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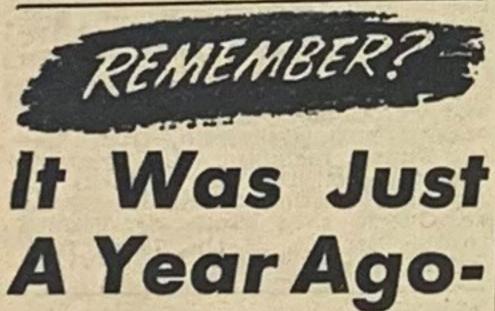
# 200 Days Of Combat

### Units Of The Division Have Had Contact With The Enemy For Over Six Months

At no time in their over 200 days in France have all elements of the 36th Texas Division been out of contact with the enemy. On Texas Independence Day, March 2, the men of the Texas Division celebrated their 200th consecutive day of combat.

Over six months of constant action, pressing forward from the Riviera to the Rhine, capturing over 21,000 prisoners, and crossing the Vosges Mountains, that is a feat which will stand the test of time.

On Texas Independence Day, 1945, the men can look back over 200 days of unceasing warfare, to the cruel campaigns of attrition which they have waged in snow



Vincent M. Lockhart Major AGD Division Historian

Just before they were released from the line, the 155th Field Artillery Battalion took a tremendous shelling in their Cassino positions a year ago. Out of this tumult came the only DSC so far awarded to a Medical Corps officer of the 36th Infantry Division,

The citation speaks for itself, but does not tell some of the background of the grey-haired captain who was permanently disabled in his actions of mercy.

Capt. Charles D. Tool of Elmond, Okla., had a nice, soft job in a station hospital in North Africa when he met the Division Surgeon, Lt. Col. Clarence B. Brewster, Fort Worth, Texas. Capt. Tool, an immense man, 42 years of age, was energetic and vigorous dispite his years and the steel grey of his hair. He pleaded with the Surgeon to get him assigned to the 36th, and. since medical officers who desire to serve with combat outfits are in the minority, Lt. Col. Brewster arranged the transfer. Out of deference to his age, Capt. Tool was assigned to the 155th as surgeon — a position not generally so physically exacting as the corresponding job in the Infantry.

But it was exacting on 18 March

1944. The citation read: « An urgent call for aid was received from a battery that was suffering many casualties during a heavy enemy counterbattery barrage Capt. Tool drove his ambulance into position in the midst of the shelling in order to attend the wounded. After treating some of the more seriously wounded who had been moved to a stone culvert for protection, he made his way through flying shell fragments to care for men in a gun pit where many hits were being sustained. Finding a survivor who was seriously wounded. he immediatly set to work to save him, oblivious to the crash of incom. ing rounds. Fragments from a shell bursting nearby struck Capt. Tool and pierced his spine. Capt. Tool continued working to save the wounded man and only after certain that all casualties had received treatment did he allow his own wound to be dressed. By his courageous performance under fire. Capt. Tool saved the lives of eleven men. »

The citation does not say that when he continued his work, he did so lying on his side, with his legs paralyzed by his own wounds, and that he was subsequently hospitalized and hovered near death for days.

The commander of the battery kept himself plenty busy at the same time, proving that heroism in (Con't On Page 4)

and rain, across rivers, through mountains, against positions which had been called unassailable.

They can look even farther, to the Italian campaigns, for theirs is the Division which spearheaded the initial American assault on Europe, the first American Division to land on the European mainland. On 9 September 1943, the 36th Texas Division stormed ashore at « Bloody Salerno » to establish a beachhead that expanded into the first Allied liberation of European

It was during this battle that T/Sgt. Charles « Commando ) Kelly won the campaign's first Congressional Medal of Honor.

It was the 36th Texas Division which fought out the long bitter winter campaign from Mount Camino to Cassino under condicions which have been described as the worst under which American soldiers have ever fought. It was the 36th which rooted the Germans out of their almost impregnable positions on « Million Dollar Mountain » — Mount Camino, around San Pietro the hill masses Lingo and Sammucro, up to the Rapido River and the doorsteps of Cassino.

It was the 36th which broke the German stronghold at Velletri in the battle which pushed out of the Anzio beachhead and ended the winter stalemate, to drive through the gap it made to become one of the first units to liberate Rome.

In less than 30 days, the 36th Division drove 240 miles northward to the heights overlooking Piombino, in a surge that cost the Germans domination of the Central Italian peninsula, lost them over 5000 of their best troops to PW cages and many others killed and wounded.

Fortified by eleven months of arduous Italian warfare, the Texas Division made its second amphibious invasion against southern France, August 15, 1944, hitting the Riviera in the initial Seventh Army force. After a short, sharp struggle with German rearguards, it raced powerfully north to Grenoble, seizing en route a German Corps Headquarters and clearing the entire right flank of the Army.

The 36th drove parallel to the Rhone Valley. Then it veered sharply inland to positions near

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# Sgt. Hogge Receives D.S.C., Twenty-Three Others Awarded In 143rd

By John Hyman

Twenty-four officers and men were decorated by the Division Commander, Brig. Gen. Robert I. Stack, at a review of the 143rd Infantry Regiment since the Riviera landings over six months ago.



A group of medical aid men of the 111th Medical Battalion are shown passing away a few minutes of their spare time by playing « the Old Army Game, »

# Governor Of Texas Sends Cablegram To 36th Division

AUSTIN TEXAS NLT MAJ GEN JOHN E DAHLQUIST EASTERN FRANCE

YOUR MESSAGE APPRECIATED THE GLORIOUS HEROIC TRADITION OF TEXAS IMMORTAL SOLDIERS OF THE PAST IS FINDING A COUNTERPART IN THE PRESENT GENERATION OF TEXANS IN THE ARMED FORCES TODAY ARE WORTHY OF THE COURAGE AND DEEDS OF THE SIGNERS OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE AT WASHINGTON ON THE BRAZOS ALL TEXANS ARE HUMBLY PROUD OF THE GREAT SACRIFICES OF THE TEXAS DIVISION.

