Teterchen, about four miles beyond the line of departure.

The terrain for the full four miles was high, rolling and open, with some hedgerows and creeks intervening. All the high ground was commanded by the Germans. A good road and a

This one is self-explanatory

double-track railway, roughly paralleling each other, led northeast to Teterchen, but the situation called for some extreme extended order. A broad skirmish line was formed that morning (7:30 a.m., Sunday, November 26) with I Company on the left of the road and L Company on the right. King men were to follow in reserve. Both the mortar and MG platoons of M Company, because the terrain was too open and the situation too uncertain, left their jeeps and prepared to hand-carry their weapons with the rifle companies. Just in front of the Second Battalion's foxholes, at the fan-out point for the skirmish line on the far edge of the woods, there was a deep tank ditch, extending through and on either side of the road. Troops eyed this carefully. Finally, the order came and movement forward began.

As soon as Item men began filtering out from the protecting cover of the woods, the Heinie sights were on them and mortar shells started plopping in. There was a scamper for the tank ditch. But the attack was on and the shelter of the tank trap had to be only momentary. 1st Lt. (later Capt.) Vincent Geiger, in command of the Company, led his men up and over. Again as the troops popped out the Heinie mortars were immediately on them. The Company opened up with marching fire.

"You could see the Kraut observers on the hilltop about a thousand yards in front of us," related S/Sgt. Estel Crabtree of the second platoon. "They were in front of us at that distance all day long and they stood right up out there peering at us with their glasses. They stayed just out of effective range of our

small arms but every once in a while we must have got them with our rifles or our mortars. . . . Our mortar section sure saved the day for those of us who did get through the Germans' barrage. The Kraut observers would disappear for a moment as we drove on; then you'd see them appear on the next hilltop farther back." Item's mortars followed along with the 81s and fired from the tank ditch.

The German mortar barrage was incessant. I Company was systematically pounded all day long. But the men moved steadily ahead with their blazing and hot marching fire. "It was a matter of fighting on or lie there and die," explained T/Sgt. Houston McClure. "Many of the reinforcements we'd received just the night before began digging in when the mortar barrage started. Those who did were all casualties. We never even got to know those boys." On top of one hill, M Company lost six of its mortarmen.

MAGINOT FORT FALLS

As the drive went on, T/Sgt. (Later Lt.) Joseph Kupiak's second platoon took a Heinie firing a machine gun at them from a house in their sector. Pfc. Clifford Olson, who suffered severe burns on the hand from firing his BAR so much that day, accounted for another machine gunner in a haystack. T/Sgt. Lester Larson took the first platoon forward fast, surprised the tenants of a pillbox and took that Maginot fort. Another pillbox was taken similarly by the second platoon. In it they stopped momentarily for reorganization. The old timers believe this move by their platoon leader was mainly what got them through the barrage that day.

Love Company, meanwhile, also was meeting heavy resistance. L had come up from Boulay to the line of departure in company column along the road and railway, then had fanned out to the right in extended order as the attack started. The 88s, mortars, and small arms poured at them as soon as they hit the open fields. It was sporadic but heavy throughout the day. Here again the men gave credit to their Company mortar men for forcing the Boche back. Lt. Leonard Donaldson's first platoon of M Company gave supporting fire on the prepared positions along the way.

The batatlion was denied the early use of its attached TDs because the road out from Boulay to the woods was extensively mined. Anti-tank Company worked feverishly on removal, and finally had its men stand by the mines and guide the TDs through.

BOCHE PROVIDE SOUP

About 4:00 P.M., Love sighted its objective, Teterchen, and Item, protecting the left flank, pulled up to the rearward side of some high ground facing the town. At last out of direct observation by the Germans, I Company dug in. L Company men could see the town on a hillside, ringed by trench positions and a tank trap. "We got set and stormed the town with marching fire," is how S/Sgt. Thomas Kiddon remembered it. "Then the Germans came running around the town to our flank. Our heavy machine guns cut them down and the rest of the Jerries withdrew." Item men remained on the hillside until dark, then filed down to to the road and on into town. In the building (the entire company now was small enough to fit into one building) in which they set up, hot soup and hot water were waiting for them, courtesy of some high-tailing Boche officers. The rest of the battalion moved into the town during the night.

Next day, November 27, King Company took off early, marched a couple kilometers north and walked into the small town of Velving, meeting little resistance. There was one shot fired at the GIs. With civilian help, King's first platoon tracked down three SS men in civilian clothes, one of whom had fired the shot. Sensing that the main body of the Germans had dropped back, the Company immediately swung northeast through the woods between Velving and Brettnach, passing some unmanned pillboxes, and took the town. They marched on and the same day captured in rapid succession the towns of Odenshaven, Chateau Rouge, Oberdorf, and Voelfling. M Company's second platoon handcarried its machine guns and ammo during the entire march.

I and L Companies marched out of Teterchen in Column and took the town of Tromborn without opposition. Here the companies held up while waiting for elements on the left and right to move up. One platoon of tanks was added for support on the next objective for the day, Villing. The Heinies fought back hard at Villing, but by quick organization and use of 60 and 81 mortars the town was secured by evening. Lt. Raymond Baiz of I, while setting his third platoon up in defensive positions, had his helmet shot upward from his head. S/Sgt. (later Lt.) Donald O'Brien's mortarmen were effective in handling these Germans. This day's work put end punctuation on Third Battalion's fighting in France. Troops were told that Germany proper was just over the hill and that the border was to be crossed the next day. Everyone was invited to "go over the hill," into Germany, of course.

Even if they hadn't been told, the men would have known they had crossed into Germany November 28, for resistance stiffened markedly. Civilians now were definitely of a non-welcoming type. King led off that morning at 8:00 A.M., marched through and took the village of Schreckling, last town on the French side, with a yield of six prisoners and one pillbox. The first village over the border for K, Bedersdorf, fell with much hostility but little firepower from Germans. It was secured by 10:00 A.M. Here all of first and part of second platoon mounted tanks, and the second platoon of M Company was attached for the rapid drive into Kerlingen. S/Sgt. Philip Daggy of the first platoon remembered that tank ride across the field and up and down the terrain. "There was heavy fog that day, and 88s were flying in," he recalled. "Just outside town were zig-zag trenches and tank traps, but we came upon the Heinies so fast that we bottled them up in their trenches, killed some, took some prisoners, and then started using the trenches to our own advantage. We stayed there from noon 'til about four in the afternoon.

As Lt. Walt Soroka of M Company remembers the story of Kerlingen: "Our troops moved into town so fast the Jerries didn't even know it. A Jerry Oberleutenant, in a staff car with his orderly-chauffeur, came driving back into town big as life. Seems as he was all het up and wanted to know WHY communications with St. Barbara had been cut off! As he immediately became a PW, it probably dawned on him." (St. Barbaa was to the north and in the First Battalion's zone of advance and the Germans were still very much there.)

TD BLASTS BUILDING

While King was taking these towns, Love was driving to its objectives for the day, Ittersdorf and Duren. L Company came upon Ittersdorf about noon and got into the edge of town. Machine gun fire sprayed right down the middle of the street, and because the houses there were spaced far apart and offered no cover, the men momentarily had to hold up. Capt. Cecil Sanderson called for a TD, and the machine gun was forced back. S/Sgt. Ivan Sobbing's squad then had the next little task—reaching the second house about 200 yads beyond. "The TD just blassed a hole in that building, and we ran in," explained the Sergeant. "Heinies were dug in behind tombstones in a cemetery on the edge of town, and the second platoon caught some of their lead as they rooted them out. But second platoon men saw to it the cemetery was more heavily populated with dead Germans when they left than it was when they came."

Once in Ittersdorf, which was their first town on German soil, the men found excited crowds of German civilians in cellars and had trouble from them. 'They were yelling blue murder," recalled S/Sgt. Joseph Gumhold. "They had been old the Americans would kill them. They didn't know what to do or think. They acted greatly relieved and at the same time scared stiff. One woman nervously offered me a cup of milk." The company spent a couple of hours in town and reorganized, then as Lt. Onie Oliver put it to his platoon: "Okay, boys, we've got to 'move in' to the town we sleep in tonight."

Ordinarily, the way the lieutenant said "move in" meant fighting for the town. But it wasn't necessary, for the people of that town, Duren, were waving white flags. The town had been taken at noon by the supply sergeant—by mistake. Here's how it happened. Early that morning, Love's supply man, S/Sgt. William Nemethy, back aways from the Company, got the word that the men needed more ammunition. He was hastily briefed on where the Company was to be. But directions were evidently mixed. He recalled: "I took the road that was supposed to lead to Ittersdorf, and I ended up in what I later learned was Duren.

NEMETHY FLUBS BUT GOOD

"As Cpl. Thomas Pettit and myself came into town in our jeep, the Krauts were withdrawing from the other end—not that we knew anyhting about that, either. We pulled up to some civilians, and I asked them where the 'Soldaten' were, meaning our GIs. They pointed beyond the edge of town where the Germans had made their exit and said 'dahin.' So I said to Cpl. Pettit, 'C'mon, we've got to get this ammo up to them,' and we started off. Then the civilians shouted 'Nicht Amerikanische Soldaten—DEUTCHE Soldaeen!"

But when the town settled down after the initial excitement and the troops were in, the German civilians acted like Germans. "I don't know how they did it but those civilians had some prearranged signals for calling in artillery on us," maintained Sgt. Rudy A. Osuna of L Company. "The people seemed to be rushing around the street and then all of a sudden they disappeared and the 88s came in with that old, fast, shrill whistle, zeroed in on the street, but NOT on their houses. The GIs soon got wise and when the civilians got off the street, we vamoosed, too."

"Once we got past those stones that marked the border and got into those first two towns of Ittersdorf and Duren, we sure knew we were in Germany!" K and M men felt the same way about Kerlingen. At the border, Anti-tank Company's mine platoon was removing more traces of German obstinacy.

Pressing further northeast the next day, November 29, Third Battalion troops secured high ground all along the front of their sector. The terrain now was building up to the high ridge and military crest that fell sharply away into the Saar Valley. German resistance began to stiffen all along the regimental front, and in the Third's sector it looked like the Germans intended to hold their ground at all costs. The big objectives, perched on the crest, were the three Felsbergs—Oberfelsberg, Felsberg, and Unterfelsberg. before them was the rising ground that had to be wrested from the enemy.

King deployd out of Kerlingen to the nortoheast, drove through the mid-morning fog, and took its hill along with PWs, dead Heinies, and several MGs and 20-mm. guns, by 8:30 A.M. L Company, following a 30-minute softening up by heavy machine guns of M's first platoon, jumped off at 9:00 and 45 minutes later had its high ground. K Company, attacking at noon, had seized half of its objective an hour later and then for the rest of the afternoon had heavy resistance in the form of artillery and mortars. But I reached the outskirts of Oberfelsberg, and here dug in and held for the night. "Boy, I remember those holes," Pfc. Herman Seitz, Item mortarman, recalled. "We had water up to our ———." Because the attack had moved so fast, Cpl. Wimbel of M shuttled the second platoon MG sections by jeep to the town's tank trap for much-needed support. That night, K pulled back to Duren and Ittersdorf, got set to help out Item in the next morning's attack on Oberfelsberg. During the night, M Company's mortars pumped 1,000 rounds into the town.

I and K were scheduled to start the attack on Oberfelsberg at 9:30 A.M. 30 November. From Item's positions, the land into town was flat and open for about 300 yards, like a table top. Over this, one Heinie machine gunner got busy early and sprayed sporadic fire from his nest on the edge of a tank trap. Pfc. Robert Webster, mortar gunner for I, got busy too and at 9:01 knocked out the MG.

The attack was ordered held up until 2:30. At that time, I and K men pulled out of their holes, and under heavy weapons' mortar and machine gun cover stormed into town and took it in 15 minutes. The troops took 150 PWs, found 25 more Germans killed, and acquired six machine guns, plus several vehicles. The attack continued on to Felsberg proper, and K, leading off, caught mortar fire, but managed to push to the outskirts of town near a tank ditch.

ARTILLERY SMASHES BRIDGE

At this point, one of the tanks attached to the battalion pulled up to go across the still-standing bridge over the tank ditch. As it did, the tank drew artillery fire. Four direct 88 hits smashed in on the bridge. The lumber and ties flew and nine men under the bridge were caught in the debris. T/Sgt. Allen E. Hensala, S/Sgt. Dudley MacMillin, and S/Sgt. George Bemus rescued the eight wounded (one killed) and gave them first aid. Two of

the men severely wounded were the artillery observers. These men called to the infantrymen to take over their radio, but it was wrecked. Our artillery began to come too close for comfort then, too, but this later proved to our advantage.

Soon after, the Germans started a counterattack, throwing in crack panzermen. K, I, and the second M machine gun platoon opened up. Pvt. Sam Pollack of I Company repulsed one tank and accompanying guards with accurate rifle fire and a well-placed grenade. But our own now undirected artillery falling short was believed to be what broke up the Heinie push at 4:30. Through the thickest of the battle engineers were constructing a bridge over the tank ditch, so our tanks could get across.

Meanwhile, L Company was busy cleaning up some more of its hill. There were still some trenches that had to be cleared, as some of the fog had offered good concealment for the Germans. The third platoon came upon a camouflaged ammo dump, in the form of some parked civilian cars. Sgt. Clement Smreck of L was shot in the neck, but rallied his squad to clean up a machine gun in one trench. Another trench was cleared by Pfc. Reuben Michaelson with his BAR. Then Love came on into Oberfelsberg.

In this area, too, K Company picked up some prisoners before the counterattack who were of the not-so-crack variety, Wehrmacht fourth-string. "The third platoon picked up some who cried that they were Polish," recalled S/Sgt. Harry Rosenfeld. "They said they had been in the army only a couple of days; yet they were wearing stripes."

Why Oberfelsberg was so important became apparent to all after its capture. An observer from here could see the Saar Valley that lay below, and, on the east bank of the Saar River extending as far as the eye could see, a maze of pillboxes and bunkers—the Siegfried Line. Once the Felsbergs were in hand, the Battalion's job would ease up, for troops from another Regiment were assigned to take Saarlautern, the crossing site, and make the crossing. The enemy's strong resistance and counterattacks at the Felsbergs and other similar points along this ridge of the regimental front apparently were to cover withdrawal of enemy troops to the east bank of the Saar. Even as the attack on the Felsbergs was continuing, Saarlautern and its suburbs across the river were to be bombed by the air corps in preparation for an attack by troops of the 379th Regiment.

On the morning of December 1, after waiting for fog to clear, Third Battalion continued the attack on Felsberg and secured it by noontime, except for a few snipers. Here, as they prepared to go on down into Unterfelsberg, I and K were pinned down with a steady rain of artillery and mortar. Then a tank wheeled up and fired at a prominent chimney in Unterfelsberg, knocking it down. Heinie observation evidently ceased then, for the incoming stuff stopped. With M's mortars and machine guns assisting, Item and King men then started down a 300-yard stretch of winding road, firing their small arms, and headed for the main street of Unterfelsberg. At the bottom of the hill in town, mortars again started coming in. After that, a German tank lumbered along a road that

Engineers clear up debris from the streets of battle-scarred Saarlautern, while a soldier watches for snipers.

T/Sgt. Paul C. Powers, Jr., DSC winner, Company K.

was perpendicular to the streets on which the battalion troops were advancing. A new reinforcement got into position with his bazooka, and then let fly a dead center hit on the tank . . . but without an explosion; someone had forgotten to pull the safety. At least, the Heinie tank respected his aim and pulled the tank far back. Unterfelsberg was thus secured, and the battalion continued on along the road northeast 1,200 yards toward the village of Pikard before dark.

That evening, 379th troops moved up to Pickard, through Third Battalion, and got set for their attack on Saarlautern, a little more than a mile away. The 378th was on the battalion's right, and the regrouping of troops for the coming Saarlautern attack necessitated Third moving to its left. Accordingly, the next day the Third Battalion was to move North with its objective Beaumarais, a Saarlautern suburb on this side of the river.

BOMBERS HIT SAARLAUTERN

Division had ordered all troops to hold up for the 2nd of December at a line 2,000 yards from the Saar River, so as not to crowd the safety limit of a scheduled bombardment. Four hundred bombers of varied sizes worked over the Saarlautern target for a time and then as the bombing was concluded, King and Love men spread out in extended order over the low fields and covered several kilometers to Beaumaris. The town was taken without resistance by 2:30 and the entire battalion during the afternoon moved into this different-looking town—different because the houses reminded the men of regular middle-class homes in the States. They saw their first toilet bowls since leaving the boat.

In Beaumarais one valuable prisoner was caught. He happened to have a map of the telephone systems of some of the Siegfried Pillboxes just over the Saar. Quite proud of his part in installing phones there, he was a willing talker. The battalion stayed in Beaumarais the next two days, December 3 and 4, caught a little artillery, and could see the river and the fighting going on in Saarlautern. With that city taken by the afternoon of the 4th, Third Battalion was ordered to relieve Second Battalion of the 379th, and marched into Saarlautern in the late afternoon dusk. Snipers were still active.

The battalion on the next day, December 5, relieved more 379th troops and moved generally toward the river and bridge. The bridge over the Saar, from which roads fanned out to the Saarlautern suburbs east of the river, had been taken intact by the 379th. It now became a prime objective of the enemy to wreck it or regain it. They eventually tried everythnig, including suicide missions of lone tanks loaded with demolitions, floating mines, and constant shelling. The bridge had to be heavily guarded and it now fell the Third Battalion's turn. King Company was to place two platoons on the other side of the bridge.

At 2:00 A.M., on the 6th, troops filed out of the building they were occupying and headed for the bridge. It and the area around it were receiving the usual sporadic shelling, but the German shells were not causing any serious damage. The men double-timed across at intervals in two open files. The battalion forward CP was placed in the concrete bunker just on the other side of the bridge. Heavy machine gun sections were dug in along the bank with orders to fire at any debris that might contain heavy explosives.

The regular morning heavy artillery barrage opened up all along the east bank on the river road. Heavy to light artillery came in throughout the day, and screaming meemies (one of the "somethings new" that was added in the Saar fighting) at night. K Company took turns in the foxholes on the banks by the bridge. One man, while doing his tour of guard, had the barrel of his M-1 sheared off, so close were the shells.

With the battalion's troops strategically placed around the approaches, the mission of protecting the bridge was continued from December 7 through December 13. Fighting temporarily eased up and other things that had been put aside were taken care of: letter-

writing, "tet" shots by the medics (given in a bomb-proof shelter of one large building), and even training. But this was necessary demolitions training, to be applied in the coming house-to-house fighting. Troops learned about special charges and practiced in the rubble and in gutted buildings back over in Saarlautern.

On the 11th, rumors of relief began to float around, but no one took any credence in them. "We had been on line so long, we didn't believe there was any such thing as relief," recalled Pvt. McMillin of K. In fact, relief was coming but preceded by a tour of duty—house-to-house fighting—in Fraulautern, right in the Siegfried Line, down the road from the present area around the bridge. A battalion of Fifth Division troops, attached to the regiment, temporarily took over the Third Battalion's positions on the 13th, and Third moved out under the cover of darkness to Fraulautern.

Back to close range with the Heinies, the battalion was ordered to clear blocks of houses in northeast Fraulautern. K and I were up on line with L behind them. TDs (90-mm. self-propelled guns) were attached, and very soon were brought into use.

Item started clearing its area on the 14th. On the night of December 14-15, its advance down one of the streets was held up by fire from a pillbox. A TD wheeled up, forced the MG fire to subside, as the second and third platoons continued their house-to-house advance. Mouseholing through buildings with satchel charges laid against the walls, the platoons in the morning continued the attack and made it to the building nearest the fortification. The work was necessarily painstakingly slow. The TD was employed against the pillbox again; then the box was charged upon but found empty, having been vacated during the night. The rest of the day I and K cleared 22 houses and captured as many prisoners. L Company, in what was called reserve, had odd jobs like reconnaissance patrolling, prisoners escorting, and feint attacks.

MORE OF THE SAME

December 16 and 17 saw the same kind of fighting and about the same kind of progress. Battalion troops captured 12 huses to reach Joseph Goebbels Strasse, cleared 20 more houses, took 16 more PWs, and established a defensive line.

How bitter the fighting was in Fraulautern is indicated by the award of two Distinguished Service Crosses for heroism in action there. T/Sgt. Powers of K Company grenaded an opening of one pillbox, ran up to it, pulled a machine gun from the embrasure and fired into the structure. He could hear the Jerries laughing, but a few minutes later after the use of a C-2 charge eight Germans lay wounded in there and another 10 were dead. S/Sgt. Earl F. Thurston of I Company earned the DSC for killing Heinies in a little machine gun attack by himself. T/Sgt. Houston McClure of I lobbed back a grenade; Pfc. Clayton Nixon of M Company dug out an undetonated shell from his squad's building and Sgt. Arthur Barsema of I got into an enemy dugout, observed their defense and returned to direct mortar fire with amazing accuracy; all of these earned Silver Stars. Ever present were the "opportunities" for Purple Hearts: putting your shadow in a doorway or stopping anywhere out in the open would draw sniper or machine gun fire, and noise would draw mortar.

Rumors of rest culminated by night of the 17, as the long-hoped-for relief finally came. Under the cover of darkness, Fifth Division troops moved in, and Third Battalion troops picked up their bedrolls from the coal bins and fruit cellars, went out into the darkness and, silently filed back through the streets.

After spending the night in the buildings they'd previously occupied in Saarlautern, the troops the next day loaded up on six by sixes and headed back for rest to the little town of Falck.

About the only order they had to carry out here was immediately given by one officer on arrival to his men: "Don't do it in the front rooms of these people's homes!"

S/Sgt. Earl F. Thurston, DSC winner, Company I.

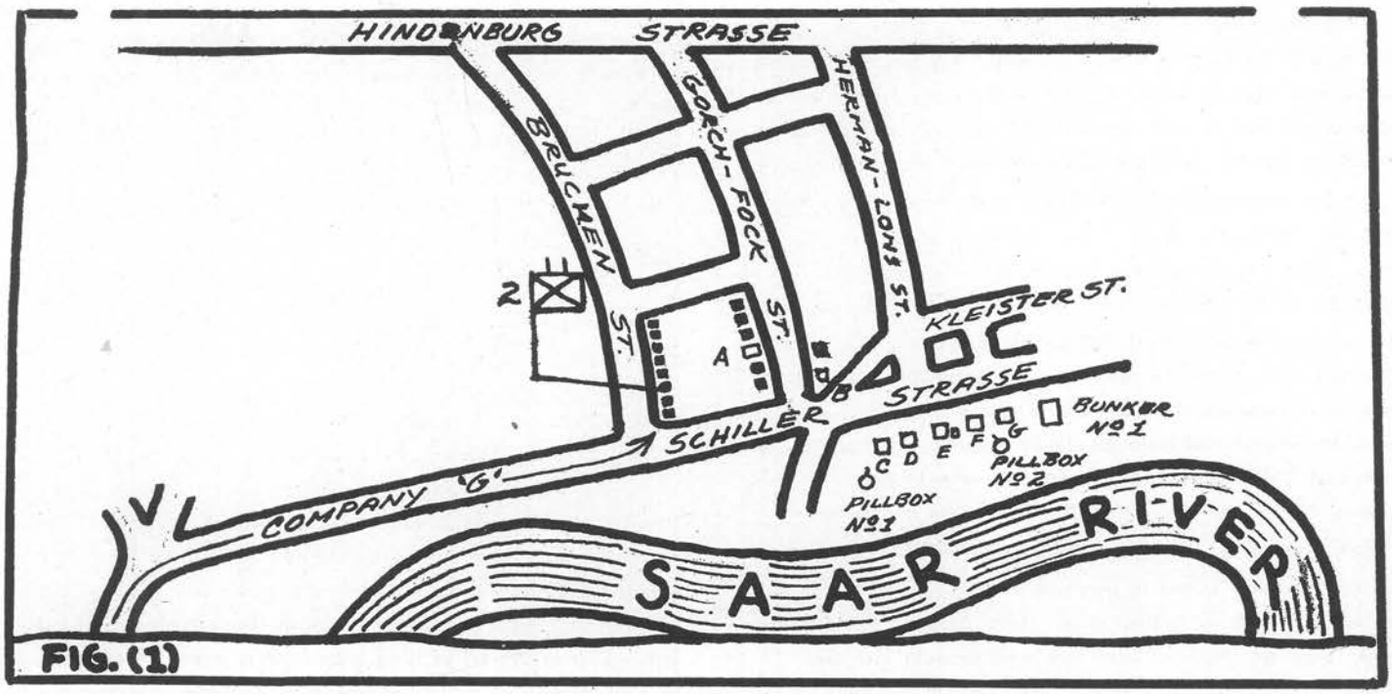


Diagram showing the southwestern edge of Fraulautern, where G Company began its fighting along Schiller Strasse. The arrow indicates the route of march from Saar bridge. Fork in the road at left leads to Saarlouis-Roden. About one-twentieth of the town is represented here.

STREET FIGHTING: SCHILLER STRASSE STYLE

House-to-house fighting is slow—painstakingly slow—anywhere. Throw in the Siegfried Line with it and they've got you ground down to a near stop. Fraulautern, manufacturing suburb just across the river from Saarlautern in Germany's Saar Valley, gave the regiment its first, longest, and worst taste of the Siegfried Line. The following account of G Company's fighting from December 6-10 is told not because it was the most exceptional action, but rather because it's a typical example of fighting in fortified towns of the Siegfried Line. In mentioning the names of officers and men in this account we are recording not merely their exploits, but those of all hard-driving, pillbox-wise 377th Infantrymen. A complete account of all such gallant fighting by men of this regiment in the Siegfried pillboxes would take a book by itself.

"Our eventual objective is the high ground on the other side of the river, about eight miles from here," a lieutenant was telling his platoon. "We've got to take the pillboxes on the hill that commands this valley. There's no special time limit, but it should take about a week to get there. First we've got to go through Fraulautern, and we're going over there tonight. So be ready to move out."

The men mulled over that one. "A week to go eight miles . . ."

It was the night of December 6, 1944. Shortly after midnight came the word to move. Artillery had been slapping in all over Saarlautern and nobody liked lining up in the dark streets, preparatory to making the march. Men of G Company filed out of their buildings and took up the usual open formation, one column on each side of the street. Then, 1st Lt. (now Capt.) Herbert H. Hardy led the Company through the streets to the Saar Bridge. Here, everyone held up awaiting the right moment to cross. Gutted buildings along the street were still burning. There was the occasional roar of crumbling walls. Shells were bursting in the streets. It was a question whether to risk them or take cover against a crumbling building. Then came the expected lull in the shelling. The men hastened across the bridge, fanned out again, and breathed easier once out of the hot spot.

The road to Fraulautern runs north a couple of hundred yards on beyond the bridge, bends east at a three-fork junction, then follows generally along the east bank of the Saar River into the city of Fraulautern. The whole distance is about a kilometer. The land is flat and open, once you have reached the bend in the road. Over this open space the Heinies would shoot flares from their Siegfried positions in Saarlautern-Roden and Fraulautern. The road was zeroed in, but as G Company was crossing, most of the shells were falling harmlessly into the river, occasionally splashing the men in the right file.

Houses along the first street in town, Brucken Strasse (see fig. 1) had been taken previously by K Company, and G Company moved into them for the night. The second platoon was led to some cleared houses on this side of Gorch-Fock Strasse (note House A, fig. 1). This platoon was to lead the Company attack shortly

after daylight—about 8:00 A.M. The Company had as its mission the clearing of houses C, D, E, F and G; pillboxes No. 1 and 2, and bunker No. 1 all of which were located further down the river road (Schiller Strasse) between the road and the water. Ready to jump off at dawn was an assault team of six men of the first squad of the second platoon, with Sgt. Dean F. Brauch leading.

ASSAULT TEAM JUMPS OFF

These men first dashed across Gorch-Fock Strasse to House B and from here, at 8:30, Sgt. Brauch and his men jumped to C, first of the uncleared houses. As they ran across the street, a German machine gun opened up on them from down Schiller Strasse. No one was struck and the men reached House C. This house had a hole blown in it at the ground level, leaving an opening from the basement and above the floor where a man could squeeze through. Germans fired from the cellar part of the hole as the men headed toward them to jump through the hole onto the first floor. Last man in the team, Pfc. Donald M. Smeltzer, was struck and fell at the hole entrance. Inside, as the men went to different rooms of the house, Pfc. Willard C. Cameron went to the head of the cellar stairs, saw Germans at the foot in the basement, promptly tossed a grenade down among them.

Hearing the grenade go off, Lt. Hardy, Lt. Mark V. Goodyear and Sgt. James Bowen's third squad ran over to House C to help. Convinced that it was best to give up, six Heinies filed out of the cellar. Four others had escaped to House D while Sgt. Brauch and his men were making the initial jump, and had been fired on by others of the second platoon who had been waiting in B to follow up the assault. Houses B and C were in the direct field of fire of Pillbox No. 1, but were receiving no fire from it; apparently it was unmanned. All this time, Pfc. Smeltzer lay wounded near the hole in the wall; everyone running into the building had to clear him. This action had all taken place within a few minutes, and as soon as their chance came, litter bearers got Pfc. Smeltzer back to B. He was dead.

Sgt. Brauch's original assault team remained in House C as security, and the rest of the platoon filed through them; then the men took off separately like big birds to House D, which likewise had a conveneient shell-hole entrance in its well. D was a duplex, and this half of the building was found clear of Germans. Lt. Hardy found a large pickaxe in the house, dug a hole through the solid wall separating the apartments, and the men passed through. No resistance was encountered in the other half of the house, and the men got set to dash on to House E.

As second platoon was making this advance, third platoon was clearing houses on the opposite side of the street but having an easy time of it, as all the buildings were unoccupied. Third reached a point cater-cornered from Bunker No. 1, and H Company machine gun section set up to cover the action across the street and the bunker area. About 9:00 A.M., three Wehrmacht "soldaten" were standing on the street side of the bunker, smoking and batting the breeze, apparently unaware of GIs being so close. H men opened up and cut them down.

The Heinies in Pillbox No. 2, however, were on the job. Since the box was situated so as to fire into the backsides of all the buildings up to it, they fired continually. With the platoon set to jump again, Sgt. Brauch and his men came up to Building E to provide security. One of the men was hit by rifle fire from the pillbox. The second and third squads then went into House E, which was gutted, found no trouble there, but were held up as they sought to reach Building F. Building E had a large barn to its rear. Between E and F, was a driveway, and a solid brick wall extended through the backyard of F, so that the barn and this wall cut off the open space of the driveway from the view of the pillbox. House F, however, presented a solid stone wall, with but a single upper story window.

The Jerries tossed out concussion grenades as the GIs appeared in the driveway. Lt Hardy and Pfc. Ernest L. Goolsby tried to dig a hole through this wall with the pick. Two grenades tossed at them failed to go off. A third was tossed, did go off, but caused no damaage out in the open, except for Goolsby's face when he smacked the solid wall as he suddenly struck out for cover. Lt. Hardy called back for a charge to blow a hole in the building. By this time it was late afternoon, and engineers with a beehive charge did not arrive until after dark. The charge was set, and the hole blown, setting the house on fire.

The fire burned all through the night. "The whole thing was like the Fourth of July," recalled S/Sgt. Archie R. Adams. "There was a hell of a lot of small arms going off all night as the fire burned stocks of ammunition." The fire was mostly inside, so very little light escaped.

NIGHT IN FRAULAUTERN

Darkness came early this time of year and made this night the first of many long, tense ones in Fraulautern. In the pitch black-

Looking northeast up Schiller Strasse, this is what George men saw, if they dared look at the time. Up this street came screaming meemies and 88's, sniper and machine gun fire. Pile of rubble at the end by the whole house was a junk-pile road block, right behind which Heinie tanks pulled up to lob shells.

ness, you couldn't be sure where the Germans were . . . sneaking up on you, about to attack you by surprise, or setting up silently under your very nose ready to raise hell at daylight. Guards had to stand by windows and doors, without moving a muscle for fear of making noise, never blinking or lifting eyes from the assigned blobs of darkness they had to peer into. It was bitter cold. Standing still and strained made the cold all the more intense. A dead Heinie lay in the front yard of a third platoon house near B, where a squad and platoon Command Post were in the basement. A four-man ration detail came up the steps, slipped out past the guards without a word, treaded silently back the streets to the Company CP.

The men on guard heard tanks moving around about two blocks to their left front. An 88 whistled in and exploded several yards away from their doorway. Two more came in, in rapid succession, and landed even closer. It was only 15 minutes before the next guards would relieve them, so one of the four guards gladly headed for the cellar stairway to get them. From away off down the town came a faint wail which grew louder and sounded as though it was coming straight at the house. Just as it seemed it would land, the loud siren sound whirred slowly overhead. It was a "screaming meemie" the men thought. They were sure of it when they heard six bursts one right after the other.

The new guards appeared and took up the watch silently. They were told in guarded whispers about the tanks and that the ration detail was still out. Outside intermittent rain began to fall, and the dampness gave the hallway a wet-down smell instead of plaster dust.

Downstairs, the old guards told of the sound of tanks and the platoon leader phoned the information to the Company CP. The flicker of the candle near the field phone looked good to the men just off guard; the heat from the stove which the squad had rigged up felt even better. One man added another brickette of coal, and a couple of cans of K-ration corned pork loaf were put on to heat. The cellar had junk pushed aside to the walls so the men could lie down. The men lay with all clothing and shoes on, two or three huddled under a blanket or separately in sleeping bags, on all kinds, sizes, shapes and colors of mattresses dragged from one-time bedrooms. Nobody noticed the dirt, plaster and coal dust or the paraffin smoke from burning K wrappers or the stale tobacco smell.

Back upstairs, the guard saw a dark form appear by the dead Heinie. He whispered "Halt." The reply "Mississippi," password for the night, came back. It was the ration detail, back with K's, water, and mail. The night went on, and toward dawn the guards were put on the double alert—no telling what would be there to greet you as daylight broke.

A lot had gone on immediately behind the front line, too, during the night. The mail, K-rations and water that the ration detail had picked up had been brought to the battalion CP (see fig. 1) by six jeeps which made the perilous trip at dark on the river road as silently as mist. Company commanders were called to the battalion CP for the next day's attack orders. Then platoon leaders and platoon sergeants were summoned to the Company CPs for their orders.

During the night, G's second platoon had holed up in House E. Since Building F was burning, they had to have more than the usual number of guard posts. Third platoon was back across the street, and first platoon men had come up the Company supply route from buildings in the first block through A and B to C. Building C was just a shell and full of holes in the cellar ceiling and consequently couldn't be blocked out. The men had an aggravating time of it groping around in the dark (and rain) to wake each other up for guard and to hunt for places to accommodate the GIs. Artillery came in every once in a while and a flock of the new scare devices, screaming meemies, went over.

THIRD PLATOON ATTACKS

When morning came, attack orders called for the third platoon to jump off. Second, third and first squads took off in that order (a squad was now down to an average of seven men) from their buildings across the street to D. Every man was fired on as he crossed, but all made it safely. The men dashed through Buildings D to E, where they had to hole up most of the day waiting for building F to cool off from the previous night's fire.

Pfc. Howard Rhoads and Pfc. Wallace Mathy utilized the time for firing from the barn of E at the dome of the pillbox, which was all it had exposed above ground, with their bazooka. Pfc. Rhoads (who was killed by a sniper bullet two days later) fired 65 rounds of bazooka there. Each man of the third platoon had carried a round. Pfc. Mathy and Pfc. Everett Morris made numerous trips back for more projectiles. Through the slit in the pillbox, a muzzle of a gun had been following noises in the barn. Then for an hour or so there was no activity from the pillbox; the bazooka explosions apparently had driven the Heinies downstairs. Third platoon men finally jumped up, went into the burned-out building through the cellar past the roasted body of a Jerry, and out the back door. "The heat was terrific going through there," Pfc. Anthony F. Brendell, recalled. "The coal pile in the callar was still burning. The cooked Kraut must have smelled awful, but the heat drove us out too fast to notice that."

It was 15 yards acros rubble to the next house across a direct field of fire of the pillbox, and when the men heard the snap of a Heinie rifle they lit for the next building like they were belly-sliding into home plate. But these bullets, however, were coming from down the street. Lt. Marion S. Bower, platoon leader, and some of the men went from room to room yelling "Kommen Sie aus," but there were no PWs to be had. Then Lt. Ross Harris of H Company, coming up to reconnoiter for a machine gun position, was hit in the hip in that open 15 yards. After first aid by Pfc. Richard Adley, third platoon medeic, Lt. Harris asked for a phone, and called back to tell his men not to come across that space.

The building the platoon now occupied was to be jump-off point for an attack on both the pillbox and the bunker. Throughout the rest of the afternoon, bazookas fired on the pillbox from the second platoon's positions in the barn. At dusk, someone brought a bundle of mail for the third platoon, but the man was told to hold up and not come across the open spot where everybody was getting hit. He tossed the bundle but it landed about 10 feet from the house. One of the men took a hoe, stretched out from the building, and scraped in the letters. Just at dark, artillery came in, and tore up the telephone lines to third platoon several times, particularly those in the driveway before the burned house. S/Sgt. Archie Adams went out each time to repair them. Also at twi-

light, Pfc. George Kretchmar, from his guard post upstairs in House G, could see a German tank maneuvering among buildings behind a junk-pile road block just beyond the bunker. The tank fired its 88s into G Company buildings, withdrew apparently to get more ammunition, then returned. From the same post, some Jerries were sighted coming into the bunker. The third platoon fired on them, and that drew machine gun fire.

Another long black night brought the fighting to a second tense stand-still. It was colder but clearer than the previous night. Everyone was cold and black with ground-in dirt. Noses were running. When a guard coughed during the night, Kraut mortars laid in right on the spot. Shells from the tank came in throughout the night, knocking plaster on the men in the cellar of Building G, as they tried to snatch some sleep.

SQUAD LAYS 'BEEHIVE'

The platoon held up the next day, December 9, while a friendly, self-propelled 155-mm. gun from back in the first block tried unsuccessfully to reduce the pillbox. The mission was resumed at dark, when an engineer squad brought up 150 rounds of Composition C and TNT. With 80 pounds of this split up among them, men from the third squad—S/Sgt. Adams, Pfc. Anthony F. Brendel, Pfc. Alfred E. Domina, Pfc. John Dolci, and Sgt. Norbert J. Majdoch—and three engineers crawled out several yards to the trench which ran from the bunker to the pillbox, groped their way through the trench to the top of a cement stairway in the rear of the fortification, and descended three flights to the iron back door of the concrete structure, plowing through rubbish and water at the bottom. The mumble of Heinie conversation could be heard as the engineers went to work setting the charge.

Then the men lit out of the passageway, back through the trench and over the yard in nothing flat, not even stopping for their own guard's challenge. "It was a three-minute fuse," Majdoch remembered, "but it seemed like 30 seconds." The explosion was terrific, blowing sod from the top of the box over 20 feet away. The same men went back two hours later to find out what happened, but there was too much gas from the explosion to investigate. Going out again about midnight, the group found the steel door twisted in, and in the room just beyond, two dead Heinies floating in the water on the floor, another Heinie propped against the wall, still moaning.

First pillbox encountered by G Company in Fraulautern. Referred to as "Pillbox No. 1" on diagram accompanying this story, it is viewed backside from "House B" on Schiller Strasse. Note trenches, along which Heinies pulled out to Pillbox No. 2, a similar fortification which was underground, and one from which the Germans fired incessantly at George men. Foreground is backyard of House C.

Meanwhile, T/Sgt. Edward J. Kapella and Sgt. John D. Starceski reconnoitered the bunker, looking for the easiest entrance. Then they, Lt. Brower, and the first squad set out to take it, approaching through the trench. The German sentry at the iron-gate entrance fired on them. They tried to fire back, but their weapons had become too clogged with mud from the trench to operate, so all returned. About two o'clock in the morning, Lt. Skala of the regimental prisoner interrogation team and his famous French co-worker, Lucien, crawled out to the bunker, talked to the sentry, gained entry, and talked the five Heinies inside into surrendering. Then the platoon searched the bunker, finding weapons, rations, and bunks for 25 men. "Lucien," who seemed to have an inborn knack for souvenir collecting, made a good haul there. The platoon finished out the night here, and in the morning first platoon men passed through them to clear more houses and bunkers.

Thus went the street fighting along Schiller Strasse—a typical Fraulautern example. Struggling bitterly, night and day, the line companies of the Regiment went on the offensive like this for almost the whole month of December.

SAAR BRIDGEHEAD

Almost as soon as company commanders had finished telling their men that they were to be in the rest areas for at least seven days, warning orders were issued alerting the regiment for going back up to the line. The Germans had launched their offensive in the North; every available force was needed up front.

When the Allies' line broke, the American Third Army rushed to contain the bottom of the Bulge and to rescue the defenders of Bastogne. It was necessary to pull out from the Saar bridgehead, to have the fresh and full strength Fifth Division go along, and to send the 95th back to relieve Fifth troops. Thus, the 377th Regiment relieved Fifth Division troops in the very same positions in Fraulautern that it had just a few days ago turned over to one of the Fifth's regiments.

Not only was the regiment returning to the line it had previously reached in the Saar bridgehead, with still no reinforcements, but it was to take over additional territory, much of which could only be held by patrolling. Moreover, Saarlautern and its suburbs made up the second largest populated area which the Allies held in Germany, and, in addition, its Saar bridgehead was of vital importance for possible future Allied exploitation. The Germans

were on the offensive, probably even probing for a secondary breakthrough of American lines, and with the Americans strung out thinly in the Saar basin, this could well be the spot.

These conditions consequently dictated the mission of the 95th Division, and of the regiment, for the next phase of operations, from the latter part of December through the 27th of January. The mission: "Active Defense." That meant three things: 1) hold the line; 2) limited objective attacks to throw the enemy off balance; and 3) repulse any counterattacks. Before the period was over, the regiment had plenty of all three. In defending the bridgehead and repulsing a large scale counterattack, in Saarlautern-Roden, troops of the regiment and its combat team effected some highly efficient teamwork that saved the day in spite of our thinly spread line. This was a period of teamwork, of patrolling, of propaganda-exchanging, of being on guard, and of beating off an enemy whose morale has risen noticeably. During this time also, the Regiment was rotated in the Division's zone along with the other two regiments, and in that way did get some deserved relief.

REST CUT SHORT

While the alerting orders were being issued on December 19, the troops were enjoying some long-needed showers—a part of the rest and rehabilitation program that barely got started. A cadre of non-coms and officers was selected to go to Metz for a period of one week to train some 3,000 new reinforcements transferred in to the infantry from service and support troops. The Regiment would soon get its share, but meanwhile would have to carry on under-strength.

Orders came to move back on the 21st. That night, the First and Third Battalions went over into Fraulautern and relieved the Fifth Division troops. Moving to a new area, the Second Battalion, less F Company, moved to Lisdorf, south of Saarlautern, to relieve a

GI's line up for booster shots at aid station in Hargarten, France, during brief rest period, December 20.

battalion of the 378th Regiment. Fox Company had the mission of guarding the bridge in Saarlautern.

Just before returning to the line, the troops had a gas scare and also were warned of the possibility of German paratroopers being dropped in the rear. The Battle of the Bulge was on up north, and since the Germans were in the last throes of desperation, these things could be. The gas—which effected 14 of the Fifth Division men—proved to be only the toxic effect of a grenade thrown into their cellar. Another Third Army unit had caught in its rear area three German paratroopers, completely outfitted in American uniforms, and these PWs stated that there were 140 such Germans behind Army lines. Use of American overcoats especially became a feature of the German infiltrating tactics in the bridgehead zone during this time.

In the next few days the First and Third Battalions actively carried out their missions in Fraulautern. B and L Companies pushed out and each advanced a couple of blocks forward of the original front lines in limited objective attacks. Primary purpose was to prevent the enemy from believing that the American troops were in a defensive position. A secondary object was the capture of prisoners. Several hours later, under cover of an artillery barrage, the troops withdrew to original positions. The Germans made three small counterattacks on the 23rd in Fraulautern and, failing in these, attempted to infiltrate small groups through the lines. The Battalions cleared them from the area by noon. Prisoners taken stated that the Germans were aware of some change in our

Message Center men of Second Battalion found their CP destroyed upon return to Saarlautern on December 23, after a three-day rest.

lines and that they were to learn details of the change. Fire from artillery and mortars on both sides increased during the period, and was particularly heavy Christmas Eve.

SECOND IN LISDORF

The Second Battalion, meanwhile, was improving its defensive positions in Lisdorf and directing harassing fire, including small arms, mortars and artillery, into the towns of Ensdorf, Bous and Grieshorn across the river. Anti-Tank Company during this period laid a mine field and tied in the anti-tank defense of the zone. Cannon Company fired continually on many targets of opportunity. Its fire power had been augmented with the formation of the "First Sergeant's Battery" composed of cooks and headquarters personnel firing four German 75-mm. guns under leadership of First Sergeant (later Lt.) Charles Ridge. The company averaged 600 rounds of American 105-mm. and almost as many of German 75-mm. every day.

The enemy was quite busy, too. For the first time since the Division had been in combat, the Luftwaffe was extremely busy in the 95th area. The Germans were throwing in heavier artillery barrages in Saarlautern. From outposts, 377th troops reported that much vehicular movement could be heard from behind the German lines. Enemy combat patrols got through often, but were picked off from 377th defensive positions or cleaned up by ambush patrols.

CHRISTMAS 1944

Christmas Day was relatively quiet along the Regimental front. Activity consisted mainly of observation posts calling for fire wherever they caught sight of the Germans. One First Battalion outpost manned by B Company, from a vantage point near the far edge of Fraulautern below the pillbox-studded ridge, could see Jerries running in their entrenchments from one pillbox to the other and to a house at the base of the hill. "Some sort of a Christmas party must have been going on," Pfc. (later Sgt.) Paul D. Sinniger, on guard at the time, speculated. "They evidently were taking a nip every now and then. They had chickens penned in around one pillbox, and every once in a while they'd come out and grab one. Smoke was pouring out of the smokestacks of the house which had a trench leading to the pillbox, and I guess war or no war, they were having their Christmas dinner." The men called in artillery and mortar on the Germans, as they ate turkey sandwiches which the company's kitchen had sent up. The Heinies apparently felt pretty secure in their pillboxes, and generally took the day off in the area. An enemy Christmas party in a bunker across the river from the Second Battalion was believed broken up when eight-inch gun fire was directed onto it.

For the last week of the year, the regiment continued its mission of active defense. B, I, and L Companies on the 26th again made a limited objective attack and returned, encountering only light small arms. In the area where the Third Battalion patrols probed later that week, it was reported that several Germans were occupying practically every house in the enemy portion of town. First Battalion patrols also contacted more German infantrymen than they had on previous patrols.

