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35th MOVED AGAIN

DIV. SHIFTS TO ALSACE



-CHIC STONE

BALKS NEW NAZI THREAT

After helping to smash the German counter-offensive in the Ardennes, the 35th Division made a surprise move southward.

There it joined the XV Corps of the Seventh Army to wedge tight the defense line in the snowbound Alsace sector.

The new assignment gave the division a record of having been in three of the four American armies now in action on the Western Front (the First, Third, Seventh).

It was also the seventh corps under which the 35th has fought in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Germany, since July, 1944, (III, V, VII, XII, XV, XIX, and XX).

Trouble-shooting had been the forte of the Santa Fe ever since it fought its way into St. Lo, quickly wearing off its "green" in the grim combat days that followed the landing at Omaha Beach.

After more than 7 months of combat, this week the 35th once again occupied a trouble-shooting spot, still was ready and willing to fight the Nazis.

137th SOLDIER WINS HONORS ON THE DOUBLE

T/Sgt Paul A. Fall of Kansas City, Kans. had been recovering from wounds in a hospital for 5 months. But when he returned last week to his outfit, Co. G, 137th Inf., he was taken by two whirlwind surprises.

A formal ceremony ushered the 24-year-old fighter back into his regiment, in which Maj. Gen. Baade, Division Commander, decorated Fall with the DSC and also presented him with a battlefield commission.

As General Baade pinned the gold bar on Fall, Colonel William S. Murray, Regimental CO, fastened the crossed-rifles on his collar. As the General shook the hand of the sergeant, he stated that it was a real pleasure to make this rare double decoration.

Lt. Fall won the DSC for his daring leadership on Sept. 16, 1944, near

Chartreuse, France. He led his platoon in an assault crossing of the Mourthe River, and secured a bridgehead on the hostile shore.

The crossing completed, Fall crawled forward alone, destroyed a Nazi machine gun, directed attacks that knocked out two more nests, and then killed three snipers with his M-1.

A few weeks later, the Kansan was wounded in the leg by burp-gun fire from a Nazi wearing a Yank uniform.

"I'd heard that I was up for a commission," said Fall after the ceremony, "But that DSC almost knocked me over."

Fall's men are unanimous in their agreement that he deserved both honors.

HEY, RUBE!!

The fireworks displays seen over the firing range at 735th Ordnance Company where weapons are tested and zeroed in are from captured German flares used as targets. "They put a carnival touch into a routine job," says Sgt. John McFadden, Ossining, N. Y.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The 35th Infantry Division
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-Commanding-

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3 STAR 35th

In addition to one star already awarded to every 35th Division soldier who engaged in the Normandy Campaign, two more battle stars have been awarded to those who wore with the Santa Fe when it fought past St. Lo and on German soil.

For the Northern France Campaign (July 25 to Sept. 14, 1944) soldiers in the following units are entitled to wear one battle star on the ETO ribbon:

- 35th Inf. Div.
- 35th CIC Det.
- 654th TD Bn. (SP)
- 448th AAA AF Bn. (M)

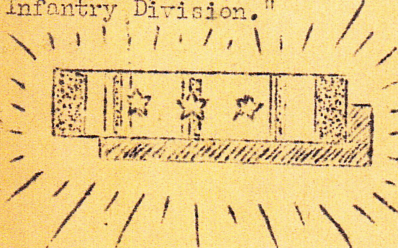
And for battle participation in the Germany Campaign (Sept. 15, 1944 to--) the units listed below have won a star for each man who saw service in this fight.

- 35th Inf. Div.
- 35th CIC Det.
- 654th TD Bn. (SP)
- 448th AAA AF Bn. (M)
- 166th Signal Photo Co.
- 60th PVI Team
- 68th PVI Team
- 427th MII Team

There's a lot of history in each of these stars. It's a history of fighting Americans, driving the Nazis back across France and helping to eradicate Fascism on its home ground.

The people at home will want to know "how come you're wearing those stars? What do they mean?"

The answer is simple: "My outfit is the 35th Infantry Division."



Dear Editor:

There is a character in H & S Col. of our battalion I think everyone should know about.

He is the Irving Berlin of this war in my humble opinion, but if you don't publish his lyrics I don't know who will.

This character's name is "Staircase Mahoney", better known to his pals in Akron and his wife in Cincinnati, Ohio, as William Clark Farrer.