COKE R STEVENSON GOVERNOR OF TEXAS.

T/Sgt. Bert D. Hogge, Company L., of Brooklyn, N. Y., was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, second highest battle award, for extraordinary heroism on the field of battle. His Citation reads:

« Receiving fire from two or more MG's, a 20mm gun and a 77mm Self-propelled T/Sgt. Hogge and his Co. L platoon were held up before well prepared German defenses protected by barbed-wire. Since bare and exposed terrain stretched before the wire, Hogge at dusk crawled and cut the wire with wire cutters. Early next morning Hogge led his platoon through this gap to a position behind the enemy and engaged him in a spirited fire-fight. Moving out ahead, Hogge went to search a German dugout. Firing his M-1 into the position he killer a German and forced 8 more to surrender. Still ahead of his platoon, Hogge came upon a German-held house in a clearing. While his squad covered his approach with fire, Hogge dashed 75 yards through concentrated enemy fire to the house. Miraculously unscathed he reached the house, threw in a hand grenade to stop all hostile fire. Here he was joined by one squad. Entering the house, they captured 6 prisoners. Twelve more were taken prisoner from a second house, where Hogge personally killed another German. When later stopped by fire from another MG. Hogge skillfully maneuvered his squads to knockout the position. Finally he reached hill '519', the objective for the day.

M/Sgt. Jeryl R. Mosely, Service Company, Houston, Texas, was decorated with the Legion of Merit for his outstanding work as the Regimental Operations Sergeant.

The Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters in lieu of second and third Silver Stars, for gallantry in action, were awarded Lt. Francis Culotta, Cannon Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Regimental Commander, Lt. Col. Charles J. Denholm, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star.

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# Corps Commander Presents Awards To Five 36th Division Artillery Battalions

In a formal review of two battalion of artillery, thirty-seven officers and men of five 36th Division Artillery units were decorated by Maj. Gen. Theodore Brooks, VI Corps Commander, and Brig. Gen. Robert I Stack, Division Commander,

Brig. Gen. Walter Hess, 36th and the Bronze Star Medal.

Major James P. Giles, Henderson, Division Artillery Commander was Texas, was presented with the awarded both the Legion of Merit Legion of Merit for his outstanding work in planning the artillery

coordination of the invasion of Southern France.

131st F.A. Bn. : Lt. Bernard M. Lieb, Newark, N.J., and Pvt. Frank Mieloch, Red Bank, N.J., were awarded the Silver Star Medal, A Bronze Star was awarded Cpl. Joseph M. Chambers, Amarillo,

Texas. 132nd F.A. Bn. : Capt. Louis N. Quast, St. Paul, Minn., was presented with an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star Medal and with a Bronze Star. An Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star was awarded Lt. Robert Lang, Maplewood, N.J. A Silver Star and an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second were awarded Lt. John W. Smith, Bonham, Texas. Bronze Stars were presented to : Capt. Willmotte S. Curtis, Corsicana, Texas; S/Sgt. Joseph W. McClure, Bonham, Texas. Sgt. Steve Ruzicka, Muskegon, Mich; Sgt. Barney A. Parslow, Albany, N.Y.; Cpl. Emil Petr, Dallas; Pvt. Kenneth Redman, Tyler, Texas; Pfc. Henry F. Roediger, Philadelphia.

133rd F.A. Bn. : Lt. Anthony Vignola, Wilmington, Del., was awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star. Lt. John D. Wieboldt, Jamaica, N.Y., was also decorated with the Oak Leat Cluster to the Silver Star. Bronze Star Medals were awarded to : Cpl. Paul J. Barnett, Weatherford,

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# Smashing Kraut Counterattack Was Routine Mission With Tired Men Of Co. L, 142nd

By Howard Jones

The 2nd platoon of L Company, 142nd had just returned from an attack and the men were faged-out. Sleep was what they wanted most, yet they knew that anything could happen in a town that had just changed hands several times in the past few days. Nevertheless, they sought out the cellars of some houses and stretched out to get as much shut-eye as possible.

Braun, Evansville, Ind., received a call from the battalion CP. The Krauts had counterattacked and had driven through to the center of the town. The CP was surrounded by enemy forces.

Lt. Braun had no choice but to alert his weary 2nd platoon, composed of less than 20 men, and led them against the Boche. Cautiously the men moved into the center of the town until they came upon their first sign of enemy opposition.

an American tank. Occassionally a tanker would raise out of the turret and fire his carbine into the nearby buildings to keep Kraut bazooka squads from firing at the tank. On the ground beside the tank lay a wounded American.

Lt. Braun acted quickly. He ordered his men to clean out the houses, while he went out into the street to get the wounded soldier and carry him back to safety.

Immediatly, S/Sgt. William Rog-

ers, Lisbon Falls, Me., and the other members of the platoon began « firing up a storm ». They fired into every house; dropped grenades through cellar openings; threw WP grenades and set a barn on fire which served as a hideout for several Krauts. There wasn't Two hours later, Lt. Orville | In the middle of the street was | much return fire from the enemy, who was too occupied hugging the walls and waiting for the inevitable to happen.

The speed of movement of the 2nd platoon proved too much for the Heinies. When the smoke of battle cleared, 18 Germans, including one officer, were taken prisoner. Six others were treated for wounds. Tired as ever, the men of the 2nd platoon returned to their repos hoping this time there would be no more interruptions.

EM were decorated for their part

in the same action : 1st Lt. Frank

Fessler, Quincy, Ill, with the Croix

de Guerre and Gold Star of a

Corps; and Capt. Fred S. Schwinn.

Houston, Texas; Capt. John L.

Clark, Jr., Dallas, Texas; 2nd Lt.

Robert Burkett, Jr., Savannah, Ga.:

and Pvt. Charles Coveleski, Read-

ing, Pa., with the Croix de Guerre

In absence of the battalion com-

mander, Lt. Col. Joseph G. Felber.

N. Y. C., the Executive Officer.

Maj. Charles McNeill, High Point.