The supporting outfits contributed a good deal that week. Late on the 28th, all mortars in the regiment and the 4.2 Chemical mortars attached to the 920th FA Battalion fired a mission on a slag pile where enemy movement had been reported. Next day, all mortars fired one of Major Sheehan's time-on-target missions, followed by a battalion concentration from the 920th. The artillery also fired surrender leaflets. Cannon Company continued firing on targets of opportunity, got one call to drop some on an enemy chow line and did. Anti-Tank Company's mine platoon and Company B of the 320 Engineers prepared road blocks.

The battalions were receiving their share of the replacements which the division cadre had trained during the past week. Some officers went on a recon of the Maginot Line in the division rear, where it was planned the regiment would defend in case of a planned withdrawal from the bridgehead area.

LAST FRAULAUTERN PUSH

Last push made in Fraulautern by the 377th took place on December 31. First Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Decker, ordered Baker Company to push until they got PWs, badly needed for information at the time. The second platoon, after securing 13 prisoners, held up temporarily, and during that time was counter-attacked. After some fast M-1 fire by alert guards, Pfc. Joseph

Footbridge across the Saar several yards above the captured bridge was guarded by First Battalion units during part of January.

Top: Christmas in Lisdorf, Germany, was celebrated fittingly at Second's Aid Station. Front row: S/Sgt. William Mundy, T/5 Eugene J. Grams; back row: Captain Douglas Aitken, Lieutenant Henry J. Sherr, Chaplain Albert Schofer, T/3 Victor Cramer. Above: Here's one that didn't get away. New Year's Day, Felsberg, Germany.

S. Orlandi and T/4 Russell Moberly, four more Heinies gave up. I and K Companies pushed in the Third Battalion's limited objective attack that day, but found no Germans, even after going beyond the intended limits.

When the two battalions pulled back to their original defensive positions in Fraulautern, it was New Year's Eve. They were going to start the new year out right, too, for orders for relief had been issued. The 378th was to take over the positions the next day.

A number of Heinie infantrymen on the morning of New Year's Day counterattacked the First Battalion, but withering fire from small arms, bazookas, and rifle grenades drove them back. Relief of the troops in Fraulautern took place that night. Back across the river in the comparative safety of Saarlautern, the troops got into six-by-sixes and were transported to the rear area French towns that they had gone to for their first relief a fortnight earlier. The Second Battalion, because of a German counterattack on an outfit on the regiment's right, remained in Lisdorf through January 2, attached to the 378th.

The second day of January found the relieved troops back in their old rest areas—First Battalion in the village of Coume, Third Battalion and Cannon Company in Falck, Anti-Tank Company in Denting, Headquarters was also in Falck. It was a cold and snowy winter day, and a good time to be resting around those little coal stoves. Next day, the Second Battalion was relieved and returned to its rest area at Hargarten.

Rest, rehabilitation, some training, and preparation of defense lines were the activities of the regiment for the next ten days. First and Third Battalion troops prepared defensive positions along a line from L'Hopital to St. Avold, and this was known as the "Blue Line." Another line called "Chow Line" was prepared south of St. Avold. Training consisted of test-firing weapons, instructions in demolitions, booby traps and flame throwers.

BACK TO THE LINE

Regiments rotated again in the division zone on January 11 and the 377th was again assigned active defense of the Saarlautern bridgehead, but this time excluding Lisdorf and Fraulautern, and holding the additional town of Saarlautern-Roden which was across the bridge and next to Fraulautern, on the north. Troops in Fraulautern were to be those of the 378th Regiment, and they were to be attached to the 377th to coordinate the defense of the area. This time, the Second Battalion moved up to holding positions along a wide front in Guisingen and surrounding towns of Wallerfangen and Oberlimberg, relieving troops of the 379th. First Battalion troops were to defend Saarlautern, and the companies were scattered strategically throughout the city by late afternoon of January 11. C Company however, being assigned close-in defense of the Saar bridge and the footbridge near it, didn't move in until after dark. Third Battalion that night moved across to Saarlautern-Roden. Cannon Company moved into Beaumarais, in back of Saarlautern, and the Anti-Tankers again took up strategic positions in the area, particularly near the bridge. Command of the bridgehead passed to the 377th CO at 9:00 p.m.

Activity again took on the pattern of the previous active-defense period. Supporting mortars and artillery fire were zeroed in, patrols were run, limited objective attacks were made, and guards as far back as Guisingen were on the double-alert for enemy infiltraters. Reports of first patrols indicated no enemy to the immediate front of our troops, for the enemy evidently was as thinly strung out as we were.

Launching a limited objective attack in Saarlautern-Roden simultaneously with an attack by 378th troops in Fraulautern on January 15, the Third Battalion encountered stiff opposition from machine guns and small arms, but the Battalion was able to push as far as it had intended. The 378th troops ran into considerable mortar fire, but also managed to reach their objective. An estimated two companies of German infantry, approximately 80 men each, resisted the attack.

Patrols of both sides were very active. The Battalions had regular patrols out day and night, covering areas not otherwise

guarded, and they frequently ran into enemy patrols. On one occasion enemy patrols got back as far as Oberlimberg, back up on the high ridge overlooking the entire bridgehead area. This happened on the night of the 15th. The previous night, a German patrol crossed the Saar in the Second Battalion area and was engaged by Battalion troops. One badly wounded German was captured and the others escaped, though trapped on this side of the Saar. Five German patrolmen captured the night of the 15th in Oberlimberg were believed to be members of the previous night's patrol. These men were high caliber soldiers and were extremely security-conscious. About 4:30 a.m., of the 18th, a four-man patrol from the Second Battalion encountered a 14-man Jerry patrol in Wallerfangen. In the ensuing firefight, two prisoners were captured, one killed; the rest of the patrol escaped.

This was the situation up to January 18: the enemy passive in resistance, but feeling out our lines, while our active defense and the tactic of harassing the enemy by small-scale attacks was continued. But the relative quiet of the front was soon to change. In the next few days activity was built up to the biggest single battle of the bridgehead period—the enemy's attack in Saarlautern-Roden against the Third Battalion, which was successfully repulsed through the teamwork of the infantry and of its supporting elements.

BROADCAST PROPAGANDA

Certain activities of the enemy, beginning on January 18, indicated that the Germans were either becoming more aggressive or that some new unit was in the area. Their ominous-sounding public address system broadcast music to our lines (mostly "Pistol Packing Mama"), gave dire warnings and demanded surrender. The 377th retaliated with a broadcast, giving the enemy news and facts. Artillery crashed in after that. That night, an enemy patrol of about 15 men and one officer infiltrated the American lines between Saarlautern-Roden and Fraulautern. An outpost on the extreme right of L Company observed the patrol, and let it continue until they could put effective fire on it. The BAR man of the outpost fired, dispersing the patrol and killing one officer and four men. The dead Germans were later searched, but nothing of military importance was found, indicating the group had taken special security measures.

The once-proud factory buildings of Fraulautern were reduced to rubble by incessant artillery and air pounding.

USO shows did reach the infantry overseas, as these shots from one at Falck, France, will prove. GI's were hungry for these sights which reminded them of home.

The spot where the patrol had infiltrated was in the center of the front line at the junction of the Third Battalion and the 378th troops. Because the buildings in this portion of the line were so demolished that it was impossible to man them, the area was being covered by fire only. Previously the regiment had laid an anti-tank mine field there also, but the sector, being unoccupied, was comparatively weak. It was here that the enemy had his best approach from Saarwellingen (behind the enemy line to the northeast) to the bridge without fighting through a mass of houses.

On the 19th, the build-up continued. The Luftwaffe bombed and strafed areas in the 95th's rear. About noon of the 19th, a 24-man German patrol, incredibly moving along in a column of twos, headed toward L Company positions in southern Saarlautern-Roden. The Company placed small arms and automatic weapons fire on the advancing patrol and killed and wounded several of the Germans.

The remaining Jerries attempted to reach a house in much the same manner as a football player would make a broken field run. First, four of the enemy charged toward the house, and a BAR opened up and killed them all. Then a German machine gunner zig-zagged forward over the dead bodies and was killed by rifle fire. A minute later, a German who was apparently out of breath

Red Cross Clubmobile provided doughnuts, coffee, and the first glimpse in months of American girls, at Hargarten, France, January 8.

came up from the rear, in plain view of the GIs, leaned against the house and was shot through the head. Throughout the day the company attempted to dislodge those who made it into the house, and before the incident was over three more Heinies were killed and left hanging out of the windows. The rest fled at dark. Two other Heinies infiltraters killed at dark had on GI overcoats. Other enemy patrols were active during the day, further indicating that something was about to happen.

About noon of the 19th two German soldiers gave themselves up to K Company men and were returned to the battalion CP. Talking freely, one of the men gave a description of a planned counterattack to be launched on the morning of the 20th. Third Battalion immediately took steps to strengthen the sector. An additional minefield was laid. The 81-mm. mortars of the battalion were zeroed in, and new defense fires planned. The 60-mm. mortars of the three rifle companies were zeroed in here also. First Battalion mortars were zeroed in by Third Battalion observers, and complete radio and phone communications were worked out whereby any observer or infantryman could call for a concentration and the fires of any unit could be placed upon it with lightning speed. The night of the 19th huge fires were started by the Germans.

ENEMY LAUNCHES ATTACK

About 5:00 a.m., enemy patrols began infiltrating the American lines in such an efficient manner that Third Battalion troops could do nothing but keep a careful tab on them until daylight. At 6:00 a.m., the Germans threw a tremendous artillery and mortar barrage into Saarlautern-Roden. At the same time heavy shelling was placed in and around Saarlautern, and the 920th FA Battalion in Alt-Forweiler and Cannon Company in Beaumarais received 150-mm. shelling. This intense barrage lasted a period of 20 minutes after which the enemy launched the attack with an estimated 450 infantrymen supported by two tanks and an unknown number of self-propelled assault guns. Despite wire communications being severed everywhere by the artillery barrage, radios were working at their best.

The battalion was so well prepared that the Germans were slaughtered in the early stages of the attack. The enemy infantrymen advanced boldly down the streets toward the front, but their fire was not returned until they reached the defensive fire zone. First the enemy was met with a withering hail of small arms fire. Then the mortars went into action with Third Battalion's firing one section, and First's another. Artillery was called for, and the 920th and Cannon poured it on. Then more and more was called for, and soon the entire Division and some Corps Artillery, five battalions in all, were brought into action. The Heinies fought with aggravating and insistent tenacity.

Radiomen were busy all over the place calling for barrages and relaying reports. Over one radio from an outpost that was being surrounded came: "They're about to get all around us, they're coming through our fire—a hell of a lot of them. Over." Answer: "Don't worry. We'll keep giving you artillery. We'll try to get reinforcements through to you. Over." Back came a call for help, the outpost was nearly surrounded. To the outpost men: "They're up to US now. We can't get help to you. You're on your own now. Out."

Soon stunned and shocked and pummeled by the surprising amount of stuff thrown at them, and with many of their leaders fallen, the enemy was in a state of utter confusion. By noon, the Germans were defeated decisively and finally began a withdrawal of all their remaining troops. Throughout the afternoon the Battalion continued to flush out the enemy from its rear. At one time during the attack all front line units had been surrounded. Most of these Germans had been the patrolmen who had infiltrated before dawn. As the attack had begun, some of them had called on the Americans to surrender and were immediately killed as they revealed themselves.

Beside the mortars and the exceptional artillery support, examples of the team work of all units concerned were numerous. Company C of the First Battalion was sent as reinforcements and aided I Company in clearing out the rear of the town. One platoon of the 778th Tank Battalion was sent for the defense of Saar lautern. The motorized Third Battalion of the 378th was alerted as a safety measure. The Second Battalion of the 378th cleaned

From dug positions overlooking the Saar River and its historic bridge, T/Sgt. Urban Rothermel and Pfc. Tom Fields of Company F stand guard.

up strong patrols that penetrated its sector as the attack was launched. The 377th Second Battalion cleaned out patrols that managed to get west of the Saar in its sector.

GERMANS ATTACK AGAIN

At midnight, the enemy attacked again, this time in two groups with approximately 40 men and one officer each. One group approached along the railroad tracks but was dispersed by machine gun fire from Company K. The others were cleaned up at daylight with the use of an attached TD firing on the enemy-occupied buildings. Flushing out of the enemy continued throughout the day.

PW interrogation revealed that the attackers had the mission of reducing the Saar bridgehead and forcing the American troops to the west side of the Saar. The Jerries had been trained especially for a month on village-fighting, and had an engineer platoon which brought flame-throwers, panzerfaust, and demolitions. Although determined in his efforts, the enemy's attack was a complete failure. The Division's forward lines remained the same. A total of 136 prisoners was captured during the two-day attack, and an estimated 250 enemy were killed and 150 wounded. Our losses were 12 killed, 43 wounded, none missing.

An indication of the severity of the attack was the number of Silver Stars awarded for gallantry during the period—22. Acts of heroism ran from boldly laying charges, single-handedly taking automatic weapons, to sticking by guns until overrun and killed. Attacked by infantry and a tank, an L Company outpost crew, a new reinforcement from an AAA outfit and four other men, stuck to its post manning a 50-caliber machine gun. All were killed, but 50 Germans were found lying in the street in front of the gun.

"Teamwork displayed by all concerned was exceptional," declared an official report. "The success of repelling the enemy attack can be attributed to the stubborn defense put up by our men and officers and their skillful use of all weapons at their command."

REGIMENT LEAVES SAAR

The night of the 21st, those welcome rotating orders came down, and the following night the relief of the Regiment was accomplished as 379th troops took over the positions.

During the next few days, through January 27, a rest program in the old rear areas again was conducted. But these recuperative activities were short-lived, for orders for movement with destination Top Secret (but rumored to be far to the north) came on the 27th.

Everyone had figured that sooner or later the outfit would have to take the high ground beyond Fraulautern and Saarlautern-Roden, where the Westwall was eight to 10 miles deep with a maze of pillboxes, bunkers, entrenchments and dragon's teeth. Taking that high ground, which was once "our eventual objective" was easier said than done. Nobody—nobody in the whole Allied Expeditionary Force—ever went through that section of the Siegfried Line. When all the Siegfried breakthroughs did come, the Third Army wheeled around that Saar section, via Koblenz and Frankfurt.

The drive to the Saar, bringing the Regiment up against Germany's Siegfried Line, was concluded. The bridgehead across the Saar River was now secure.

Chasing the Germans all over the Eastern France lot and into their own German front yard, the Regiment had made a sweeping drive that again put it in headlines, as a typical Patton outfit. When the enemy made any of his numerous stands along the line of Maginot forts, along mile after mile of his commanding high ground, at the border, and along the military crest that overlooked the Saar (here with the crack 21st Panzer Division attacking), the Regiment didn't slow up but drove hard on, employing time and time again the Third Army "marching fire" tactic, as well as terrific artillery, mortar, armor, and air support.

Fighting across the Saar, however, became bitter and slow; the Germans now were firmly emplaced in their Westwall, and were making their strongest stand yet against the Regiment. Moreover, the troops were spent and tired from many days in front lines, most of which were on the offensive. This, plus the continual drain of casualties and lack of reinforcements had finally cut the Regiment's combat effectiveness.

The Regiment was ordered to the rear for rest and reorganization in towns in and around the Maginot Line it had broken just a few weeks before.

Snow could only partly camouflage the gutted houses of Fraulautern in January.

THE SWITCH TO BELGIUM

A chilly pause that refreshed, on the road to Bastogne, Belgium, 28 January. Left to right: T/Sgt. Glen W. Hayes, Sgt. Bresee W. Mason, Cpl. Roger J. Houle, all D Company men.

Regiment received word on January 26, 1945, that a "Top Secret" movement was on order. Accordingly, it issued instructions that stipulated the removal of all divisional insignia and markings from clothing, motor vehicles and equipment, and prohibited personnel from disclosing any indicaation of a move of their particular outfit. Originally, the destination was revealed to only key commanders, but soon all men were permitted to learn the secret—they were Belgium-bound.

Elements of the 26th Infantry Division relieved the regiment in its rear area positions at Falck, France, and 4:30 A.M., January 28 saw motor serials leaving with their troops huddled close together in the trucks. The intensely cold winter weather commanded a ten-minute break hourly to thaw out the stiffened limbs of the men. As the day wore on, the snow flurries of the morning changed to a steady fall, making driving extremely hazardous. Small farmhouses dotted the snow-covered countryside, with knocked-out tanks and equipment standing like silent sentinels guarding the passing convoy. Forests of evergreens, their branches laden with snow, posted themselves regularly along the route, but the shivering GIs enjoyed the sights of nature very little.

As darkness fell, the serials approached the new regimental reserve area not far from Bastogne, the city heavily fought for in "The Bulge," and unloaded the units in their individual areas at Noville, Vaux, Bixory, Foy and Bourcy. In these towns almost every building had felt the forces of artillery and aerial bombings; there were very few left standing. Temporary quarters established that night, the troops moved to somewhat better locations the next morning, but they were still practically in bivouac out of doors.

A few cases of frostbite turned up, and the Medics administered adequate treatment to the milder cases, but evacuated the more serious. The following few days brought warmer weather with quite a bit of rain. Graves Registration teams found the melting snow had exposed many bodies of both GI and German Bulge victims, and evacuated them to the Noville Cemetery. Inclemency of the weather prevented much of a training program, but test-firing of weapons still continued.

These "Dragon's Teeth" of the Siegfried Line were passed on the route to Belgium from Saarlautern.

The small town of Bixory, Belgium, horribly scarred during the Bulge, furnished barns, dugouts, and haystacks for Second's quarters on January 29.

95TH LEAVES THIRD ARMY

A quaratаering party reported to Regimental Headquarters on February 2, then departed for Division and further orders. The 95th was now in VIII Corps reserve, still part of the Third Army. Constantly cautioned to observe security rulings, men were required

One ravaged street of Julich, Germany, where war's destruction reached its peak. 377th passed through here on Rhine move.

to tear off and destroy their unit address on all incoming mail. The 3rd of February found the Division transferred to the Ninth Army after having served 117 days, most of them with the XX Corps with the Third Army.

Preparation completed for a general move of the Regiment, the initial motor serial crossed the IP at 9:30 P.M., February 5. Icy roads and blackout "cat-eye" driving kept the drivers ever alert along the hazardous route. Mid-morning of the 6th found the Regiment pulling into its new area. Regimental Headquarters and Second Battalion billeted in Millen, First Battalion and Anti-Tank in Herderen, Third Battalion in Wonck, Service Company in Slins, Cannon Company in Fall-et-Mheer, and Medics attached separately by individual unit breakdown to the battalions and special units.

The period spent in the new area was devoted to reorganization, care and cleaning of weapons, some firing, classes in aircraft identification, and most important of all, cleaning up and resting. Troops were quartered in civilian homes, and for the first time in a long while, enjoyed electric lights and warm water, and in some instances, radios. The people were very friendly, and the GIs soon reciprocated with warmfelt thanks. The few Belgian girls found there were unmistakenly the centers of attraction. Cigarettes and soap were still the main trading materials despite disciplinary action on those caught trading, even though French and German currency had been changed for the men into Belgian francs.

A warning order alerted the regiment for another move on February 13 which was to place the 377th under the direction of the British Second Army in Holland.

In Herderen, Belgium, they do it this way

Photographers couldn't resist taking just one windmill shot during the Regiment's stay in Holland. This one's at Horst. Lieutenant McCracken standing by the "prop."

HOLLAND THRU KASTER

Early the morning of February 14, the regiment left the Belgian area and after a nine-hour trip arrived in the vicinity of Deurne, Holland, where it started relieving the 157th Highland Light Infantry Brigade. First Battalion relieved the Fifth HLI Battalion. The Second Battalion relieved the Fifth King's Own Scottish Borderers (KOSB). The Third Battalion moved into a reserve area, relieving the First Glasgow Highlanders Battalion. Darkness that night found the last of the British forces relieved. Since no signs of enemy activity were evident, First and Second Battalions spent the next day improving their defensive positions along the flood-staged Maas River.

Four companies defended the line with two supporting weapons companies. For the most part, E Company, on divisional flank, set up in some houses in the town of Lottum with some men posted in foxholes along the river bank. The British Ox and Buck Battalion flanked their right boundary, while to the left, F Company, which apparently drew the short straw in sector selection, dug in between the E Company held town of Lottum and Browkhuizervorst, occupied by B Company. There were some houses on the river bank, but the positions which F Company fell heir to were separated from these by a series of British mine fields. Lanes were cleared up to and through a few of the houses, which were used for outposts. To the left of B Company, A Company occupied some scattered houses up to the 378th Regimental area. Constant patrol of the river bank maintained contact between all companies.

D Company mortarmen fire 120-mm. piece captured at Rheinhausen by T/Sgt. George Montgomery.

Strikingly apparent in this area was the difference in the fighting methods of the English and the Americans. The British were extremely slow and cautious, fought a World War I type of trench warfare. Americans always wanted to go, were looking for a fight, and would throw caution to the winds. In one part of the line, GIs were next to a party of British artillery forward observers. One Tommy said to the Joes, "We haven't fired at them (the Germans across the river) for over a week. You leave them alone, and they'll leave you alone." The GIs murmured things among themselves that generally added up to, "How the hell can we win the war that way!" One GI told the Tommies, drinking tea at the time, that the Americans would soon find out if there were many interested Germans across the river. The GIs then fired with some abandoned German artillery pieces, and sure enough incoming shells came back. When the GIs came the front was quiet. Before the troops had left, merry hell was popping all over.

After five days of exchanging spotty artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire across the river, the regiment was ordered to withdraw to the original positions in Belgium, leaving the British in control again. The 377th was relieved by the 115th Independent Light Infantry Brigade. Three days later, on February 22, orders permitted display of division identification, indicating the lifting of security blackout.

PUSH TO THE RHINE

The Belgian "break" ended on March 2 when the regiment moved to the vicinity of Mersch, Germany. Uncomfortably cold and snowy, the move previewed four hectic days which ended with

the regiment holding positions along the Rhine River. First Battalion, which had been located in Herderen, Belgium, moved to Spiel, Germany, on the first day, Roderbroich, the following day, and proceeded on foot to Osterath on the 4th of March. Ready to bed down for the night, troops were ordered to move again, mercifully by truck this time, to Glindholz, where they prepared the attack which would carry them to the banks of the Rhine.

Third Battalion, on a route closely paralleling that of the First, left positions around Wonck for Mersch, where it spent the night before continuing on to Herrinhoffin, then to Osterath, entrucking from there to Krefeld. On March 5, Third occupied its objective, the river bank in the vicinity of Homburg and the northern part of Rheinhausen. The Second Battalion, in reserve, followed generally the same route. The period was marked by a maximum of movement and a minimum of fighting.

Most memorable aspect of the complete move was the two days of walking and the large and painful blisters produced. Many of the men still wore the overshoes issued in the Saar campaign admittedly good for winter foxhole positions, but not for walking. A blister doesn't figure very high in news reports of battles, but to the doughboy it is one of the most noteworthy and tell-tale features of any campaign.

Once established on the Rhine, the men took to a new phase of war like ducks to water. The power plant of the urban area there, a gigantic project, continued service without interruption and the troops, outposted in homes, advantageously utilized the modern

Third moves across bridge as frauleins watch impassively, near Hamm, Germany, March 20.

First Sgt. Thomas Smallwood and Cpl. Carl C. Castiglione of G Company draw water from a typical well in rural Germany, at Kirchherten, while German frau awaits her turn.

conveniences of electric lights, radios, bathtubs, and even doorbells. Ironically the reserve battalion suffered the most casualties. Four E Company men were killed and eight wounded when five long-ranged artillery shells landed directly in their area. Later, some of the front-line battalion personnel imagined their names on the casualty list, for a general and most of the Regimental Staff came up to inspect the outposts, their string of vehicles looking like a motor convoy and providing an excellent target. Soon after the inspecting party left, the area received an intense shelling and gave a great number of the men a slight case of jangled nerves.

Until March 10, the regiment held this area under light and scattered artillery fire. Meanwhile, Anti-Tank and Cannon Companies did considerable damage to targets across the river. Anti-Tank set its guns on the river bank, and delivered direct fire on chimneys, steeples, and other possible observation posts in the town of Duisburg immediately across the river. Civilians, it was later disclosed, thought a new secret weapon which sent shells whistling through buildings without exploding had been developed.

On the 10th the regiment was relieved by the 333rd Infantry of the 84th Division and moved to the vicinity of Kaster, Germany. Here, it deployed over a moderately large reserve area with each company occupying a town or part of a town. First Battalion centered around Harff, while the Second converged on the Kirchherten area; the Third occupied Konigshoven. A civil government was organized and civilians were screened. During this rest period, too, men zeroed weapons, familiarized themselves with the German Panzerfaust, and practiced river crossings for expected later use east of the Rhine. They learned the intricacies of reconnoitering, preparing, and executing assault crossings, applying them in early morning problems on the Erft Canal.

On the 21st of March, Cannon Companv temporarily joined the 379th Infantry on the west bank of the Rhine, where in addition to fire missions, it held a section of the bank in Buderick, a suburb of Neuss. This position was held in the face of occasional heavy artillery fire until March 27th when the company withdrew to cross the Rhine with the rest of the Regiment.

While at Harff, infantrymen practiced assault boat crossings of the Roer River under the instruction of the 320th Engineers.

SECOND ARMORED DRIVE

The Adolph Hitler bridge at Uerdingen, Germany. Its middle span was blown by retreating Germans.

The last week in March found the battle-weary veterans of the 377th enjoying a much needed rest in the vicinity of Kaster. Basking in the revitalizing spring sunshine brought out laughter and smiles to replace the strained expressions and sunken eyes so commonplace during the long, drawn-out winter. The snow slowly melted, and men and machines gradually rid themselves of all appearance of the hell they had survived through the Metz and Saar campaigns.

But March 26 and 27 uncovered a picture of staff officers burning the midnight oil, putting the finishing touches to 377th's part in a gigantic plan that foreshadowed the isolation of the Ruhr manufacturing district, that was to rob Hitler of his largest concentrated area of heavy industries without which the crumpling German war-machine couldn't last. To the men who were destined to ride the tanks and cover endless miles on foot, the overall picture produced a blurred, but slowly-clearing image of victory.

PLAN FOR ARMOR THRUST

Regiment received orders to coordinate with the Second Armored Division, being temporarily detached from the 95th Division for this job. After assembling with its attachments near Krefeld, Germany, the Second Armored was to cross the Rhine, then drive into the heart of Germany bypassing the Rhur Valley on the north. To do this, the Division would advance in two columns, each preceded by recon elements and spearheaded by troops of the 377th and infantry riding on medium tanks of the armored division. Combat Command A of Second Armored (divided into three fighting groups: Task Force A, B and Task Force Reserve) would advance on the left of Combat Command B, and CCR and would follow CCA closely. First Battalion, 377th, was designated to work with CCR, and the remainder of the Regiment with CCA. Thus was brought into being an invincible combination: the hard-hitting steel of mighty, rumbling Pershings,

"Thick Skins" of the Second Armored looked like this during infantry-armor drive.

and the equally hard-hitting veterans of Metz and Saarlautern. It was a team selected to dash through 130 miles of enemy-infested territory deep into the heart of the Reich to help effect the isolation of the Rhur.

Spearheading the encircling drive was the armor, along with tank-riding assault infantry. The armored column was to roar ahead, stopping to fight momentarily only where necessary. Depending upon the situation either the armor itself would blast its way through any places of resistance, or (which was more usual) the assault infantry would get off and fight, supported by the armor. Resistance overcome, the doughs would climb back on the tanks and the column would continue on. Immediately be-

hind the tanks and tank-riding infantry would come the motorized infantry, which rode from town to town following the spearhead and dismounting here and there to mop up and collect prisoners. Finally, behind thees troops, came the "old-fashioned" but irreplaceable foot infantry, to thoroughly occupy the ground covered. The 377th troops drew their largest assignment in the first two categories: armor-riding infantry and motorized infantry.

After six long days and nights of continuous riding and fighting, the team reached the mountainous, forested area near Oerlinghausen and Augustdorf in the Teutenberger Wald, at which point 377th infantrymen were relieved by 30th Division infantry. The armored column continued on toward Detmold and the Weser River, then it headed for Berlin, while the 377th returned to near Lippstadt to rejoin the 95th which now had crossed the Rhine to help clean out the Rhur Pocket. The pocket had been isolated by a junction of the First and Ninth Armies near Paderborn.

Because of the wide area covered and the varied assignments of Regimental units, the story of these six days and nights is taken up by battalion.

FIRST BATTALION

Dawn and a murky fog on March 28 concealed the First Battalion as it departed from Klienenbruck, Germany, the starting point of its part in a long, hazardous drive.

At Saalhof, the Battalion received orders, crossed the Rhine and occupied an assembly area in Hunxe. Here, preparations were made and orders issued to unit commanders to move out shortly after midnight. Tension mounted steadily. The alert was sounded at midnight, and at 2:30 A.M., the battalion jumped off. These men were hardened veterans who had fought hard to reach this bitterly contested strip of land beyond the Rhine and now they were going forward on the last lap of the race. They remembered the savage tattoo of artillery beating against their ears, the menacing bursts of 88s, and the horrifying moans of screaming meemies back at Saarlautern. This was their revenge. As one of the men described his feeling of elation on the armored drive: "I was there, and my rifle was there; just my belly seemed to have remained behind."

With the mission of mopping-up after other advance elements, Col. Decker's battalion, motorized, dashed across to Haltern as part of the Combat Command Reserve. Baker and Dog Companies met their first action as they closed in on Olfen. As the doughboys approached, the diving sound of motors pierced the tension, and a formation of American planes swooped in with machine guns spitting to strafe all possible Jerry strong-points in Olfen. Enemy resistance quickly ceased as platoons flushed out sections of the town. A Gestapo headquarters, complete with equipment and papers, was captured intact.

Meanwhile, at Ludinghausen Able Company received its share of difficulties. It had a security mission of guarding a section of the Dortmund-Ems Canaal along with infantry of the 66th Armored Regiment. The doughboys guarded the area under spasmodic artillery fire as Second Armored engineers coolly erected a Bailey Bridge, across which armor moved next morning.

The advance continued with almost blinding speed as the infantry column rolled onward. By April 1, First Battalion had pushed past Selm and proceeded to Walstedde. From there, it advanced to Wiedenbruck and reached it with nothing more than minor skirmishes interrupting the progress. Echelons ahead had done their work well, for the vast number of prisoners they were corralling continued to swell, as half-hearted "Supermen" gave up the struggle.

At this point Charlie Company was deployed so that the first and second platoons rode the tanks of the 66th Armored Regiment while the second and fourth advanced by truck. As the force pulled into Weiderbruck, it was held up by a small but determined force of Jerries entrenched along some railroad tracks. A demolitions expert from D Company, T/Sgt. George B. Montgomery, crawled along the tracks and planted detonators within 200 yards of Jerries' positions. Not long after, a Jerry troop train attempted to move through what they found out was the American line, but Sgt. Montgomery detonated the tracks skyhigh; this resulted in the capture of 250 bewildered Germans and the complete capitulation of Wiedenbruck.

On April 2nd, First Battalion reverted to Regimental control as elements of the Thirtieth Division relieved the Battalion's sector. The troops then were spread out over farms and towns in the area they had just covered to wait for their next job.

SECOND BATTALION

By the 29th of March new orders to move had arrived, stirring the already impatient Second Battalion GIs to feverish activity. The battalion was assigned as a component part of Task Force Baker of the Second Armored. Mission: to secure the supply lane along "Club Route." George Company, meanwhile, was detached and assigned to the Second Battalion (medium tanks) of the 66th Regiment, and took up its battle positions astride those rumbling monsters that were to strike terror into the heart of every German the company met along the route.

Departing from the vicinity of Peddenberg at 6:00 A.M., March 30, Second Battalion, astride the medium tanks, lost no time in meeting up with the Jerries. The long mechanized column was held up by a blown bridge over the Dortmund-Ems Canal, so George Company pushed across on barges and established a bridgehead in the face of sweeping machine gun fire. After holding stubbornly, the doughboys suddenly surged ahead a thousand yards, then allowed Easy, Fox, and How Companies to pass through and complete the attack. George Company then reverted to battalion reserve, holding the bridgehead as Ninth Army engineers constructed a ponton bridge allowing the armor to pass over the canal.

By 5:00 P.M., Task Force B was again ready to race toward Berlin. On the outskirts of Aschberg, a report to the Battalion

Demolitions set by retreating Germans crumpled rail and highway bridges over canals and rivers, hampering the armored drive into Germany.

CO warned that a German armored column was heading in its direction. According to Col. Walton, "They failed to materialize, but the next morning I walked down to where the tanks had been heard and found the ground chewed up where the enemy had spun around."

Pushing through Aschberg about dawn, George and Easy Companies ran into stiff enemy opposition about a thousand yards west of Drensteinfurt. It was during heavy fighting in this area that S/Sgt. Donald N. Radtke, Company E, committed an act of heroism which earned him the DSC. When his platoon was pinned down by fierce fire from a burning house, Sgt. Radtke advanced to the inferno where the enemy was making a last stand. He shot one Boche, then entered the house and killed the second crew member, eliminating the menace to his platoon's seizing of the objective.

At this point, Capt. Hardy's G Company and Çapt. Horvath's E Company were committed to the right and left sides of the road with the mission of clearing "Club Route" through town. The Germans were determined to hold here at all costs. A fast and furious fight instantly developed. (Third Batttlion sent Item and Love Companies to assist in mopping up the town.) Almost simultaneously, the tankers opened with direct fire and heavy weapon mortar teams plastered the enemy heavily; as the doughboys wove through the German line to close with the enemy, resistance crumbled.

On the outskirts of Drensteinfurt, Lt. Col. Walton, riding in a light tank, suddenly spotted a train approaching on a track near the road. There was no doubt about its being military and being enemy. In his own words: "I tried to get the gunner to open fire, but he only fiddled around with the gun for a few precious seconds. He finally turned to the driver and said, 'How the hell do you run one of these things?'" Meanwhile, the leeading medium tank zeroed in on the engine and knocked it out with the first blast. A TD sniped off the last car, completely turning the train over. From then on it was field day. Lt. Eugene Green of George Company reported that every vehicle with a mounted weapon of any sort opened up on the furiously burning train and on the nearby woods. Fifty high-ranking German officers were reported killed and an unknown number wounded by this action, as they were trying to retreat and effect a reorganizaation of the crumbling Wehrmacht in this sector.

Then, daring plans were drawn up calling for G Company to be attached to Task Force W, with the mission of driving hell-for-leather some 40 miles behind German lines to seize the vital pass to the north of Oerlinghausen. Sliding onto the "Autobahn," German super-highway, under cover of darkness, a company of medium tanks with the first platoon of George Company aboard its first three tanks managed to slip through and avoid the deadly panzerfaust fire which the Germans threw at them. They moved toward the pass immediately. (At one spot along the route, Sgt. Robert C. Burton and his squad surprised a German military "necking party," and broke it up in a hurry. The German soldiers were amazed that the Americans had advanced so far. Sgt. Burton later remarked that the fraulines were deprived of their boy friends in short order.)

Pushing steadily along the Autobahn, the task force ran into a well-defended road block. The lead tank commanader chose to charge the block, but after a successful short dash found his tank cut off. Having no alternative, he raced forward and suddenly was amazed to see a civilian car come hurtling down on his tank at breakneck speed. Refusing to halt, the car was wrecked and the occupants killed as the tank opened up with an AR. To the men astride the tank and the tankers inside, it's still a mystery as to what a civilian car was doing racing toward American lines. Soon after the incident, the rest of the group broke through and eliminated the road block, continuing on toward their objective.

Reaching a coiling area about midnight, the second platoon of G Company was ordered forward on a patrol to reconnoiter the Autobahn and an underpass. Lt. Green led the platoon, reinforced by a section of light machine guns in charge of Lt. Thomas G. Cantine. Little did they realize, that early morning, that they were going to slip through a section of enemy territory to find themselves surrounded, with the remaining components of Task Force W having to fight a bloody battle to reach and relieve them.

As they advanced cautiously down a black top road running parallel to the Autobahn, the lead scouts observed two women and a small boy turning into the blacktop road from a side road. Slipping up behind them, the Scouts followed closely and reached a well-defended road block. The sentries permitted the women and the scouts as well to pass, believing the soldiers to be part of the civilian group. Caught completely unawares, some 22 prisoners were taken at the road block, including one giant blond fellow with a Brooklyn accent. In a short time, the task force advanced in body and relieved the patrol. After 10 hours of almost continuous contact with the enemy, the men in second platoon were too exhausted to be jubilant over the fact that they had effected the capure of some 44 Germans and had killed and wounded a number of others.

Shortly after noon on April 1, enemy resistance was encountered at Rietberg. Fox Company jumped off the medium tanks to clear the town. In two hours, a motor column was destroyed, 50 prisoners taken. About 260 additional were gathered in by the tankers who followed. Included in the catch were about 50 very young boys—they couldn't have been past 15 or 16 years of age.

While the column waited in Reitberg to re-form, hundreds of German civilians quickly gathered. The glum Krauts seemed stunned that such a massive array of equipment could be American rather than German. Some children were waving under the impression that the column was their own. Three young girls approached one personnel carrier. When they began to speak English fluently, they immediately became the center of attraction. Asked by one dough where they had learned English, one girl replied, "Warendorf High School." "Haven't we taken Warendorf yet?" asked the GI. No," she replied arrogantly. "Well, we soon will," responded the doughboy confidently. The girls left in a huff.

The armored column hit stiff enemy resistance in the form of self-propelled artillery, tanks, and panzerfaust fire from Augustdorf and the woods west of the town about 5:00 P.M., April 1. Second Battalion, less G Company (on a separate mission), reverted to the control of Col. Walton again for the purpose of seizing the high ground northeast of the town and clearing the main road through the town. As part of a smaller task force, Fox Company spearheaded the attack on Augustdorf taking numerous small villages and hamlets on the way. Easy Company meanwhile made a bloody frontal assault, clearing out a portion of woods near the town in face of heavy machine gun and mortar fire. Sporadic fighting continued throughout the night, houses being flushed in the dark. At 6:00 A.M., next day, a new attack began, and by 9:30 A.M., the town had been cleared, Easy Company accounting for a considerable number of dead and wounded, and F Company driving well over 100 others into the woods where they were captured the next day by scouting parties.

During the fighting around Augustdorf, Second Battalion destroyed four enemy tanks, set fire to the tank maintenance dump, estimated to contain at least 12 tanks undergoing repairs, killed at least 85 enemy, mostly Storm Troopers, and captured 340 prisoners.

THIRD BATTALION

March 27 found the Third Battalion at Steinhausen preparing for a drive toward the Rhine. That night, the Battalion was assigned to Task Force R of Combat Command A for the period of the attachment to Second Armored Division, with missions of securing road nets and towns bypassed by the armor.

The ponton bridge where most of the 377th crossed the Rhine just south of Wesel, March 28.

Early morning of the 28th, elements of Task Force R crossed the Rhine. Hunxe, the assembly area prior to moving out on the mission of securing the main supply route, was reached in short order.

Task Force R consisted of the First Battalion of 66th Armored Regiment (less one company of medium tanks), and the 377th Infantry (less two platoons of Anti-Tank Company, and less First and Second Battalions) plus one company of TDs. From this mighty array of men, metal and might, two fast-moving, hard-hitting forces were formed—Task Force Zeien and Task Force Hall. TF-Z consisted of the First Battalion of the 66th Armored Regiment, one platoon of TDs, and Company K of 377th Infantry. TF-H (named for Lt. Col. Hall, CO of Third Battalion) included Third Battalion (less K Company), one light tank company, one TD company, 377th's Anti-Tank Company (less two platoons), and Third Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company.

At 10:30 P.M., the Battalion pulled out of Hunxe, third town on the route, and crossed the Lippe Canal half an hour later. Pushing steadily east, Lt. Col. Hall detached Love Company, commanded by Capt. Cecil D. Sanderson, to guard the canal bridge until all of Combat Command A had passed it. The first platoon dug in in a semi-circular fashion, arching around the bridge site. At dusk that evening, enemy planes attempted to bomb and strafe the bridge, but winged a hasty retreat when greeted by the hail of .50 caliber and flak.

The entire Third Battalion crossed at midnight without incident; Love Company rejoined it at dawn. New orders were received, this time to clean out the town of Drensteinfurt. However, recon units reported that Second Battalion and TF-Z had cleared it already, so the mighty, clanking column again headed east, pushing ever closer to Berlin.

CLEAR OERLINGHAUSEN

Easter Sunday, April 1, brought more new orders to the Battalion: Oerlinghausen, a small town situated astride the road which winds through an important pass in a high, heavily wooded ridge, had to be cleared before armor and troops could move through. An advance scouting party from Anti-Tank Company led by Lt. Frank H. Dohoney reconnoitered for mine fields. Almost from out of nowhere the enemy suddenly opened fire. The entire party hugged the ground. Lt. Dohoney, hearing a faint call for help, crawled forward and found S/Sgt. Wayne B. Copley seriously injured. After administering first aid, he then carried the sergeant 100 yards to the rear where T/Sgt. William B. Beverly quickly jeeped him back to the aid station.

Love and Item Companies jumped off from a point about 300 yards from Oerlinghausen at 5:00 P.M., that Easter Sunday, with Mike Company in support. Despite the almost smothering blanket of machine gun and 20-mm. artillery fire, the two companies assaulted the German village sandwiched between two steep ridges, as a platoon of light tanks poured high explosive shells into the town. The attack bogged down as darkness came on, but the next morning found it in full swing again. Stiff opposition was encountered from regular German infantry, paratroopers and SS troopers. The Germans, although pushed back with heavy casualties, counterattacked repeatedly in all sectors.

Task Force Hall continued the attack untiringly. At noon that day, April 2, orders arrived to consolidate positions in town and on the surrounding ridges preparatory to relief by the First Battalion, 119th Infantry, Thirtieth Division.

By the end of the day, the isolation of the Rhur industrial district had been completed, and the 377th and Second Armored had proved beyond a doubt that the perfect coordination between Infantry and Armor was the answer to the eleventh hour challenge offered by the Wehrmacht.

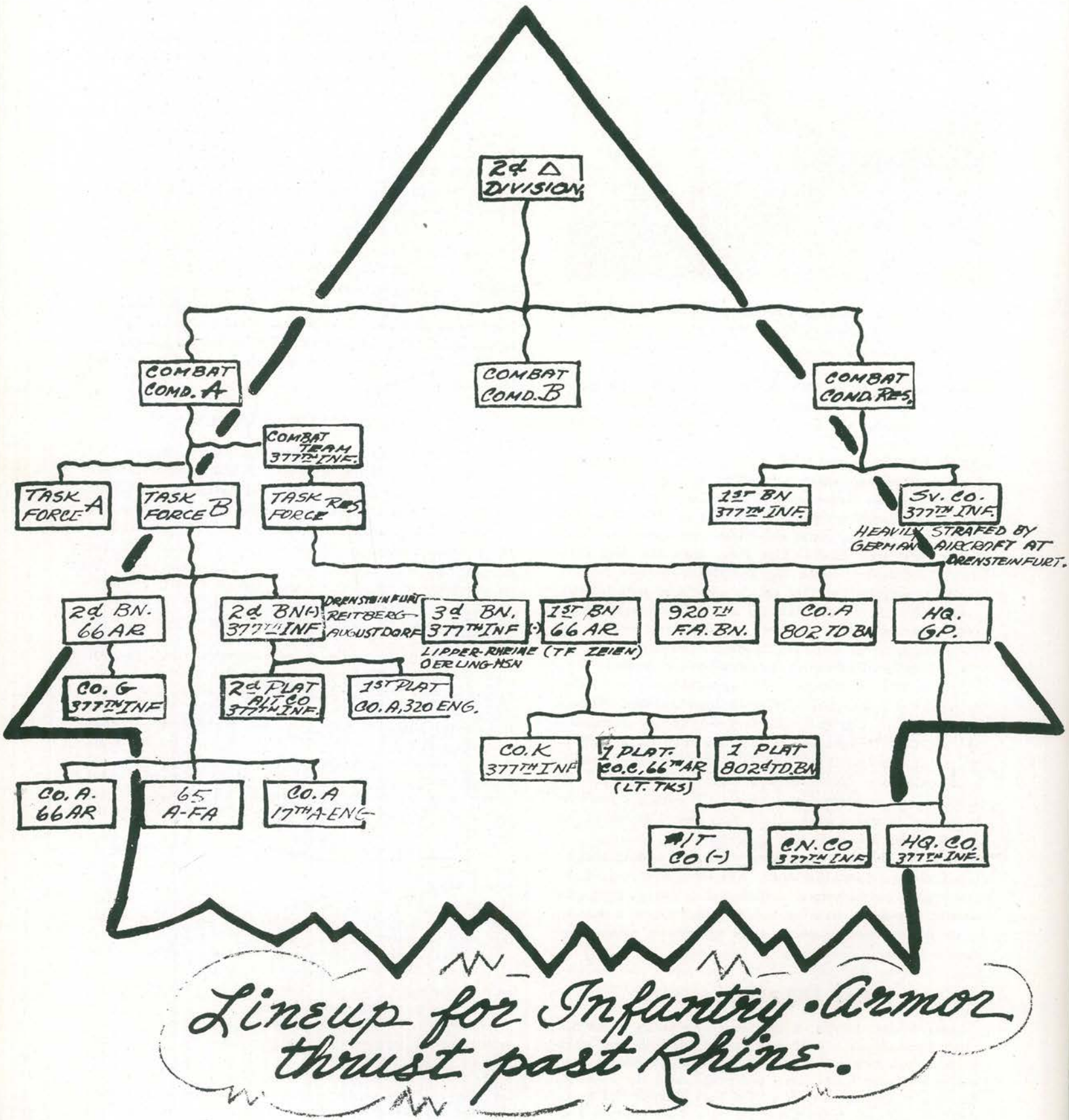
THE SUPPLY PROBLEM

But, behind this story of the daring push through German lines is another story, one not so often told. It is the story of the men who brought up the gas, the rations, and the ammunition so that the men on the tanks could keep pushing the Hun farther and farther back. Regimental Supply Section, controlled by Major Paul M. Neumann, received its instructions on March 27th concerning the pending Second Armored spearhead. Instructions proved for the attachment of extra vehicles and personnel to carry five days' supply of rations, gasoline, and ammo, and calling for five days' continuous movement without resupply. The destination read: BERLIN!