N. C., was in command. The re-

view of the battalion and the color-

ful Band of the Third Tirailleurs

was made by Gen. Guillaume and

Brig. Gen. Robert I. Stack, Division

signed by the General of the Armies

Alphonse Juin, Commanding the

« The 753rd Tank Battalion of the

Delaced under the orders of the

Commanding General, C. E. F.

through out the period May 11 to

June 23, has never ceased contribut.

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ration devotion and sacrifice to the victorious operation of the French

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along the Garigliano River and the

following days at Ausonia, Esperia,

and victorious operations of Roccag-

orga, Lenola, Colleferro, from May

to June, including the pursuit

de Guerre avec Etolie de Vermeil

to the banners of the 753rd Tank

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operations all the way to Siena.

» Has particulary distinguished

» Has participated in the brilliant

» This citation awards the Croix

F. E. C., reads:

American Army -

troops.

and Pico

Battalion, »

The citation of the Battalion.

Commander of the 36 th Division.

and Silver Star of a Division.

# \* G Grapevine

## HOT AND COLD FLASHES FROM HERE AND THERE

Cannoneers of B Battery, 155th have some rather unique names for their pieces : « SHOOT YOU'RE FADED »; ROME, BERLIN and HOME (How long, Oh Lord?); « HITLER, You Don't Need Atabrine! »; and « BLOW THE MAN DOWN! »

about the lavish spending of one but now its « Footsie » SHALEN, S/Sgt. Langben of Company H | mail clerk, from Englewood, N.J. they took a collection, so that his He has been appointed « Trenchtrip to PARIS wouldn't be such a foot non-com » for Division Hqs., big drain on him. He was comple- and friends tell us he has flat-feet, tely reembursed for his 72 hours fallen-arches, athlete's foot, inof reckless living... he had spent growing toe-nails and often times \$ 3.95.

When men of the 143rd heard; They used to call him « Mutzie », - « Trenchfoot ».

Quoted from Ernie Pyle's new book « BRAVE MEN » on page 151 - « Imagine my surprise and delight after several days of C and K rations we wandered into a division CP and sat down to a luncheon of Fresh. crisp, American-style fried chicken, the kind we have in Indiana. Texas' famous 36th Division was the provider. »

Company D's 1st Sergeant, J. P. the war for a furlough in his home town — Dallas, Texas.

Pfc. BONI MARQUEZ, Clovis, N. M., of 141st walked through the front door of a house, only to find that he was confronted by a Kraut who was equally as rattled. After staring at each other, Marquez later, the Kraut had « partir-ed ». other in two years.

BROTHERS MEET DEPT: When DERRICK, 142nd Inf., has left Cpl. MARVIN SNOW, Amarillo, Texas, landed in France, he wanted to get to the 36th Division. He finally made it, and when he reached the 142nd CP, he called on the phone to the 155th and asked for the CO.

« Colonel Snow speaking, » a voice returned.

It was the first time that Lt. Col. stepped back out of the door, and CLIFFORD M. SNOW and his when he returned a few minutes brother Marvin had talked to each

About this time TWO YEARS AGO, the 36th was making ready for the big departure from CAMP EDWARDS. The latest reports tell that this one-time home of the 36th is to be converted into a convalescent camp and virtually a Country Club with an indoor swimming pool and a golf course on Logan Field.

Flordia.

S/Sgt. MONROE KOVAR, alias « Lister Bag », rotund mess sergeant of Co. A, 111th Engineers, is currently on DS at one of 7th ly confused after a night-mare he Army's Rest Camps in South had the other night. The war was supply. France & Certain people are wonder- going on as usual, and the Krauts ing how he does it. »

Returning from one of those restful passes to Gay Paree is T/Sgt. JOE D'ABADIE of H and S, 111th Engrs., looking none the go again.

Currently popular where ever it is played, is the song « TRENCH FOOT SHUFFLE », from the pen of Sgt. AL GWILLIN, Detroit bandsman, who wrote his hit while a trench foot victim last year in Italy.

The office of I and E is currently making distribution of a small 8 page « petit » history of the 36th Division. This booklet CAN BE MAILED HOME

Aside from administering a sound thrashing to elements of the Luftwaffe whenever the opportunity presented itself, 443rd Ack-Ackers have annoyed Kraut ground forces consistently.

Since their initial firing, supporting the men of 143rd at Bruyères, men of 443rd have hurled over 900 rounds of HE 37m/m, and nearly 5700 rounds of 50 cal. at Nazi personnel and strong points.

# Krauts Were Harassing 117th

« Every night the Krauts brought their MGs down to their dug-in positions and made life miserable for us, » said Cpl. Roy H. Spicer, 117th Recon man from Jackson, Ky. « We kept throwing mortars in on their position, but we couldn't knock'em out. They just kept raising up and firing more. »

« They aren't bothering us anyaction artillery which found their mark. »

« Turtle » JENS, of 131st was high- of burden. A weasel is the newest use the jeeps along hard surfaces, had surrounded the house he was the Detroit officer. « We use them in — only the house, was one back for almost everything — laying dough called it — is a sturdy in his home town of TAMPA.

# Maj. Gen. Guillaume Awards Croix de Guerre With Vermillion Star To 753rd Tank Bn.

de Guerre with the Vermillion Star by Maj. Gen. Guillaume. Infantry Division.

In a brief formal ceremony, the This decoration, the highest colors of the 753rd Tank Battal- which can be given any French ion were decorated with the Croix Corps, was awarded for the work of the 753rd during the period of May 11 to June 23, when it was Commander of the Third Algerian attached to the French Expeditionary Corps in Italy.

# The Weasel Is Really A 'Going-Jessie' On Wet Terrain



Pvt. Colvin I. Christian, San Antonio ; Pvt. Arthur R. Hadley, Pottsville, Pa. and Pvt. Arthur Snyder of Leizaneth, N.J., are shown in their « weasel » in a pool of water left by a recent thaw, after giving it a bath.

It Italy, CWO James Sidick was | personnel. » an expert on mules for the veteran The best work the weasel has an expert on « weasels ».

« We have ten of them, » said they take it through easily. » use them to evacuate wounded miles per hour. »

142nd Infantry. In France, the done so far is in the soggy, rainregimental supplyman has become soaked ground in Alsace. « It is strictly a specific purpose vehicle, » A mule is just what you think explained Mr. Sidick. « You might DREAM DEPT : Cpl. SAM it is : a four-legged obstinate beast call it a supplementary jeep. We tracked vehicle which the infantry- but if there's a lot of watery fields, men are fighting the battle of or mushy ground, we just put our stuff on the tracked weasels and

« The tracked-jeep » — as one wire, to haul heavy weapons and vehicle, capable of carrying a ton ammunition, and even the medics of material at a speed well over 30

# Indian Scout -It was a job for a guy with

plenty of guts — so it was a job for Pfc. Augustine Dinino, 142nd Infantry. It was necessary to lead a tank into position to attack an enemy strongpoint, then maintain contact with his company.

The Buffalo, N. Y., doughboy volunteered for the mission. He guided the tank forward and then followed through in the attack against Kraut positions. Heavy German artillery fire covered the area, but Dinino, despite of everything the enemy put in his path, established contact with his company.

# worse from his trip and rarin' to Recon John Five Man Patrol Give Krauts A 'Moon-light-Serenade' Of Hot Lead

— By John Westenberg —

A rubber boat slipped quietly across the Moder River. It's occupants were five members of the 36th Recon Troop. As the boat glided noiselessly over the moonlit expanse of the river, the men were quiet, expectant.

Texas, crouched in the rear of the related the officer. boat, a 60 pound radio strapped to his back. Lt. James Barrett, Grosse halt as a patrol of 10 Krauts, in Point, Mich., sat quietly in the front | skirmish formation, materialized of the boat, peering out at the fog- out of the mist. The Troopers froze cloaked, enemy held side of the

the opposite shore and the men patrol advanced toward them. « It disembarked. Sgt. Elmer Goodson, seemed like a prize fight with each Eagle Pass, Texas, and Cpl. Chester Rice, Boston, Ky., pulled the Goodson. craft further up the shore and camouflaged it, while Pfc. Charles McGraw unlimbered the weapons.

« Our mission was to capture one or two Krauts and bring 'em back » explained the Lieutenant.

Creeping steathily toward the nearest clump of trees, the five men were haulted by Sgt. Goodson's warning whisper. « Rice and I have spotted a Kraut patrol heading this way. >

Lt. Barrett then decided to outflank the enemy patrol. Heading swiftly back toward the river and bearing left, the Troopers had almost completed their move when Cpl. Long slipped down the muddy bank of the river and sprawled headlong into the icy waters. « I was soaked through, but the radio didn't get wet at all, » said Long.

The patrol outflanked, the Recon Johns headed for the spot where they had first seen the Krauts, only to find they had retreated.

Lt. Barrett radioed for artillery more, for we finally got mad and fire and the big guns fired their called for 50 rounds of delayed- missles in a straight line up to and ers caused the German patrols beyond the point where the patrol to consolidate and retreat. « We had been spotted. « We then fol- thought they had gone for good,

Cpl. Henry J. Long, Karnack, lowed the path cut by the artillery, »

The Troopers came to an abrupt in their tracks.

The men fell back to the pro-The boat ground softly against tection of a ditch, as the enemy side feeling the other out, » said

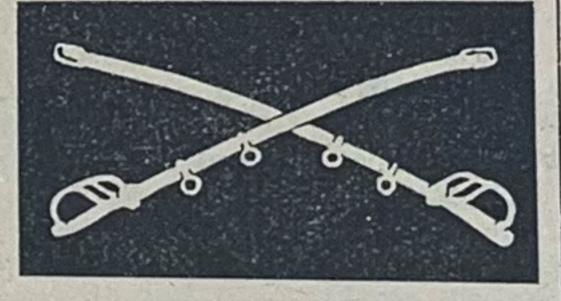
Spreading his men out along the ditch, the Lt. told them to fire with everything they had, which amounted to two BARs, an M-1 and two pistols.

Just then another enemy force was spotted approaching from the to fall. « I didn't want the radio to fall in their hands in case we couldn't hold, so I told Long to beat a path back to the river, » said the Lt.

Long made his way to the river bank and jumped in, just as the Krauts opened up with a rat gun on the men in the ditch. « That hurried me along a little, » said Cpl. Long, « I swam across in Maj. Benjamin F. Wilson, Jr ..... I and E Officer nothing flat. I forgot all about the Lt. Sumner Wilson ...... PRO

As the Krauts opened up, Lt. Barrett ordered his men to return the fire. Goodson fitted a grenade to his launcher and fired. « It was a good shot, said Pvt. McGraw. « It burst in the middle of the Krauts coming at us from the front. >

This sudden action by the Troop-



but we were mistakened, » said Rice.

The Troopers returned the fire, ditch, led the enemy to believe that they were a much stronger force, it jammed. This prevented the Germans from charging their position.

exhausted, the Recon Johns had to hands aloft, they were marched to move back to the river. In the meantime, Long had reached the Troopers outpost, and called for Close Shave Dept. artillery on the enemy patrol. The Germans withdrew and the Troopers paddled their way back across the swift river.

« What pleased us most of all was to see that Long had made it, radio and all, » said the officer.

The Recon Johns had spent five hours on the Kraut side of enemy force four time their size.

# STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED

Pfc. Merrill Wolford, Co. L doggie The Krauts returned with a light of 142nd, from Greensburg, Ind., MG and began to spray the ditch. found himself in a rather ticklish situation. He was alone in a foxhole and the Krauts were only about 50 and by scattering out along the yards away. Two Supermen advanced toward his position. Three times he tried to fire his BAR, but each time

In desperation, he stretched his arms high in the air and hollered « Comrade ! » Immediatly the two Firing until their ammo was Krauts followed suit, and with their the rear by the amazed Wolford.

During an incoming artillery barrage, Leland Groves of Alameda, Calif., 155th, took to a small ditch for safety.