Thus began the long series of endless movements day after day, night after night, coiling for a few hours then pushing on again, passing through burning villages and strong points of resistance where battles still raged as mopping-up doughboys cleared them. It framed a picture of utter devastation and confusion—vehicles scurrying back and forth along the Main Supply Route frantically trying to catch up with the gasoline and ration resupply, and evading the ever-present (so-called "extinct") Luftwaffe. This menace added zest and excitement for the first few days, but was kept well undr control by the superbly alert performance of the Anti-Aircraft Batteries.

One of the most unfortunate incidents of the drive occurred in the vicinity of Drensteinfurt. The travel-weary drivers of some Second Battalion vehicles were unaware of the sudden appearance of German planes ahead of them. The planes zoomed in over their column at tree-top level, spitting their 20-mm. fire. Before they could jump from the trucks to cover and before AA batteries could direct effective fire upon them, two men were killed and nearly 15 wounded by the strafing. Straight-shooting ack-ack men partly compensated, with three downed planes farther along the column, thus preventing further damage.

Undoubtedly, the smoothness of the mobile operations and the perfect flow of supplies to the spearheading tanks and infantry was one of the factors making the mission successful, and led to the final and effective sealing of the Rhur, setting the stage for the clean-up battle of the pocket. The attachment to Second Armored Division proved to be one of combat's most exciting weeks for the men of 377th largely because of its proximity to the final capitulation of the Germans and because it was completely new and different from anay fighting the Regiment had done.



Lineup for Infantry-Armor thrust past Rhine.

THE RUHR POCKET

Infantrymen cautiously make their way through the streets of Soest, Germany.

Relieved by elements of the 30th Division on April 2, all 377th companies moved to new assembly areas in the vicinity of Langenberg, with the exception of Cannon Company which moved to Luthmann to reinforce the fire of the 920th Field Artillery. Next day the regiment moved farther west to Beckum, indicating a rest period, but the regimental staff and battalion COs began preparation and reconnaissance in anticipation of orders committing the regiment on April 5. The regiment was to be prepared on orders either to clear the western portion of the new Division zone from the Lippe River to the Ruhr and Mohne Rivers, or to clear the eastern zone, seizing the city of Soest, on the way.

This was the regiment's part in closing the "Ruhr Pocket," that large industrial section of Germany just east of the Rhine in which hundreds of thousands of front-line and rear echelon enemy troops had been trapped when armored spearheads had encircled the area. Ninth Army units were assembling on the north of the pocket and were to drive south and southwest to the Ruhr River. First Army units were to shrink the pocket from the south.

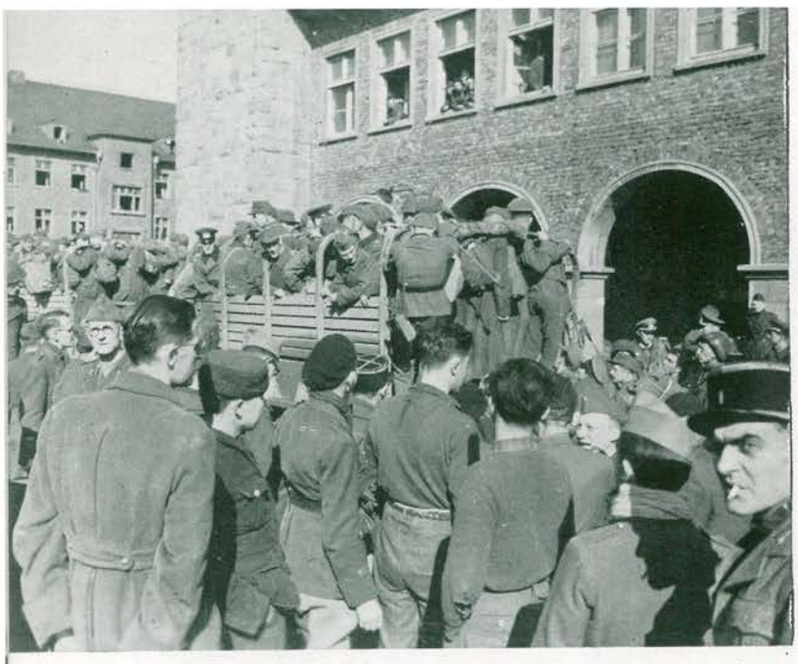
The next week uncovered an unusual period of combat, to be remembered primarily by the miles tramped, large numbers of prisoners taken, and for situations that could have been disastrous but which fortunately turned out for the better. Resistance took the form of scattered, but not too enthusiastic, skirmishes. Whenever the enemy forces found themselves outnumbered, they lost interest; many more lost interest without being outnumbered. The German Army had simply lost the will to fight.

The territory over which the fighting occurred involved the east end of the Ruhr Valley, a sort of transition zone between the highly industrialized area to the west of Dortmund and the important agricultural areas to the east. Most of the cities and towns to the north of the Mohne River were densely populated and highly industrialized. Areas between towns, for the most part, were broad, open fields, most of them cleared and tilled. Farmers lived either on the edges of the industrial towns or in tight knots of buildings where three to a dozen families would usually start a community of their own between the larger towns. To the south of the Mohne River was a rough, hilly district, thickly wooded, with small farms scattered sparsely through it.

Afternoon of the 5th found the First Battalion jumping off and crossing the Lippe River at Lippborg and continuing the advance unopposed, to Hultrop. Next morning in quick succession, came Wiltrop, Osterheide, Rambeig, Ostinghausen, Ellingsen, Katrop, Luhringsen, and Kutmecke. Third Battalion, in a somewhat less wooded sector, overran the towns of Berwicke, Stocklarn, Blumroth, Borgein and Auf der Huer with very little opposition. The troops accomplished this by taking off across the fields in company skirmish lines, with softening-up artillery preceding them. Companies were abreast, with jeeps and attached armor moving down roads. The Heinies would be met usually at entrenchments around the towns, and more often than not they'd give up or hide themselves or take off to the rear. The GIs assembled them, sent them back, then pushed on. Many of the positions overrun were anti-aircraft batteries. Occasionally, some big field guns were leveled to fire down roads at approaching Americans, but many were elevated with a white flag flying at the muzzle.

KRAUTS SURRENDER WHOLESALE

Surrendering Boche were wholesale in the Ruhr, as Pfc. Joseph P. Horan of C Company found out on April 6 while crossing a wooded area with three rearward bound prisoners. He spotted a large group of Krauts just about the same time as they spotted him. Since the nearest village of Katrop was quite a distance off and escape appeared impossible, he held his ground. Within a few minutes his personal prisoner stockade attendance had climbed to about 200, including 12 German "Wacs" and an officer claiming to be a Lieutenant General. A jeep with a high-ranking officer



French officers, liberated when Soest fell to the 377th, watch their former captors load into army vehicles bound for POW cages.

aboard happened to come along this road at about that time but apparently failed to observe the frantically-hailing GI. One shot, though, brought the jeep to a quick stop. The officer led some of the Krauts back to town and then sent Private First Class Horan some needed reinforcements.

Late on April 6th, First and Second Battalions were ordered to take Soest, a moderately large industrial town and communications center about seven miles south of the original jump-off point over the Lippe River. Expecting stiff resistance from the heavily-garrisoned town, General Twaddle, at that time following progress of the attack from the 377th Command Post, placed the Second Battalion of the 379th, the Division reserve, at the disposal of the 377th; it was assigned the task of approaching Soest from the north following the east Battalion (First) of the 377th. The Third Battalion moved to protect the right flank ready to throw in its weight if necessary. Second Battalion, 377th, assaulted from the northwest. By 7:00 P.M. that evening, the First and Second Battalions had combed the edges, and darkness found them holding half the city itself. Next morning they cleared the remainder with little to no resistance. The troops collected during the entire assault a total of 1,400 prisoners.

One squad of B Company, upon entering a hospital, found about 300 German soldiers, most of them in extremely good health. At the moment, they objected to being taken prisoner; they wanted to finish breakfast. Stomachs filled, they very willingly submitted themselves to the PW cage. In another hospital (Soest abounded with hospitals), a few E Company men discovered about 40 pistols cached in a box, and promptly confiscated them. At the same time, a small group of F Company GIs spotted a French and a German officer bicycling over a hillcrest toward them, frantically waving flags. They requested that artillery fire be lifted from a French officer PW camp. The PW camp was taken with little difficulty, along with 300 German soldiers who were guards for the 4,500 French officer prisoners, who were released from captivity at the same time.

Third Battalion, meanwhile, had moved southwest toward Werl, and enroute encountered light opposition which was quickly subdued at Merklingsen and Schwefe. However, the Battalion was forced to hold up its assault from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., until elements of the Eighth Armored Division on its left had moved west in its zone, to protect the left flank.

By 5:30 P.M. the Battalion zone was cleared when it was pinched out near Werl by 379th troops whose zone of advance included that city. Third Battalion halted for the night at a point just northeast of Werl and prepared to move east of Soest on another mission with the Regiment which will be described later.

As L Company approached a town a short way north of Werl, it encountered deadly machine gun fire. Entering the town under their own protective fire, men of L Company spotted a Tiger tank leaving the other side of town. Suddenly the tank swung around, fired two or three bursts, then headed hastily cross country. At this point Pfc. Alfred Sedano, one of the nearest to the tank, streaked off across the fields in hot pursuit. The tank, no more than 300 yards away, again stopped and swung around sideways. Pfc. Sedano readied for fire on the "sitting duck," for here was his big chance. But his excitement was short lived. He immediately discovered that his bazooka was unloaded and that his ammunition bearer was nowhere in sight. The tank took off again.

Soest was evacuated by the 377th, the town turned over to the Eighth Armored Division, and together with the 920th Field Artillery, the 194th Glider Infantry and the attached Company A of the 92nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, Company A of the 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion, Troop B of the 88th Recon Squadron of the Eighth Armored Division, Company A of the 320th Medical Battalion, and two platoons of the 547th AAA Battalion, the Regiment moved east as part of a special task force on Sunday, April 8. The mission of the task force was to attack south and

Right: Wilhelmsruhe (Wilhelm's rest) on Mohne Lake, captured by Second Battalion on April 9. This Wehrmacht rest camp housed 20 women, who were nabbed along with several offcers including one major, surprised in the bathtub.

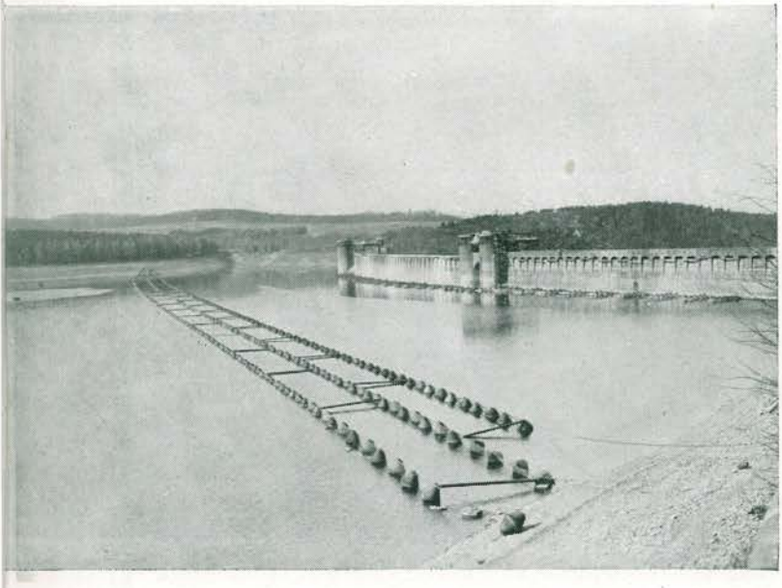
Two views of the Mohne Dam, around which the 377th fought in the Ruhr. The closeup shows a tank pulling across the dam, preceded by infantry. Lieutenant Irving Taylor (later captain) of M Company is in the right foreground. Note the dummy gun atop emplacement. In the water view below, note trans-lake protective nets to prevent floating explosives from hitting the dam.

west in its zone and clear all the area of the Arnsberg Forest within its zone, between the Mohne and Ruhr Rivers, and establish contacat with III Corps (First Army) to the south.

The Regiment jumped off from forward assembly areas in the vicinity of Waldhausen, 10 miles southeast of Soest and 10 miles north of the Mohne River, the northern border of the drive.

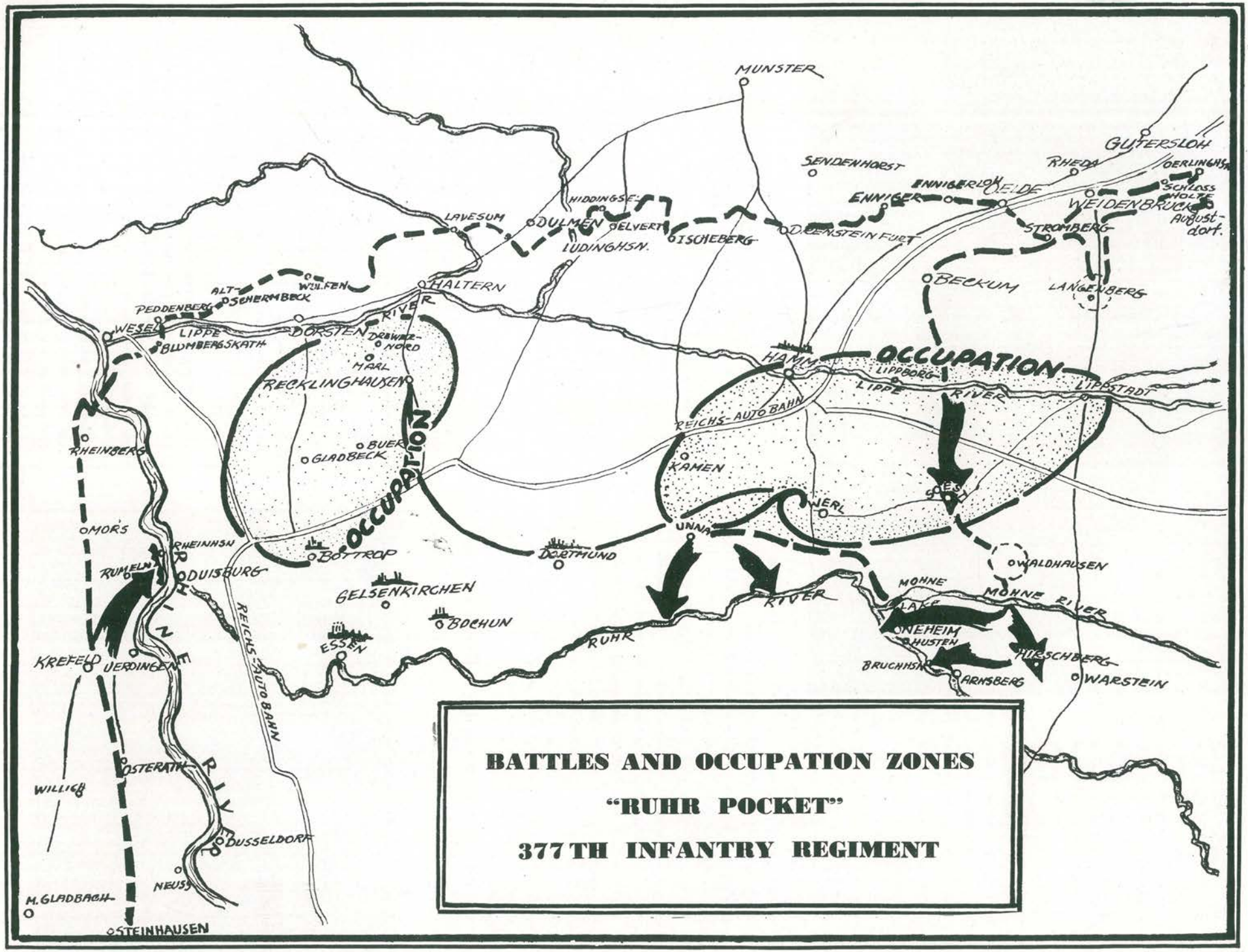
The First and Second Battalions attacked abreast through the heavy woods while the Third remained in reserve positions near Ulde. The 194th Glider Regiment of the Seventeenth Airborne Division, on the left of the 377th, was to establish contact with the Fifth Division of the First Army on its left. Light resistance was encountered and contact with the Fifth Division was made that afternoon.

Cpl. James A. Klann, H Company machine gunner accompanying his section on a mission, lost his bearings in the heavily-wooded area and wandered half an hour before spotting aan oncoming, civilian-driven automobile, which carried him into the nearest town. Before going too far, he abruptly ran into six Kraut soldiers in a "Kamerad" mood. They told him of a hundred more soldiers willing to surrender, but who would do so only after a "token fight." The odds being what they were, Klann collected his flock and left for friendlier territory. He finally parked his prisoners with A Company and returned to his outfit, wondering more and more what went on in German minds. A little later on, C Company gave the Heinies the token battle they were looking for, after which they willingly surrendered. One enemy soldier who had been married only a few hours before was reluctant to spend the night in a PW cage. His bride liked the idea no more, but her request to remain in the cage with him was disapproved.



First and Second Battalions on the 9th and 10th continued their eastern drive through the woods, encountering many road blocks, most of which were booby-trapped but undefended otherwise. These roadblocks, placed at every trail intersection regardless of size, hindered the advance considerably. Second Battalion found that the trees were freshly cut, so counter measures were adopted. Mortar and artillery fire were placed on such spots ahead of the advance, thus speeding up the movement considerably. Troops overtook the enemy engineers as they were building one of these blocks and in the short ensuing battle killed 12 and captured 50.

First Battalion troops also came upon some delaying forces. These Jerry machine gun crews were overrun before they'd finished digging in. Road block crews were surprised, attacked and captured at their work. It was almost pitiful: the powerful American forces relentlessly bearing down on the weapon-impoverished Germans who were futilely trying to outrun the closing-in forces using only horse-and-wagon transportation and hastily erecting a few obstacles behind them.



BATTLES AND OCCUPATION ZONES

"RUHR POCKET"

377TH INFANTRY REGIMENT

G Company's third platoon became victims of an ambush, and in the ensuing fight killed some of the attackers and captured others. When S/Sgt. Paul J. Scott was mortally wounded, S/Sgt. Davis L. Chandler circled the prisoners around him as a shield and T/5 Richard Adley, platoon medic, administered first aid. During the confusion, Lt. Eugene Green, who had heard the shooting, infiltrated the position with the second platoon through the woods and, utilizing marching fire, completely broke up the ambush. Later, the company came upon an officers' rest camp in an elaborately furnished country home, complete with all the comforts, including about 20 women of doubtful moral ways. A German major had the unusual distinction of becoming a prisoner while nude in a bathtub, an event unprecedented in modern warfare.

SECOND TAKES MOHNE LAKE

The attack continued on to the towns of Breitenbruck and Niedereimer, located about seven miles west of Hirschberg, and both fell to First Battalion on the 10th, while Second Battalion cleared the peninsula extending into Lake Mohne. Then Third Battalion, which up to this time had been in reserve, moved up to relieve the Second.

Neheim fell the next day to Third Battalion. The Second stood by, waiting to be called in, but no resistance was offered, except for a little artillery and a few scattered snipers. By 1:00 P.M. the town was secured completely.

Second Battalion, not needed at Neheim, was then attached to the 378th Regiment and ordered to take a sector of Dortmund, without any reconnaissance, it turned out. That night the troops moved by truck the 20 miles to Altenbogge northeast of Dort mund during a blinding rainstorm, and the following morning, April 12, at 7:30 A.M., began their part of the attack on the city. To everyone's pleasant surprise, the Battalion took its sector without having to fire a shot. Here Dortmund policemen were involved in a little difficulty. Their uniforms looked so much like the German Army uniform that most GIs could tell no difference. Naturally, as the troops cleared through the town, the police would be disarmed and sent back to PW enclosures. There they would be released, after proper identification, and returned; as soon as another GI caught sight of them, the same routine started again. Finally, brassards were issued and the GIs ordered not to arrest any of them.

Dortmund, as it looked when Second Battalion moved into the city

Jerries nabbed near Husten are grouped for the hike to the rear as PW's.

Elements of the First and Third Battalions on the 12th were mopping up isolated pockets around the towns of Neheim, Husten, Bruchausen and Niedereimer. The troops could look across the river and see the artillery preceding the Fifth Division as it worked west along the south bank and concentrated fire on Arnsberg. In these towns, liberated Russian PWs with "S.U." painted on their shabby uniforms hung around the GI chow lines and eagerly seized and gobbled up the leavings in the mess kits of those in the wash line.

COMBAT FOR 377TH ENDS

Next day, April 13, the Seventeenth Cavalry Squadron relieved the 377th troops. As the men pulled out and hiked back past the brand-new, low-slung tanks of the cavalry, they heard their first reports of President Roosevelt's death. The troops were transported swiftly westward to a new forward assembly area around Unna, closing in about 7:00 P.M. First and Third Battalions immediately began relief of elements of the Eighth Armored Division, and by 11:00 P.M. were situated in little villages on the north bank of the Rûhr River, including Frendenberg and Wickede. Here they waited for the Fifth Division to uncover again their front across the river. Enemy mortar and artillery came in the nights of April 13 and 14. Patrols were run at night. The next few days, through April 16, the troops intercepted numerous straying Wehrmacht members as they came across the river to get out of the path of the U. S. advance from the south and east.

As the Fifth Division, advancing from the east on the far (south) bank of the Rhur River, again cleared the enemy from its side of the river, the actual combat history of the Regiment came to a close. The Rhur Pocket had now been cleaned up entirely and was completely under American occupation.

Left, top: Two British officers pose with Lieutenant Colonel Mulcock, Colonel Gaillard, and Major General Twaddle at May Day Fete in Hamm, Germany.

Bottom: Former Russian PW's cook up a beef stew after a foraging party.

OCCUPATION PERIOD...

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With the uncovering of the entire regimental front by the advancing Fifth Division, the Regiment's mission in the Ruhr area was completed. On April 17th, headquarters was moved to the town of Werl, the center of the unit's first occupation zone in Germany. Battalion CPs were established in their respective areas, with the First in Soest, Second in Lippstadt, and Third in Hamm. Cannon Company and Anti-Tank Company took over Unna.

Regiment, charged with organizing a competent civil government, with collecting, housing, feeding and controlling more than 100,000 Displaced Persons of different nationalities, and at the same time screening German civilians, extended the companies over a wide area. Each platoon leader, became directly responsibl for a town or DP camp with the Burgomeister or Camp Leader answering to him. While the Germans for the most part were obedient and eager to cooperate, several places necessitated a change in officials to obtain cooperation in spirit as well as in letter.

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DPs MAKE TROUBLE

The bulk of troubles, however, administrative and supply as well as control, came not from the Germans but from the DPs. These people, the debris of war, were found everywhere. The nomadic type organized small bands, obtained firearms and pillaged German homes, stole food and clothing, and destroyed what they could not use—thus avenging for their years of serfdom or their incarceration as POWs. On several occasions, they clashed with American troops or with German civilians endeavoring to protect their property.

A complete round-up hustled these refugees into camps or barracks previously used by the Germans as enclosures for slave laborers or for POWs. The attitude of the DP in the matter of restraint was interesting. Most of them resented being penned up, although they understood why it had to be. They insisted that they were not stealing and looting from the Germans, but were merely retrieving what the Nazis had stolen from them. Food, especially meat and potatoes, had top priority on the looting list, and throughout gave rise to one of the most pressing problems. German food warehouses, with the Burgomeister in charge and held fully responsible, supplied the DPs until even reserves were drained. Then, U. S. Army "C" and "10-in-1" rations and some obsolete British rations were provided by the military. The cigarettes in the American rations drew more attention than the food itself.

On May 1, according to the Russian version of May Day, Soviets celebrated with dances, feasts, songs and music. Most of the Russian camps displayed prominently pictures of President Truman, Marshal Stalin, Lenin, and Prime Minister Churchill. General Twaddle and Colonel Gaillard were guests of honor at several of the celebrations. Speeches by the Russian leaders were many and lengthy, always introduced with the word, "Tovarich" (the Russian word for comrade), and always punctuated by cheers and demonstrations whenever the name of Stalin was mentioned. (This reminded many of good old American political rallies.) Colonel Gaillard won hearty applause, during his talk translated sentence by sentence into Russian by an interpreter, when he made the announcement that as soon as transportation was made available, they were to be shipped home.

Freed Russians at Soest, Germany, observed V-E Day by gathering together this strange mock statue to represent the downfall of their former captors.

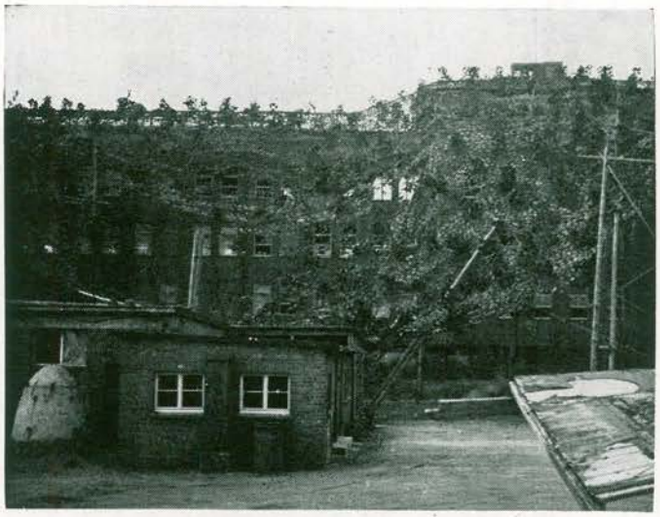
That called for celebration, too. The "lager" at Hamm, supervised by the 1st platoon of K Company, had more than good news to celebrate with. Circulating through this camp was an unidentified species of firewater known by such varying titles as "buzz-bomb juice" or "nitro-glycerine." It caused a number of Russians to get in trouble with their American benefactors.

'CBI OR OCCUPY?'

Elements of the 79th Division started relieving the Regiment in its first occupation sector on May 4th, and on May 7th the 377th moved into a new area of occupational control, with only 45,000 DPs and POWs, which had previously been occupied by the 79th Division. Regimental CP was at Recklinghausen, with First at Buer, Second also in Recklinghausen, and Third at Bottrop. Then began more of the same occupational duties, this time launched with the advent of peace in Europe. The Regiment celebrated with enthusiasm, but somewhat anti-climactically, the radio report received on the 8th that the surrender of Germany was a fact. The celebration was somewhat dimmed, too, by rumors that the Division was to be redeployed to the Pacific.

On the 18th, elements of the 35th Division relieved the Regiment of all its occupational duties in this area, and Regimental Headquarters moved from Recklinghausen north to Drewer-Nord (location of a huge synthetic rubber plant). Battalions, in turn, were relieved of their duties, and First regrouped its companies near the Battalion CP in Buer, Second stayed in Recklinghausen (moving to Drewer-Nord several days later), and Third in Bottrop.

By this time, it was an accepted fact that the outfit was CBI-bound. After weapons and vehicles were conditioned and made ready for turn-in, a training schedule with CBI in mind was instituted and followed for a time, including much calisthenics and sports. On May 25th, the *Stars and Stripes* carried the announcement that the 95th Division was headed for the CBI, but via redeployment to the States and a 30-day recuperation period. There had been so many conflicting rumors that for a time even this authoritative *Stars and Stripes* report was doubted.

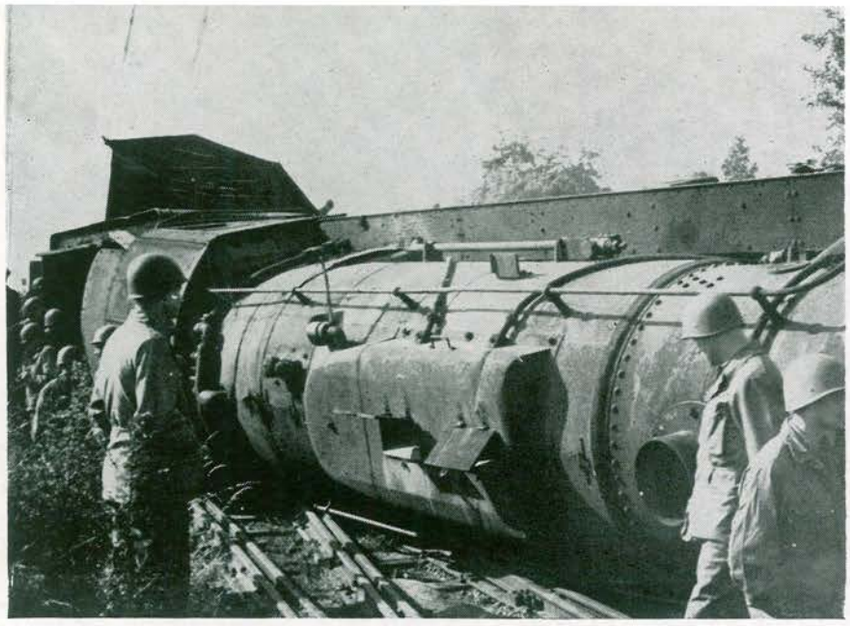


The entire synthetic rubber plant at Drewer-Nord, Germany, was camouflaged with burlap strung on wire nettings. It was almost untouched by bombing or artillery.

Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson greets officers of First Battalion during visit to 95th Headquarters at Erwitte, Germany, May 4, 1945. Mr. Patterson shakes hands with Lieutenant William R. Johnson while Lieutenant Leo A. Moreau, Lieutenant Lloyd G. Ernest, and Lieutenant Glen R. Becraft stand by.

Released PW's coming home, as seen during 377th's period of occupation in Germany

Types of Displaced Persons seen in the DP Camp at Werl, Germany. Back row, left to right: Mongol or Siberian, Rumanian, Ukrainian peasant; front row: Russian officer, Russian enlisted man.



Those who traveled by train to Camp Old Gold had diversion, excitement, and delay when the train derailed shortly after the Rhine crossing, June 12, 1945.

GERMANY TO THE U.S. . . .

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On June 11, 1945, the Regiment boarded those unforgettable "40 and 8" trains again, but for this trip preparations had been made for a more comfortable move than the one to the east. This time only 30 men occupied each car, a few less than the France-to-Germany-bound box cars of 10 months previous. Fifteen (more or less) bunks in each car (arranged scientifically to afford greater comfort), special kitchen cars regularly serving hot meals, and less stops along the way made this trip one of the pleasant moves across the Continent. (Organic transportation units made the same trip separately by motor convoy.)

First Battalion had its share of diversion, excitement and delay along the train route shortly after crossing the Rhine near Munchen-Gladbach. Its slow-moving train of box cars suddenly jerked to a halt like a bucking bronco, and the first car almost straddled the engine. The engine had been derailed and everyone in the train was thrown to the floor by the impact. Fortunately, no one was hurt, the damage repaired, and the train got under way again.

Maastricht, Holland, supplied the finishing touches to a period of non-fraternization rulings that had lasted all through the Regiment's stay in Germany. Girls, welcoming the train into the Maastricht station, received a rousing reception in return. The townspeople opened their gates to "The Iron Men of Metz" and furnished what seemed to be a lifetime of excitement.

After three and a half days, the trains edged into the siding of Camp Old Gold, near the port of Le Havre. As the men detrained, they realized that one of the questions most disturbing in their minds was now answered—the Division definitely was headed for home and 30-day recuperation furloughs. At Camp Old Gold, SOP called for several days of labor to prepare the units for shipping because of supply and paper work. But when Colonel Gaillard received word that a ship was ready and that 377th could leave in two to three days, IF it could get ready that quickly, he had a quick answer: "You bet we can!" No more need be said. With arrival home in sight that much sooner, things really flew for the next three days.

Last-minute inspections were numerous. Excess clothing and

On motor march to port, convoys stopped for the night at Cambrai, France, where civilians swarmed the GI's, trying to buy anything and everything.

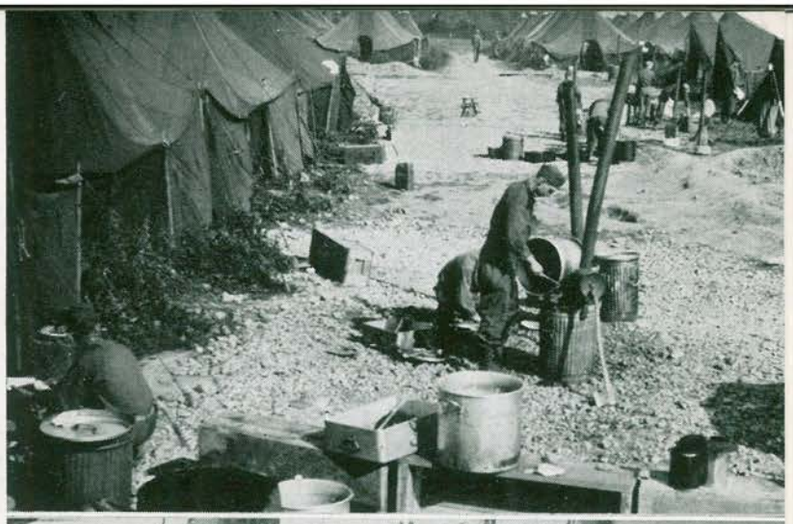
equipment were packed and readied for shipping, money was converted to American greenbacks, weapons collected and cosmolined, "Eisenhower jackets" fitted and issued, and duffle bags packed and repacked. Supply and administrative personnel worked night and day to meet the Regiment's deadline.

ANCHORS AWEIGH!

On June 19, the job done within the allotted time, a tired but exultant regiment boarded the USS *William H. Gordon,* largest and newest of the Coast Guard troop transports, at the battered port of Le Havre. Anchor was weighed on the morning of the 20th, with the 377th and several small groups of engineers and service troops—US-bound—scheduled to arrive at Newport News, Va., in seven days.

The first few days aboard reminded one of a wholesale auction, for there was plenty of swapping, selling, and buying of pistols, cameras, watches and other souvenirs. Rough weather began to mar the pleasant voyage and calm seas on the 26th, and the ship—huge as she was—bucked and rolled like an irritated steer. But the *Gordon* could rightly roll high, for she was passing through the edge of a violent hurricane!

Loading, port of Le Havre, June 19. Men and officers of 377th special units are in the foreground.



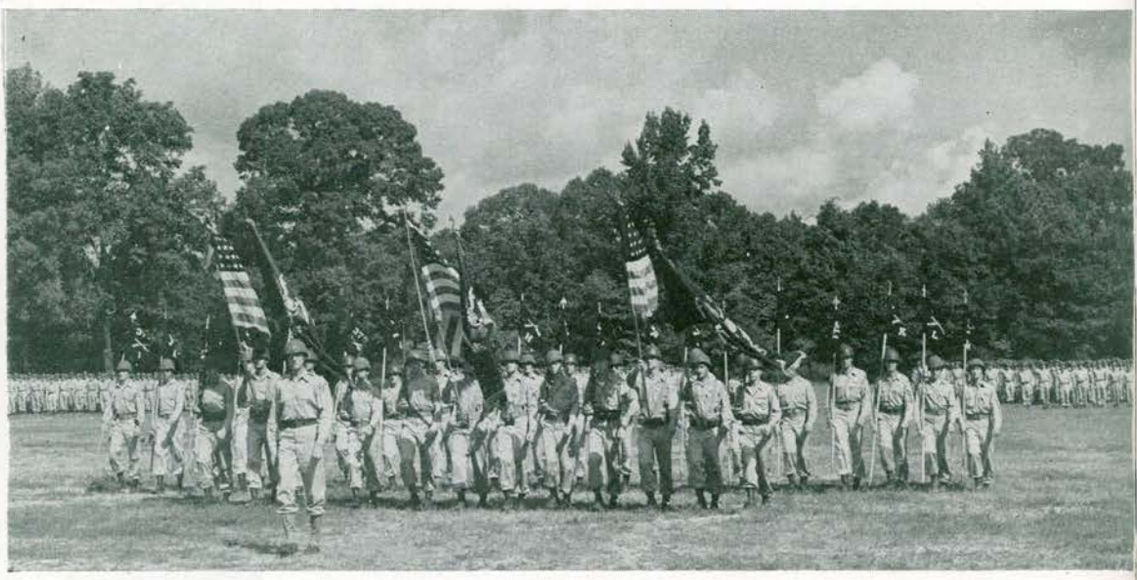
Top: The business end of the encampment at Camp Old Gold, where outdoor cooking equipment was used for the last time by 377th troops, June 17.

Bottom: Life aboard ship: a series of boat drills, chow lines, work details, and a quick dash to the shower room when water was available. *U.S.S. Gordon,* June 25.

On the 27th, as the ship approached the Virginia coastline and as ship radios aired singing commercials and other strictly-American programs that the GIs had almost forgotten, the soldiers perched impatiently all over the superstructures. Eager eyes watched the thin strip of land and dots of lights grow into broad beaches and an all-American skyline and searched the shores for sight of familiar objects. Dusk fell as the ship dropped anchor in the harbor awaiting a suitable tide level for docking. Slowly the men filtered below for their last night aboard ship.

Units began unloading at 8:30 A.M., on the 28th, and by noon the entire Regiment had been shuttled by train from the dock to Camp Patrick Henry, Va. Here a band met each trainload of men, and escorted them to a post theater for orientation talks by the post commander and his representataives. That day and the next, a few items of needed clothing were issued, and a steak dinner complete with honest-to-goodness cow's milk and ice cream, as well as a restful night's sleep were enjoyed. Then groups began leaving by special train for their respective separation centers and their hard-earned 30 days of rest at home.

FURLOUGH TO INACTIVATION



At the last large parade of the 377th Regiment at Camp Shelby on September 7, Colonel Gaillard leads the presentation of colors. The ceremony honored the memory of G Company's S/Sgt. Andrew Miller, whose wife received his Congressional Medal of Honor during the review.

The 31st of July unveiled scenes of 377th men in khaki, harmoniously adjusted to civilian routine after a month's recuperation at home, reluctantly preparing for their return to Army life again. Parting could hardly have been any more difficult, but there remained still one blemish in the clear path of peace, and it had to be removed. Did fate destine these men to be among the invaders of Japan? Time would tell. The Army already had decided in the affirmative.

From the network of reception stations in early August groups of men began to flow into Camp Shelby, Miss., beginning on August 3. They streamed in steadily for the next seven days. Within two weeks, the 377th Regiment had reorganized, effected a training schedule, and begun qualifying personnel for its second overseas movement. Carbine, M-1, pistol, sub-machine gun, and machine gun firing on the range lasted for two weeks. Required pre-shipment lectures were given, the newest training films projected regularly, and a sport program adopted for the afternoon time.

The latter half of August yielded definite reactions to some protests members of various divisions scheduled for redeployment to the Pacific had made via the public press and through Congress representatives. War Department officials maintained that these divisions (among them the 95th,) were being sent at the request of General Douglas MacArthur himself, and the orders remained unchanged. Meanwhile, the outfit was screened to eliminate about 1,000 high-point and over-age men, who were to be transferred out before overseas movement. Low-point men were transferred as replacements in from inactivated outfits and some fresh from reception centers and basic training.

The disintegrating atomic bomb and finally the long-awaited V-J Day ripped the seams of the redeployment schedule wide open. Extensive changes favorable to protesting veterans were announced by the War Department. Not long after, Regiment transferred 150 men with 60 to 75 points as of May 12th, V-E Day, to the 44th Division at Camp Chaffee, Ark. Then the War Department announced that the Division was *not* going to the Pacific.

In early September, rumors of inactivation orders circulated steadily, gaining momentum and logic but not confirmation. On Friday, September 7, the Division's first Congressional Medal of Honor, posthumously awarded, was presented by Major General Twaddle, Division Commander, to Mrs. Mayme Miller, wife of recipient S/Sgt. Andy Miller of Company G, 377th Infantry. The entire 377th participated in the review honoring the Regiment's outstanding soldier, parading along with a composite battalion from the 378th and one from the 379th Infantry Regiments.

On September 17, a furlough rotation policy was announced, permitting 15 per cent of the Regimental personnel of men over 50 points to have furloughs of seven days and travel time. Within a few days, however, these furloughs were mysteriously cancelled, indicating something was in the air. Division soon received the signal to prepare for inactivation, and personnel sections began their tedious work on records, readying men for transfer. Separation centers and special-unit camps were in dire need of personnel with less than 45 points and privates with 45-60 points. Regiment quickly answered this call, with the transfer of 167 men to Camp Atterbury, Ind.; 30 to Fort Dix, N. J.; 311 to Jefferson Barracks, Mo.; 300 to Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, N. Y.; 42 to the Christmas Mail Unit at Camp Knight, Calif.; and 50 to the Disciplinary Barracks of Missoula, Mont.

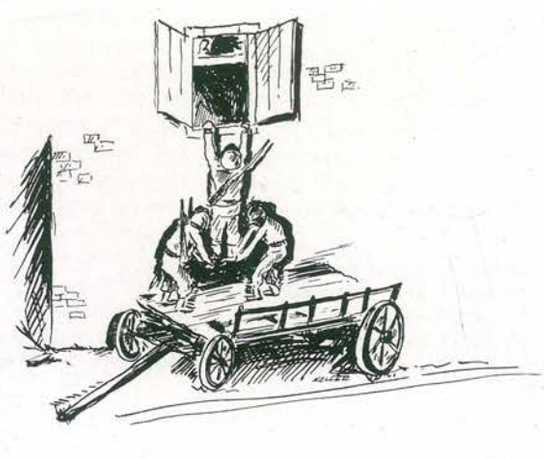
The remaining 1,000-odd personnel with an ASR score of 45 to 69 were transferred to the 28th Division, getting a delay en route of 45 days, beginning on October 1st. On October 6th each major unit in the Division "cased its colors" ceremoniously before Major General Twaddle, Division Commander since its activation, at the Division CP. The 377th Regiment was inactivated officially on October 11th. By October 15, 1945, the entire Division was inactivated, ending its brilliant record as one of the outstanding World War II combat divisions in the United States Army—just three years and three months after its birth.

CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR

Staff Sergeant Andrew Miller

MEDAL OF HONOR.—By direction of the President, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul 43, 1918), a Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty was awarded posthumously by the War Department in the name of Congress to the following-named enlisted man:

Staff Sergeant *Andrew Miller* (Army serial No. 36248212), Company G, 377th Infantry Regiment, Army of the United States, performed a series of heroic deeds from 16 to 29 November 1944 during his company's relentless drive from Woippy, France, through Metz to Kerprich Hemmersdorf, Germany. As he led a rifle squad on 16 November at Woippy, a cross-fire from enemy machine guns pinned down his unit. Ordering his men to remain under cover, he went forward alone, entered a building housing one of the guns, and forced five Germans to surrender at bayonet point. He then took the second gun single-handedly by hurling grenades into the enemy position, killing two, wounding three more, and taking two additional prisoners. At the outskirts of Metz the next day, when his platoon, confused by heavy explosions and the withdrawal of friendly tanks, retired, he fearlessly remained behind armed with an automatic rifle and exchanged bursts with a German machine gun until he silenced the enemy weapon. His quick action in covering his comrades gave the platoon time to regroup and carry on the fight. On 19 November, Sergeant *Miller* led an attack on large enemy barracks. Covered by his squad, he crawled to a barracks window, climbed in, and captured six riflemen occupying the room. His men, and then the entire company, followed through the window, scoured the building, and took 75 prisoners. Sergeant *Miller* volunteered, with three comrades, to capture Gestapo officers who were preventing the surrender of German troops in another building. He ran a gauntlet of machine-gun fire and was lifted through a window. Inside, he found himself covered by a machine pistol, but he persuaded the four Gestapo agents confronting him to surrender. Early the next morning, when strong hostile forces punished his company with heavy fire, Sergeant *Miller* assumed the the task of destroying a well-placed machine gun. He was knocked down by a rifle grenade as he climbed an open stairway in a house but pressed on with a bazooka to find an advantageous spot from which to launch his rocket. He discovered that he could fire only from the roof—a position where he would draw tremendous enemy fire. Facing the risk, he moved into the open, coolly took aim, and scored a direct hit on the hostile emplacement, wreaking such havoc that the enemy troops became completely demoralized and began surrendering by the score. The following day, in Metz, he captured 12 more prisoners and silenced an enemy machine gun after volunteering for a hazardous mission in advance of his company's position. On 29 November, as Company G climbed a hill overlooking Kerprich Hemmersdorf, enemy fire pinned the unit to the ground. Sergeant *Miller* on his own initiative pressed ahead with his squad past the company's leading element to meet the surprise resistance. His men stood up and advanced deliberately, firing as they went. Inspired by Sergeant *Miller's* leadership the platoon followed, and then another platoon arose and grimly closed with the Germans. The enemy position was smothered but at the cost of Sergeant *Miller's* life. His tenacious devotion to the attack, his gallant choice to expose himself to enemy action rather than endanger his men, his limitless bravery, assured the success of Company G.



SPECIAL UNITS

Most reassuring sight to the wounded was the GI with the Red Cross on his arm and the aid kit at hand.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Headquarters Company, in command of Capt. Leo G. Oldham, began to function on its "combat mission" almost before all of the Regiment arrived in France. The wire section eased the difficult administrative arrangement of the hedgerow camp by installing a telephone net to all major units, while the radio section began the highly technical procedure of calibrating and adjusting its field radios for combat.

Soon after the Regiment was committed at Champey, several changes not in the "book" were found necessary, namely, the organization of a signal supply section, the need for more linemen, and the organization of a CP security guard. (The men of the unofficial Regimental Band furnished the latter.) After the Regiment moved in north of Metz, the Intelligence and Reconnaissance platoon joined forces with Task Force Rosoff and occupied the town of Talange. When the Regiment started its drive to Saarlautern, the I & R group found itself patrolling roads, looking over road blocks and blown bridges, and reporting these findings along with the location of the Battalions to Operations Section at the CP.

While servicing a wire line from Kerlingen to Wallerfangen, a wire team ran into trouble with a persistent Jerry artillery battery, which broke the lines with accurate rounds each time the team repaired them. As the four men kept repairing the breaks, disregarding the artillery, one shell landed in the middle of the team, killing Pfc. Cleo T. Simon and injuring three others.

Saarlautern brought the CP closer to the line than ever before. Here the I & R platoon established OPs and directed counter-battery fire. Several men were injured here while on OP duty, caught by Jerry shells while sitting in the attic of the tallest building in town.

The rest periods at Falck, the cold miserable days at Bourcy and the waiting period at Millen were anything but rest periods for the company. In all these places wire had to be installed and maintained, message centers operated 24 hours a day, and radios on duty for a like period. The drive to the Rhine was almost a continual move with the wire section striving desperately to keep everyone in communication. Toward the latter part of this operation, the I & R platoon received the mission of following Division Recon Troops to report their progress to leading elements of the Regiment. Lt. Antone P. Kreticos, platoon leader, claims to be the first man of the Regiment to see the mighty Rhine. The unforgettable ride with the Second Armored Division kept the radio operators busy at the key, while the wire section received a much-deserved break. Message center jeeps put in many hundreds of miles here searching for fast-moving recipients of messages.

The operations in the woods south of Mohne Talsperre was no deviation from the routine of laying wires, operating switchboards, radios, message center and patrolling. Military government at Werl brought a new experience to the wire department when the linemen attempted to use standard pole lines for telephone communication to the Battalions. Displaying the usual American ingenuity, they salvaged a hand car from the railroad equipment and put it to use in patrolling their lines, which paralleled the railroad.

THE BATTALION HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Between the Battalion Commanders and the line companies there is one all-important link: the Battalion Headquarters Companies. These companies have the mission of coordinating, servicing and supplying the line companies. Their work includes operation of the rear and forward CPs, communications, anti-tank protection, supply of ammunition, building bridges, servicing company vehicles, and handling prisoners. All that has been said in the section above applies to the Battalion Headquarters Companies as well as to Regimental Headquarters Company, for their work is essentially the same, though at a lower echelon of command. The added hazard is that men of the Battalion Headquarters Companies operate considerably closer to the enemy. In the final analysis, what is done at the Battalion and Company level decides whether or not a mission assigned and prepared by Regiment will be accomplished. The Battalion Ammunition and Pioneer Platoons — the general

utility men at the Battalion Commander's fingertips—furnished the manpower for a multiplicity of duties that ranged from evacuating dead and rescuing wounded to occupying a sector of the front as emergency reinforcements. Their exploits have been covered partially in the chronological history preceding this section. During the entire period of combat these three companies were commanded by Capt. Elmer C. Hammonds, First; Capt. John E. Shafer, Second; and Capt. Jerome P. Keohane, Third.

THE HEAVY WEAPONS COMPANIES

Someone has said that every good front-line infantryman in Third Battalion ends his nightly prayers this way: "And God bless Mom, Dad, Sis, and The Boys in M Company." If that is so, the high regard shown for heavy weapons is not without justification. When the crucial time of battle came, somehow nearly always some squad or section from D, H or M Companies was on the spot with telling machine gun fire or accurate mortar shelling to spell the difference between success or failure of a mission. The boys who did those HMG or 81-mm. mortar jobs were the ones who carried the heaviest manhandled loads in the infantry—the rough-and-tough weapons men of the heavy weapons companies. In 377th combat, these men were under the command of Capt. Kenneth V. Lockwood and later Capt. M. R. Davis in D Company; Capt. Maurice J. Reynolds (later Major) and later Capt. Walter H. Cropper in H Company; and Capt. Hiram F. Small in M Company.

Highlights of their exploits in combat show great variety. Third platoon of Dog Company claims to have fired almost 10,000 mortar rounds (of which about 5,000 rounds were German projectiles) during seven days of supporting fire at the hard-pressed Uckange bridgehead. How Company's mortar platoon, in the armored spearhead drive, fired more than 500 rounds despite the constant movement, and set some sort of record when it displaced four times in six hours, digging in each time. One of How's most crucial periods of combat came at the Saar bridgehead during early December when personnel lost to the company included one fourth of the officers, two platoon sergeants and a dozen men. Machine gun platoons had only enough men to man one gun per section. The mortar platoon had all six mortars in action but was badly short on ammunition bearers. Mike Company men recall with amusement the time at Maizieres when T/Sgt. R. W. Johnson walked outside his CP and discovered that a 150-mm. dud had landed next to the CP alongside a pile of mortar ammunition. Shortly after, during the attack on LaMaxe, the machine gunners found out what a beating the HMGs would take. As they advanced down a ditch toward the town, the two guns of a section became so covered with mud and water that the bolts hardly would move. But when the gunners attempted to fire, after a few seconds of sluggish operation the MGs rattled away in just about A1 shape. "It was a machine gunner's dream" is the way machine gunners of M's second platoon recall the time on the road leading out of Boulay when a large group of Germans walked down from the side of a hill in "a column of ducks" about 1,200 yards away. The gunners lost no time in taking full advantage of this dream situation. Days of the bridgehead at Fraulautern were no snap for the heavy weapons men either, for among their troubles was the necessity for keeping anti-freeze in the water jackets of the HMGs lest they freeze and become useless.

SERVICE COMPANY

Behind front-line infantrymen, a company of supply, transportation, and administrative personnel worked continuously to keep the fighting troops fed and equipped, mobile and properly recorded —Service Company, in command of Capt. Walt O. Knowles. This company received its first combat assignment in France when the Regiment assembled near Trevieres: the "Red Ball." All two-and-a-half-ton trucks were unloaded, serviced and shipped to Red Ball concentration points, and all mechanics and drivers who could be spared were assigned to temporary duty with this organization, which was designed to and did eliminate a supply-line breakdown to the fast-moving front-line troops in Eastern France. Virtually all transportation personnel of Service Company participated in the success of this truck mission.

Service Company received its first casualties when artillery landed in a truck park near Amneville, France, and had its first taste of abnormal supply problems in combat when several men earned Air Medals for volunteer flights in liaison planes, dropping supplies to isolated First Battalion at the Uckange Bridgehead. As the Regiment pushed into Metz and beyond it to the Saar, Service Company found that its combat assignments had to include: a system of battalion sections for kitchens, instead of the regimental kitchen train; the operation of a Graves Registration team; the handling of both free and for-sale "PX" rations; assistance in handling the personnel effects of casualties; the processing and housing of an eventual total of some 3,000 reinforcements; and the evacuation of a final total of about 9,000 prisoners of war.

Highlight in combat came as the Regiment reached the Saar River at Wallerfangen and turned south toward Saarlautern. Keeping as close as possible behind fast-moving troops, Service Company found itself in Wallerfangen on the bank of the Saar, virtually holding down the left flank of the Division front. This awkward situation became more apparent two days later as the 90th Division moved through the town to establish a bridgehead. Basement dwellings, foxholes, constantly-crashing artillery and "Purple Heart Road" between Wallerfangen and Saarlautern became legends in the 15-day stay there, giving Capt. Paul Davis and his motor maintenance men considerable difficulty in their repair of regimental vehicles.

A proportionate share of the credit for this Regiment's combat successes can be attributed to the Ammunition section for keeping the battalions supplied with this essential; ammo really was there where and when it was needed, limited only by as much as ASPs could funish. The overall picture shows that 2,818,823 rounds of .30 caliber ammunition of all types (1,395,083 rifle; 1,093,000 machine gun; 330,740 carbine) were expended in ammunition handled by this section. Other ammunition expenditures included: 4,064 57-mm.; 53,021 60-mm. mortar; 28,816 81-mm mortar; 13,685 German mortar; 19,323 105-mm. (including 18 loaded with propaganda leaflets); 150 German 88-mm; 1,391 German 75-mm; 162,100 cal. .45; 59,555 cal. .50; 5,132 bazooka; 29,417 hand grenades; 4,408 rifle grenades (including 200 German type); and 842 signal shells and flares of various types.

Under the leadership of Capt. Ben Z. Shank, the section set a record of having not one man injured through mishandling of ammunition. Truck drivers often were placed in ticklish spots, with their loaded trucks an ideal target for German gunners. Once when the first trucks were going into Metz, shrapnel tore holes in the canvas tops of the trucks but luckily did not cause any explosion. Another time, while preparing to unload a cargo of German 75 shells, panzerfaust and Teller mines at an ammo dump in the rear, the truck's load blew up; no one was injured, however. Members of the A/T Company mine platoon had a similar incident, when a German shell landed in the back of their truck loaded with American mines; though shrapnel tore through the tail gate and even through two mines, none of them exploded. Capt. Lockwood of D Company once found himself momentarily without enough increments for his mortars; until the resupply arrived, he moved his mortars to a forward position and using only the propelling charge proceeded to fire on a German minefield. While in relief of the British on the Maas River, Cannon Company was unable to draw ammunition from the British. A fire mission was received to zero in on some suspected enemy movement. The mission was completed with the only shells available, HC smoke.

The conclusion of combat found new jobs for Service Company as the Regiment took on occupation duties. The supply section, in charge of Major Neumann, found it had the job of feeding all "orphans"—those thousands of displaced persons in the occupa-

tion zones. At one time the ration section hauled 100,000 rations from the Division Quartermaster to various DP camps.

Among the men assigned to Service Company who functioned elsewhere in the Regiment were the men in administrative assignments at Regimental Headquarters and in key jobs at the Regimental Personnel Section. Among these, working under the Regimental Adjutant (Capt. Roy E. Crocker) and the Personnel Officer (Capt. George McCord) was M/Sgt. Robert Provost, top noncom in the Regiment as Regimental Sergeant Major. Theirs was the task of supervising the paper war which the Regiment fought, which at times was a struggle fiercely waged, especialaly when casualties were high and reinforcements moved through rapidly.

CANNON COMPANY

Activated during the heat of Louisiana maneuvers, Cannon Company of 377th Infantry Regiment had a late start in the matter of training. But, under the leadership of Capt. George A. Rollins, it quickly developed into a highly valuable and highly utilized adjunct to the fire power of the Regiment in combat, for, during its ETO days, Cannon Company fired almost 20,000 rounds of 105-mm. ammunition. Targets it destroyed included enemy artillery batteries, mortar positions, ammo dumps, gasoline storage tanks, chow lines, snipers in church steeples, German Tiger tanks and other pinpoint targets. The company carried on with only two officers during most of combat. Lt. Burton F. Hood, Jr., executive officer, developed a fire direction center that could fire on two different missions at the same time. Supporting the Second Battalion's crossing of the Moselle River into Metz, the Company directed approximately 800 rounds into enemy defensive positions in less than half an hour. In the push to the Siegfried Line when the entire Regiment was committed, nine forward observer teams kept the the cannons smoking hot, spreading destruction with their 33-pound projectiles. It was here that the First Sergeant's battery of German 75's had its field day (described earlier).

Cannon Company men recall an incident during the counter-attack at Saarlouis-Roden when roughly 500 Germans hit against Third Battalion. Cannon Company, through its prepared defensive fire plan, was able to go into action immediately and contributed largely to the repulse of the Germans' threat. T/Sgt. Kenneth Lamp, operating in an observation post, had the front of his house blown away by an enemy shell. Quickly climbing into a bathtub for protection, he continued to call back by radio the numbers of concentrations he wanted fire placed on. He sweated it out while fighting raged in the street below all around him. Krauts even entered the cellar and fought there furiously until doughs of L Company drove them out. T/Sgt. William Flickema, from his perch in a church steeple at Buderich, watched a squad of Germans enter a house on the east bank of the Rhine at Dusseldorf.

A look over the camouflaged barrel and gun emplacement at Fraulautern of one of Anti-Tank Company's 57-mm. guns. Minefield laid by mine platoon is just to the front of the emplacement.

Men and 105 of Cannon Company in camouflaged gun position near Rheinhausen.

He levelled the house and the Boche with the exception of one who tried to escape by pedalling away furiously on a bicycle. The sergeant telephone to the FDC a change of range. After the third round there was no German, no bicycle, no nothing.

ANTI-TANK COMPANY

In the overall picture of 377th's history in combat, the name of Anti-Tank Company appears rather infrequently. This is not so much because this special unit, commanded by Capt. Martin Rosoff, made only a small contribution to the fighting prowess of the Regiment; rather, it's because of the method in which the company was used in combat. With the exception of "Task Force Rosoff" during the first days of the Metz drive when the company occupied a portion of the Moselle River front, Anti-Tank Company normally was broken up into various attachments to companies or battalions for special missions for which it had been trained. Normal breakdown was a platoon per battalion to augment the anti-tank platoon of the Battalion Headquarters Companies when needed. The mine platoon was sent regularly on missions to clear roads of mines placed there by the retreating Germans. In the Saarlautern campaign when the Regiment was preparing defensive positions in the St. Avold area, the platoon prepared minefields and other anti-tank defenses. Anti-Tank Company maintained considerable anti-mechanized protection during the Armored Spearhead and the Ruhr Pocket campaigns. At the beginning of the Spearhead on the afternoon of March 29, the second platoon and its 57-mm. guns, attached to Second Battalion, observed a German tracked troop carrier moving behind a building. A 57 was quickly placed in position and opened fire on the enemy-occupied building. Accurate fire drove the Germans out of the building. As the vehicle attempted to clear away, the 57 gunner fired several rounds directly into it, knocking it out and killing or injuring the Germans in it. The company weapons were used with telling effect on other similar targets throughout combat.

THE MEDICS

On the field of battle, there can be no more reassuring a sight to a wounded rifleman than that of the GI with the Red Cross arm band and aid kit. He was a living symbol in battle of the service provided by the 377th Medical Detachment, commanded during combat by Major John B. Holst. The 10 officers and 120-some enlisted men of the Detachment, fully recognized by the infantrymen as "a bunch of swell Joes," have stood side by side with the infantry, fearlessly and unselfishly, in the heat of battle. Even though medical personnel are engaged exclusively in the removal, transportation and treatment of the sick and wounded and are entitled to protection from the enemies of the U. S., artillery shells played no favorites. Seven of the medics died while serving their units in battle. More than 50 Medics have been decorated for extraordinary service to their buddies the infantrymen, who affectionately know them by the name "pillrollers."

Among these was the DSC winner T/5 Edward J. Stepanik, whose heroism has been described in Uckange-First Battalion story.

In the 377th Infantry, 1,548 casualties have been handled through aid men and/or the Battalion Aid Stations and evacuated safely and comfortably to field and general hospitals. In addition, almost a thousand men, wounded slightly, have been given treatment at their Battalion Aid Station and returned to duty the same day. More than 30 of the medics have been wounded themselves while performing their life-saving duties. Hundreds of units of life-giving blood plasma have been used in the aid stations and even in the field under intense fighting conditions, saving the lives of many threatened by loss of blood.

The link between the litters of the Battalion Aid Stations and the comfortable beds of the evacuation hospitals was furnished by A Company of the 95th's 320th Medical Battalion, commanded by Capt. Joseph Howell. This Collecting Company had the task of evacuating the sick and wounded from the Battalion Aid Stations to the hospitals where they could receive the finest care available to any Army in the world. In more than 140 days of combat, Company A was in close support of 377th Infantry and handled several thousand casualties, using its three sections—the ambulance drivers, the aid station technicians, and the litter bearers. The litter bearer platoon consisted of 40 men, broken down into squads of four men each. One squad of litter bearers and sometimes two were on duty continuously at each Battalion Aid Station, working side by side with the men of the Medical Detachment. The ambulance drivers of Collecting Company were essential in the chain of evacuation of the wounded. Their duties began with the loading of the patient at the aid station and ended with the unloading either at the collecting station or at Clearing Company. Blackout driving and the constant threat of bombing and shelling taxed the drivers almost beyond the point of human endurance. There is more than one 377th man today who owes his life to the blood plasma administered in the back of a moving ambulance by the assistant driver. To handle emergencies which might arise as the patients were evacuated to the rear, the Collecting Company Aid Station played a vital part. Sometimes as much as 20 miles separated the battlefield from the Clearing Station.

The overall job which the medics attached to the Regiment performed during ETO combat is one which compares favorably with the best, as the high percentage of casualties evacuated safely attests.

920TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION

Sixty-one thousand, one hundred and forty-four rounds of 105-mm. ammunition fired in support of the 377th Infantry Regiment! That's the record to which the 920th Field Artillery Battalion can point with pride, as the result of its combat attachment to the Regiment as part of Combat Team Seven. The quantity and effectiveness of that firepower is a tribute to the teamwork developed in training in the States between the 920th and the 377th. For, to shoot, an artilleryman must be able to see and be able to communicate; to see, he must be up front with the leading platoon; and to communicate he must lay a wire as he goes or pack a radio. All this means living with the infantrymen and learning how they operate. In turn, the infantrymen must be taught what artillery fire can do and how it can be adjusted on a target.

To these ends, the training in coordination which this infantry-artillery team got in Louisiana, in the Desert, and at The Gap really paid off in combat.

In combat as in training, the commanding officer of the 920th, Lt. Col. Thomas R. Brown, stayed with Colonel Gaillard at Regiment, and a liaison officer and his party of five men stayed with each Battalion Commander. Working under each liaison officer were two, and sometimes three, forward observers each with a four-man crew. The forward observers were assigned to an assault company and lived with these companies. The examples of the coordination which was attained are numerous. During the first 24 hours of the Uckange bridgehead the 920th fired 1,411 rounds of 105-mm. ammunition in support of First Battalion, and artillery observers were among those across the river and isolated from friendly troops for many days by flood waters. The 920th's own liaison planes aided in air-supply of the bridgehead. Members of an artillery liaison party were among those killed and wounded during the many attempts made to cross the Moselle River. An artillery liaison radio aided the First Battalion heavy weapons company commander to call artillery upon the enemy from Immeldange during the bridgehead's crucial days.

Members of Third Battalion will remember the November 30th incident at the anti-tank ditch near Felsberg, when the forward observer sent this message by radio to his fire direction center: "Counterattack . . . Request all possible fire!" Within 15 minutes the 920th had fired 565 rounds. During the Third Battalion's famous repulse of the counterattack in Saarlautern-Roden, the 920th massed fires with 377th's mortars and the attacking waves were split by this heavy shelling. Air observers called in artillery on more than a dozen enemy batteries that day.

A good number of the missions fired during the Saar fighting were called for by veteran infantrymen of 377th, which shows that the training before overseas movement came in for good use.

THE REGIMENT'S RELIGIOUS LIFE

The effect and influence of worship services and the ever-present privilege of telling one's troubles to a chaplain did much

The 105's of 920th boom out one more round in support of 377th at Alt Forweiler, Germany.

Chaplain Albert Schofer holds open-air devotions in France

throughout the trying conditions of the training, combat and occupation history of the Regiment to keep the officers and men on an even kneel. Worship services were provided regularly and consistently for men of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths. 377th never has been without the ministry of Protestant and Catholic chaplains. Jewish chaplains were brought into the area for services whenever it was possible; at other times, transportation to Jewish services was provided, or men and officers were led in worship by one of their number qualified to lead the worship service.

Under combat conditions, four different chaplains have served the Regiment as regularly assigned officers in the grade of captain: Chaplain Homer W. Thompson (who became Regimental Chaplain in November of 1943 after serving with the Regiment since activation), Southern Baptist; Chaplain Albert G. Schofer, Lutheran; Chaplain Peter J. Baker, Roman Catholic; and Chaplain Edmund V. O'Neill, Roman Catholic (Chaplain O'Neill joined the Regiment in January of 1945 when Chaplain Baker was transferred). When battles were in progress, the chaplains usually were at or near the Battalion Aid Stations to offer their service for religious rites or ministering in other ways to some wounded officer or man. When the battle situation permitted, worship services were held, most of them company services, whose locale included churches, schools, barns, cellars, bunkers, taverns, homes, theaters, attics of buildings, the open fields, streets, trains, convoys en route—all under every possible condition of weather. Experiences of the chaplains under combat conditions are many and interesting. While several companies of Second Battalion waited for engineers to finish a Moselle River bridge before crossing into Metz, Chaplain Schofer and Chaplain O'Neill were with them in a large shed. Men requested a worship service, so Catholics who so desired gathered at one end of the shed for a mass and Protestants at the other end for their service. A sniper spied the church goers and in the midst of Chaplain Schofer's prayer fired at the worshippers, nipping the ear of one of the men. But the service continued.

While Third Battalion was in Beaumarais, Germany, Chaplain Thompson had arranged services. Men from the companies had helped by selecting a place and clearing it of debris for the service. Several minutes before the service was to begin and before anyone had entered, an enemy artillery shell completely demolished the building. While the Regiment was at Saarlautern, each of the three chaplain's jeeps was knocked out by enemy artillery fire. At the time they were hit, they were in different parts of the city. In Belgium, Cannon Company scheduled a service in the only available place, a tavern, then in operation. When the men and Chaplain Thompson entered the tavern ready for the service, the owner, thinking business was on the increase, began to draw glasses of beer. She soon apologized and closed the bar when she discovered these men were the congregation. One GI, in the tavern drinking at the time, said he had never attended a service in the Army, but that he would be embarrassed to leave now. The infantrymen were much too occupied with fighting on the Armored Spearhead to do much worshipping during Holy Week of 1945. But on Easter Sunday at about 5:00 p.m., Chaplain O'Neill, with Third Battalion at the time, thinking a short stop along the route was time enough for mass, announced one. Some 250 men assembled from nearby convoy vehicles for the mass. He started the mass, got well along, then when he turned to face the worshippers and give his Easter Message, he was greatly surprised to see only three soldiers and three German civilians in his audience. The unit had received immediate orders to take off.

MISCELLANEOUS UNITS

Company A of the Division's 320th Engineer Battalion heads the list of those other units consistently in support of 377th. Capt. Walter Kappelman, Jr., led this company in combat until the first week in December, after which A Company was in the command of Capt. Melvin C. Stiles. Various other companies of this battalion supported 377th at times during combat (for example, during the Uckange bridgehead B and C Companies as well as A were assisting this operation temporarily). Units from the following organizations were allied with 377th at some time during the combat period: 547th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion (largely Battery A); 282nd Field Artillery Battalion; 607th Tank Destroyer Battalion; 705th Tank Destroyer Battalion; 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion; 807th Tank Destroyer Battalion; 709th Tank Battalion; 778th Tank Battalion; 81st Chemical Battalion; 92nd Chemical Mortar Battalion; 161st Chemical Platoon; Second Armored Division (largely, the 66th Armored Regiment, the 65th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, and the 17th Armored Engineer Battalion). Other miscellaneous artillery units fired missions in the Regimental zone all through combat.

The regiment was never without the services of another important "attached unit" throughout the combat period, the American Red Cross. The two civilians who served with the Regiment overseas, maintaining emergency liaison between the men of the Regiment and their families at home and performing many helpful services ranging from securing Christmas trees to helping to evacuate wounded, were Mr. Fred Noer and Mr. John Womack. Mr. Noer was full-time Red Cross Field Director with the Regiment until the end of January, maintaining a headquarters with Service Company, after which Mr. Womack (the Division Red Cross Field Director) shared his time between the Regiment and Division special troops.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

The 377th Infantry Regiment feels it has done well in the matter of awards and decorations, compared with other units of the Division.

Sgt. Andrew Miller's Congressional Medal of Honor (posthumous) is the only such award received by any member of the Division at this writing (November 1, 1945). Members of the Regiment have received roughly half of all Distinguished Service Crosses awarded to members of the Division, for 13 377th men have been thus decorated. A total of 354 Silver Stars, approximately half the number awarded the entire Division, have been presented to 377th men. Of the total number of Bronze Stars bestowed upon members of the 95th, this Regiment has received approximately one fourth—or 841.

Additional recommendations for awards of all classes have been submitted since the Regiment returned to the United States, many of which have not been acted upon by higher headquarters at time of the Regiment's inactivation. These naturally do not appear in the above totals nor do they have mention in the history. Also, various members of the Regiment have been recommended for awards from governments of Allied Nations, among these the Croix de Guerre, the British Military Cross and a Luxembourg decoration. These medals have not been awarded yet and therefore are not recorded here, although it is certain that many of the recommendations will be approved.

Twenty-eight former enlisted men of 377th Infantry Regiment received battlefield commissions as second lieutenants during the ETO campaigns. Of the 72 infantrymen from the 95th receiving this recognition of prowess in combat—one of the Army's highest awards—377th placed highest of all the Regiments, for 378th had 21 such commissions and 379th had 23. The Engineers, the 920th Artillery Battalion, and the 378th Medical Detachment each had one enlisted man apiece so honored, making a total of 75 for the Division.

First recipient of a battlefield commission in the Division was T/Sgt. Raymond J. Albano, Company L, 377th Infantry. Lt. Albano and many others on the list which follows had been promoted to first lieutenant by the time the Regiment was inactivated. The complete list is as follows:

Raymond J. Albano, L, Small, Idaho; Lemuel G. Tilson, F, Arkansas City, Kan.; Curtis E. White, F. Detroit; Ernest H. Reich, H, Cisco, Tex.; Stanley R. Vraga, D, Racine, Wis.; Andrew Skrele, B. Springfield, Ill.; Walter H. Soroka, M, Detroit, Mich.; Leo A. Moreau, C, Glenwood, Minn.; Donald T. O'Brien, I, Springfield, Ohio; Joseph F. Kupiec, I, Chicago, Ill.; Clarence A. Konopacki, D, Manitowoc, Wis.; Glen R. Becraft, C, Huntsville, Ill.; William R. Johnson, A, Port Arthur, Tex.; Alvin T. Tyner, E, Randolph, Iowa; Jack D. O'Dell, E, Kingman, Kan.; Michael J. Petrus, K, Westville, Ill.; Alexander M. Hunter, K. Springfield, Mass.; Robert J. Hammell, Hq., Tulot, Ark.; Ralph F. Willard, D, Green Bay, Wis.; Glenn E. Hemphill, M, Milford, Iowa; Arthur Snyder, Jr., Second Hq., Garden City, Long Island, N. Y.; John A. Hein, C, Chicago, Ill.; Charles Ridge, Cn, Monterey, Calif.; Burdette Michael, M, Chicago, Ill.; Myron R. Bates, M, River Rouge, Mich.; Francis J. Loucks, G, Hollydale, Calif.; Joseph W. Grell, Cannon, Pierz, Minn.; and Claude C. Bugg, Jr., B, Clinton, Ky.

The Distinguished Service Cross winners of 377th are the following: Pfc. Willie H. Bishop, E; Capt. Herbert H. Hardy, G; Pvt. Ralph Morgan, G; T/Sgt. Frederick M. Peterson, K; Capt. Samuel T. Pinckney, K; T/Sgt. Paul C. Powers, Jr., K; S/Sgt. Donald N. Radtke, E; S/Sgt. Robert E. Roberts, F; T/Sgt. Urban J. Rothermel, F; T/5 Edward J. Stepanik, Medics; 1/Sgt. Earl F. Thurston, I; Lt. Lemuel G. Tilson, F; Lt. Col. Robert L. Walton, Hq. 2nd.

CASUALTIES

Accurate reports of casualties sustained by units overseas are difficult to compile because the aid men, aid stations, and hospitals which report them are widely scattered in combat. Also, the time lag between the occurrence of the wound and the time it is reported and authenticated often runs to months. The figures which appear below represent a summary arising from a comparison of the various reports and files of casualties within the Regiment and the Division. Symbols used are KIA, for Killed in Action; DOW, for Died of Wounds, WAI, for Wounded in Action; and MIA, for Missing in Action.

	KIA	DOW	WIA	MIA	TOTAL
The Metz Drive (Oct. 10 to Nov. 21)	198	20	(116) 896*	244	1,358
The Saar Drive (Nov. 22 to Jan. 28)	156	18	(147) 728	64	966
The Rhine, Spearhead and Ruhr Drives (Jan. 29 to April 28)	80	13	(15) 314	6	413
TOTALS	434	51	(278) 1,938	314**	2,737

* The figures in parentheses represent the number of men of the total given who were wounded but whose wounds were treated with little or no interruption of duty. This is the type of casualty record usually omitted from reports.

** Latest information shows that, as of November 1, 1945, all but 33 of these MIAs have reverted to another status since the time they were declared MIAs. Some have been declared KIA, but most were found to have returned to duty or returned to military control after incarceration as prisoners of war. Since November 1, the number of MIAs remaining (33) probably has been reduced considerably if not eliminated.

Left: Harris of D finds fishing's the same all over the world — great sport!

What the well-dressed officer wore in Belgium. (That's John Komp behind the mess-jacket.)

Above, top: The Hawk-Cole-Davis Trio tunes something besides motors for a change, at Bisten, Germany.
Bottom: Time-out for chow, convoy-style. Left to right: Lieutenant Liseth, 379th Infantry; Lieutenant Heitzman, Company B; Corporal Burton, Company B; Sergeant Zeitz, Headquarters Company; Lt. McCracken, Headquarters Company.

Go'long, Ed Levin, you're not foolin' anyone

"Russky Nuptials" at DP Camp in Lippstadt, Germany.

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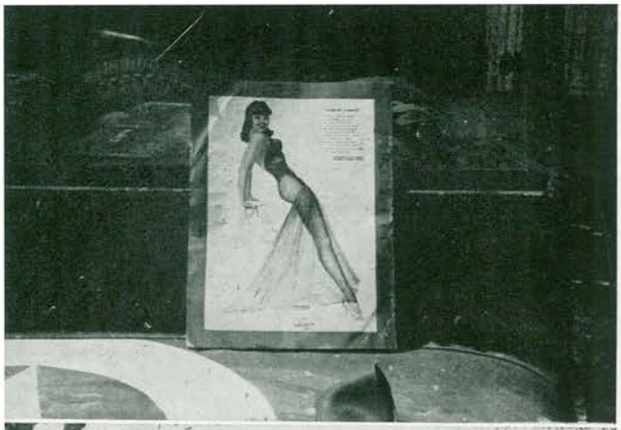

We could dream, couldn't we?

"Heinie" Vaughan tries on one for size!

Dutch Pettit explains to Joe Young how charmed skull wards off Boche artillery.

Lieutenant McClintock, Lieutenant McCracken, Colonel Gaillard, Major Sheehan, and Lieutenant Hammell talk it over on terrace of Regimental CP overlooking Mohne Lake.

"Any chocolat?" beg French youngsters at Normandy hedgerow bivouac.

No, not PW's—just a pair of souvenir hunters who came up with these at Mohne Lake. Major Sheehan and Lt. McCracken.

Silver, Red, Junior, and Norm talk Christmas turkey with French youngsters at Falck, France.

GI's took note . . .

But Crawford, Crawford, and Brauch of G found a way out.

Copenhaven, Channel, and Cusick cleaned up Ruhr, then cleaned up Copenhaven, Channel, and Cusick.

Bandleader Hungate and cohorts jammed it all over the ETO, as well as on this terrace at Drewer-Nord, Germany. The regimental orchestra (unofficial) formed a CP guard during duty hours.

Was ETO ever like this "one for the book" from Camp Bullis, Tex.?

On the pages which follow will be found photos of most of the men who were present with the regiment at Camp Shelby, after the division returned to the States. This picture section was added to the book because a survey of personnel then with the regiment indicated a desire that the book be thus personalized. Those who prepared the book wish that all men who served with the 377th could have their photos appear on these pages, particularly those who fought with the regiment in Europe. This obviously was not possible, so the next best alternative was followed in their case, that is, a roster of all who ever served with the regiment was prepared at considerable effort and time, and every attempt made to make it as complete as possible, including home address, awards, company, and service. This roster appears in the back of the book.

It is almost inevitable that, in preparing records and rosters of this type, in the short time that was available between return to the U. S. and inactivation, some errors and omissions would occur. If you find that your record is not exactly correct, those who prepared the work request your indulgence. They did the best they could under the circumstances and exhausted every resource in an effort to make the book as accurate in all respects as possible.

Beginning on page 187, attempt has been made to include a brief summary of each man's military service, as accurately as could be done from the records at hand, the large turnover in personnel that was taking place at Camp Shelby, and the limited time that was available. We know that it is not perfect but it is a fairly complete roster of all who formerly served with the regiment. You will notice that names and summaries of service of those whose pictures appear in the company sections are not repeated in this roster as it would simply be a duplication.

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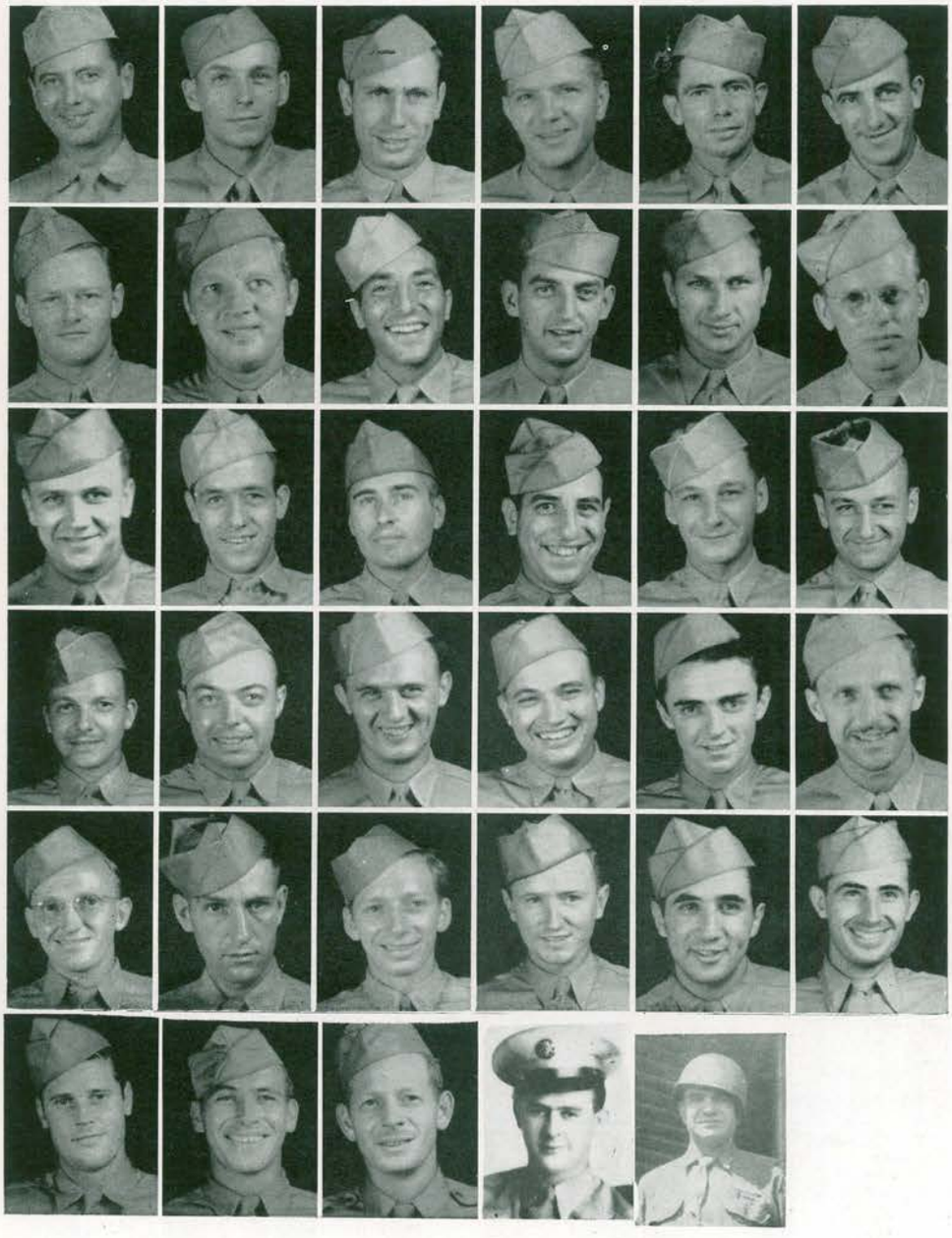

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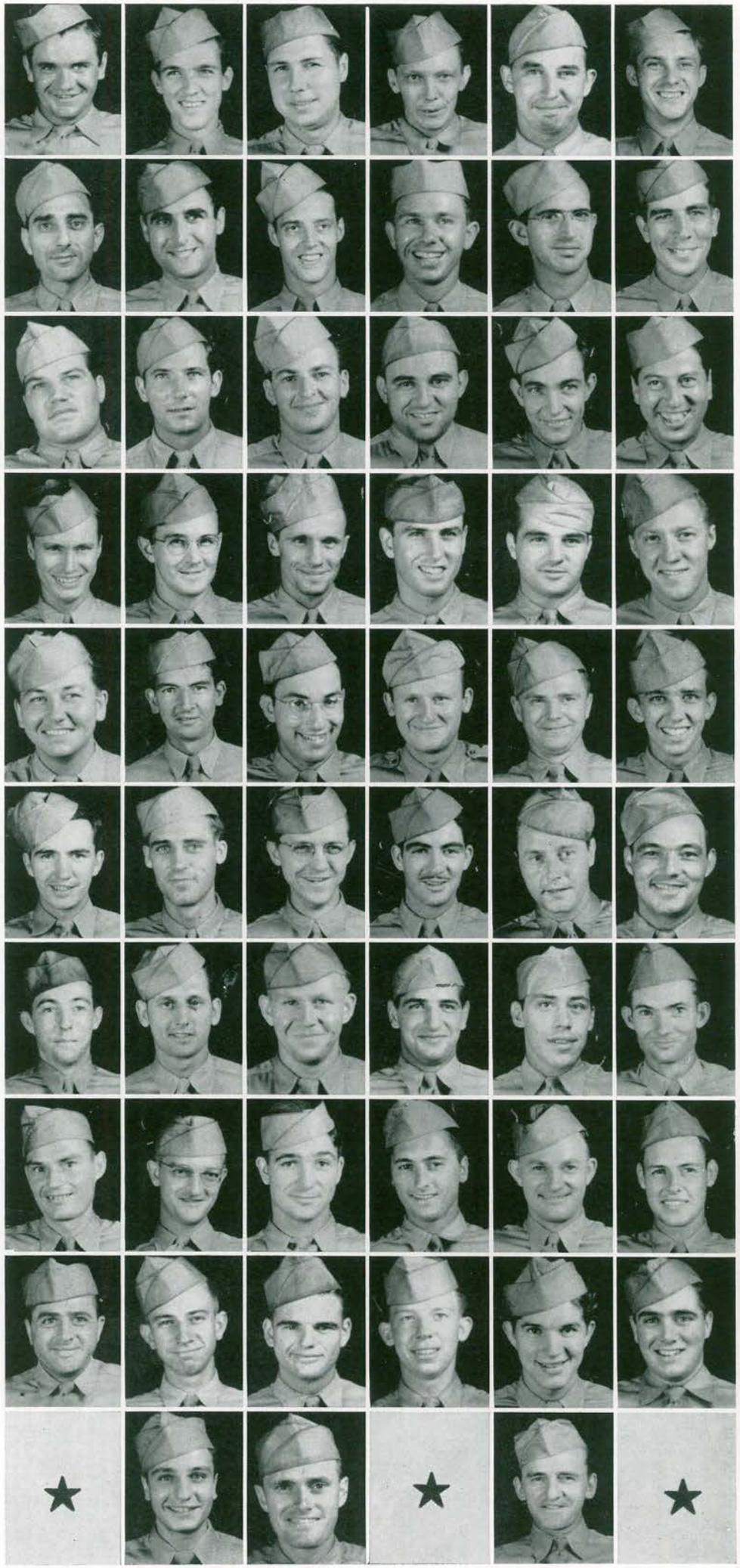

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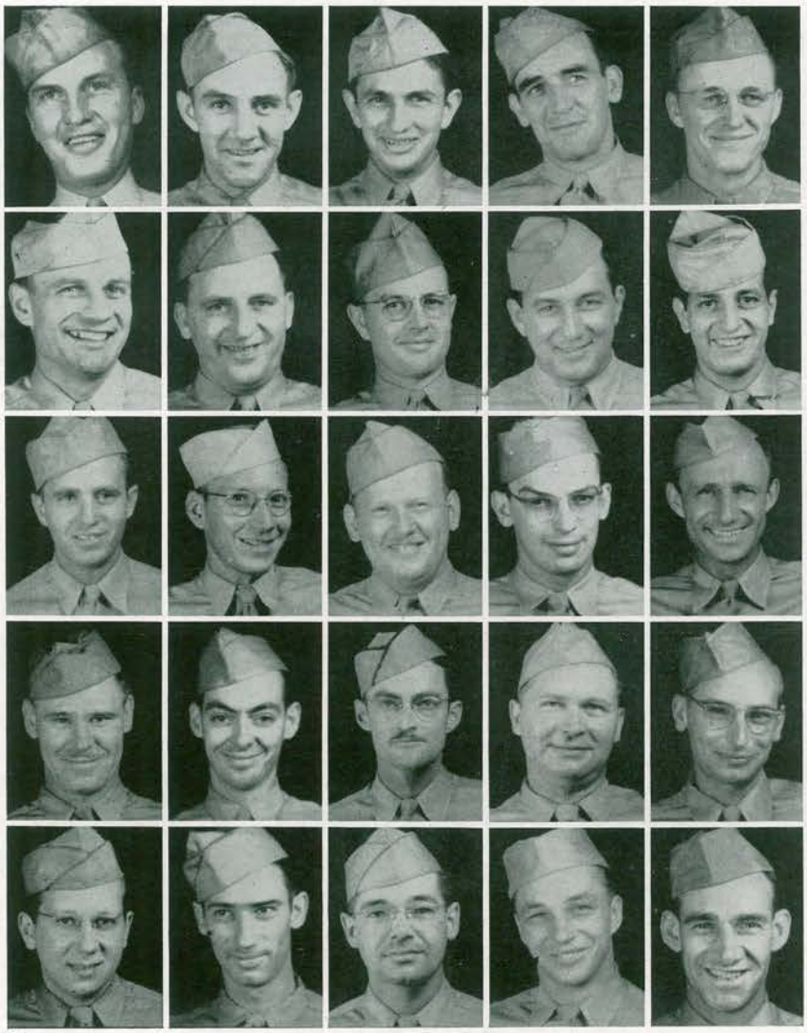

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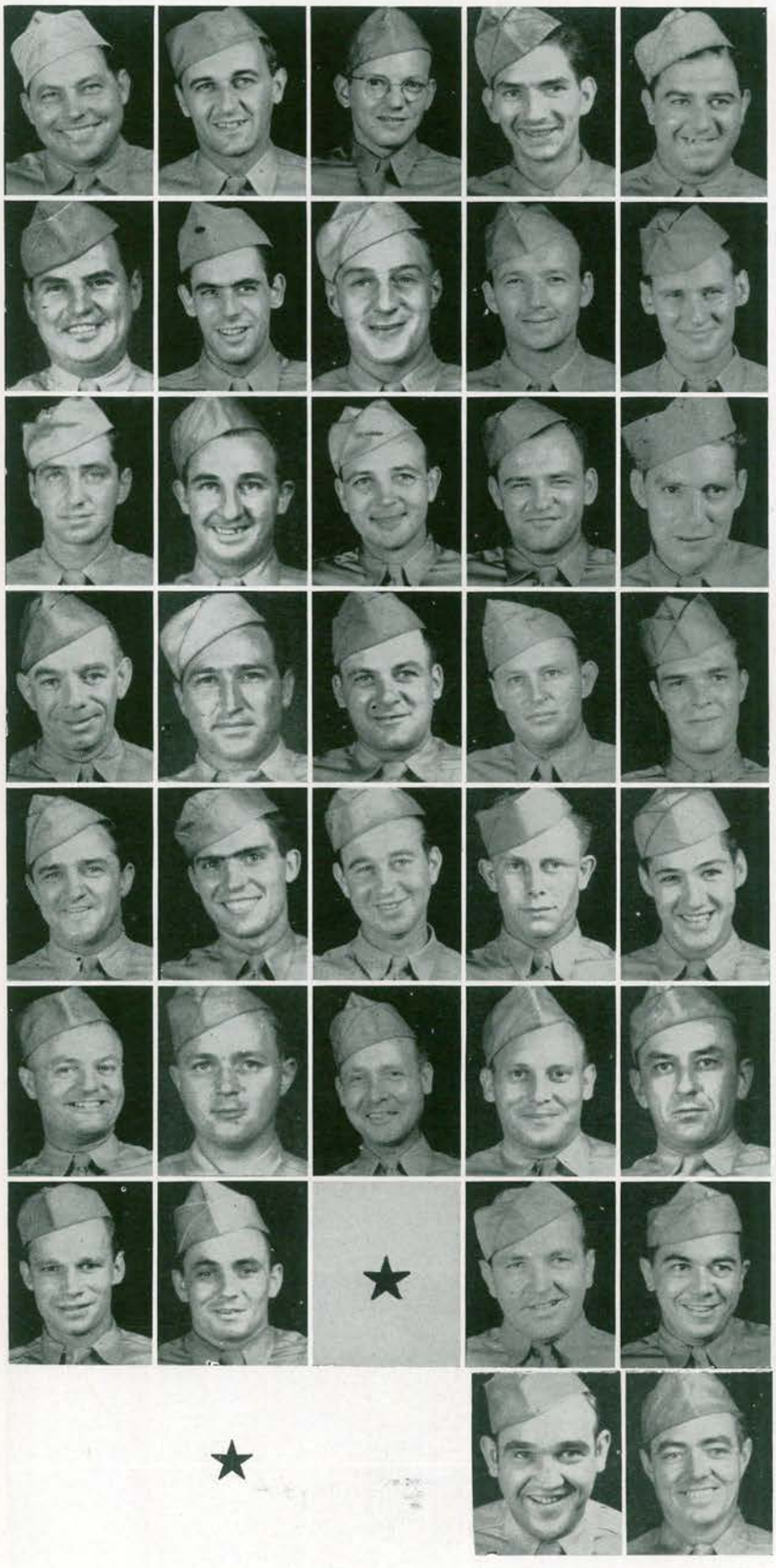

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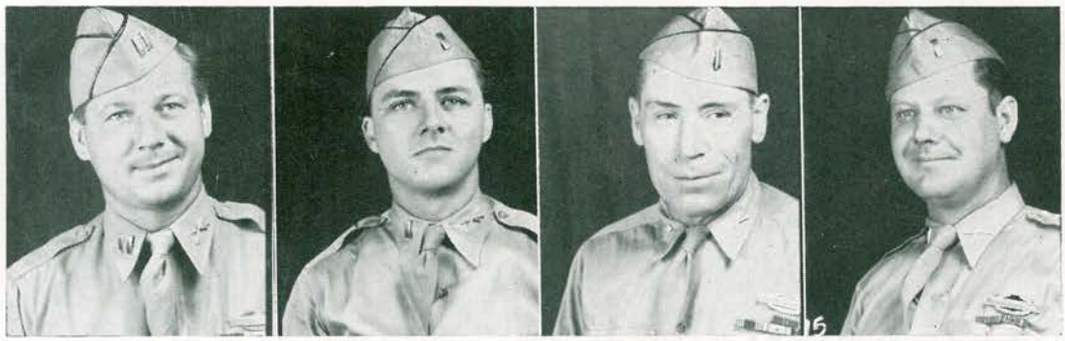