As he lay there a large rabbit hopped in beside him. The next instant, a huge piece of shell fragmentation completely cut the rabbit into pieces and then buried Moder and successfully held off an itself into the ground right under Grove's head.

# T-PATCH

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IMP. « LE COMTOIS », BESANÇON

# the Battle Of The Houses

Forty-eight Hour Scrap Was Nip And Tuck, But Company A, 141st Comes Through

By Clarence Lasky

The 2nd platoon, A Company, 141st Infantry, occupied six houses on one side of the river. They had been there half a day when the Germans laid down a furious mortar and artillery barrage over the entire river-front area.

behind a cement wall and slipped said Sgt. George Carsidy, Jr., Bainto an open field opposite the last tavia, Ohio. « We were there a occupants, S/Sgt. Roy Chiatovich, er. » the cellar and second floor.

houses with machine pistols to keep but I think he got away. » the doughboys down.

on a chair to fire over a shielding was full of ammunition » wall, Pfc, Grant fired five shots at man, killing both.

the Germans wanted the 36th Divbazooka team which fired point blank into the cellars.

Said the platoon leader, 2nd Lt. Robert Graham, San Francisco, Calif., « We were taking it and we couldn't throw it back. The position got too hot, so we withdrew from two houses to reorganize. »

One man was wounded by flying debris. Pfc. Robert Chew, Salisbury, Md., company aid man, dashed through the barrage to administer first aid, Chew and the wounded man were left alone in the cellar, so the aid man put the patient on his back and bore him across 75 yards of open terrain combed by mortar fire to the aid station. This was Chew's first time in combat.

« While I was in one of the houses, » explained Cpl. Ray Tschida, South St. Paul, Minn., « several Krauts sneaked up at the windows to toss in hand grenades. I threw about eight in 20 minutes, but couldn't see them, just hear them outside. »

At 1830 a five-man patrol went back to reoccupy the abandoned

### 143rd Awards

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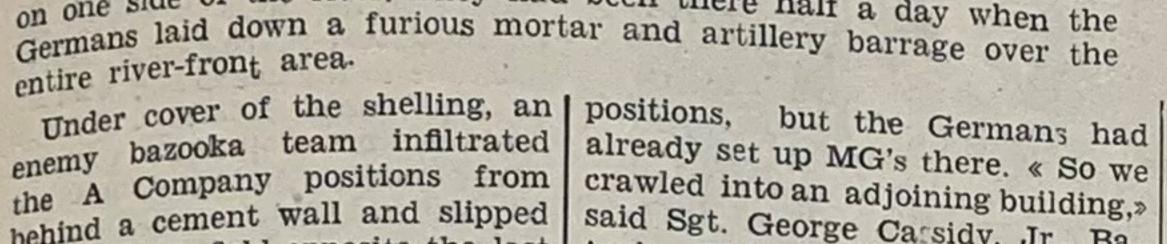
An Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Silver Star was awarded Lt. O'Dean Cox, Co. K, of Waco, Texas.

Silver Stars were awarded Capt. Thomas A. Brejcha, Co. A, of Chicago; Capt. David J. Hanrahan. Hqs. 2nd Bn., Bronx, N. Y.,; Capt Thomas K. Roche, Hqs, 1st Bn., Bridgeport, Conn.; Lt. William G. Streicher, Co. G. Seagoville, Texas; Lt. Garland B. Taylor, AT Co, Wall, Texas. T/Sgt. George Gleason, Co. G, Fulton, N. Y.; S/Sgt. William J. Fabrizio, Co. L. Hartford, Conn.; S/Sgt. Luie M. Plummer, AT Co, Searey, Ark.; S/Sgt. Carl H. Raines, Co. H. Greenville, S. C.; S/Sgt Leslie J. Spahn, Co. H, Petcatonia, Ill.; S/Sgt. Léonard L. Wills, Co. B, Greenville, Mo.

Cpl. Cleveland L. Thompson, Cannon Co., Houston, Texas; Pfc. Lawrence J. Belt, Co. K, Wheeling, W. Va.; Pfc. Charles D. Ellis. Cannon Co., Cedar Grove, W. Va.; Pfc. Harold W. Ion, AT Co., Buffa-10, N. Y.

A Soldier's Medal was awarded Sgt. Paul A. Brooks, Cannon Company, Woodsville, Ohio, and to Pfc. Colin R. Loghry, Cannon Company,

Riverlon, Wyoming. And Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a second Bronze Star was presented to Major William R. Lynch, Hunts-Ville, Texas. And Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a third Bronze Star was awarded Major Albert C. Suessmuth of Houston, Texas.



two houses. At 40 yards range it couple of minutes when a Kraut fired four rounds into the doorway staggered in the door. He was of the last building, forcing its stone-drunk. We took him prison-Bishop, Calif.; Pfc's Joe Grant, « There wasn't enough of us to Tuscarora, Pa.; Oneal Jones, guard him, so I tied his hands, Scotsboro, Ala.; Ralph Coutore, added Pfc. Joe Calligan, New Hav-

Berlin, N. H.; and Eliga Harris, en, Conn. « He kept hollering so Nashvile, Tenn., to take cover in loud that I had to tap him with my rifle butt. Not hard, but enough When the artillery slackened to quiet him. He had a thick skull. two snipers, one across the water I clouted him, and he ran upstairs and the other up the street in a and into the street with his hands ruined house, pecked at the six tied behind him. I shot three times.