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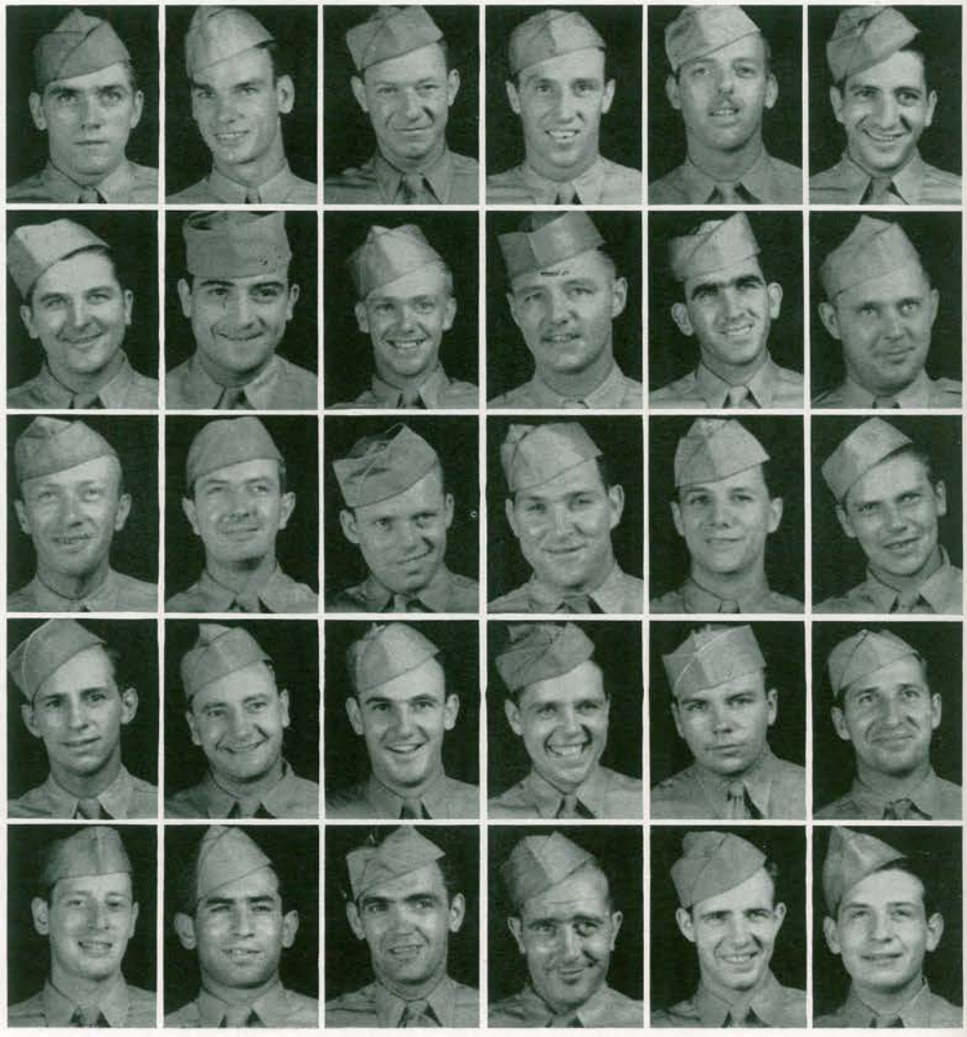

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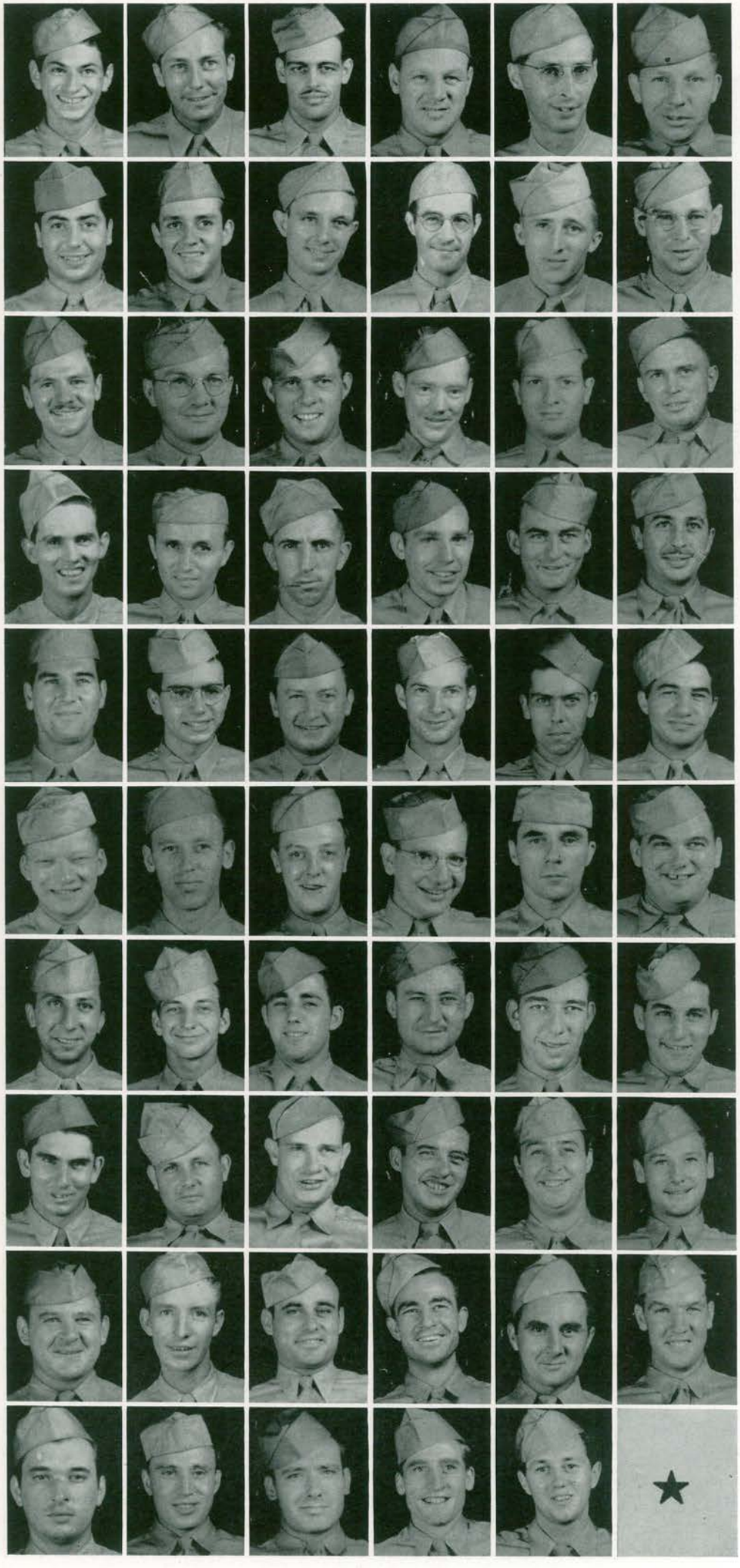

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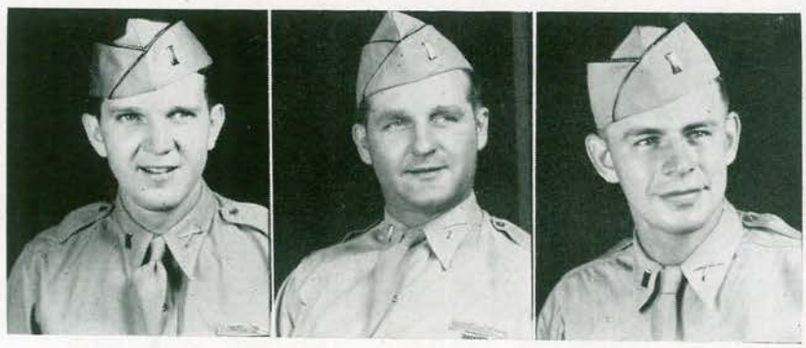

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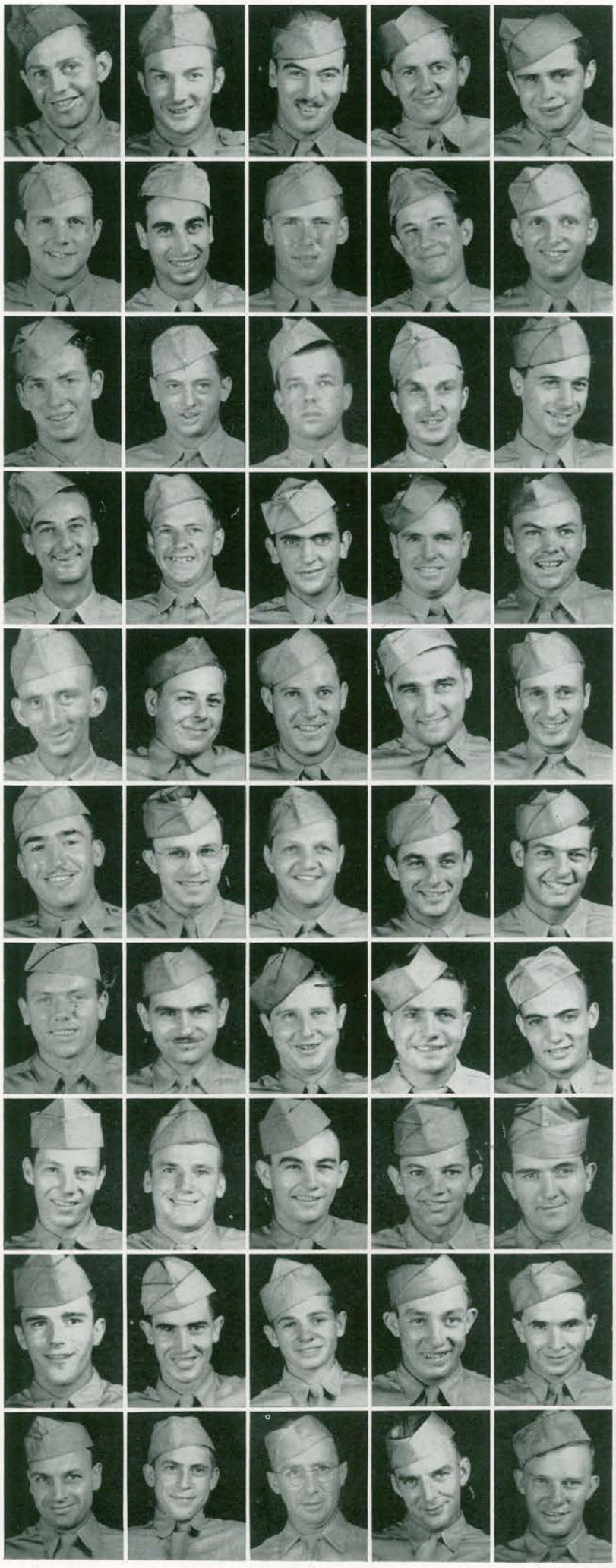

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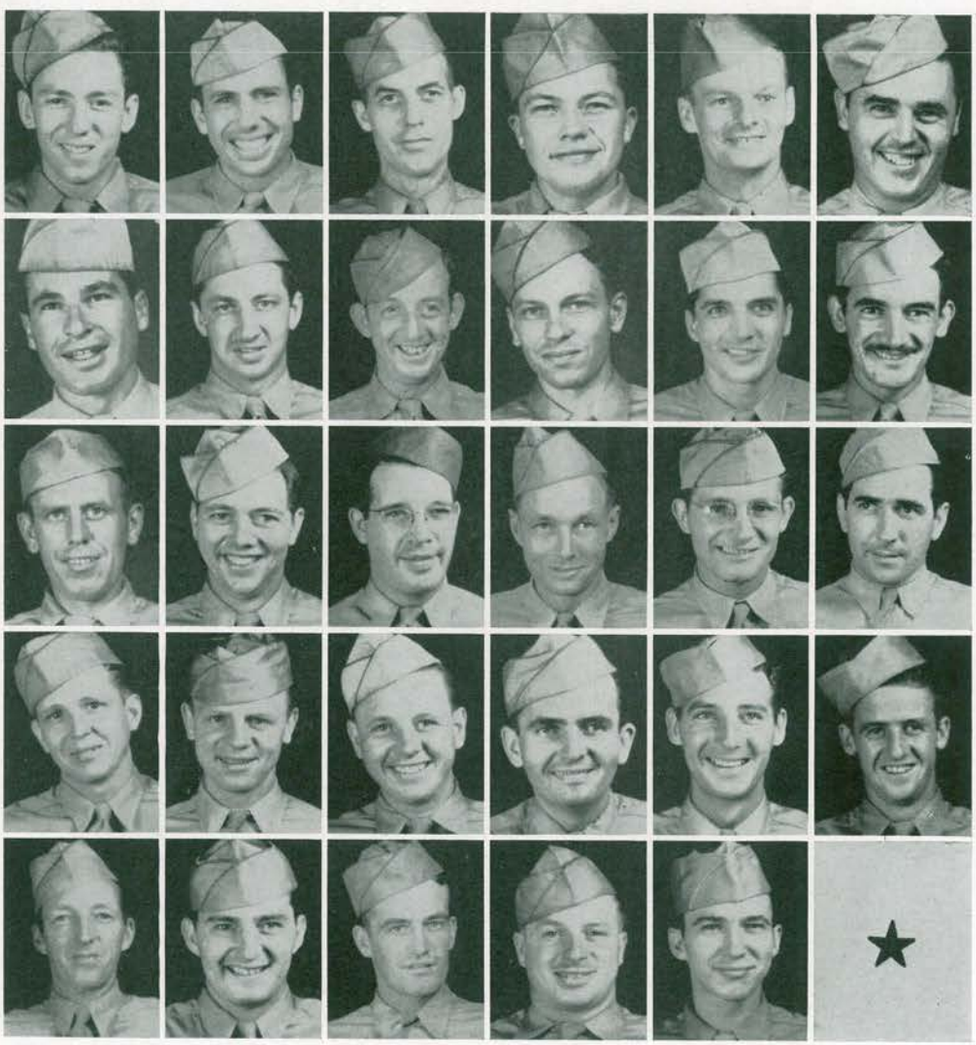

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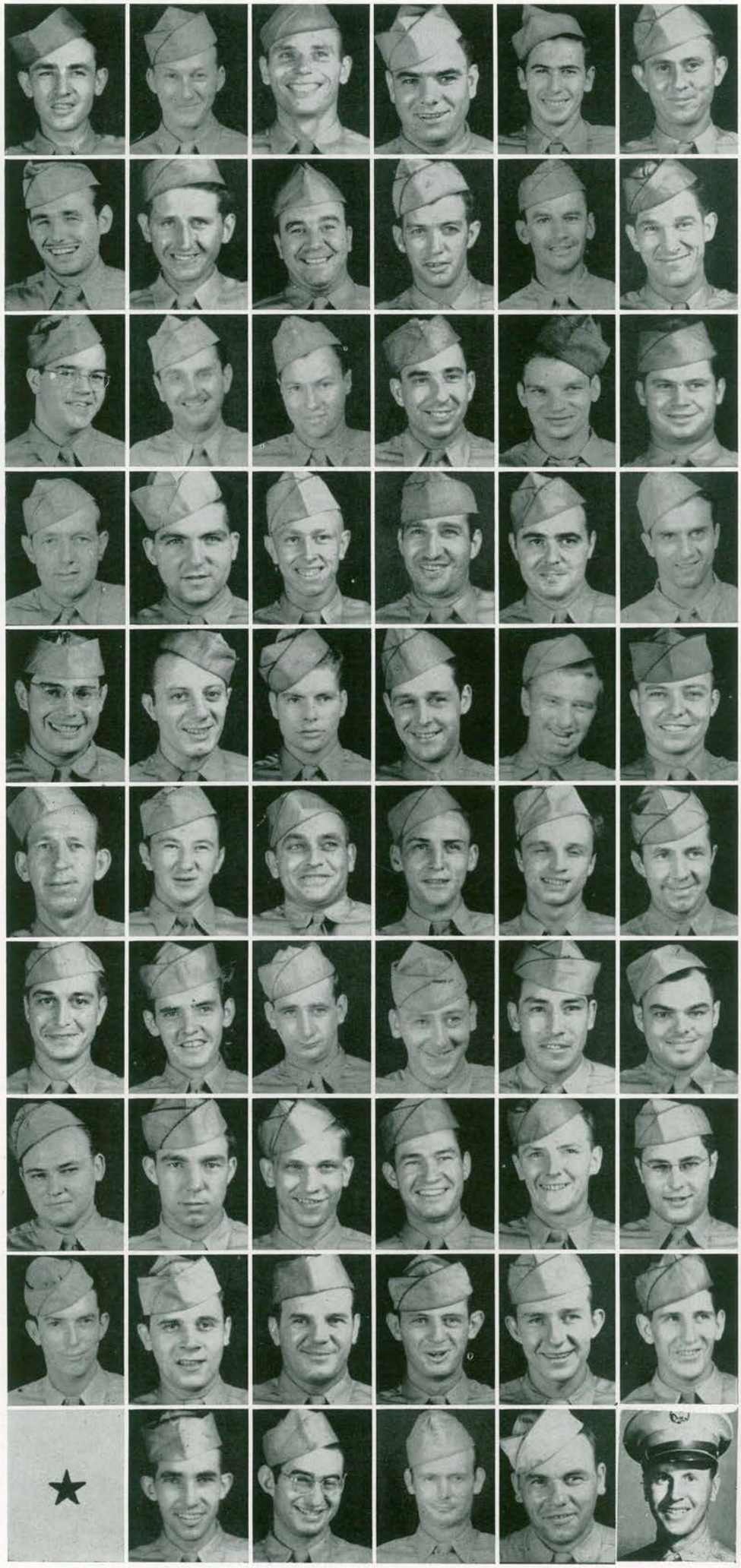

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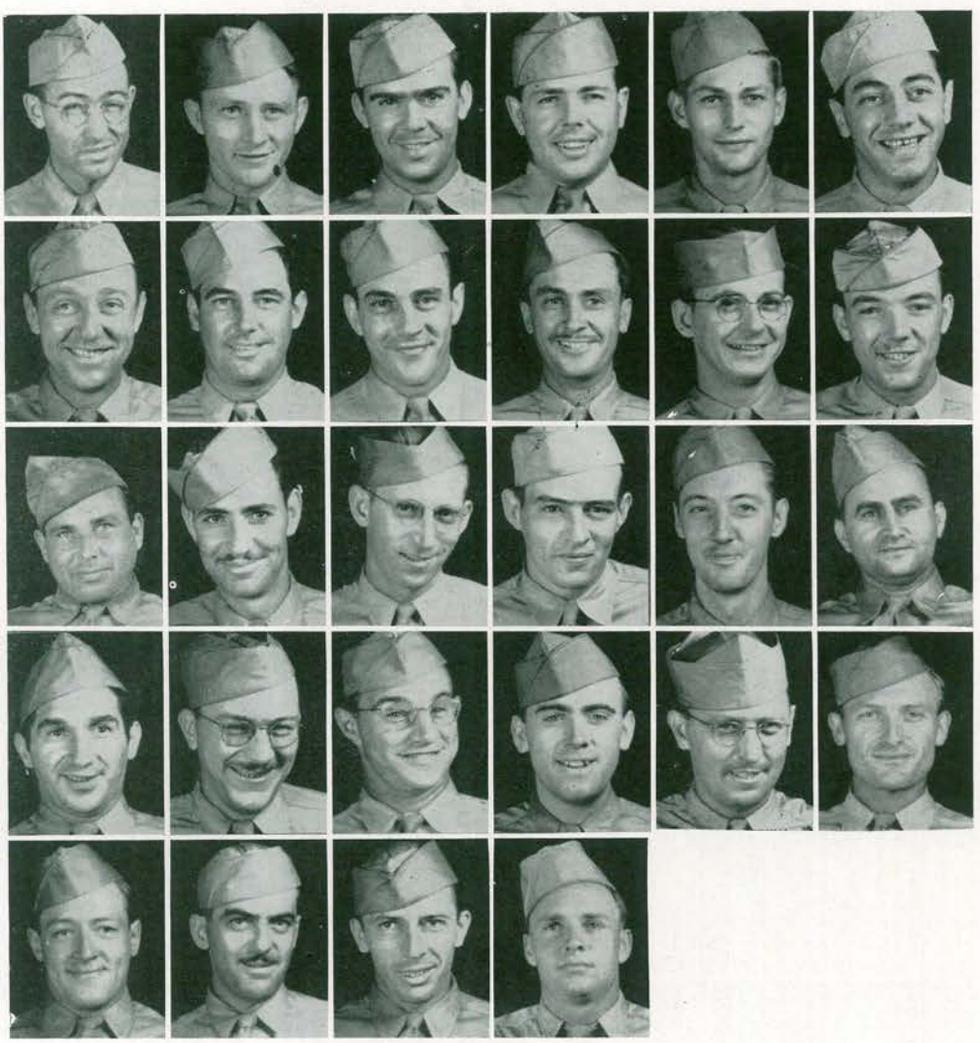

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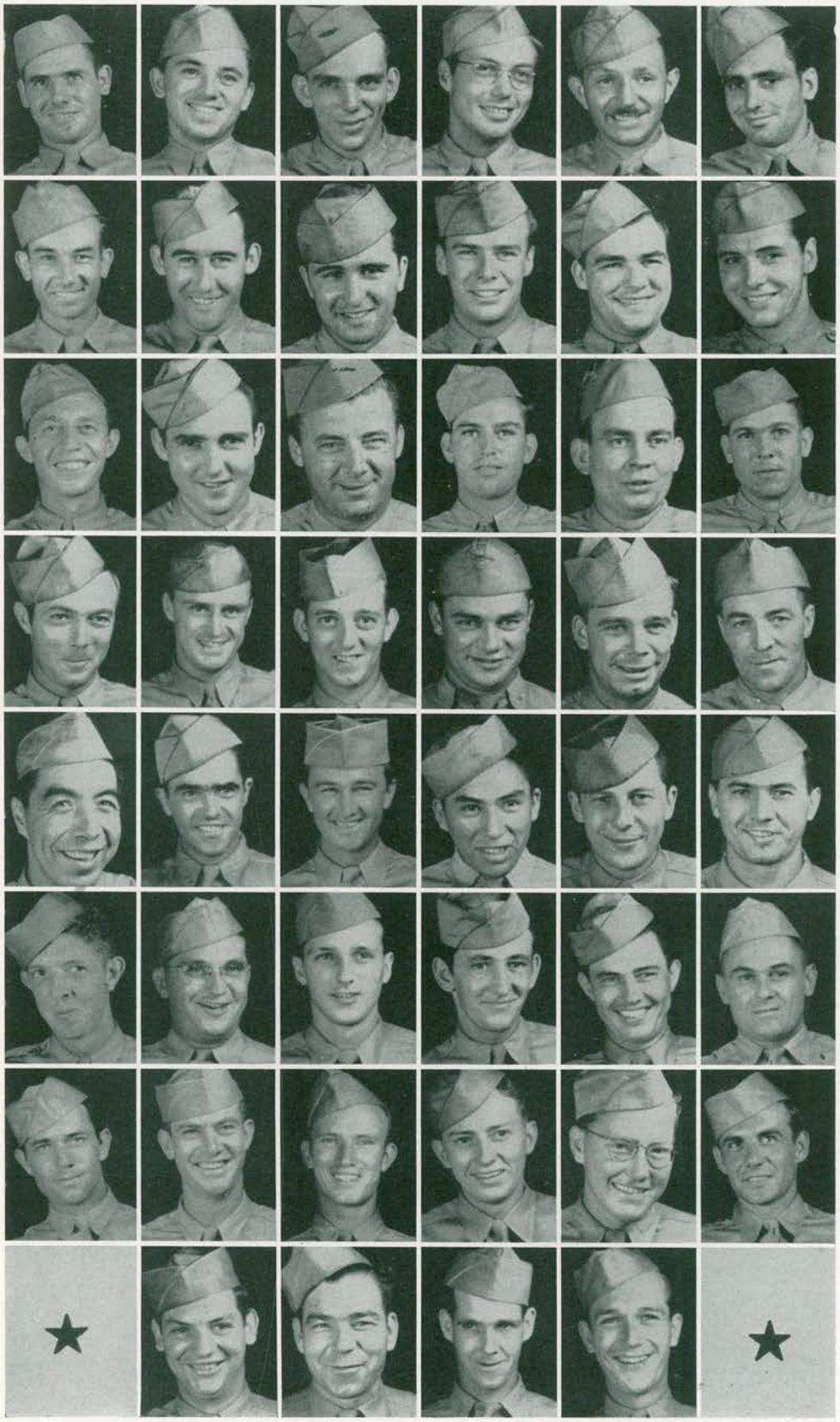

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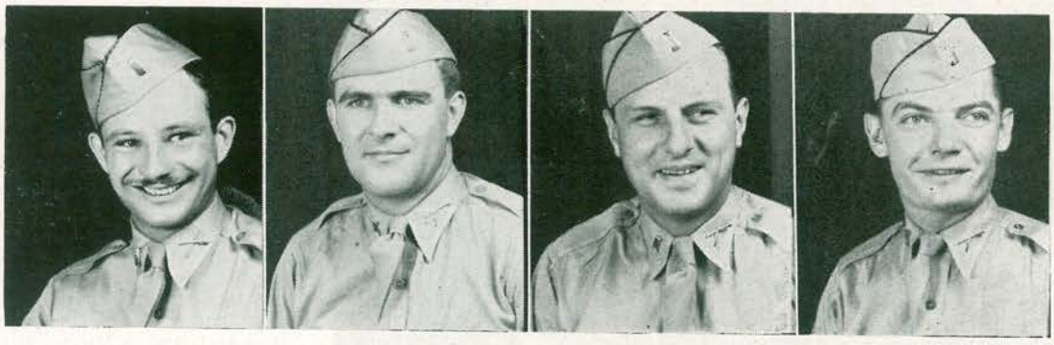

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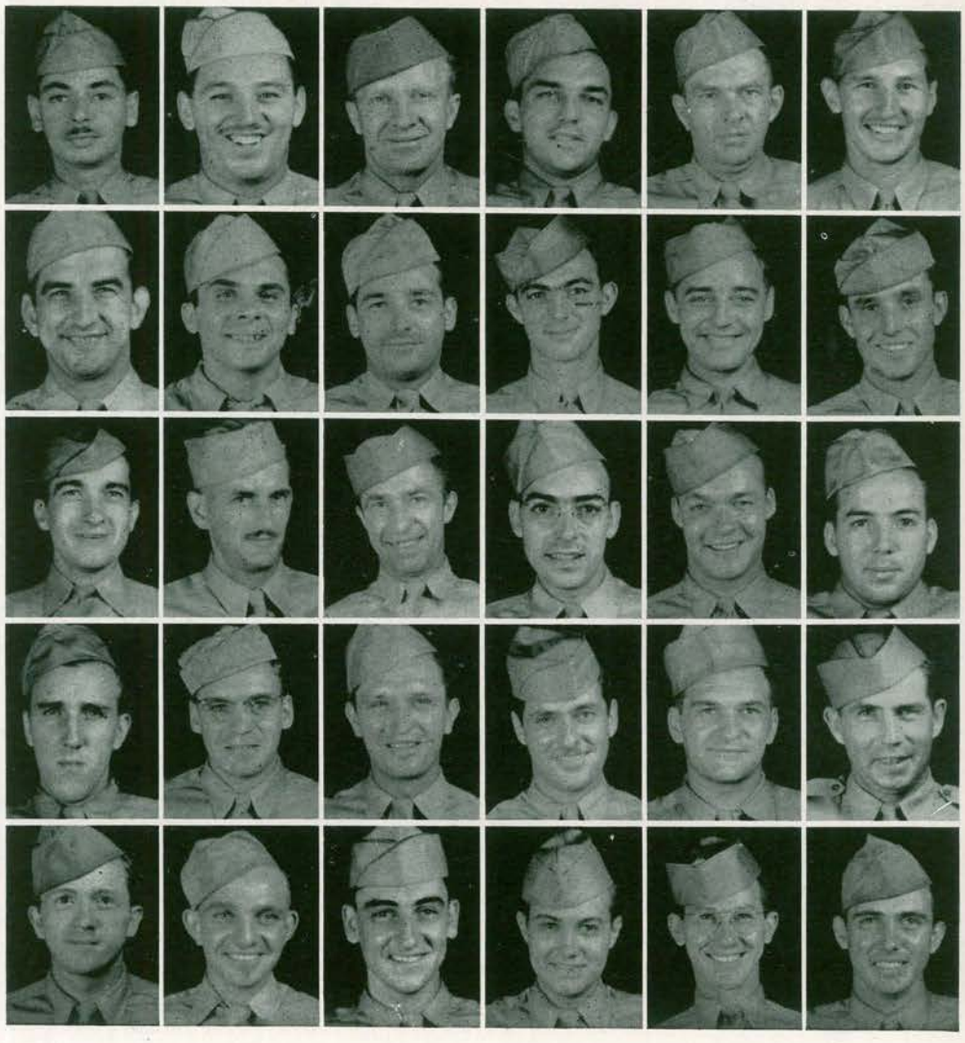

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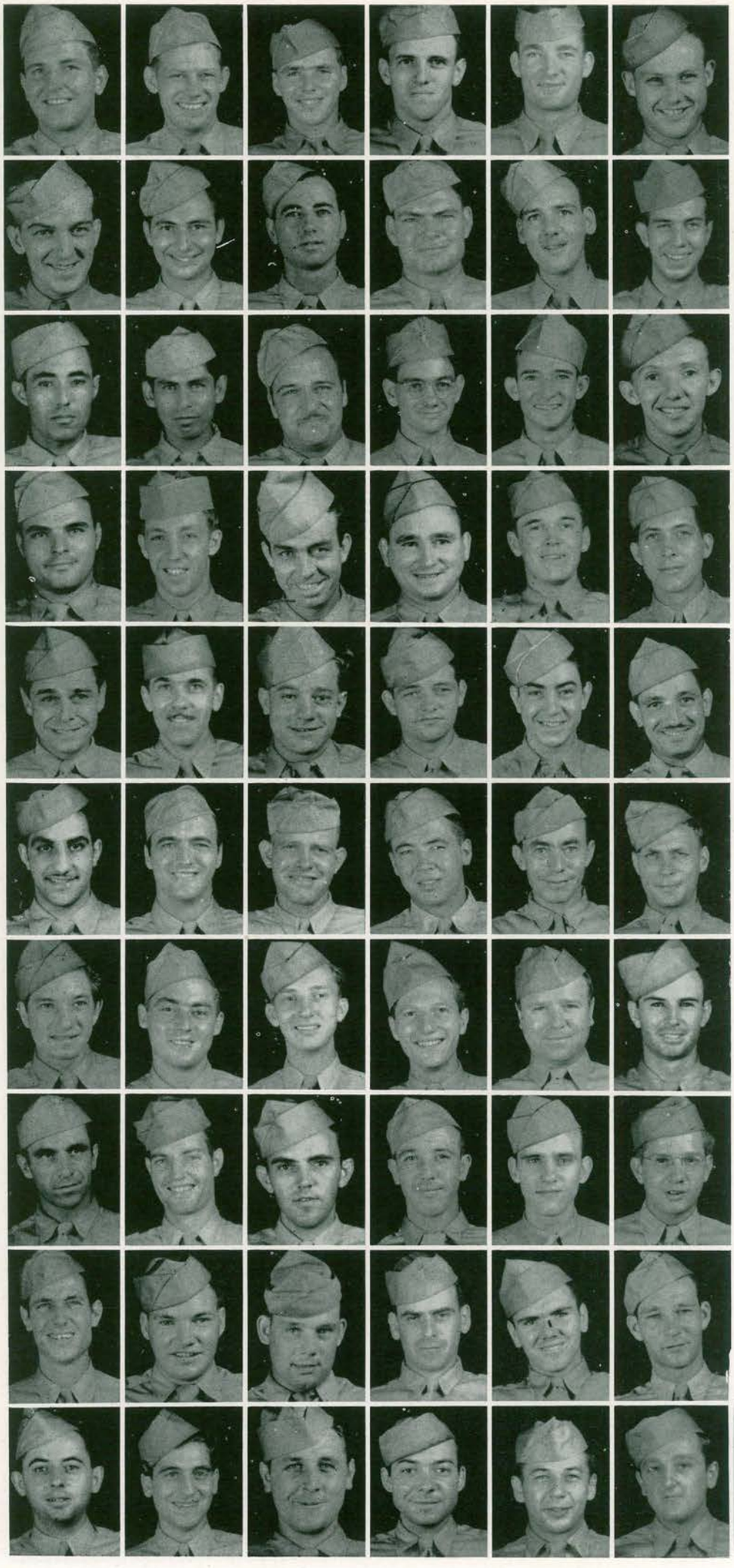

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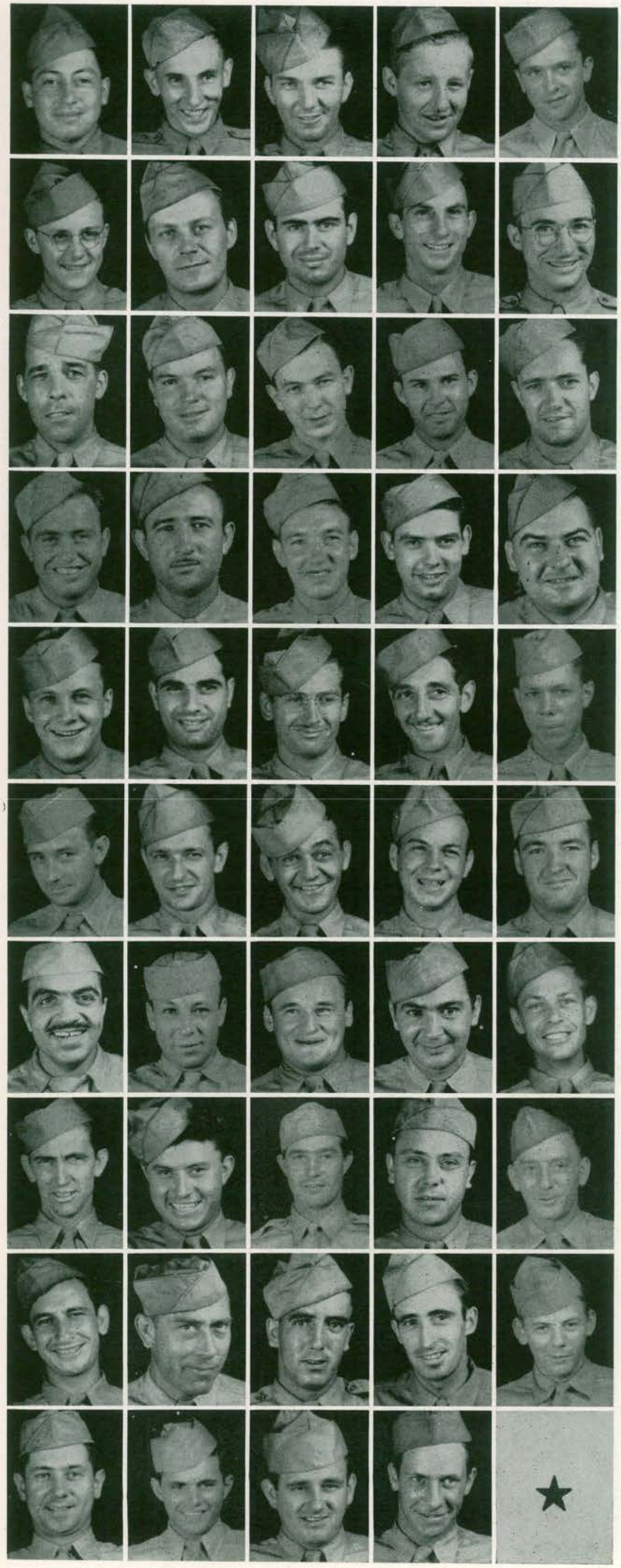

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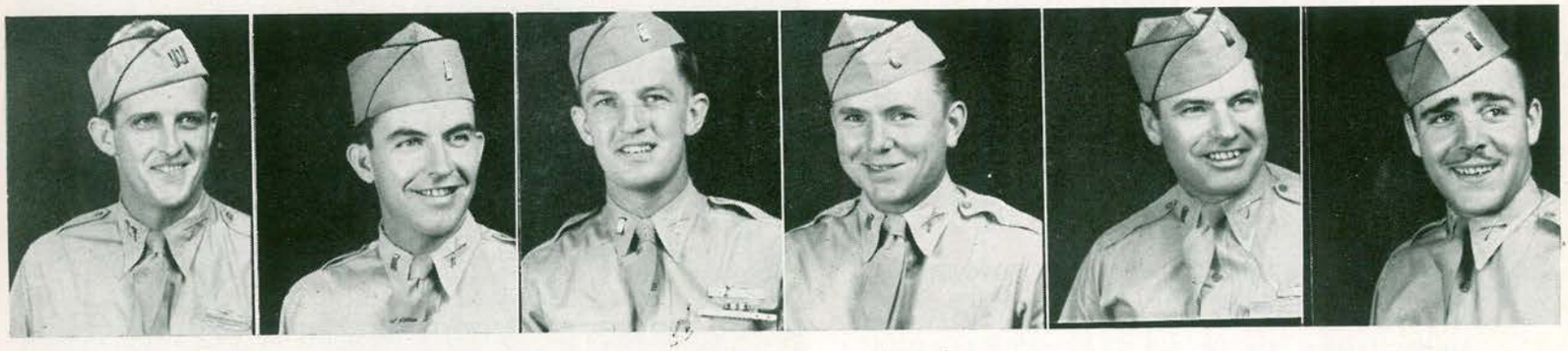

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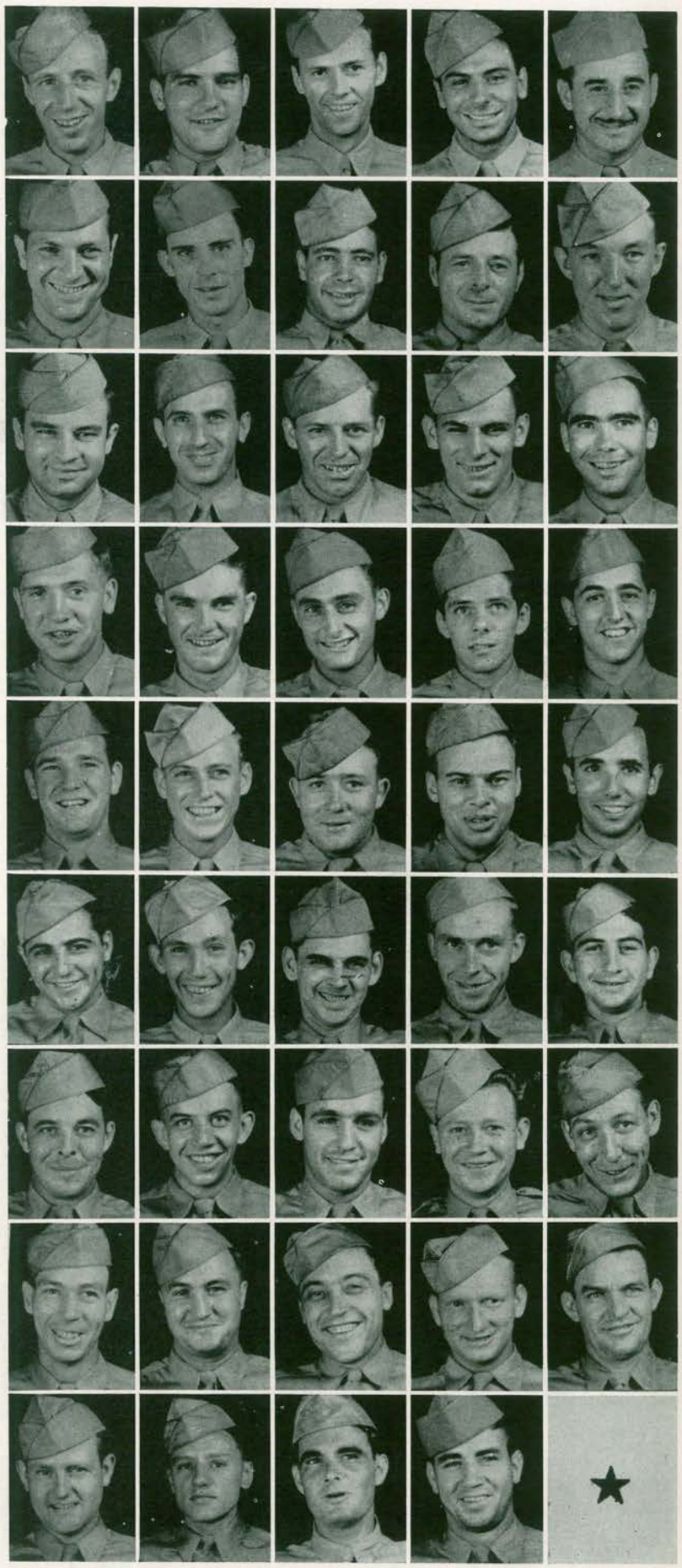

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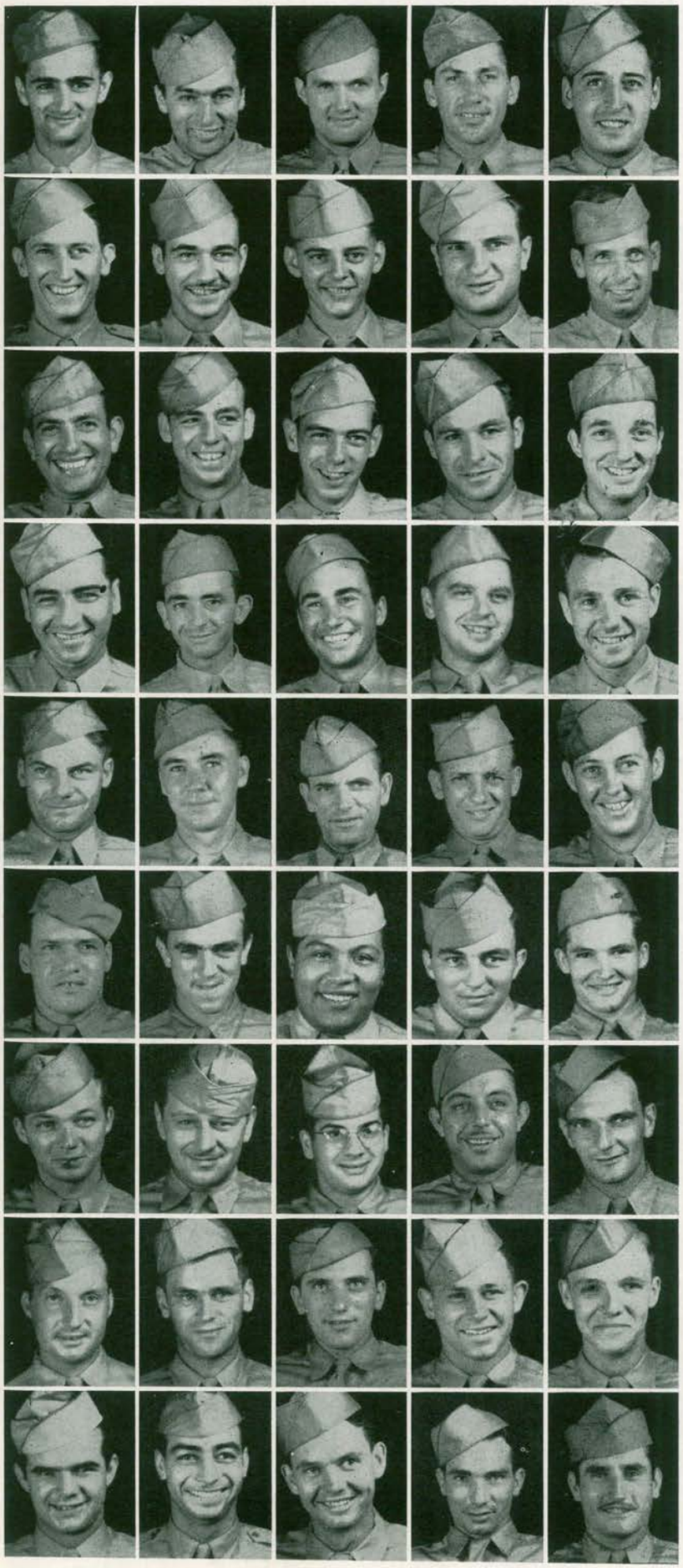

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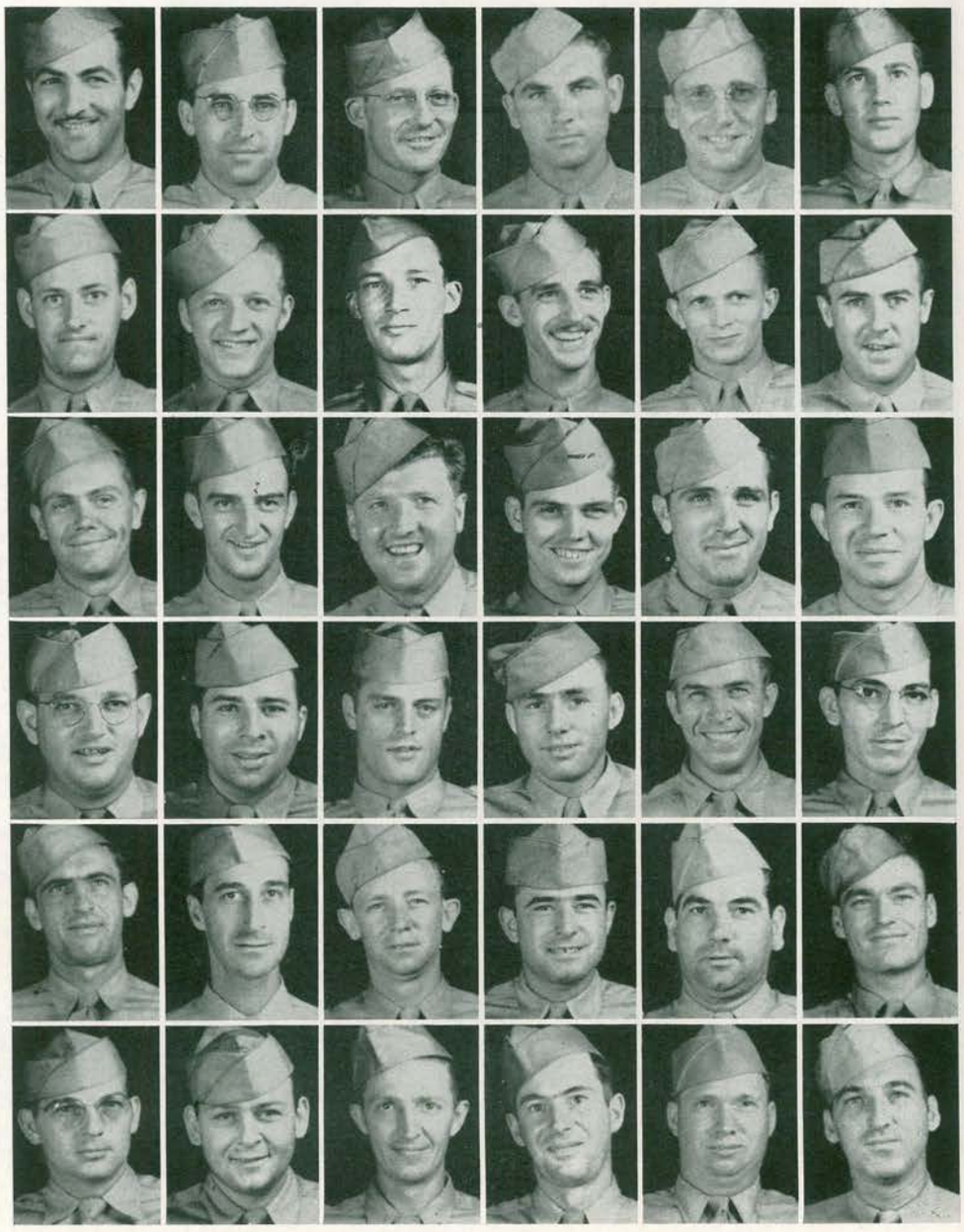

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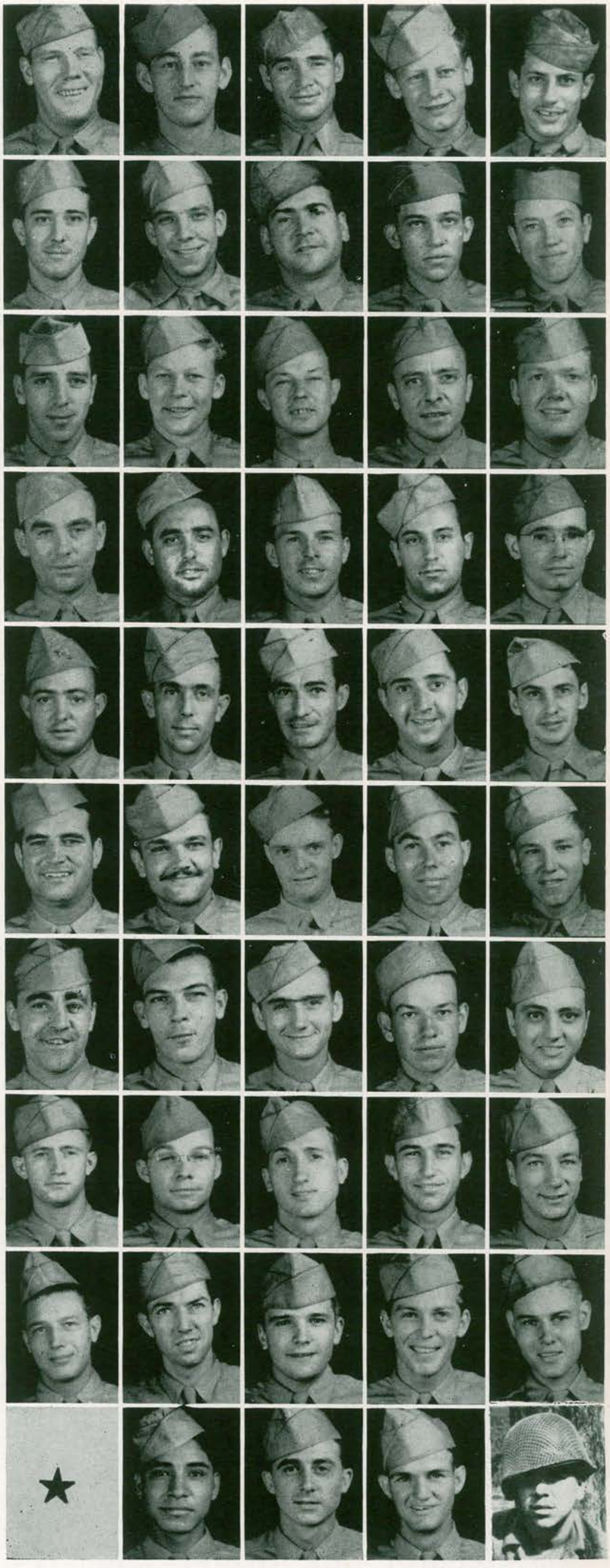

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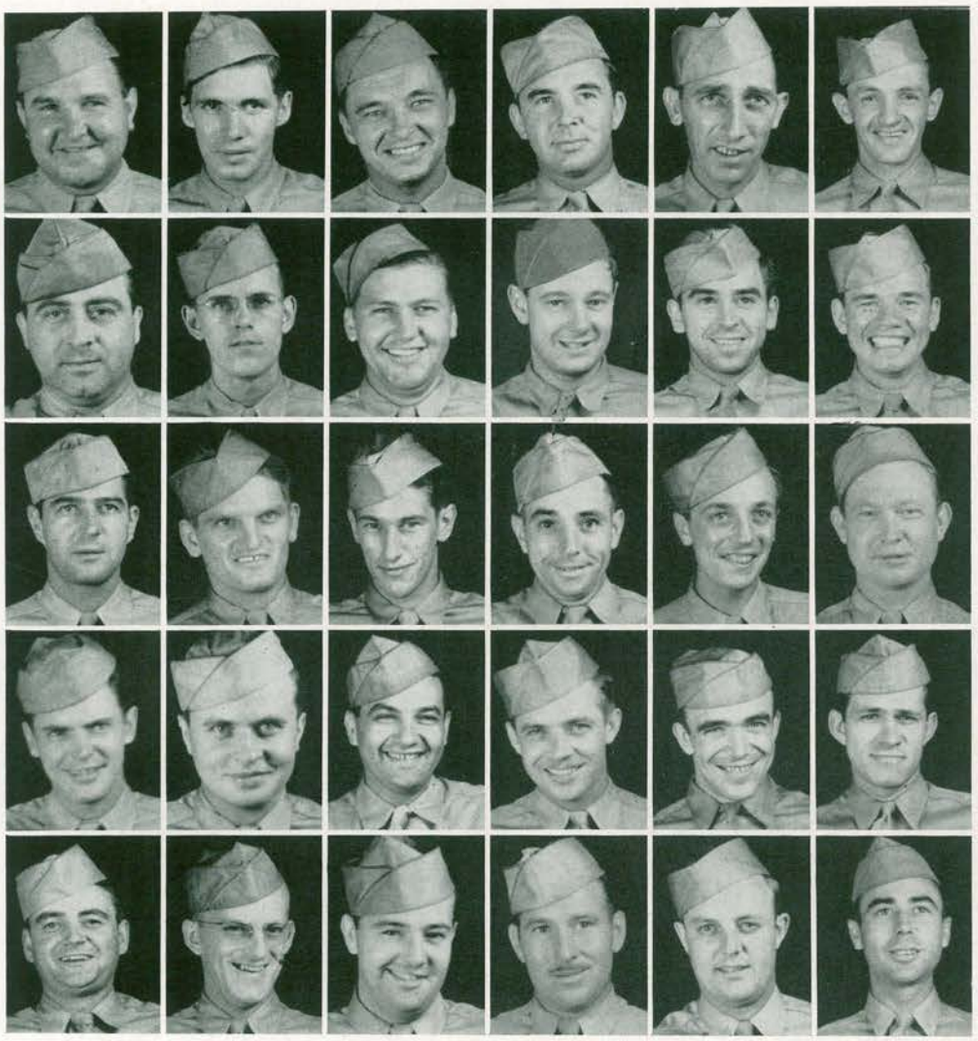

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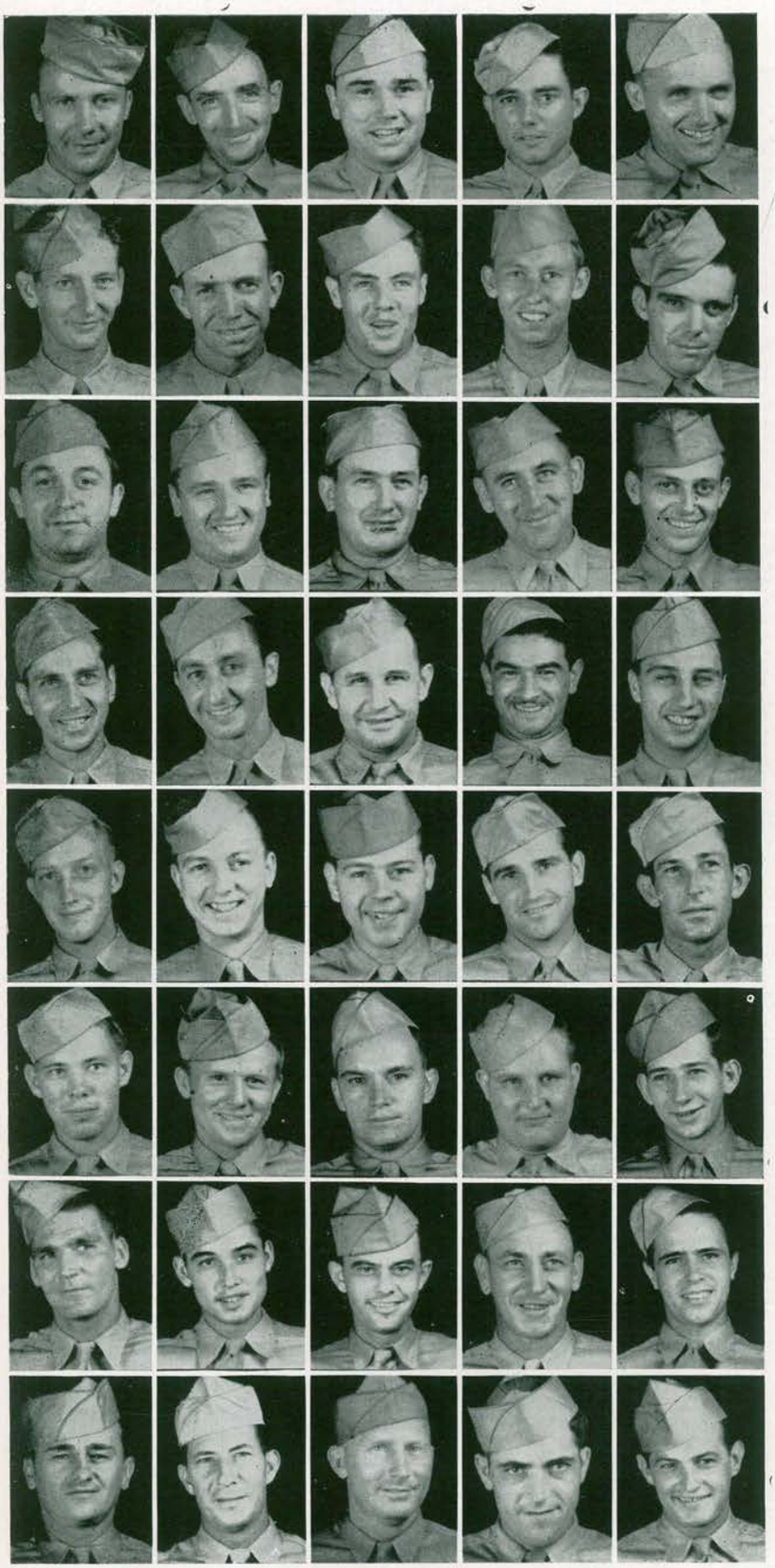

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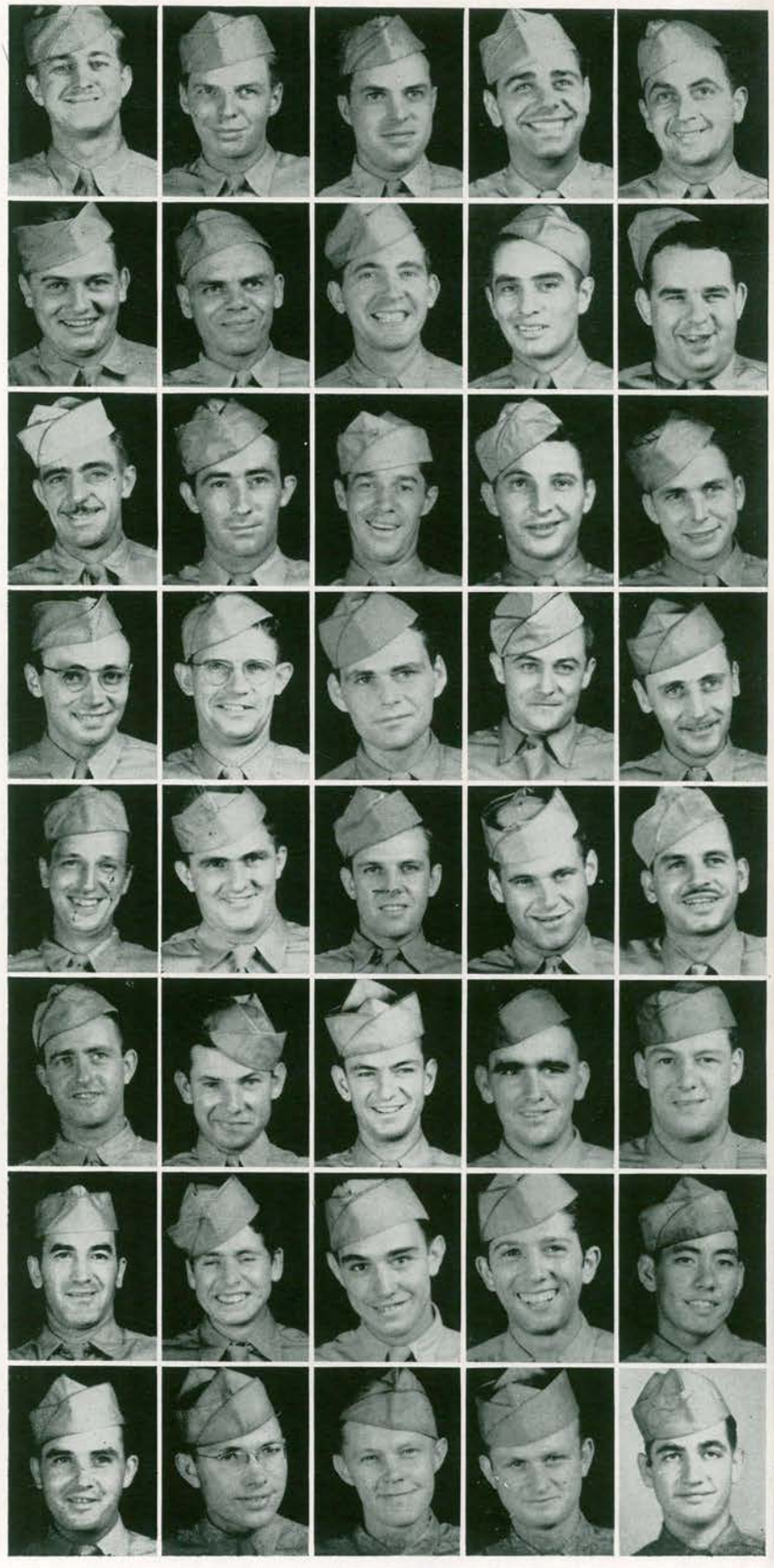

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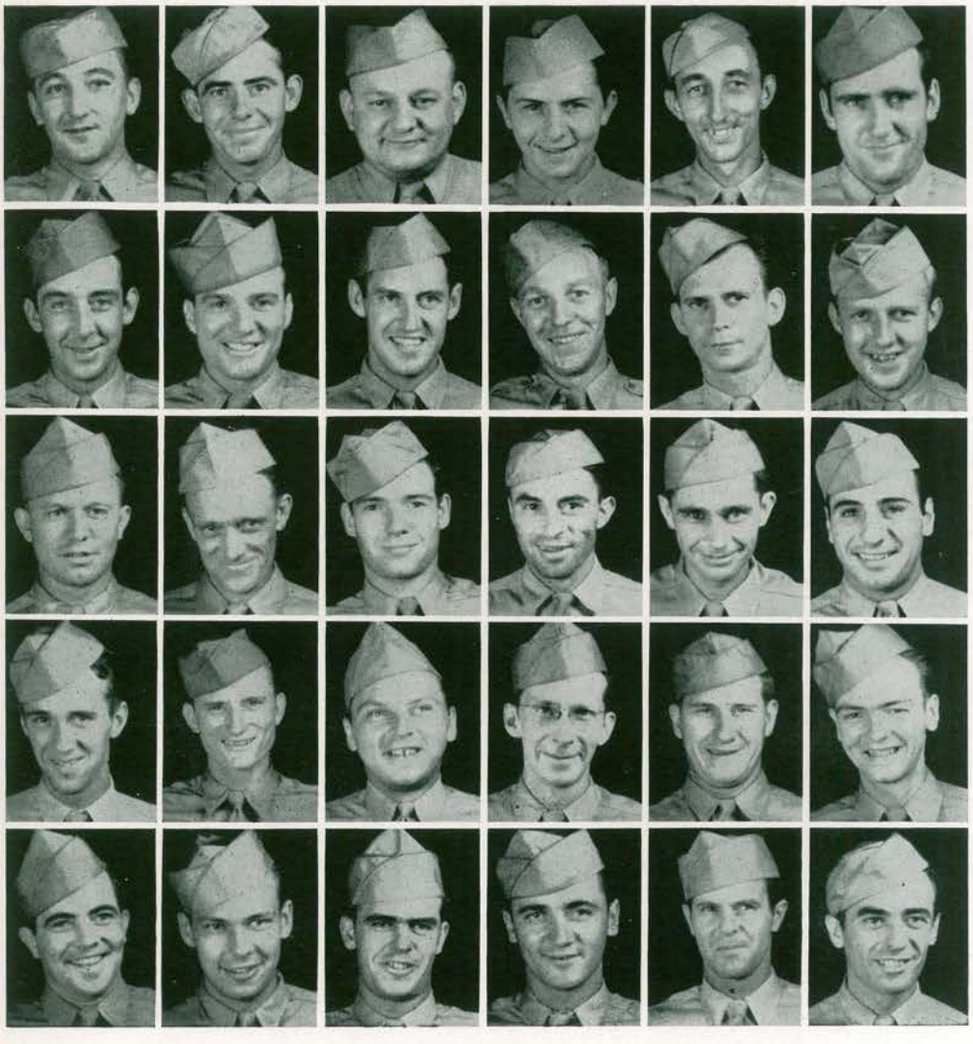

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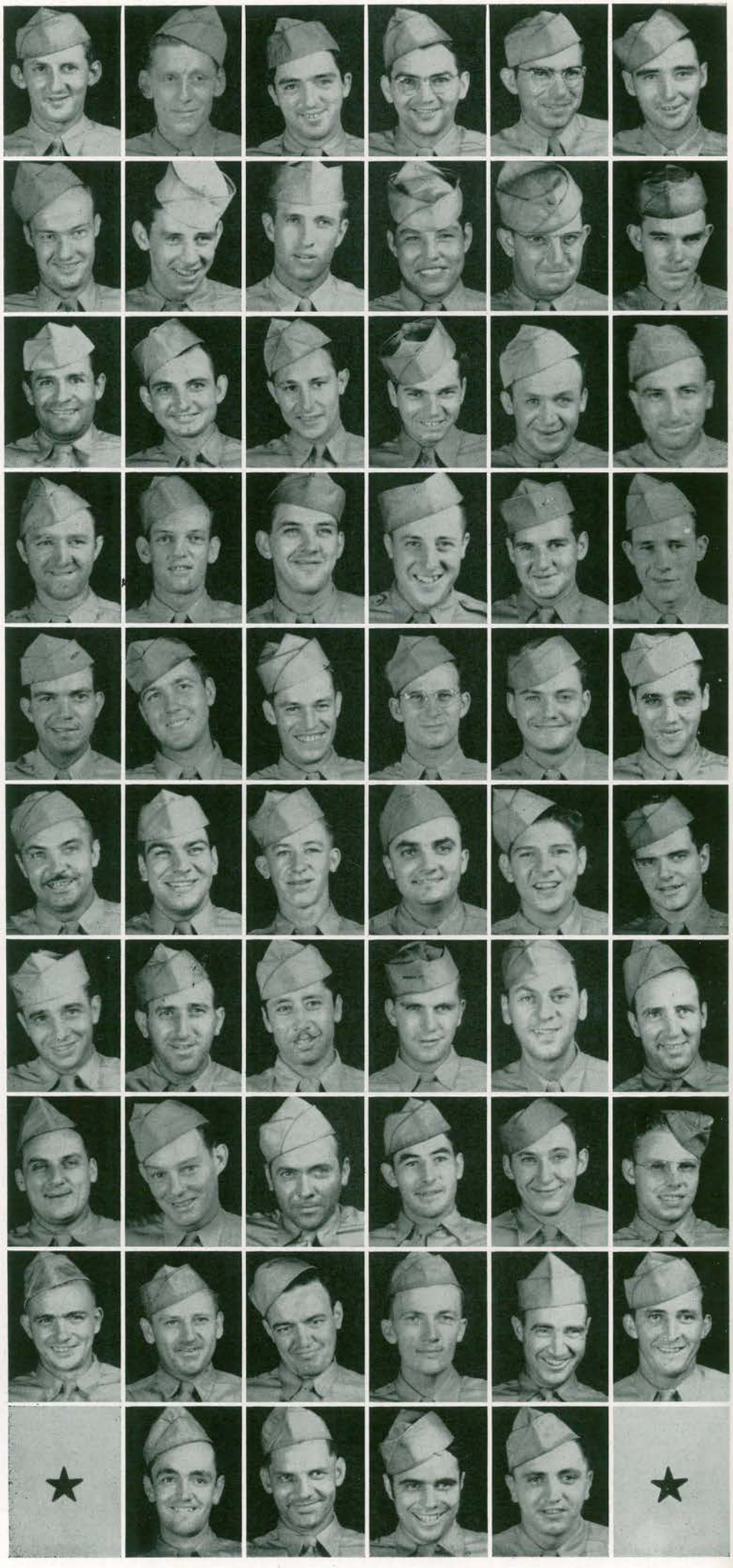

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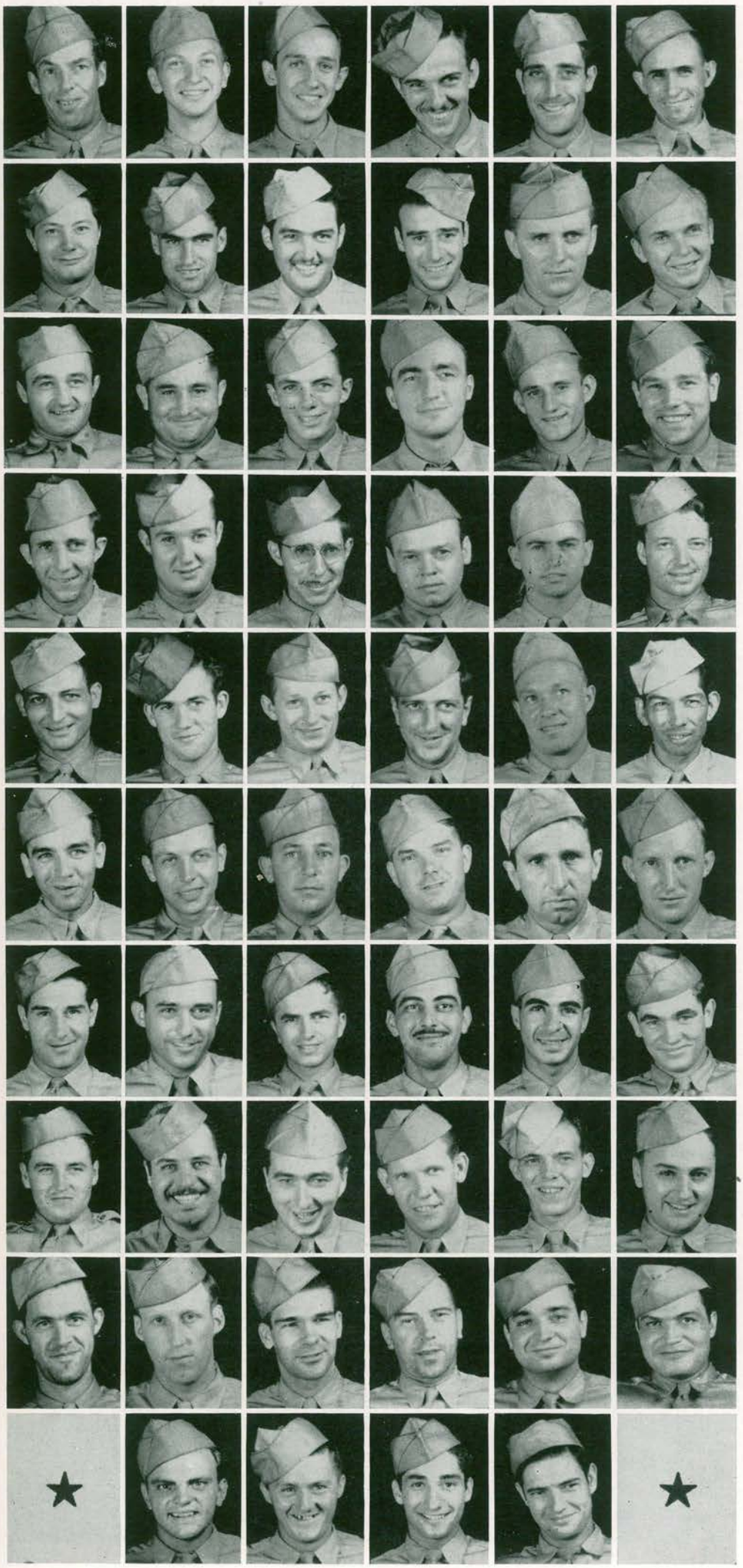

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Second Row—McCRACKEN, Lewis N., Pfc., Route 1, French Lick Springs, Ind., ETO (2) GC PH CI; McNEELY, Leon E., Pfc., Box 58, Pickens, S. C., ETO (3) GC BSH CI; MORIEL, Pedro, Pfc., RFD, Box 54, Bel Mar, Calif., ETO (2) PH GC CI; MONIZ, Alfred T., Pfc., 488 Charles, Fall River, Mass., ETO (2) GC CI; NEARY, David F., Pfc., 422 W. 4th St., Mt. Carmel, Pa., ETO (3) PH (1) GC; NEMECEK, Martin F., Pfc., 1706 S. Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill., ETO (2) GC UC CI.

Third Row—NESTER, Metro, Pfc., E. Blaine St., McAdoo, Pa., ETO (2) GC CI; ODOM, Eugene E., Pfc., Route 1, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., ETO (2) GC CI; OSTROWICKI, Matthew J., Pfc., 508 Howard St., Buffalo, N. Y., ETO (2) PH GC CI; PALLAS, Fred, Pfc., 1148 Tiffany St., Bronx, N. Y., ETO (2) PH GC CI; PARK, James W., Pfc., Box 17, Indiahoma, Okla., ETO (2) PH GC CI; PHILLIPP, Albert E., Pfc., Route 1, Linwood, Mich., ETO (2) SS GC CI.

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Fifth Row—ROMAN, Donato, Pfc., 2022 5th Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., ETO (3) GC PH CI; RYE, George R., Pfc., Route 1, Erin, Tenn. ETO (3) PH CI GC; SCHOLMA, John G., Pfc., Route 1, Grandville, Mich., ETO (3) GC BSH CI; SCHULTZ, Herman F., Pfc., 1114 4th Ave., Antigo, Wis., ETO (1) GC CI; SCHWANTZ, Charles W., Pfc., 827 Prospect St., Portage, Wis., ETO (2) PH GC BSH CI; SEGOBIA, Santiago C., Pfc., Chamberino, N. M.

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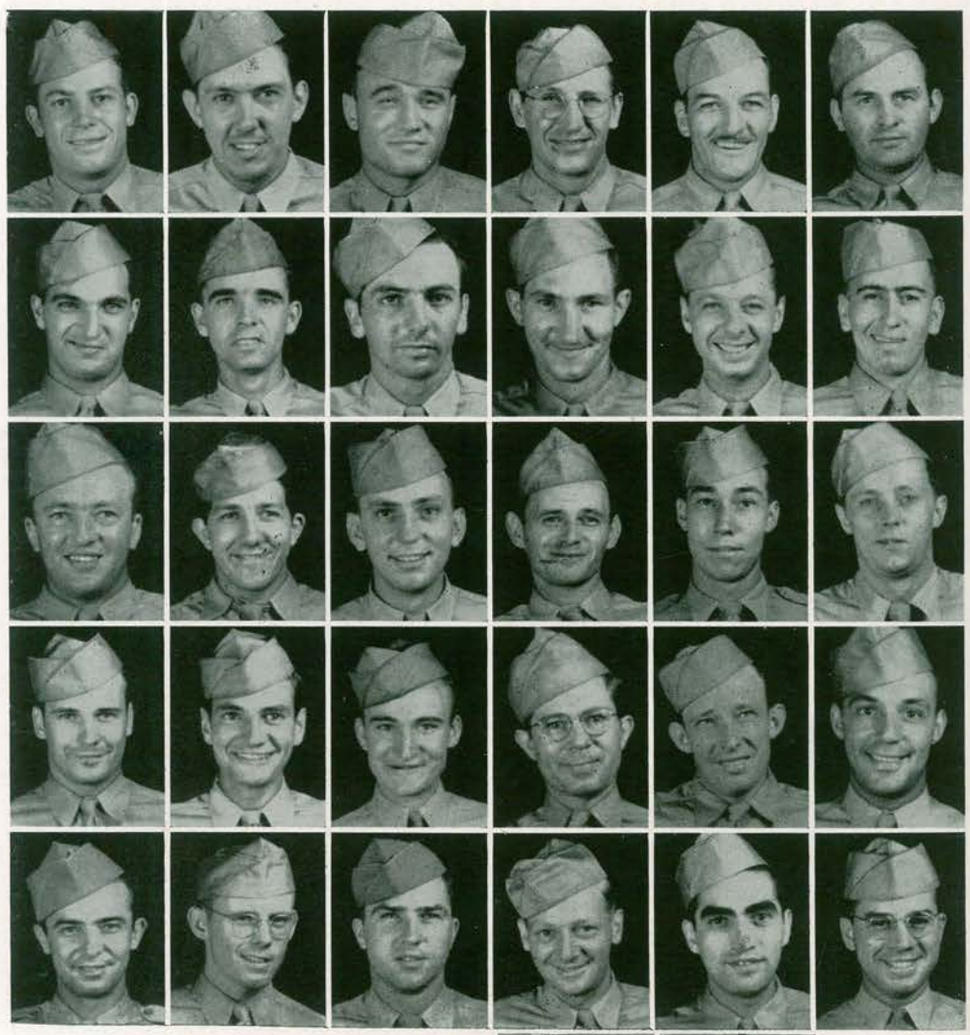

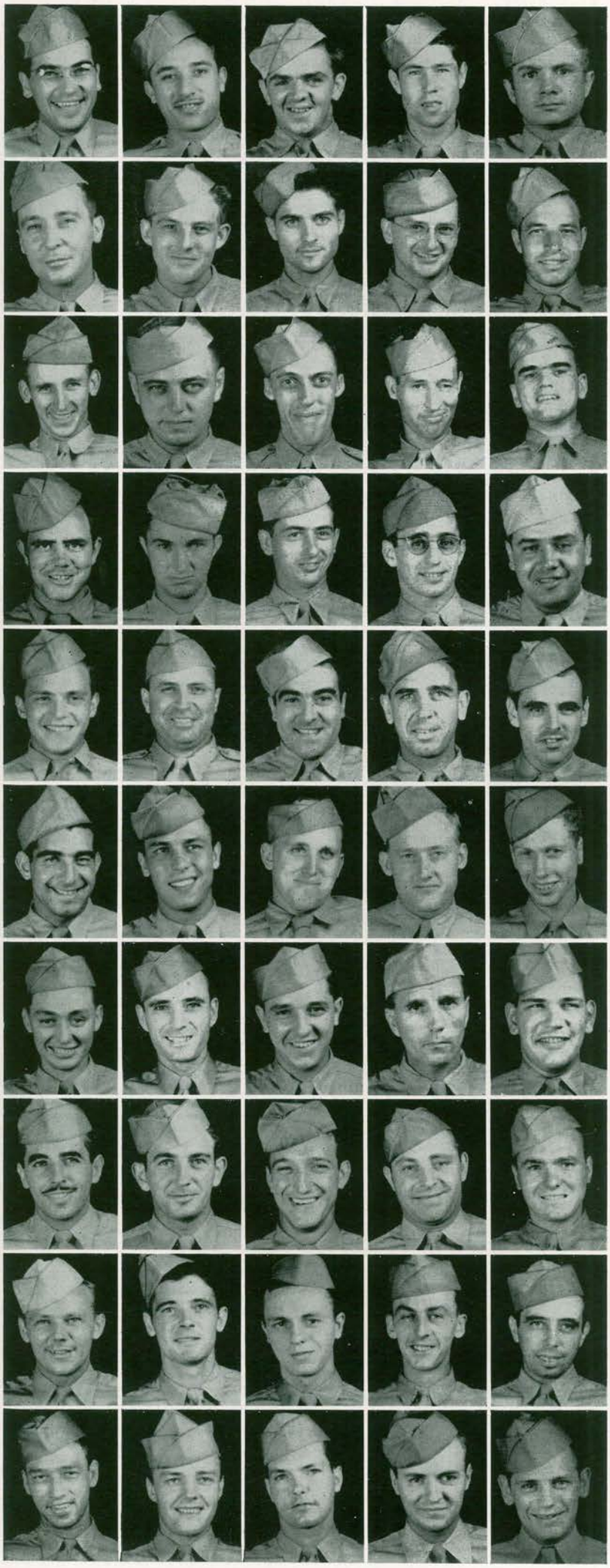

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Third Row—DAVIS, Joseph A., Jr., Pfc., 919 W. Maine St., Princeton, Ky., ETO (2) CI GC; DEFRAIN, Gerald H., Pfc., 59 Lockhart St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., ETO (3) CI GC BSH; DIGNALL, James J., Pfc., 195 Fern St., Masury, Ohio, ETO (2) CI GC; DUKE, Odis A., Pfc., Gen. Del., Maysville, Okla., ETO (2) CI GC; DUTTON, Robert L., Pfc., Green Rd., Churchville, N. Y., ETO (3) CI GC.

Fourth Row—ENGLISH, Robert L., Pfc., Route 4, Bennettsville, S. C., ETO (2) CI GC; EVANOFF, George A., Pfc., Dunham, Ky., ETO (3) CI GC; FORSLUND, Carl N., Pfc., 446 Second St., Menasha, Wis., ETO (3) PH GC CI; GABEL, Arthur J., Pfc., 1589 Bedford, Brooklyn, N. Y., ETO (2) CI GC; GONZALEZ, Reginaldo M., Pfc., 760 B. Gulch, Jerome, Ariz., ETO (2) CI GC.

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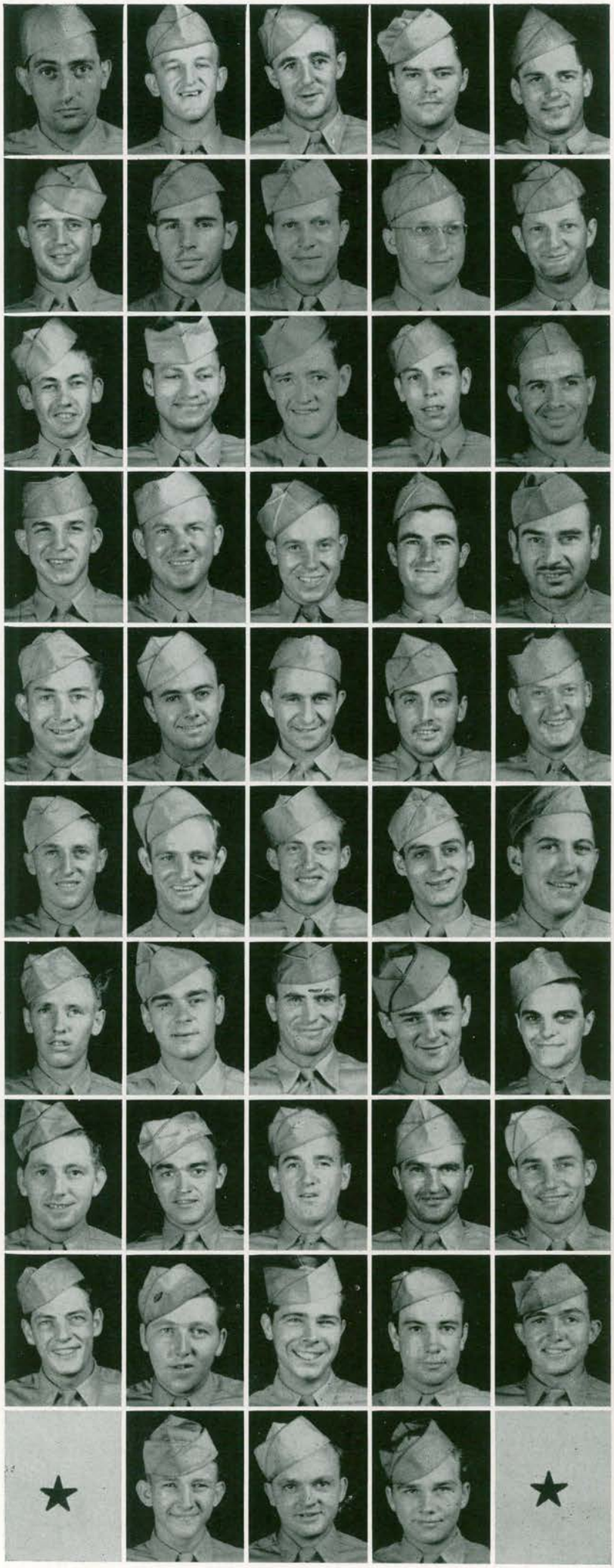

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Fourth Row—SCHEFFLER, Carl O., Pfc., 820 Fuller St., Philadelphia, Pa., ETO (3) PH CI GC; SCHEIDEL, John W., Sr., Pfc., Route 1, Elkhart, Ind., ETO (2) CI GC; SLUSSER, Paul L., Pfc., Route 1, Blacksburg, Va., ETO (2) CI GC; SMITH, Hester F., Pfc., Star Route, West Greenville, Ala., ETO (2) PH CI GC; SMUCKER, Robert G., Pfc., Box 16, Jennerstown, Pa., ETO (2) CI GC.

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Sixth Row—THORNBERRY, Harold D., Pfc., Route 1, Oronogo, Mo., ETO (2) PH CI GC; TOLLIVER, William W., Pfc., 1023 Church, Vincennes, Ind., ETO (3) PH CI GC; TOONE, Clifton, Pfc., Route 2, Prospect, Tenn., ETO (2) CI GC; TURNAGE, James L., Pfc., Box 27, Prentiss, Miss., ETO (2) CI GC; VOHLAND, James E., Pfc., Route 1, Metamora, Ind., ETO (2) CI GC.

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Eighth Row—WHITIS, Clifton B., Pfc., Route 2, Hickory, Ky., ETO (3) CI GC; WILLIS, Elisha I., Pfc., Route 3, Sneedville, Tenn., ETO (3) CI GC; WOLLER, Carlton M., Pfc., Route 1, Dubuque, Iowa, ETO (3) CI GC; WOODS, Robert L., Pfc., 431 E. Lee St., Marion, Va., ETO (2) CI GC; WRIGHT, Wayne O., Pfc., Milford, Tex., ETO (2) SS CI GC.

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Tenth Row—THOMPSON, Thomas L., Pvt., 506 N. Alameda, Las Cruces, N. Mex.; WHITAKER, Paul D., Pvt., Box 111, Abbottsburg, N. C.; WIERIKKO, Melvin J., Pvt., Route 1, Box 230, Crystal Falls, Mich.

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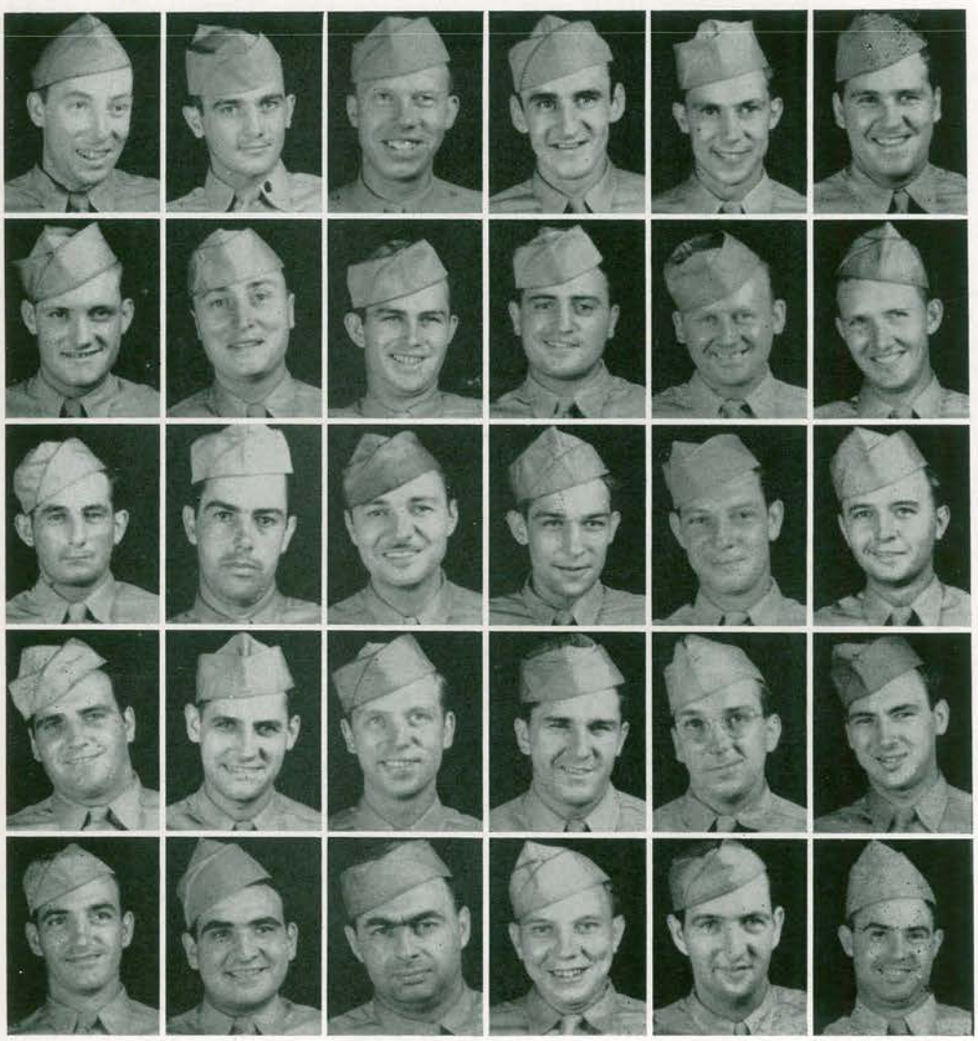

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Second Row—BROOKS, Stuart H., S/Sgt., Route 3, Benton, Ill., ETO (2) CI; CHANDLER, David L., S/Sgt., 308 N. Chapman St., Greensboro, N. C., ETO (2) SS CI; CLAUSON, Herbert L., S/Sgt., Bonnieville, Ky., ETO (3) GC SS CI; CRAWFORD, Elbert W., S/Sgt., Route 1, Box 305 A, Portsmouth, Va., ETO (2) CI; ODEGARD, LeRoy H., S/Sgt., 1302 Fourth Ave., Grand Forks, N. D., ETO (3) GC CI; PARMELE, Walter J., S/Sgt., Gen. Del., Spavinaw, Okla., ETO (2) CI.

Third Row—PASSA, Jacob J., S/Sgt., Drayton, N. D., ETO (3) BSH GC CI; RECTOR, Kenneth R., S/Sgt., Greenville, Tenn., ETO (3) PH CI; SMITH, Oden H., S/Sgt., 721 Poinsetta Pl., Hollywood, Calif., ETO (3) AD GC CI; STARCESKI, John D., S/Sgt., 66 Chestnut St., Natrona, Pa., ETO (3) GC CI; WHITE, Voris B., S/Sgt., 2880 Madison Ave., Granite City, Ill., ETO (3) PH CI; BOWEN, James A., Sgt., 1092 St. Augustine Place, Atlanta, Ga., ETO (2) CI.

Fourth Row—CARR, Richard C., Sgt., 317 S. Church St., DuBois, Pa., ETO (2) CI; GELLAK, Harry J., Sgt., 976 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa., ETO (3) GC CI; KALINOSKY, Ray R., Sgt., 230 So. Quincy St., Green Bay, Wis., ETO (3) GC CI; MAJDOCH, Norbert J., Sgt., 2706 A—So. 15th St., Milwaukee, Wis., ETO (2) PH CI BSH; MILLER, Thomas C., Sgt., 2665 N. Harding, Wauwatosa, Wis., ETO (3) BSH GC CI; SANFORD, Frederick F., Sgt., East Granby, Conn., ETO (3) CI.