Three Germans crawled up on Pfc. Jones leaned from a second- the roof and began tearing away story window, killed the bazooka the tiles. « Then they set the adgunner with two shots from his joining house on fire, » said Pfc. rifle. At another corner, standing Art LaMountain, Palatine, Ill. « It

It was very dark. Another Gerthe assistant gunner and a rifle- man bazooka team worked its way to within 15 yards of the house. he said. « The ammo dump was The building were important, and They almost cooked our goose. They fired, and they set fire to the ran out of shells so often that the ision T-Patchers out of them. At house with some sort of explosive about 1700 hours they brought down liquid. We had to move away into gunning and carrying ammunition.» another wall-shattering artillery the four houses we still held, » The sergeant's squad includes S/ explained Pfc. James Garrett, Sgt. Charles Gruner, Flushing, N. Rhome, Texas. « There was only Y.; Pfc. Stanley R. Cichocki, one thing to do so we called for Ozone Park, N. Y.; Pfc. James artillery fire to knock the Germans Elsea, Chatanogga, Tenn.; Pfc. out of the houses. They were only Ervan O. Houston, Eureka Springs, 50 yards away, so it was risky Ark.; and Pfc. David Rosenbluth, business. »



At daybreak next morning a TD pulled alongside a canal and fired at short range at the two Germanheld houses, they wrecked them completely.

« We attacked at 1400 hours, » continued S/Sgt. William T. Cahoon, la ». Norfolk, Va. « We didn't meet any opposition and occupied the houses again. »

with more than the riflemen. The Det., 141st Inf.; Pfc. JOHN TRY: Pfc. DAN REMLEY, Lucerwire and mortar crews came in for their share of trouble. As wire sergeant David Freiburger, New London, Wis., said : « We had to run wire for 23 lines, and they were cut by shell fire all over the place. There wasn't a man out laying wire but had to do it between

all around him. » One mortar squad under Sgt. Russek D. Webb, Detroit, Mich. threw 250 rounds and 20 flares in the course of the two days fighting. « The mortar positions were behind a rock wall, and our targets were only a little over 500 yards away, » 700 yards from the gun, and we

Bronx, N. Y.

# SHANGRI-LA \* Notebook \*

36th DIVISION'S 'OWN' REST CAMP

By « Moose » McCleary

The SPORTS PROGRAM continues to grow in popularity at the 36th Division Rest Camp, and many more names have been added to the list of champions of « Shangri-

Recent winners in PING PONG are: Cpl. PETE FABRY, Chicago, Div. Arty.; Capt. MORRIS H.

AYDAM, Houston, Co. K, 142nd Inf., and Cpl. BOB ALLEN, Greensburg, Pa., 111th Medics.

Championships have been won in VOLLEYBALL by the 142nd Infantry, 111th Medics, Div. Arty, and 111th « Mix-ups », composed of men of both 111th Engineers and 111th Medics.

Line-ups of winning combinat-The whole 48 hours played havoc O'DELL, Charleston, W. Va., Med. ions are as follow: 141st INFAN-



Winning combinations of the Volleyball crown - Front Row: (L-R) Pfc. Hyman Rosenberg and Capt. David Kaplan. Back Row: Cpl. Joshua M. Horwitz and Sqt. Ira Schlietz.

Sure you do, and so does everyone else. Like any smooth-running machine the mail system has to have all working parts. Most of our mails flows pretty well, but not all of it.

GRAVE DIFFICULTIES

Pfc. Leroy Thompson, Columbus, | cemetery. Later his earnest cries

On a recent operation with L six men were needed to extricate

Co., 141st he was loud in his praise him. Thompson prefers to consider

of his newly dug foxhole in the the matter a « dead » issue.

the important necessities get the priorities on transportation. Stuff Tell'em to write everybody that like ammo, gas and rations come first. For this reason our letters lag a little bit. That can't be helped. We all realize it. Yet there are depots. The simpliest way is to get several things that we can do that some address change cards from will keep many bags full of mail from bottlenecking other mail that would normally speed right through. We've gotta do something, so here's the idea:

the outfit, the first thing to do is if you're going to be hospitalized greet'em, make'em feel they're part | more'n just one night. Then write if

Ga., is wondering just a little about

the tactical value of cemeteries.

To begin with, everyone knows of you - tell'em the score - then be sure they get a chance to write about their change of address. writes them giving their new correct address. Especially should write their old outfit or the Repple Depple, and all previous outfits or your unit's mail clerk.

2. Then, if you become hospitalized, that sugar-report comin' your immediatly to your correspondents that - « here I am, wish I was there ... 1. When a new bunch of fellas join | My new address is - - -. Wait to see

for aid initiated a search, and he

was finally found in the bottom of

his hole, under a large tombstone;

you find out its going to be at least 14 days. Ask the medicos how long they're gonna put you up. If you reach a station or general hospital, you'll be pretty sure of crowdin' those two weeks - so find out from the docs if you can... then notify everyone you write, especially ole you're going to stay hitched for 14 tell 'em your complete correct address. Also ask the hospital author. ities to notify your unit on that official form they've got.

way will help alot. After you get to ever you hold mail for those who a station or general hospital - write are absent or hospitalized check frequently to see that both you and individual is; that you forward his mail promptly when you know the correct address; that you follow the instructions in Ye ole Etousy Circular No 12. It tells all about handling mail for those who are hospitalized, taking care of missent mail, wrong address mail, mail of those who return to the states. Read itand write right.

P. S. — All you old timers -: We notice alot of you don't keep people back in the states informed as to

Joe (the mail clerk wots holdin' cago. the bag of mail for ya). So, if days or more, write everyone and 3. Now, you mail-men : When

### your correct address. How about helping the directory boys at the APO by telling the homefront the address you know is the correct one. Don't make those guys stop passing another fellow's mail just to look up your correct company, battery, or regiment.

# How To Win Friends And...

Cleburne Schmidt, San Antonio, Texas, 155th medic, found an old phonograph in an abandoned German warehouse, last fall in Southern France, so he took it along despite the jibes of his buddies.

Cpl. Schmidt wrote home and requested records. Last week they arrived, and he called in all the sections and told them to stand by. That night he founded his night ly two-hour program of popular dance music and jokes.

Schmidt has become quite a popular man in his battery.

South Bend, Ind. (C N S). -Melvin Thornton, 68, was told to prove his citizenship when he applied for a war plant job here From his pocket he whipped out a copy of the Declaration of Independance, signed by his great grandfather, Matthew Thornton.

ne, Ind.; T/Sgt. HAROLD HAMIL-TON, Coleman, Texas; Pfc. BOB CHALFANT, Ludlow, Ky.; and Pfc. JOHN RICE of Brownwood, Texas.