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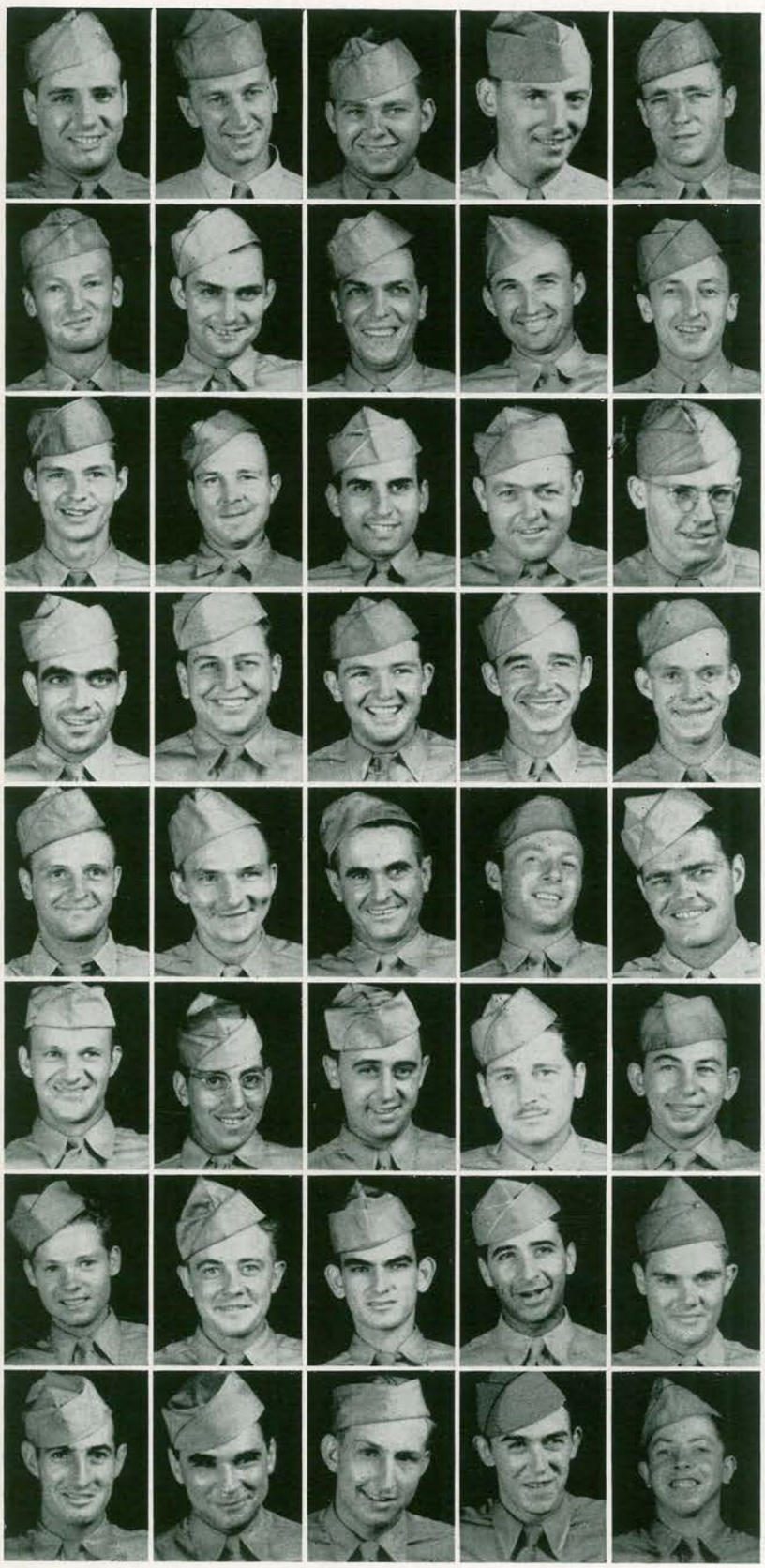

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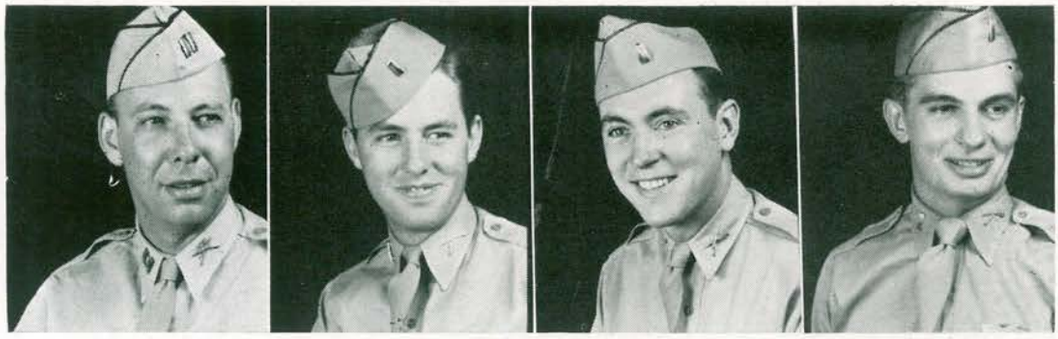

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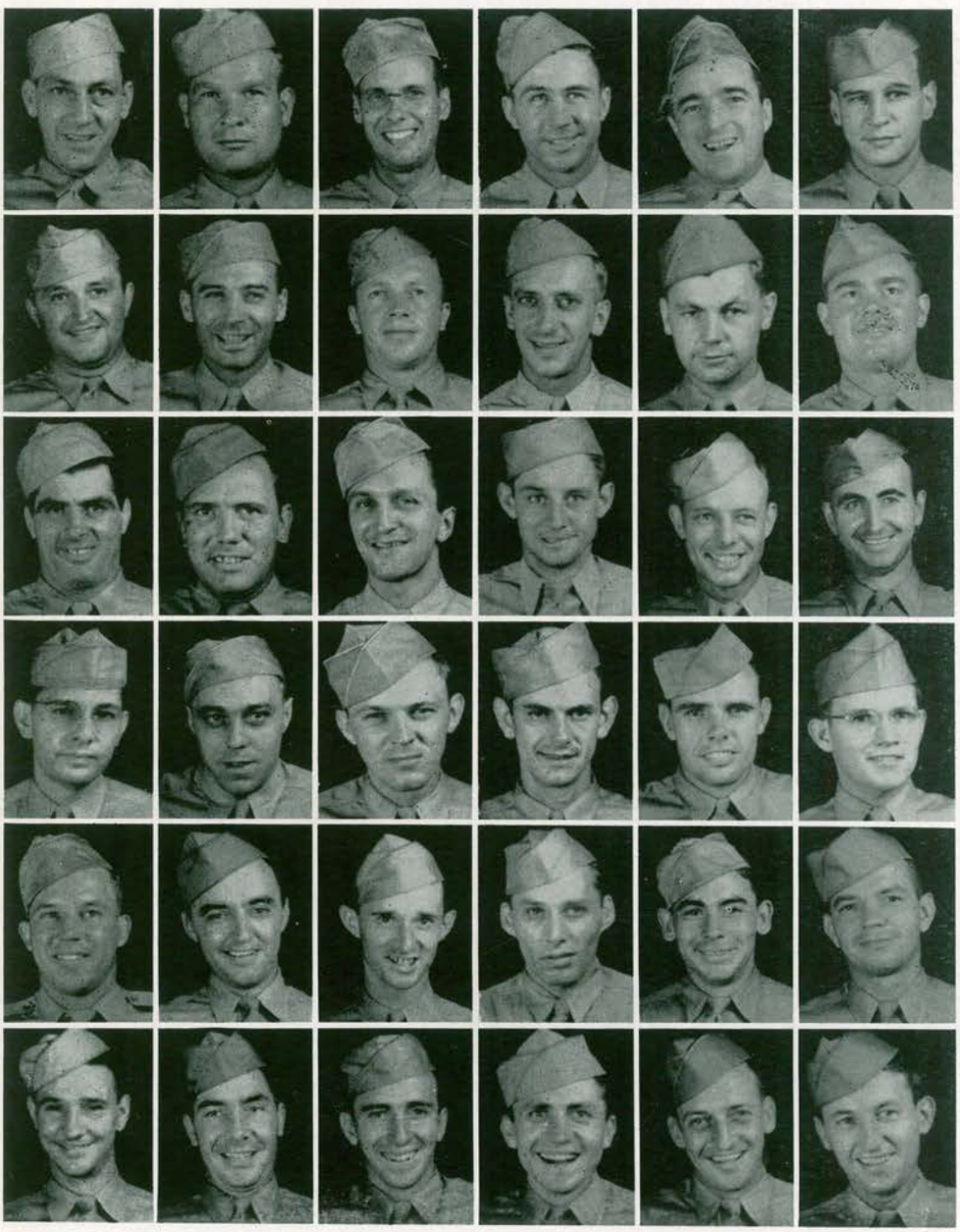

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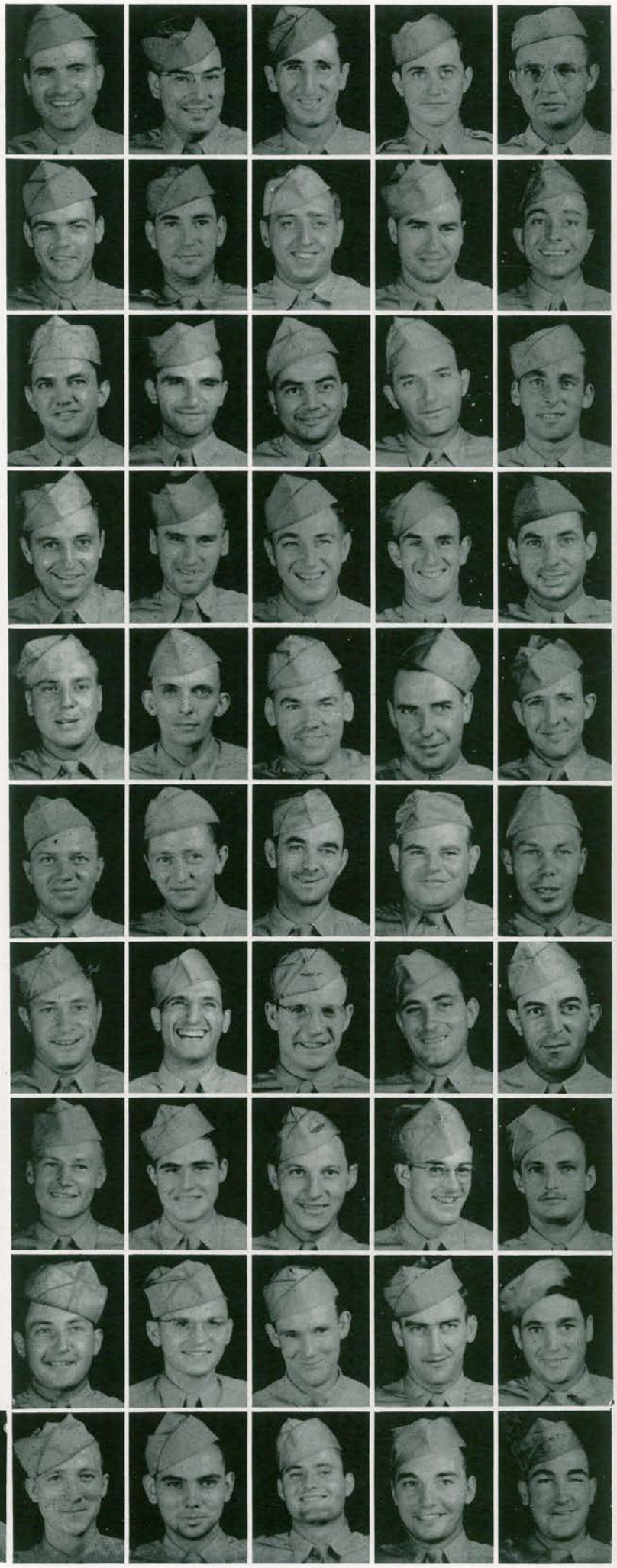

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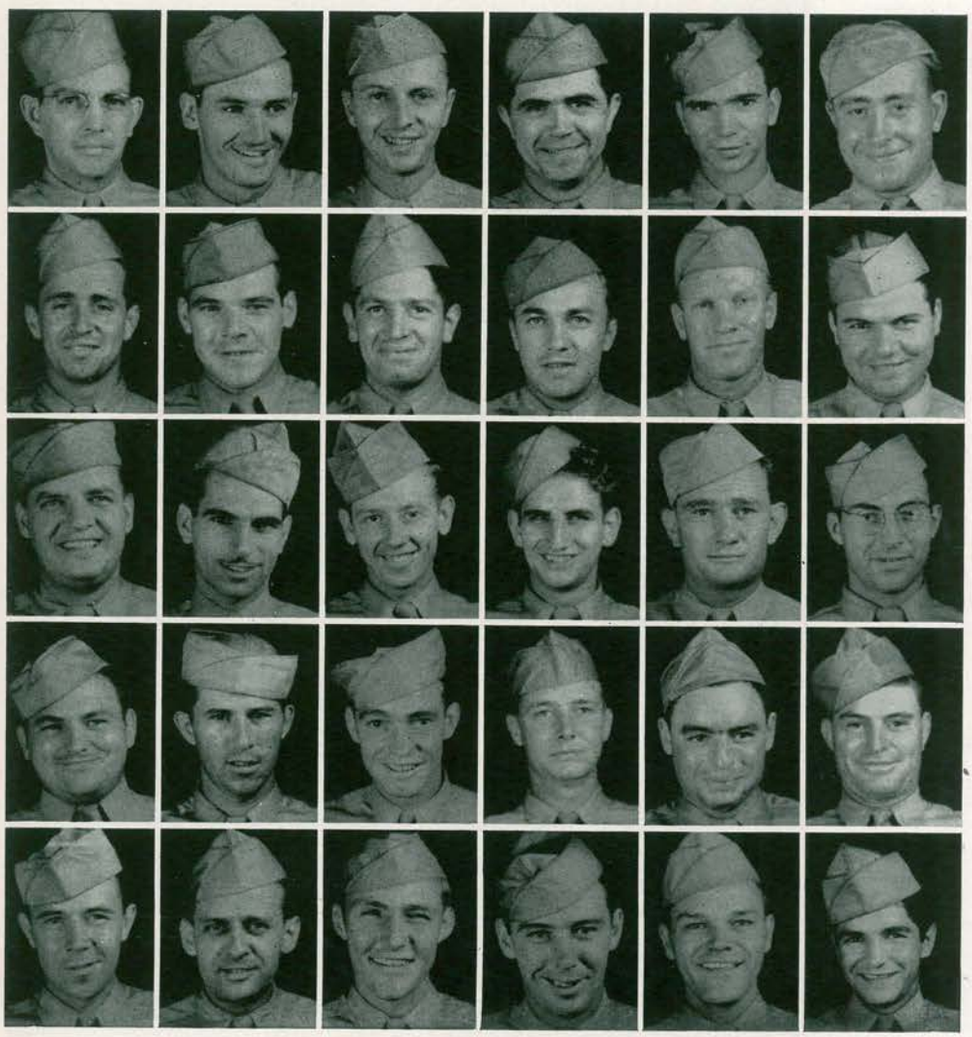

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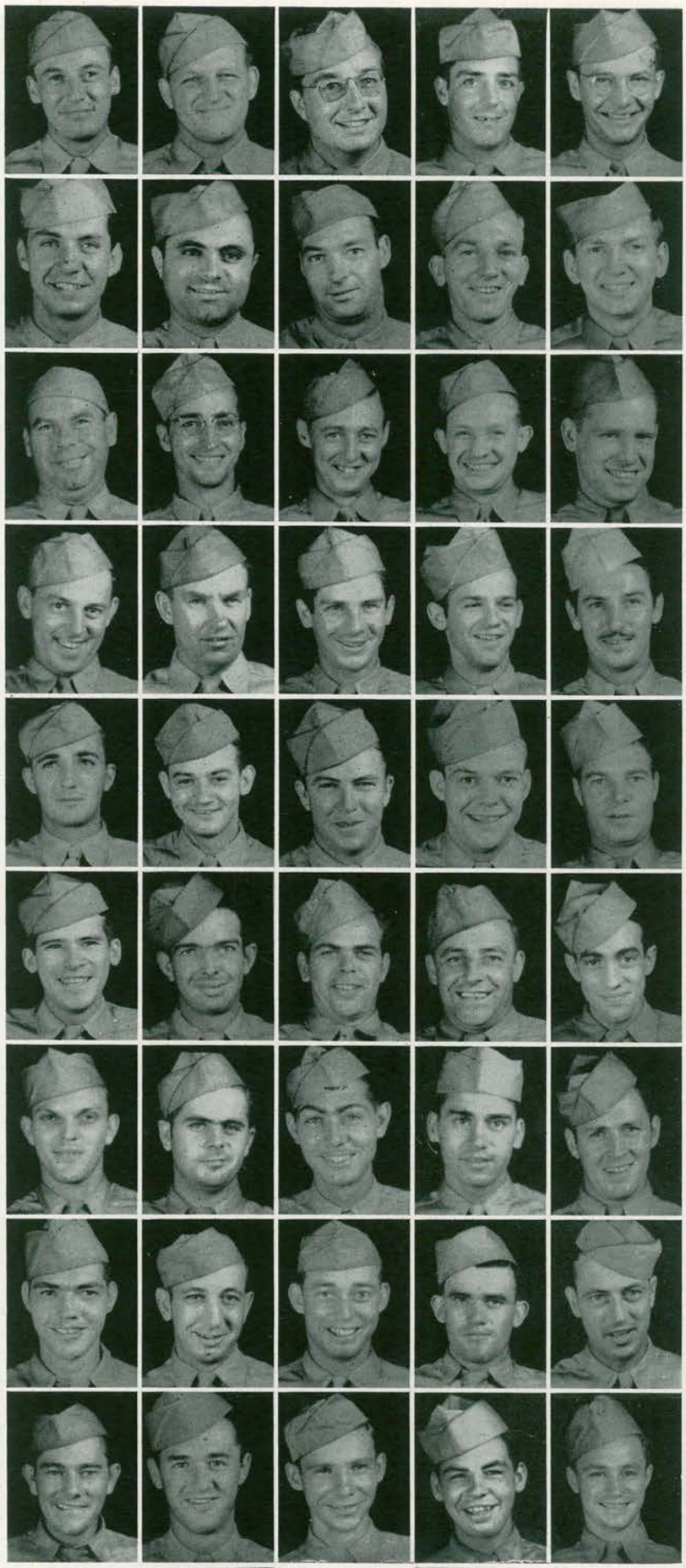

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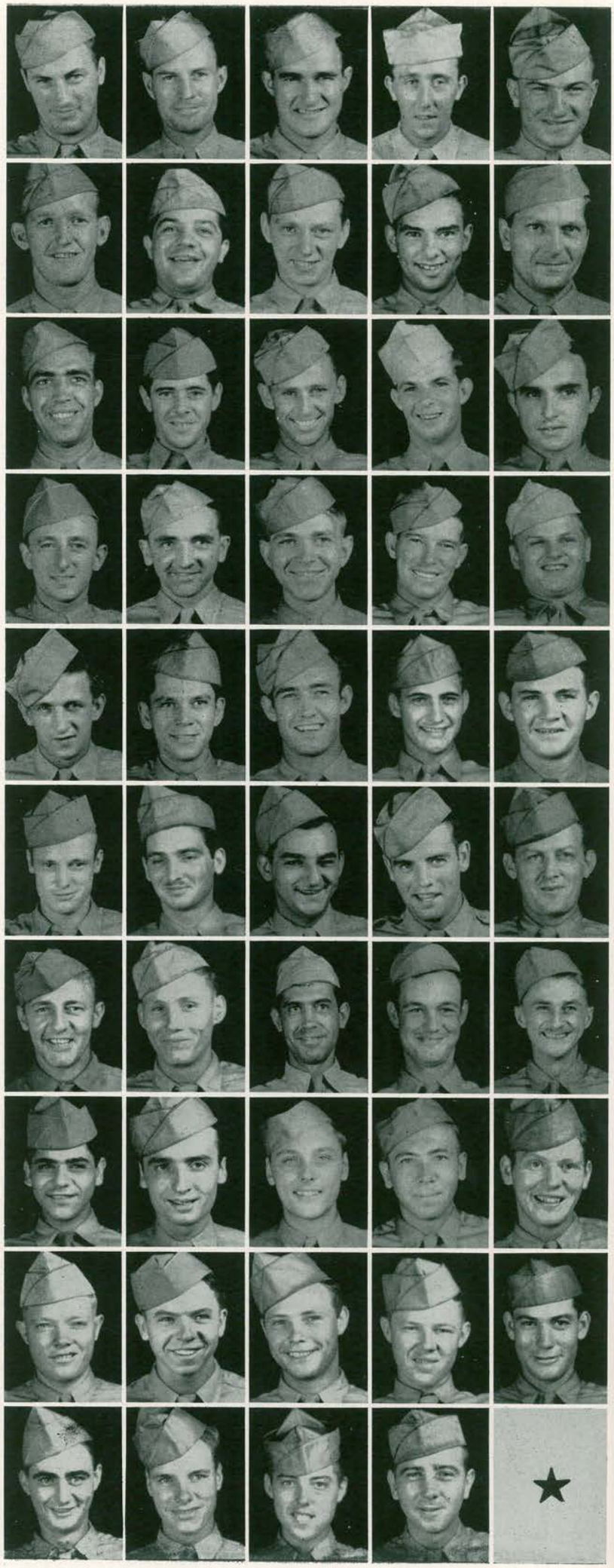

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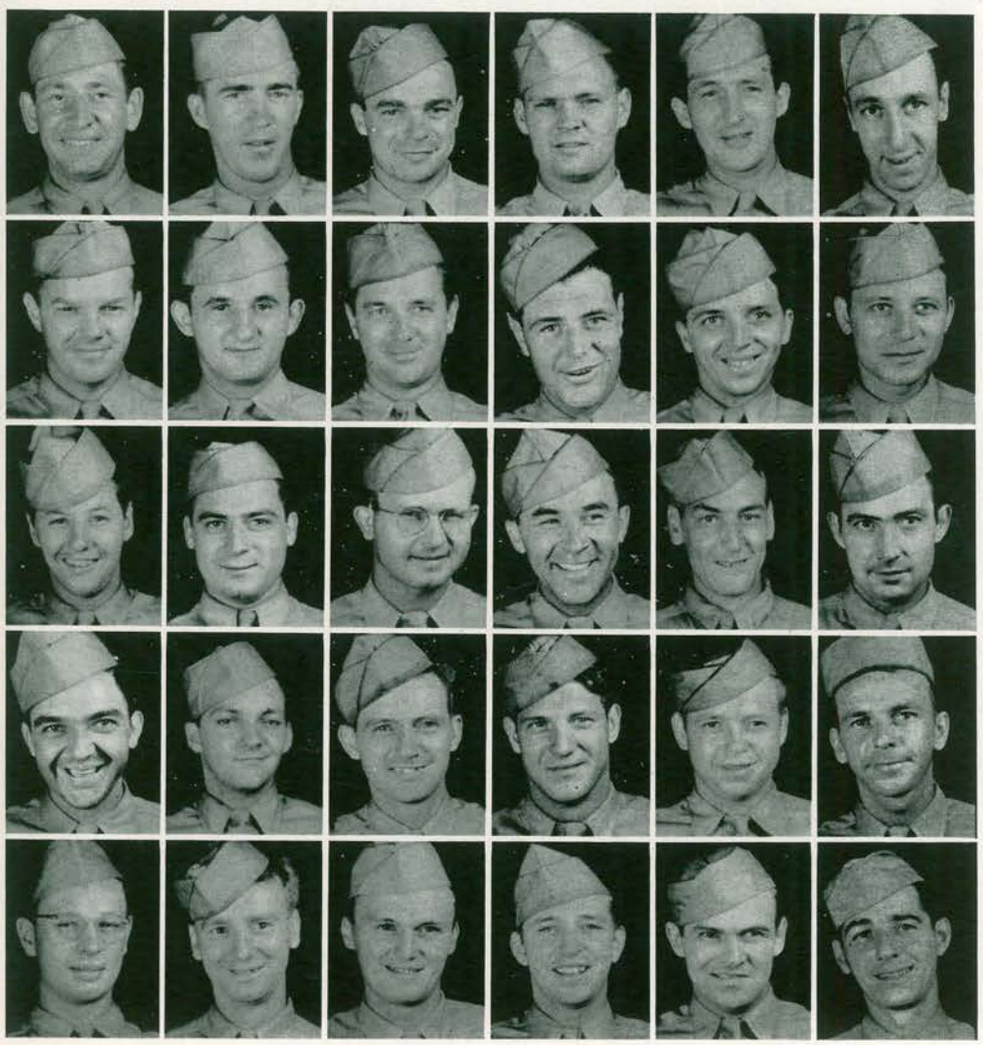

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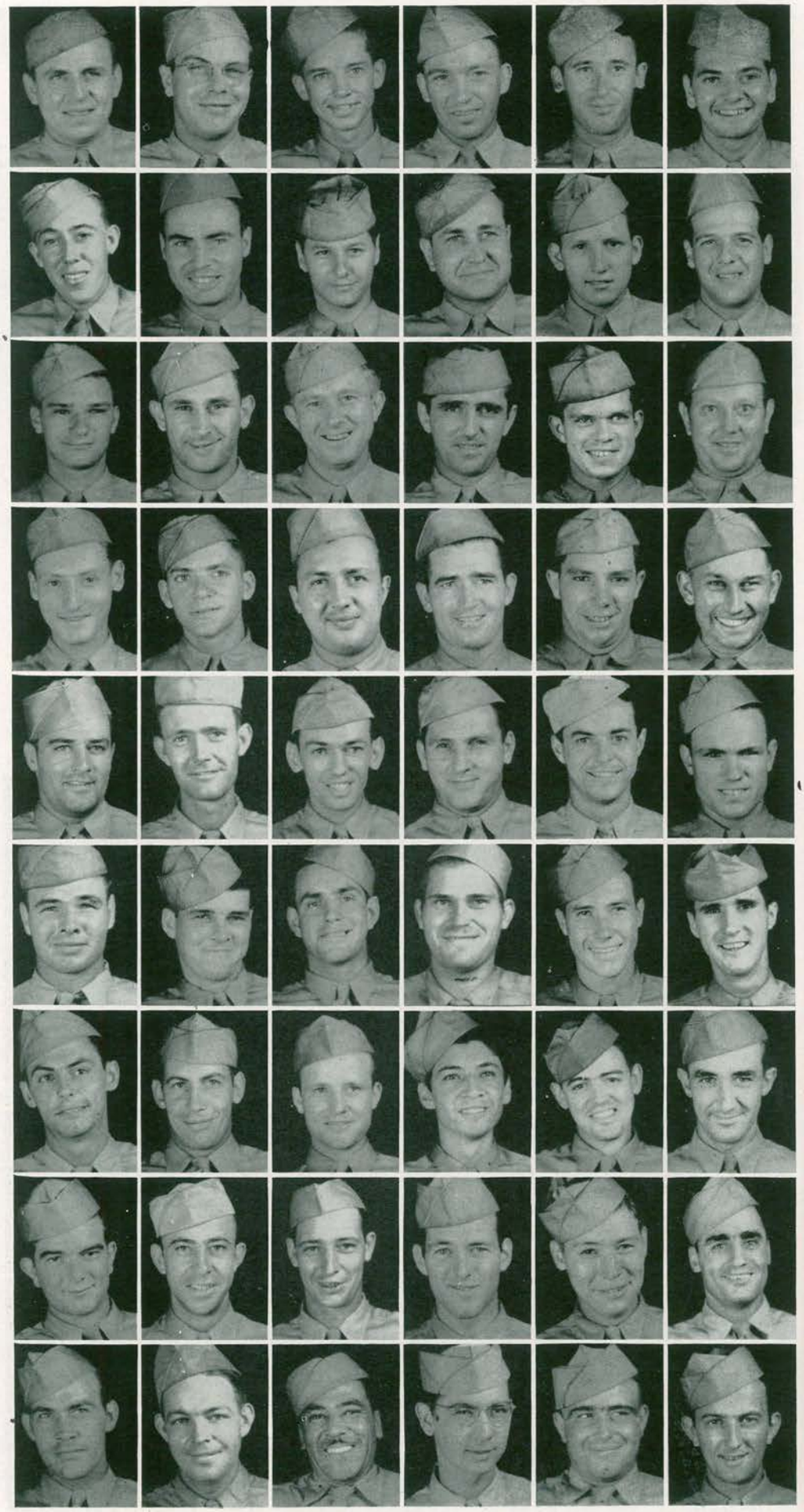

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Sixth Row—LANGER, Edward L., Pfc., Alice, N. Dak., ETO (3) PH CI; LANGLEY, N. L., Pfc., White Plains, Md., ETO (1); LILLY, Robert P., Pfc., Route 19-20, Daniels, W. Va., ETO (3) PH CI; LINDNER, Herbert L., Pfc., Route 2, Trenton, Ill., ETO (3) PH CI; MASON, Theodore J., Pfc., 1049 Roseglen, El Monte, Calif., ETO (2) PH CL; McKEON, Frederick G., Pfc., 15 John St., Butler, N. J., ETO (3) CI.

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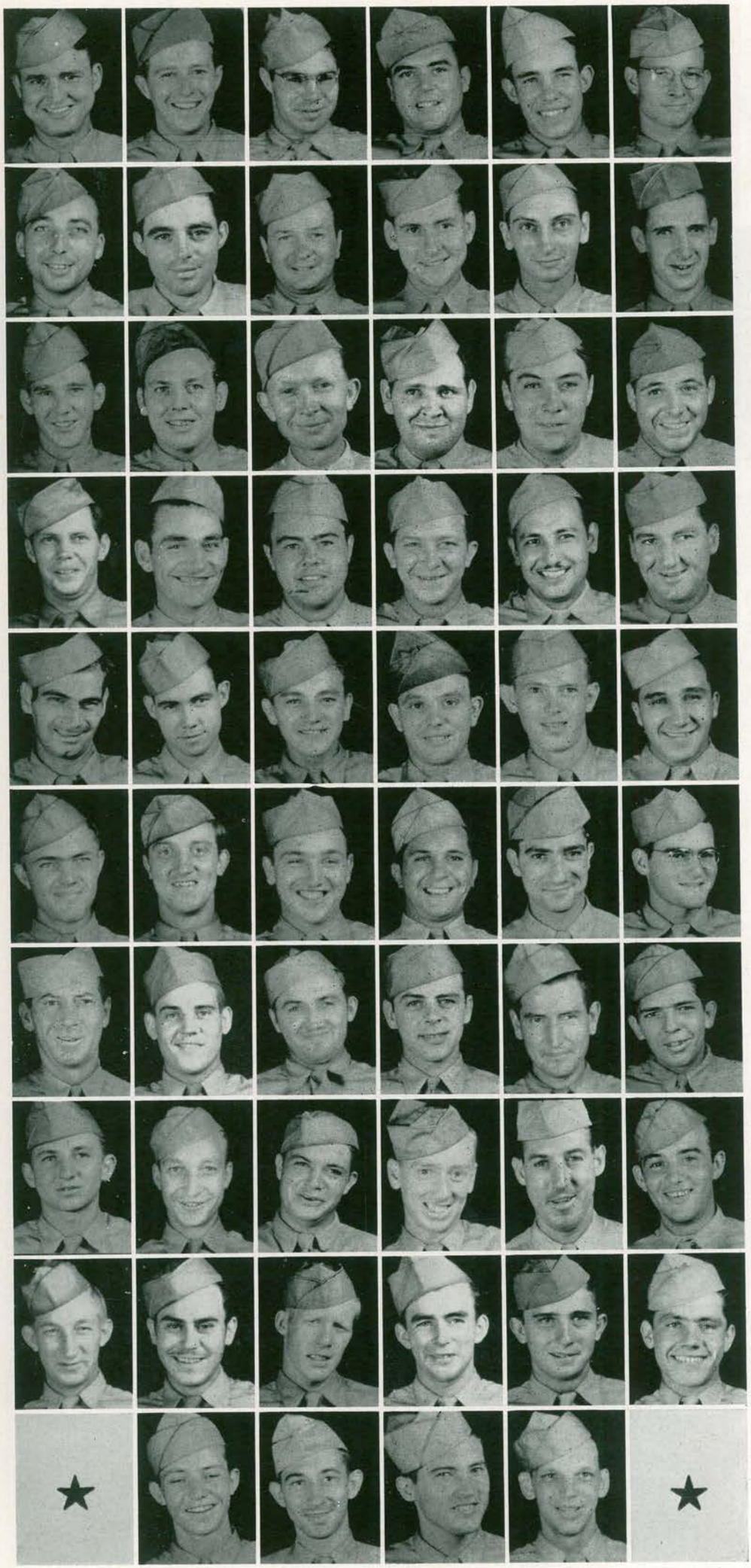

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Eighth Row—RHOLETTER, Glynn, Pvt. Route 2, Seneca, S. C.; ROGNESS, Norman O., Pvt., Ortley, S. Dak., ETO (2) CI; ROWE, Thomas J., Pvt., Route 2, Conroe, Tex.; SALYERS, Elighe E., Pvt., Box 233, West Vanleer, Ky., ETO (3) CI; SCULLIN, Thomas H., Pvt., 996 Middlesex St., Lowell, Mass., ETO (4) CI; SERKIES, John J., Pvt., 22 Fleming Ave., Newark, N. J., ETO (2) PH CI.

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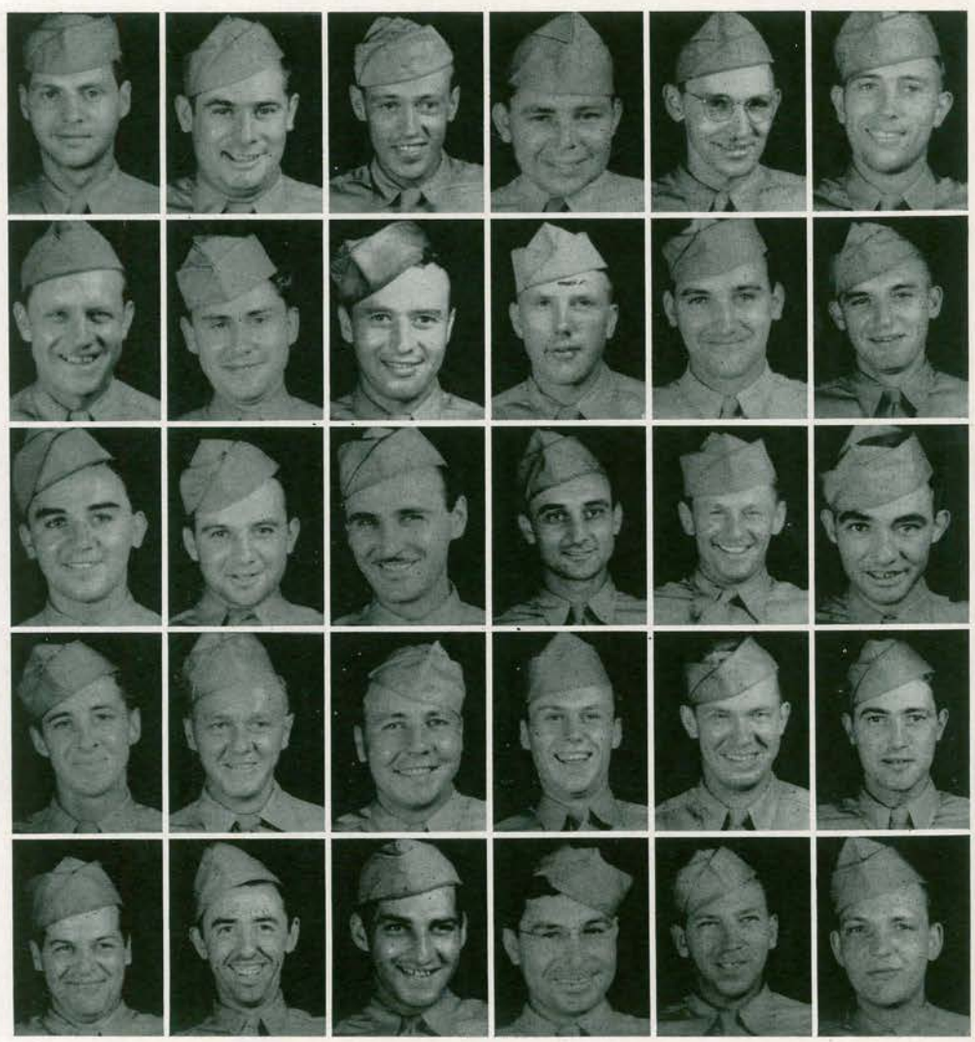

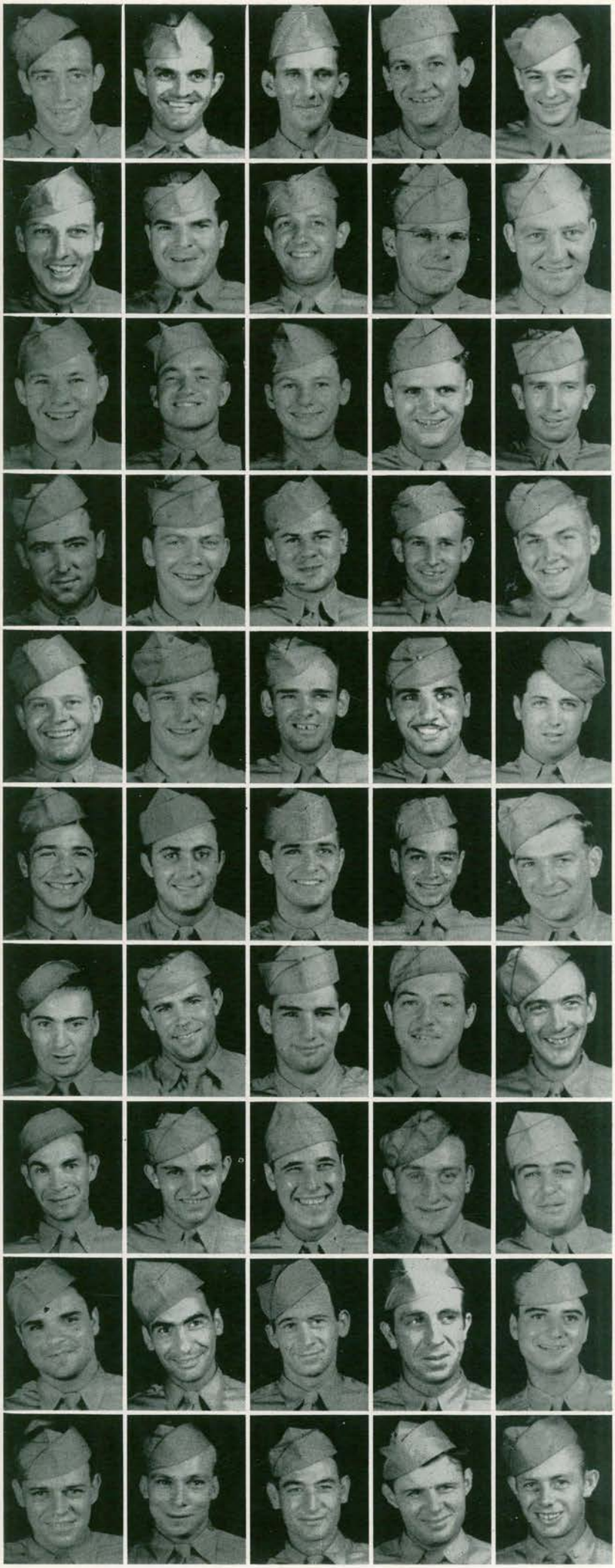

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Second Row—HORTON, Howard T., Cpl., No. 1 Johnson St., Hogansville, Ga., ETO (4) PH GC CI; CAPARRELLI, Arrico R., T/5, 1999 Plainfield, Johnston, R. I., ETO (3) CI GC; CONNORS, William T., T/5, 344 Freeland St., Pittsburgh, Pa., ETO (3) GC, CI BSH; EMELE, Russell J., T/5, 235 Waters St., Belvidere, N. J., ETO (2) CI GC PH; JOHNSON, Melvin W., T/5, Route 2, Buffalo, Minn., ETO (3) GC CI.

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Eighth Row—NETT, Emless S., Pfc., Route 1, Gettysburg, Pa., ETO (2) GC CI; NORTON, Thomas E., Pfc., Route 2, Covington, Ga., ETO (2) CI GC PH; O'DONNELL, William, Pfc., 49 Beach Ave., Milford, Conn., ETO (2) CI; PALLADINO, Roman R., Pfc., 323 Washington St., Camden, N. J., ETO (4) SS PH GC CI; PIERCE, Robert E., Pfc., Ravenden, Ark., ETO (4) GC CI.

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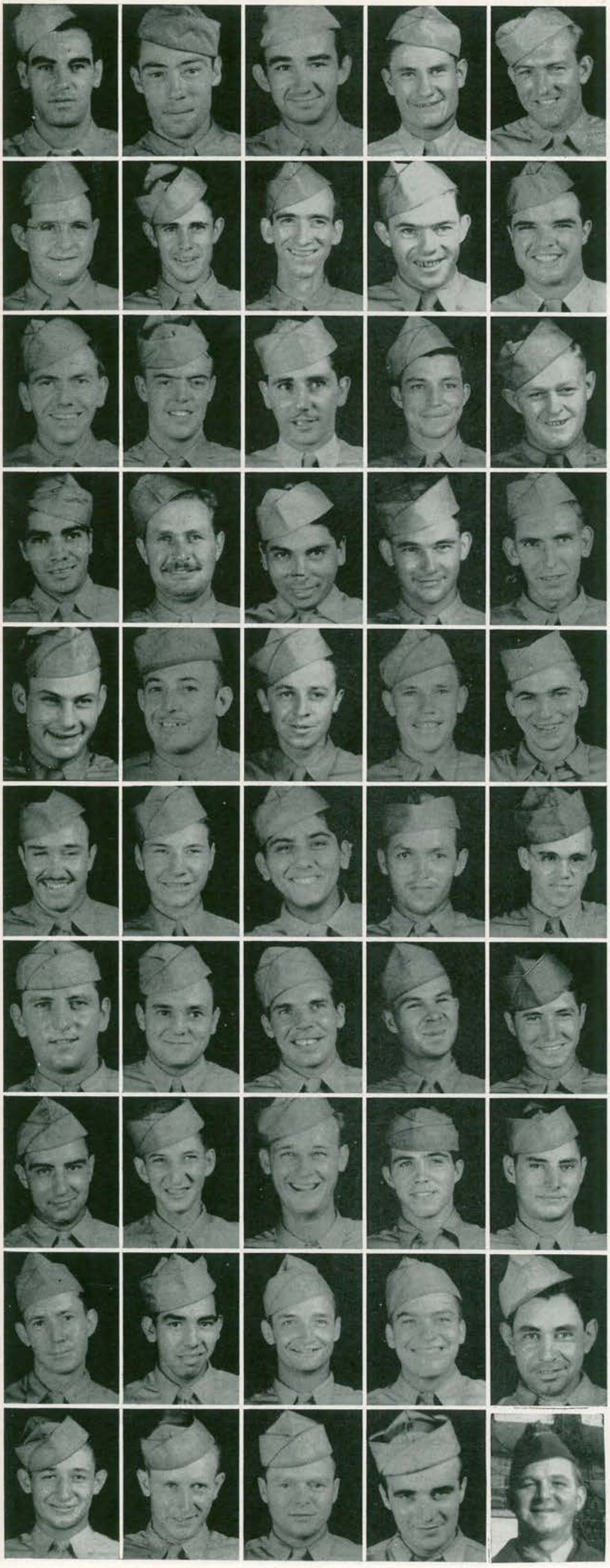

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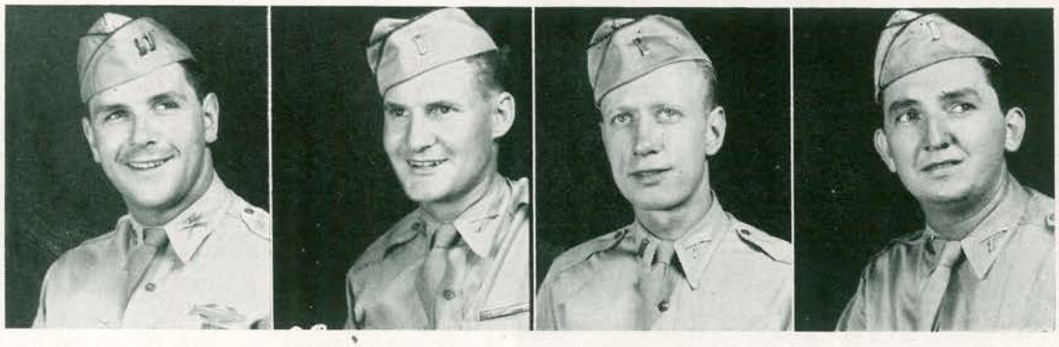

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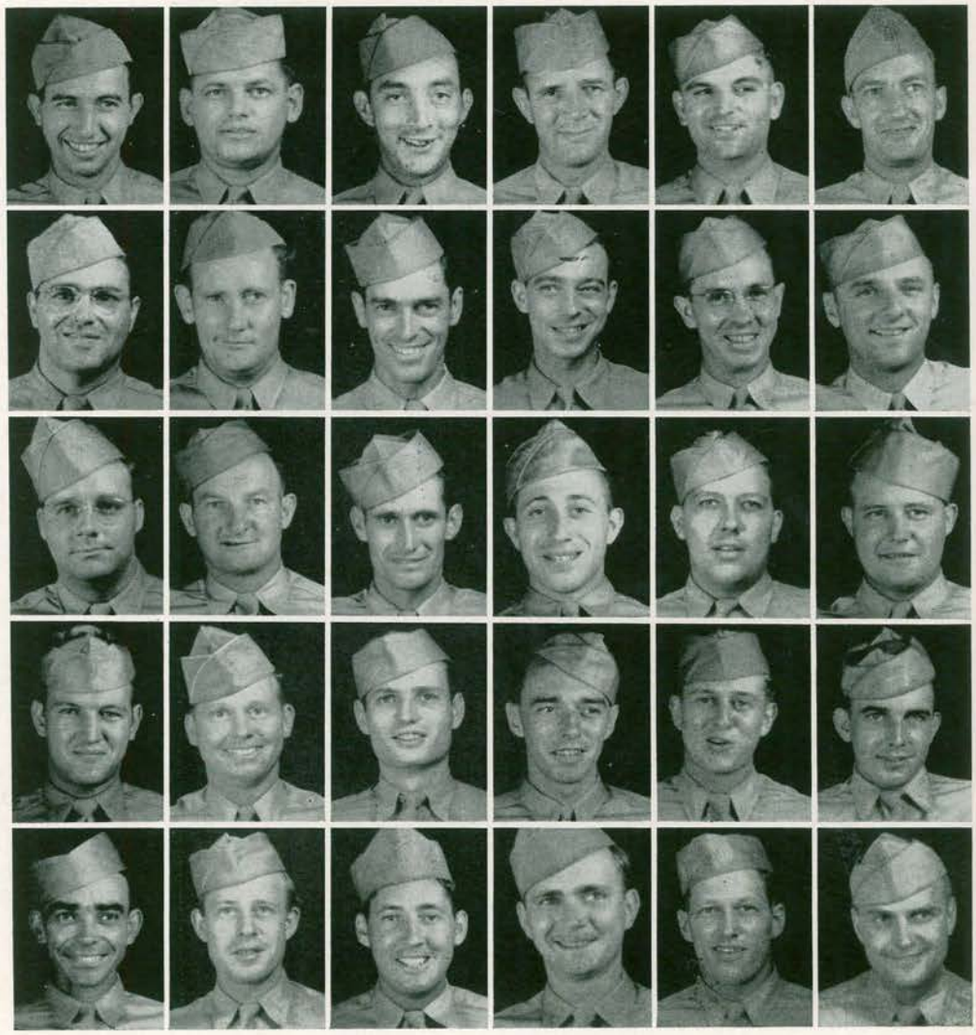

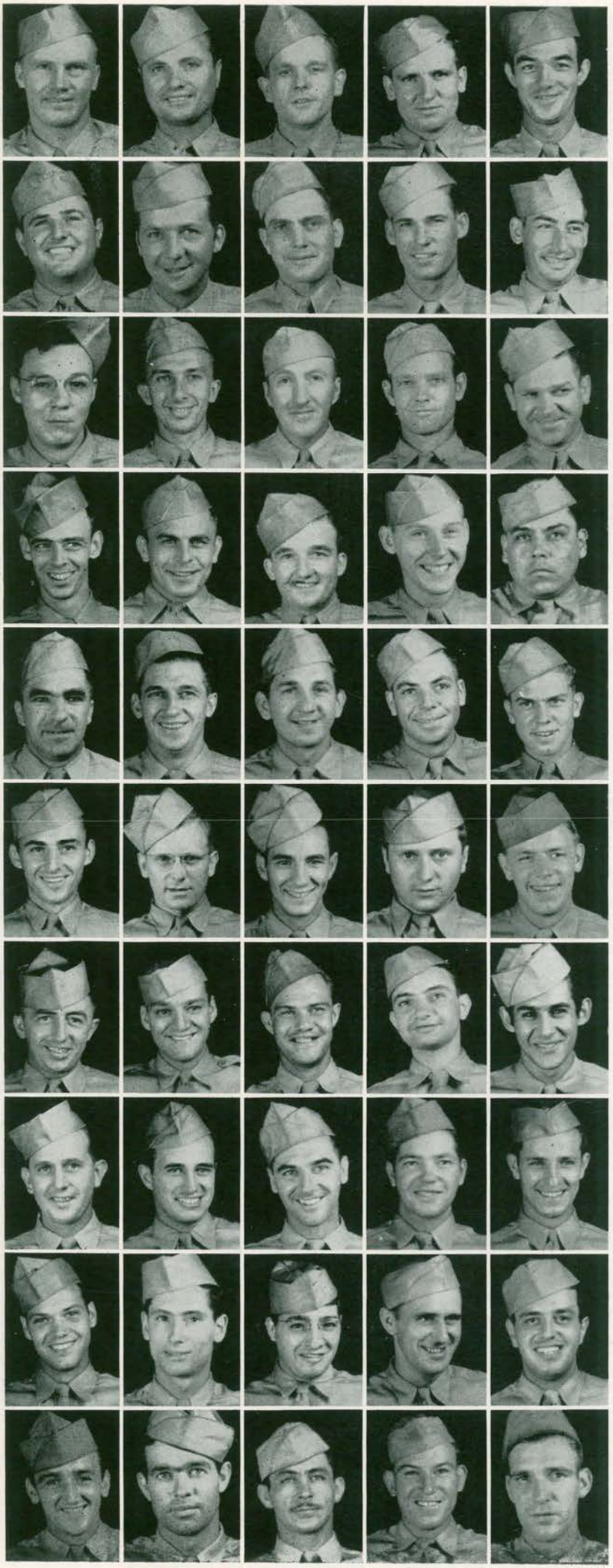

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"LAST-MINUTE" MEN

Following are group photographs, four men to the group, GI's who barely made the camera at Camp Shelby. About to be shipped out just as the photographer arrived at the 377th area in Camp Shelby, they had time only for a hurried shutter-snap, and then took off. But we're glad they made it.