111th MEDICS: Capt. DAVID KAPLAN, Sioux City, Iowa; Pfc. HYMAN ROSENBERG, N.Y.C.; Cpl. JOSHUA HORWITZ, Detroit; and Sgt. IRA SCHLIETZ of Chi-

DIV. ARTY: S/Sgt. STANLEY FLAIMANK, Libertyville, Illinois; S/Sgt. BOB BEEKS, Iowa Park, Texas; Cpl. FRANK BARTOLO-MEO, Manville, N.J., and Pfc. « Sandy » SANDUSON of So. Bend,

111th MIX-UPS : Pfc. ANTHONY the company clerk know where each MATTOLA; Cpl. JACK FLET-CHER, Greenville, Texas; Pvt. SALVADOR GUTIERAZ, San Antonio; and Cpl. BOB ALLEN.

# Nothing Like Whippin' Up A Cherry Pie

Pfc. Tony Canino, Denver, Colo., 133rd F. A. Bn., is a man of prompt action:

Prowling through a cellar of an abandoned house, he found flour, salt, shortening, and some home preserved cherries. The vision of a pie floated before his eyes.

While Cpl. Ken Darland, Canyon City, Colo., fired the stove, Tony rolled up his sleeves and whipped up a cherry pie that mother would be proud of.

There was no waiting for customers either. S/Sgt. Erwin J. McCain, Italy, Texas and Cpl. Willie Fleetwood, Meigs, sweated out the pie from the beginning and commented, « It was really delicious. »

# **Even The Poultry** Is Nazi-fied

German SS troops have been noted for their doggedness but Pfc. Aaron D. Cluck, Paramus, N.J., of the 142nd has added new juster to their reputation.

The Company A dough was surveying the terrain during a lull in battle when he spotted a target. He took his carbine aimed carefully before pulling the trigger. He hit his target squarely between the eyes, but it didn't fall. It didn't fall for a full minute. Shouted Cluck : « Even the chickens are SS ! »

### Bisbee Recommends Grenade In Lieu Of Rod And Reel

odors as it sizzled to a delicate golden brown while Pfc. Everett Bisbee, 141st, related the fish story to end all fish stories.

Mass., was out with his squad group continued down stream. salvaging equipment along a scene of fighting a few days earlier. water, Bisbee came across a live hand grenade.

### Helldriver Sweats It Out

Moving up to a front-line town to help evacuate a relieved unit of infantry, Cpl. Curtiss Cauthen, Houston, Texas, stopped his Helldriver truck in front of the CP to await orders.

« I heard some artillery coming insubordination in, but couldn't figure out what was going on, > recalled. Cauthen. « The second one landed down the street from me and I hit the dirt. »

cellar door, he crouched low while shells crashed all around him.

When the hour-long barrage abated, Cauthen crawled up from the basement and took a look at his truck. « It was shot full of holes. Fifty to be exact, I counted them. One piece of shrapnel as big as a man's fist put a neat hole all the way through the cab. > .

Four flat tires didn't add to the Corporal's morale either. « Guess I was pretty lucky at that. At least I wasn't in the truck when it happened. »

### REMEMBER

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medical cases is not restricted to the corpsmen. Capt. Richard B Hawk of Dallas, Texas, received the DSC for his actions at the same time. His citation reads:

« A heavy enemy counterbattery barrage was directed at Capt Hawk's battery positions, causing many casualties. Capt. Hawk immediatly made his way through the heavy shelling to gun positions which had been hit. He directed the removal of the seriously wounded to a stone culvert and assisted in administering first aid treatment. Upon arrival of the Surgeon, Capt. Hawk continued the task of locating the wounded, administering treatment and directing evacuation activities. A direct hit on the culvert killed one of the wounded men and injured others. Rallying his men, Capt. Hawk reestablished the temporary aid station. In an effort to evacuate the wounded from the area, he went to an ambulance and started to turn it around. Concussion from a shell burst threw him across the seat and another threw him across the road. Seeing a wounded man in a ditch Capt, Hawk made his way to the soldier to aid him. When the ambulance was turned around he directed the loading of the wounded and then ordered the removal of the remainder of his battery to safety. »

On the night of the 18th-19th, all artillery except the 131st Field Artillery Battalion were relieved and joined the Division in the Maddaloni rest area. On the night on 28-29th, the 131st joined the Division and, for the first time since 15 November 1943, the entire division was « out of the line ».

The fresh fish gave off tantalizing | potent. To settle the dispute, Bisbee pulled the pin and threw it into the center of the stream. A geyser of water arising a few seconds later attested to the rugg-Bisbee who hails from Hyannis, edness of GI equipment, and the

Many yards further on, Bisbee stream bank that had been the noticed an apparently dead fish floating in shallow water. Idlely Partly submerged in the mud and giving the supposed carcass a shove with his foot he was surprised when it sprang to life. A mad scramble A discussion immediatly followed | followed but one fish was no match as to whether the grenade was still for eight hungry GI's and in short order Bisbee held it triumphantly aloft. As he and his companions caught their breath they reasoned that the explosion had stunned the fish and the current delivered it to them.

When last seen, Bisbee was drawing more grenades from supply and talking excitedly about a trout stream he had discovered.

# Doesn't Count Making his way to a nearby ellar door, he crouched low while With Sleep-Talkers

Business at any hour seems to be the motto of T/Sgt. John Sulli van, B Co., 143rd.

A few nights ago, Lt. Richard Blackwell, Sullivan's platoon commander, was awakened by the phone at the unearthly hour of 0330. You're right, it was Sullivan who immediatly burst out with, « How in hell can I organize this platoon with these new men? »

Although somewhat astonished, Lt. Blackwell asked, « Why are you calling so early in the morning? »

After putting a few more questions to the Sergeant, the lieutenant had been talking in his sleep!