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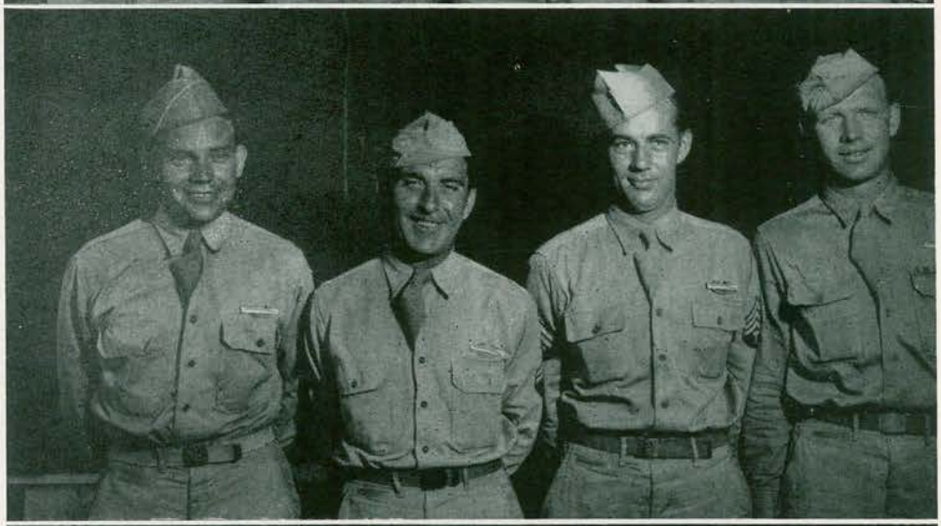

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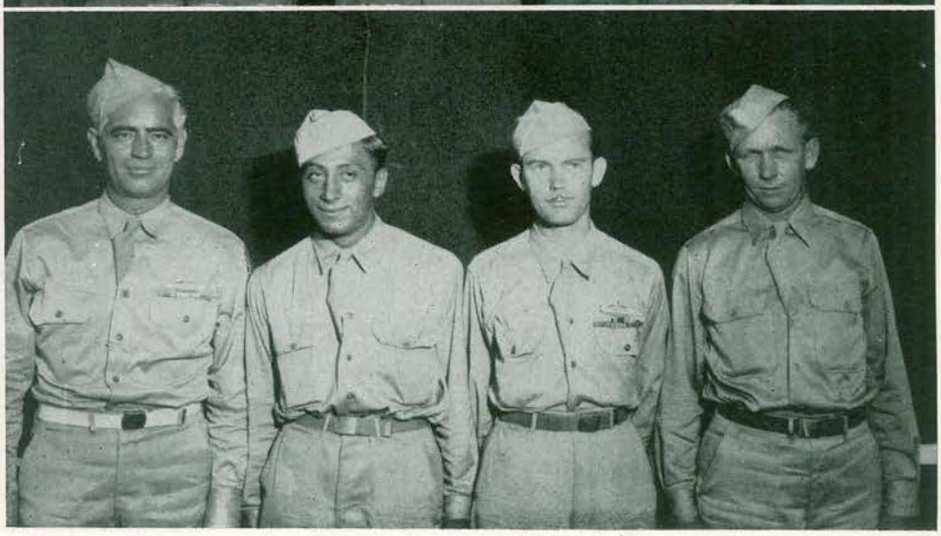

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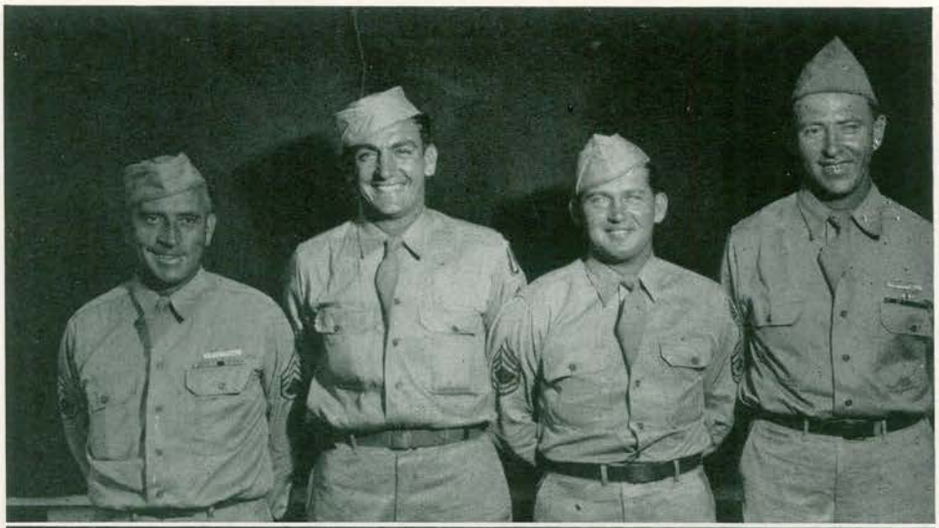

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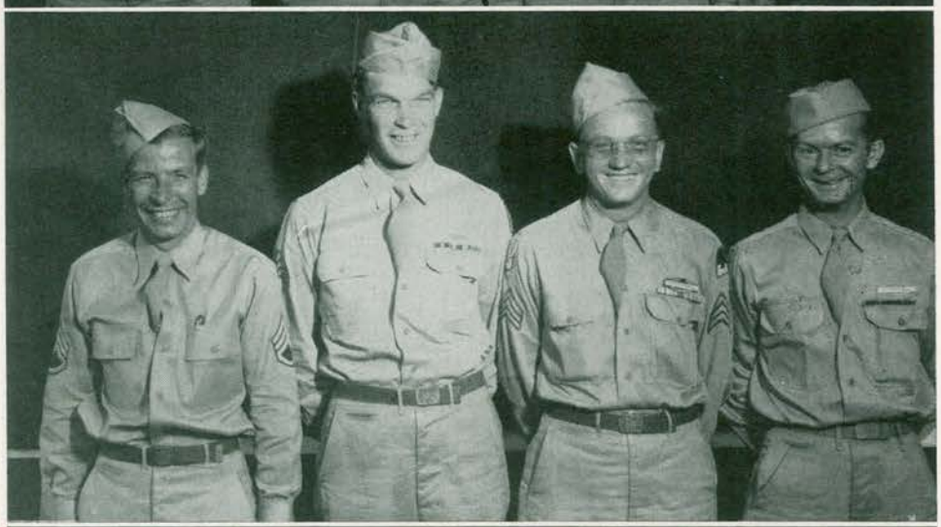

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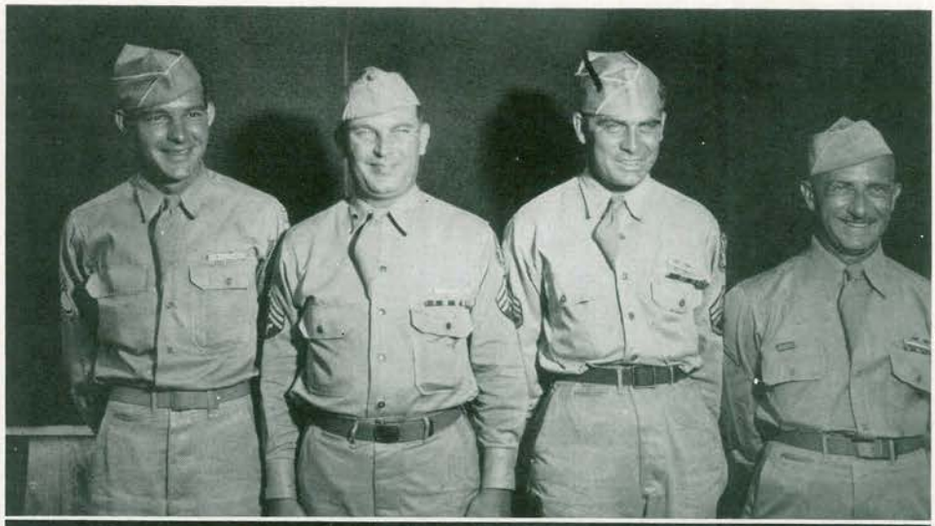

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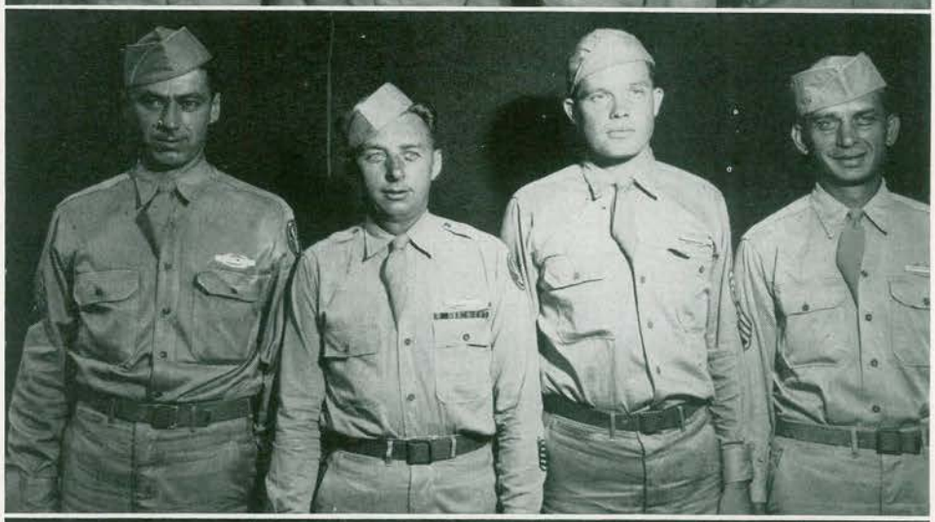

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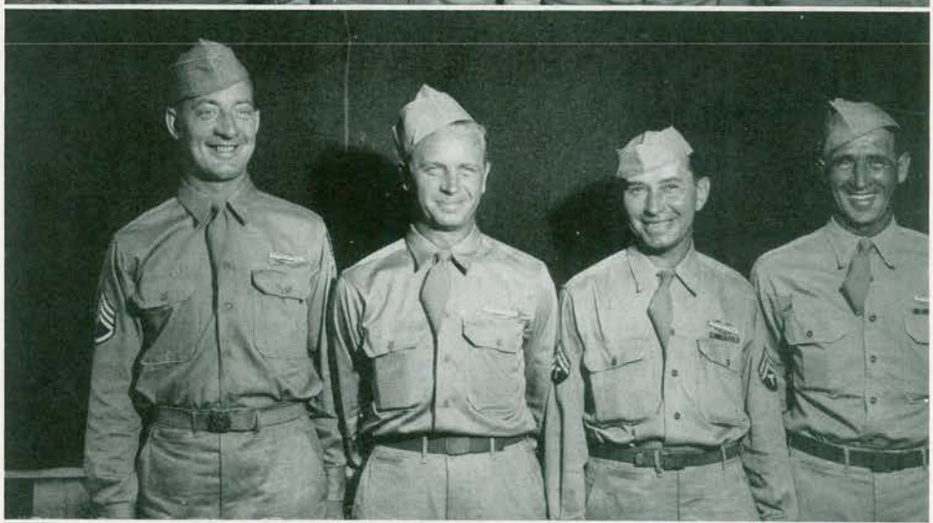

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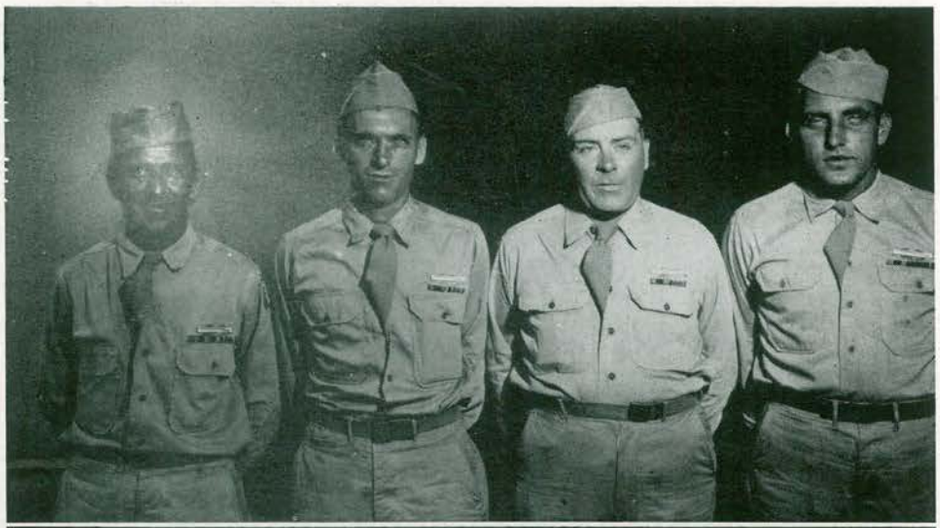

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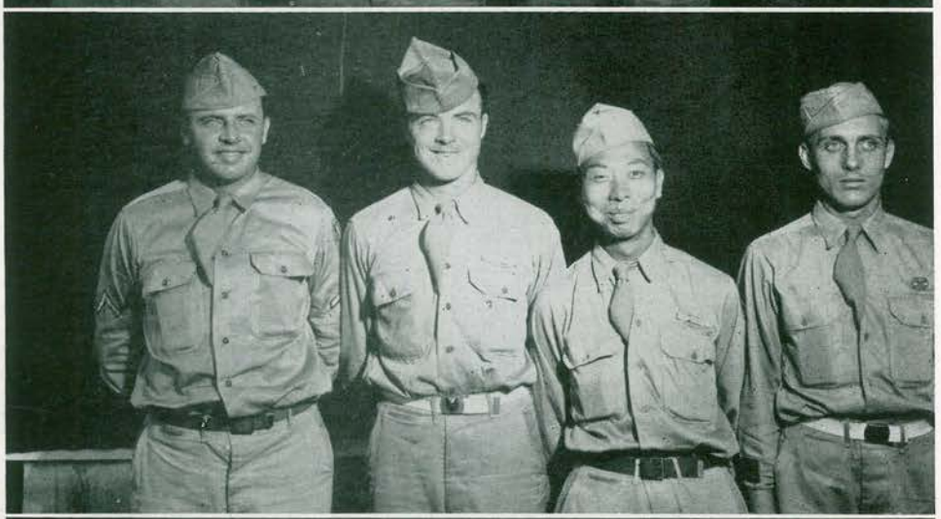

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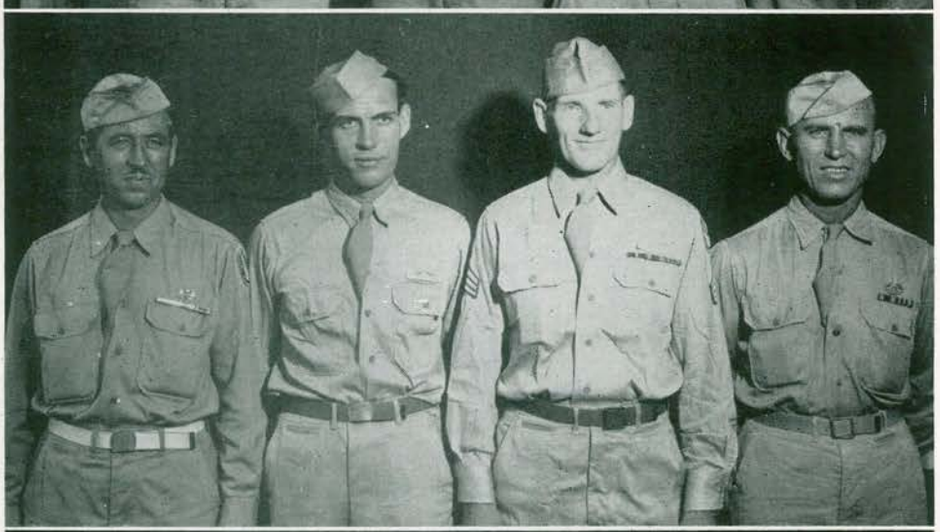

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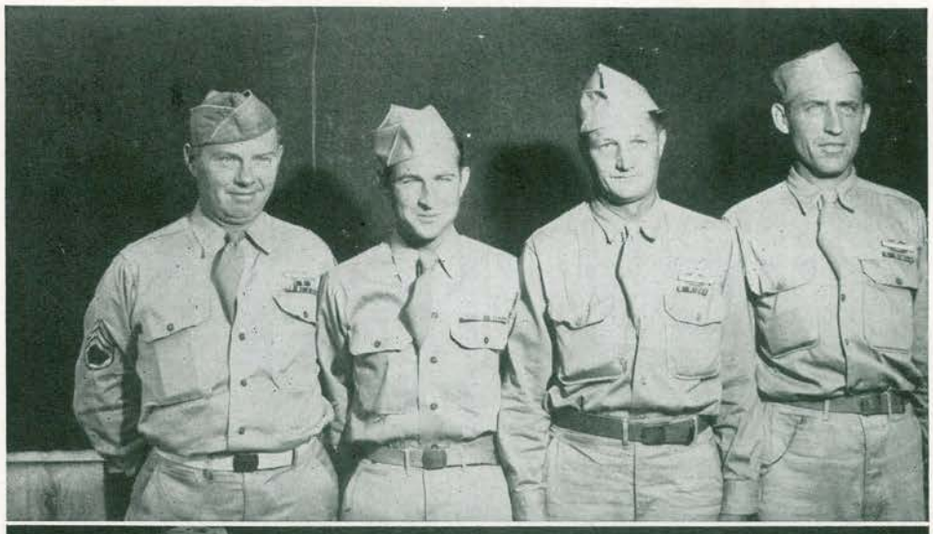

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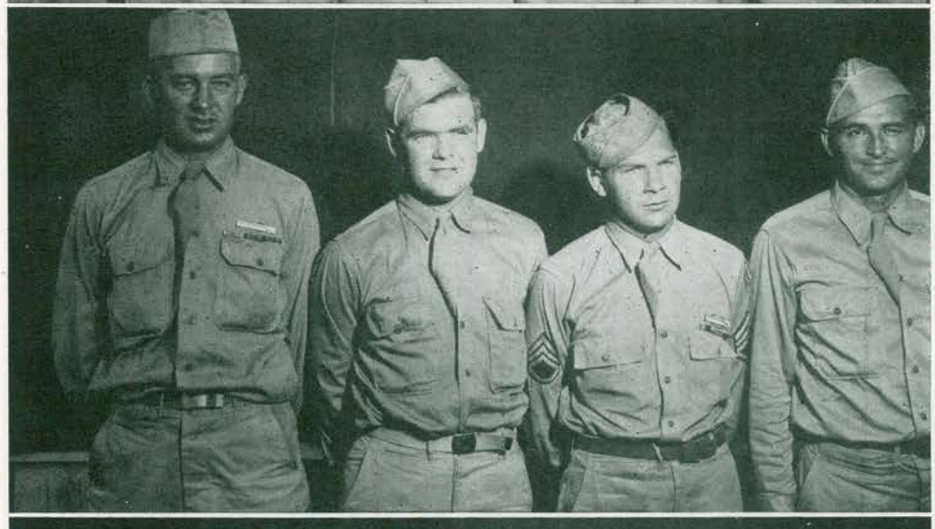

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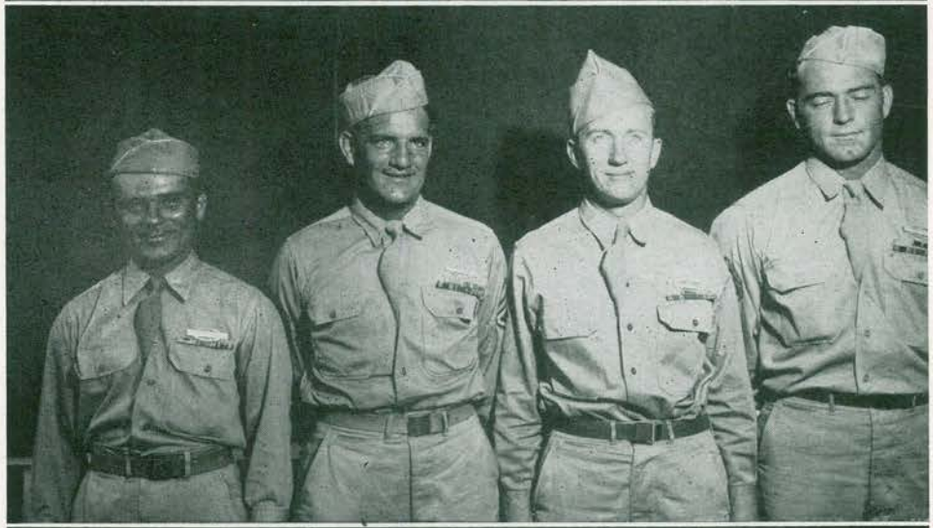

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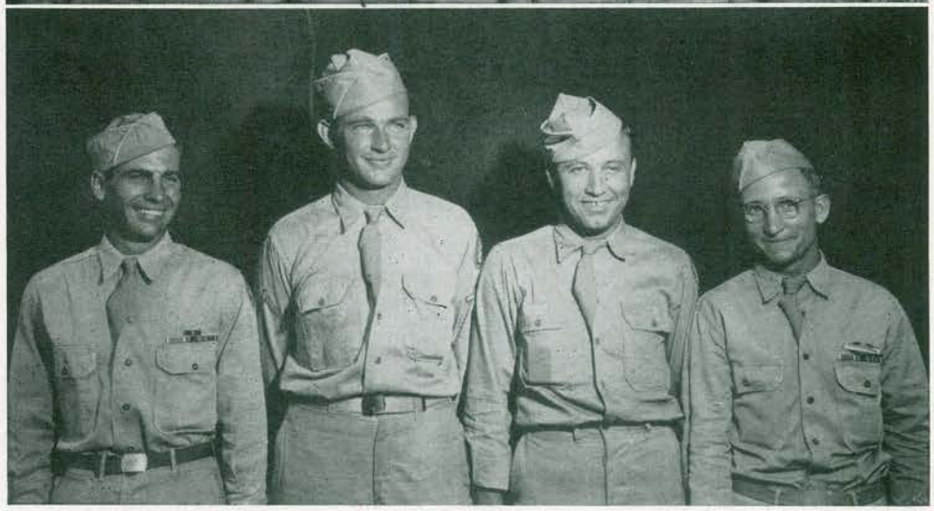

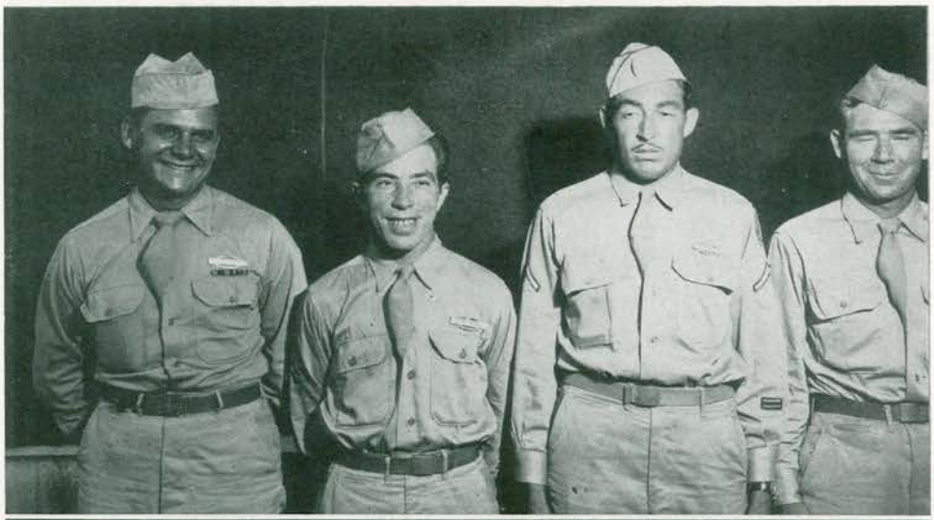

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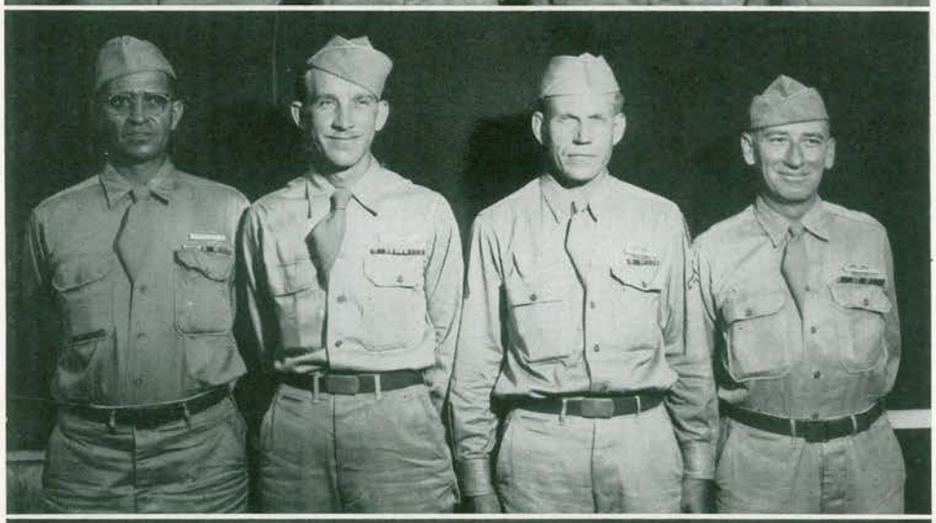

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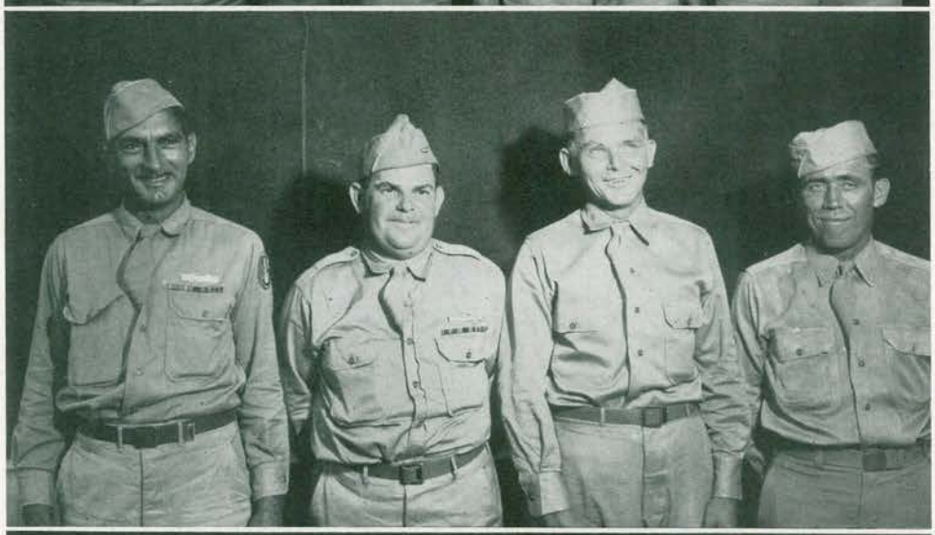

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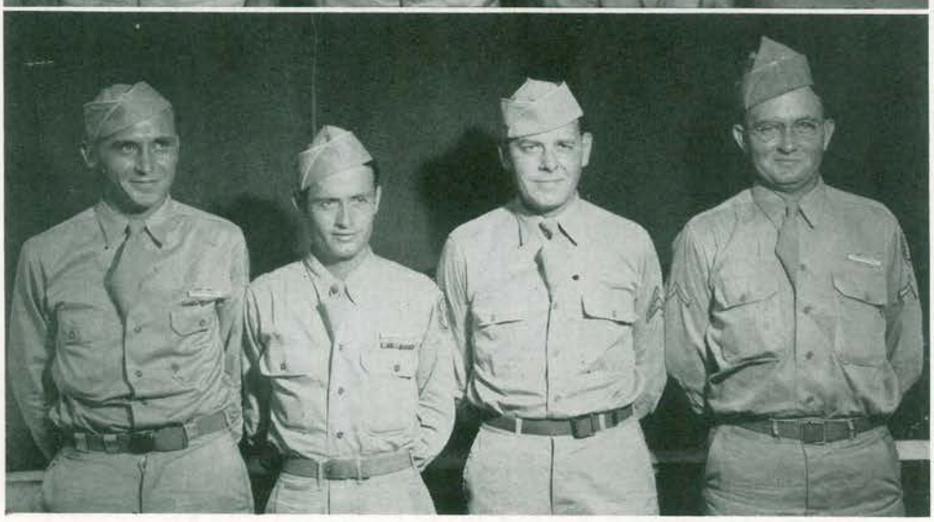

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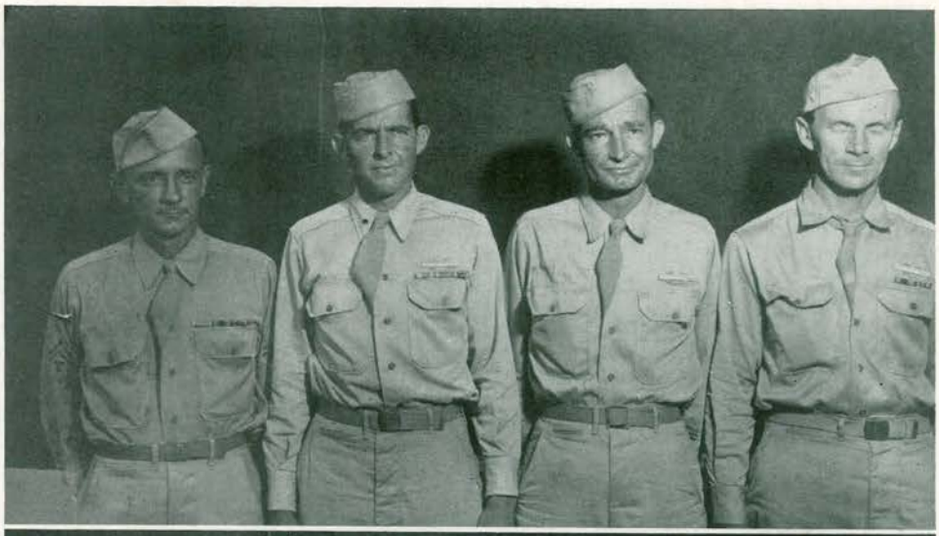

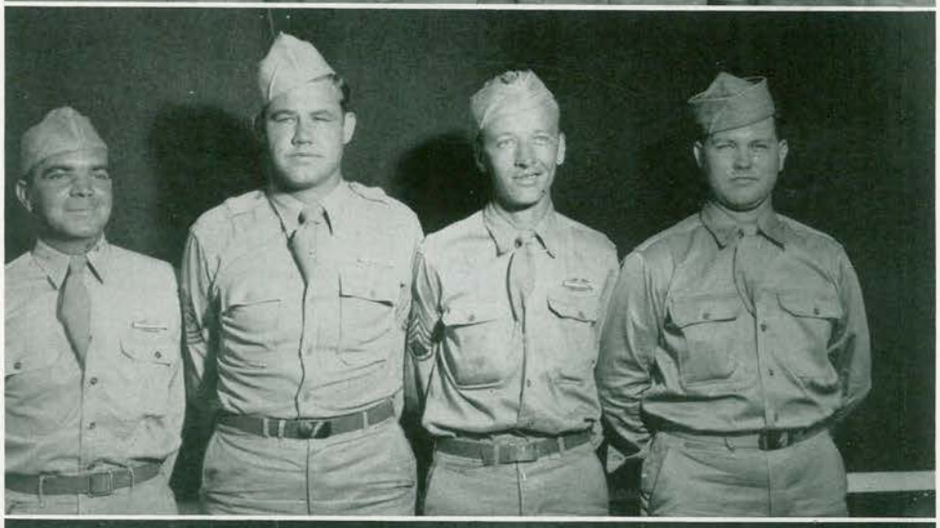

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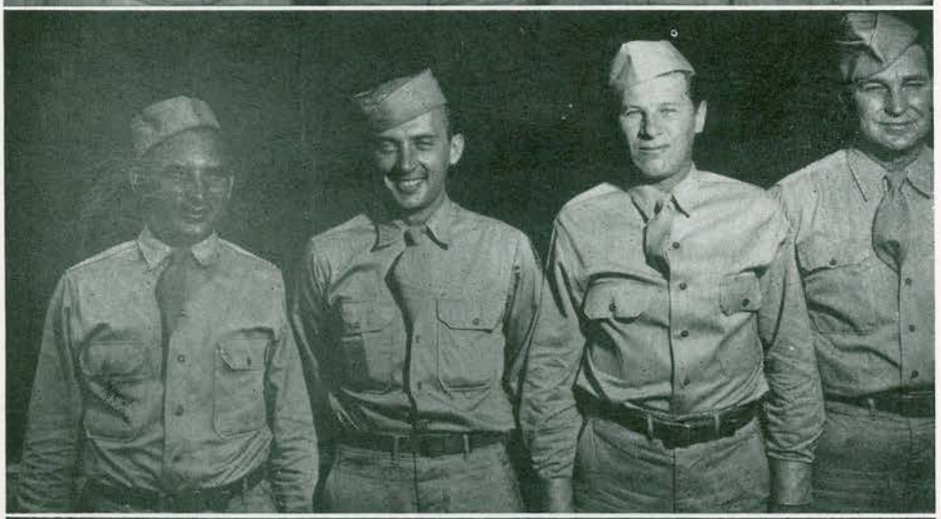

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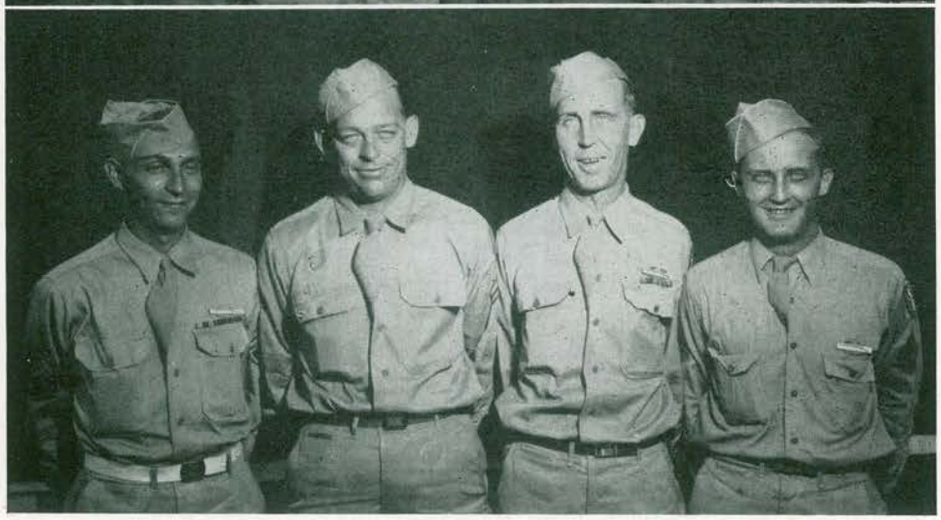

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DRAKE, Lyle A., Pvt., Company B.
DROZEWSKI, Eugene, Pfc., Company B.
DWINNELL, Loren C., Pfc., Company B.
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AD—American Defense Ribbon.
AM—Air Medal.
AT—American Theater Ribbon.
AP—Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon.
BMC—British Military Cross.
BSH—Bronze Star for Heroism.
BSM—Bronze Star for Meritorious Service.
CI—Combat Infantryman's Badge.
CM—Combat Medic's Badge.
CMH—Congression Medal of Honor.
DSC—Distinguished Service Cross.
ETO—European Theater Ribbon.
GC—Good Conduct Medal.
PH—Purple Heart.
SS—Silver Star.
VM—Victory Medal, World War I.
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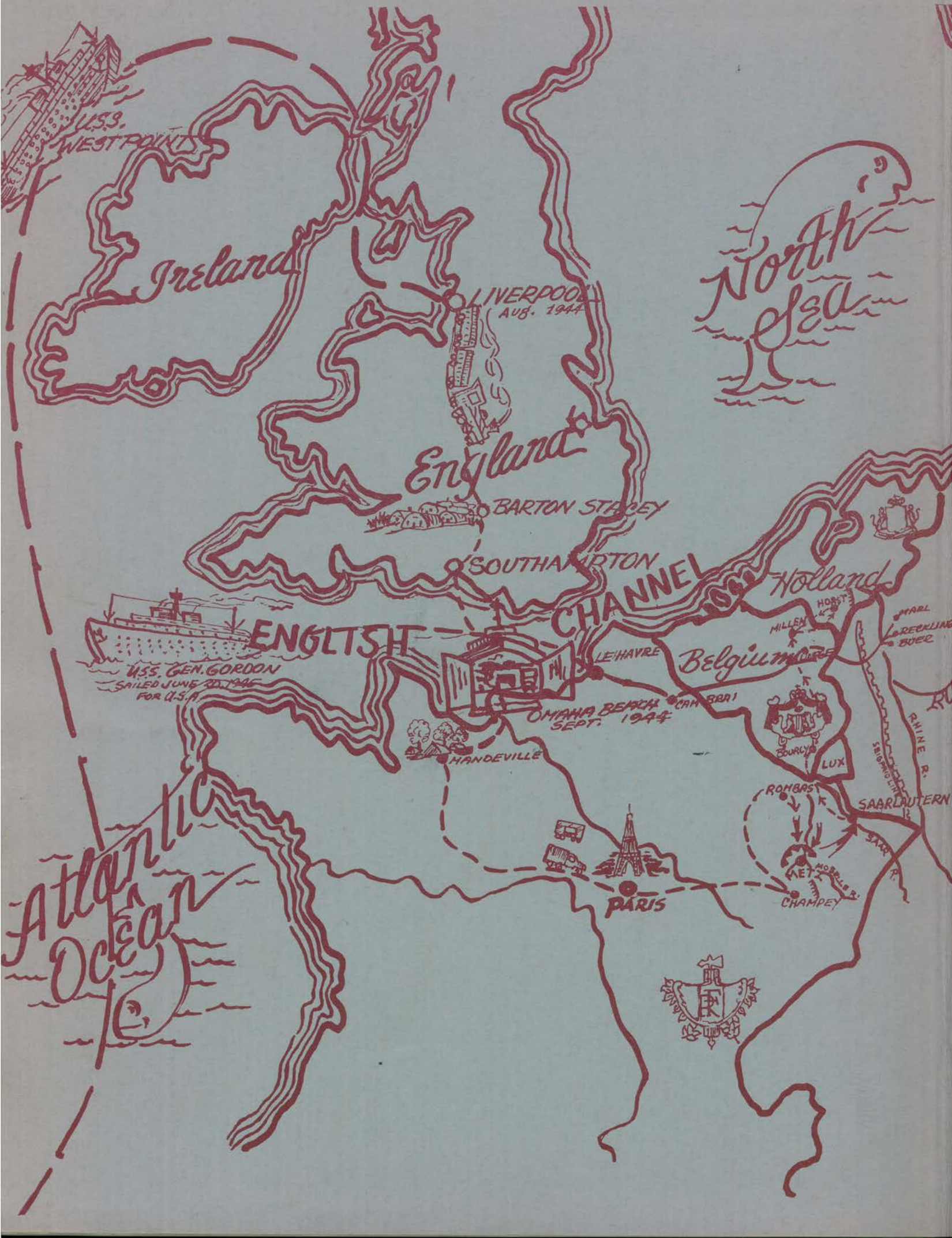
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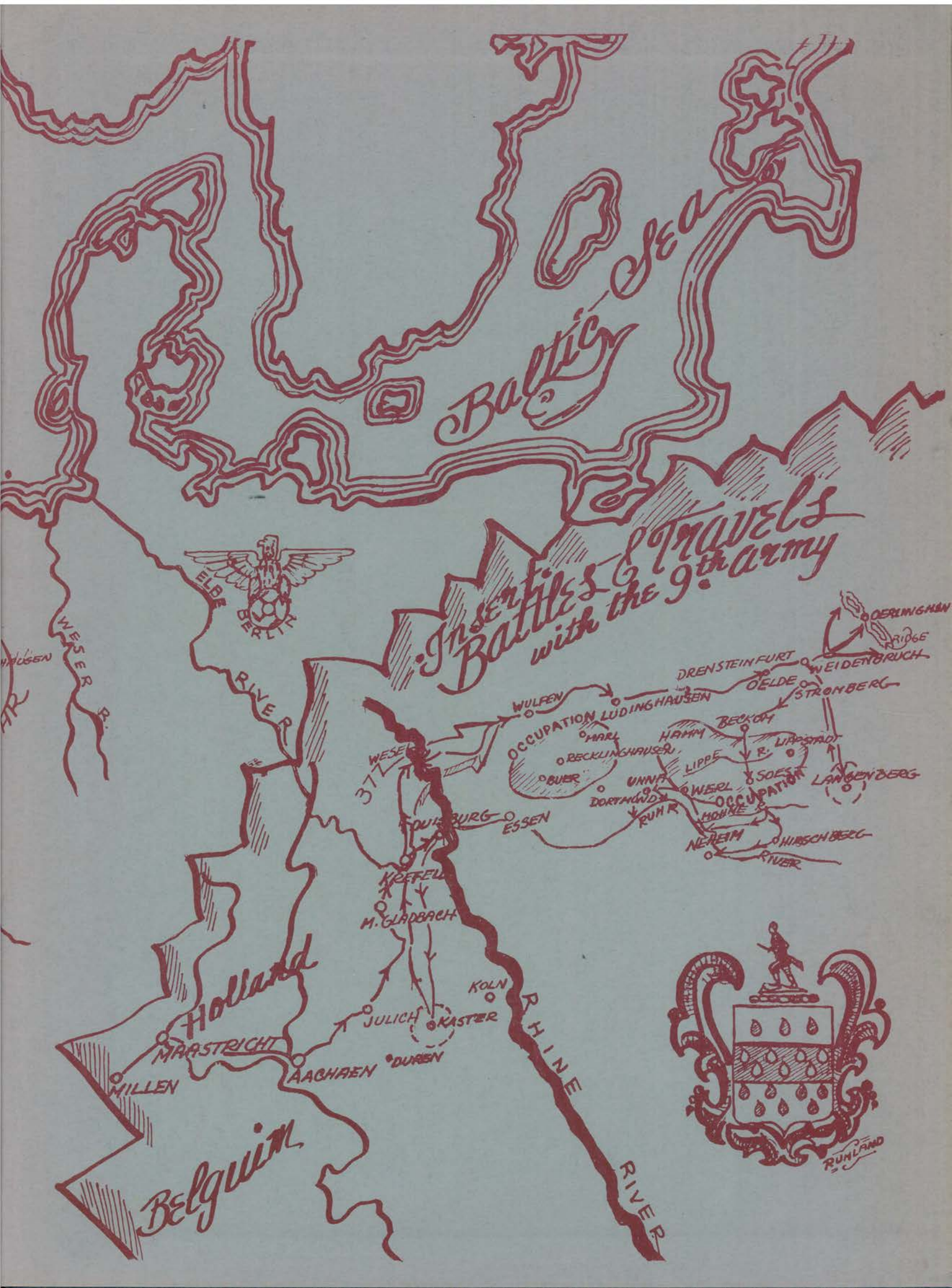
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