### Miss Stardust



Curvacious RITA DAILGE of Lowell, Mass., was chosen " Miss Stardust of 1945 » in a poll of artists and photographers made by an art book publishing firm. Rita is a Walter Thornton model.

# Litter Or Letter - Was All Confusin' To 141st Medics

The metallic tingle of the phone in the 141st, 3rd Battalion Aid Station only partially aroused Pfc. George Brietz of Massk, Ohio from received an apology -- Sgt. Sullivan his reverie of beautiful mademoiselles. « This is the switchboard, »

was the message slowly registering on Brietz's far-away mind, « ... litter for Jones. »

The words galvanized Brietz to action. « Hey, Jones has been hurt aid station as he slammed down the receiver. « They need a litter for him, let's go! »

Seconds later four medics, led by Brietz, lugging a litter burst breathlessly into the room housing the switch board. « Where is he? » « Where's who? »

« Jones. Didn't you say he need-

ed a litter. » « Hell no! I said there's a letter

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# Sport CHIPS

By Clarence LASKY

The Army basketball team defeated the Navy 50-48 to gain the mythical eastern collegiate basketball title in a game closely contested from start to finish... William Newton, who completed a contract with South Carolina where he coached at Guildfort College in Greensboro, N.C. He previously coached at Davidson and North Carolina State.

Lou Zontini and Chuck Riffle, both regular backs with the Cleveland Rams the past season, were inducted into the Army together. Both were former Notre Dame stars... The Washington Senators started spring training at Co'lege Park in Maryland while the Chicago Cubs started at French Lick in Indiana.

George Mikan, 6 foot 9 inch De-Paul basketball star, has turned down \$5,000 offered him by the American Gears of the National Basketball League, according to his coach, Ray Meter.

The Iowa University basketball team won its first undisputed championship in the Western Conference by beating Illinois, 43-37 and finishing one full game ahead of Ohio State, last year's champion.

Larry Pearlstein, one of the five Brooklyn College players dismissed from the school after admitting acceptance of a bribe to throw a game, was rejected for military service. His knee was found still suffering from an injury which caused him to receive a medical discharge in January of 1944 after attaining the grade of staff sergeant in the Army.

Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind. Negro lightweight, out-jabbed and outsmarted Ike Williams of Trenton, up at the switch board, » he shout- New Jersey to gain a unanimous ed to the other occupants of the 12-round upset decision before 14,000.

### Artillery

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Texas; Cpl. Roman Schwartz, Bloomer, Wis.; Cpl. John T. Demar, Washington, D.C.; Cpl. Bill T. Lehmberg, Decatur, Texas; Pfc. Joseph P. Schneider, Buffalo, A short time later, four sheepish N.Y.; Pfc. Zenon Siliwka, Philadelmedicos brought Pfc, Alfred Jones | phia; Pfc. Truman M. Stevens, of Remerton, Ga., a letter on a Milford, Texas; Pvt. Ramon Romero, El Paso, Texas, and Pvt. George Schindler, Binghampton, N.Y.

> 155th F. A. Bn. : Lt. Karl F. Martin, Jr., Tulsa, Okla., was awarded the Silver Star. A Bronze Star Medal was awarded Cpl. Harold G. Horning, Dallas, Texas, his third Bronze Star. Lt. Arthur F. Svoboda was awarded a fifth Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a sixth Air Medal.

59th Armored F.A. Bn. : Bronze Star Medals were awarded to : Capt. Joseph C. Johnson, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Capt. Harry W. Rusch, Cobb, Wis.; 1st Sgt. Ed Tharp. Ferndale, Wash.; T/Sgt. Paul F. Adams, Toledo, Ohio; Sgt. William Adams, Spruce Pine, N.C.; Cpl John T. Goodson, Talihina, Okla.; Cpl. Louis B. Talli, Newburgh, N.Y.; Pvt. Lester J. Reeder, Burnham, Pa. An Oak Leaf Cluster for the the Air Medal was presented Lt. Hugh Mize, Sabotha, Kan.

### Montelimar to trap the entire drove into the gap. Holding an 80

DAYS OF COMBAT (Continued From Page 1)

German 19th Army which was rac- kilometer front, the infantry pressing towards it, pushed by other ed through the last mountains to units coming from the south. It open the Alsatian plain to our was the first major battle of the forces. campaign. Caught between two fires, expended against the thin, Division's infantry set the official strong 36th Division line, the 19th | record of having spent a longer was virtually annhilated by the period of consecutive combat than gunners of the division. The Rhone any other unit - 133 days. At the

Once again leading the Seventh of a similiar achievement. Army in pursuit of the enemy, the 36th stormed the Moselle River line, was withdrawn from the lines, behind which the Germans had alerted for further action. Two promised to spend the winter, and battalions of artillery were never brought the Seventh Army to the relieved before the infantry was Vosges.

The Vosges campaign was devided into distinct phases. The first combat teams were in the line included the capture of Bruyeres | with each of three Corps of the and Corcieux preparatory to the Seventh Army. One combat team crossing of the Meurthe River. On | — the 143rd — smashed the attempt the high ridge east of Bruyeres, of the vaunted 10th Panzer Division the 1st Bn., 141st Infantry drove to spew forward into the Haguenau too far ahead of its flank support | plain and overrun the Strasbourg to become the famous « Lost defences. The massed weight of the Battalion. » Then the Division's Division soon wiped out the Gerarmor swept across the Corcieux main bridgehead. plain to the Meurthe.

forcing of the Sainte Marie Pass, in continued contact with the SORRY.... until the 36th plugged along the to the laurels of the veteran 36th your sending copies flanking high ground and then Texas Division.

At the close of this action, the valley was secure in one operation. | time no other Division could boast

> Then for five days the infantry again committed.

> At one time, the regimental

The 36th Texas Division is still The second phase witnessed the in the line. How long it will remain a feat which had never before been enemy is a question the answer to accomplished by any other army, which will only add greater glory

# by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" Grilled Chicken on Three-Decker, Well Browned





WELL, DON'T LET IT FLING YOU,

FIVE-STAR !... PASS THE WORD THAT