He says he is 29 years old, but people who know say that he's been that age for the last 10 years.

He also says that he sang over station WJAF in New York City for six years before he came into the army. But he says he won't trade those six years for one day he's spent fixing up those latrines a la Mahoney for us.

I don't know where he got his nickname. Probably made it up himself so he could write his one and only song, the tune of which is something that has never been heard before or since.

I don't know where Staircase got his lyrics, either, but it probably

doesn't matter anyway.

Here are six of his lyrics picked at random from a supply which increases every time the 35th takes another town:

1
At the Battle of St. Lo
Who got up and said Lot's go
Staircase Mahoney
The Pride of the ETO

2
At the Battle of Mortain
Who was fighting in the main
Staircase Mahoney
The Pride of the ETO

3
And in Nancy town one day
All the MPs chased away
Staircase Mahoney
The Pride of the ETO.

4
At the very gates of Metz
Who smoked all the cigars
Staircase Mahoney
The Pride of the ETO

5
And in Col. Betchin's jeep
Who was found there fast as a loop
Staircase Mahoney
The Pride of the ETO

6
And who cracked the Siegfried Line
When we crossed the River Rhine
Staircase Mahoney
THE PRIDE OF THE ETO...

(Signed)
Pfc. Ron Embree
Albany, New York.
60th Combat Engr. Bn.



"OKAY, WHICH ONE OF YOU GUYS STOLE MY RAZOR?"

CASEY AT BAT FOR 216th F.A.

Topkick Martin E. Casey of Btry. A, 216th FA is a sergeant who knows the value of a good cook.

A cooking unit exploded last month when the outfit was in Belgium and Casey saw that the burning kitchen truck had trapped his best cook.

So the sarge entered the blazing vehicle, rescued the cook, then returned to rescue a soldier who had been trapped in the cab of the truck.

This week, Casey received the soldier's medal.

THREE CO.'S AWARDED PLAQUES

Division Headquarters Co., 35th Quartermaster Co. and the 735th Ordnance Co. have each been awarded a Meritorious Service Unit Plaque according to an order received as we go to press.

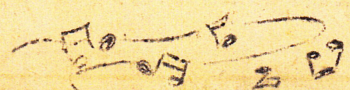
The plaque goes to Hq. Co. for an outstanding performance from July 10, 1944 to Jan. 10, 1945; to 35th QM for its work from July 25 to Sept. 24, 1944; to 735th for Jul. 8 to Sept. 6, 1944.

HOOT MON!

A "lend-lease" of entertainment took place when British soldiers came to a movie put on by a division artillery unit.

In traditional GI style the projector took a break in the middle of a reel. While the machine was being coaxed into operation, Pipe Major David McManus of a Scottish regiment blew air into his bagpipes. The Americans listened, a little puzzled.

"It's not jivey, but it's different," said Pfc. Roland Seydel, jitterbugging MP from Okabena, Minn.



SCORE FOR CO. I, 134th.

TOWN TAKEN-NO CASUALTIES

Company "I" 134th Inf., led by 1st Lt. Frank M. Fulgham, Smithfield, Va., took the town of Kalborn without a single casualty.

Facing the gaping jaws of the Siegfried Line, the town was first scouted by Sgt. Warren Cox, Shoals, Ind. and Pvts. Joseph Mascaranoz, Minturn, Col., Walter Smith, St. Paul, Minn. and Laverno Isaacs of Idaho Falls, Idaho. They came back with needed information and 9 prisoners.

The prescribed routes of attack had become impassable so the doughboys used one under direct observation of the Nazis—over the crest of a hill while the moon shone brightly in the early morning attack.

One platoon had a field day picking off Jerries who fired at their buddies.

Said platoon sergeant Richard Douglas, San Antonio Texas: "When the Krauts tried to shoot us, they gave away their positions."

The men pushed rapidly in-

to town, took the enemy CP complete with hot stove and a meal on the table.



2/Lt. George Chirigos, Pittsburgh, Pa. organized his platoon in outpost defense. When two Nazis later sneaked into town hoping to recover a cache of food left in their hasty departure, the Yanks killed one, captured the other.

1st Sgt. Harry Redmond, Bellfontaine, Ohio, said that the Germans sent regards into town with a 4-hour artillery pasting.

—Cpl. Norman Gorfkle

MISTAKEN IDENTITY



The "squirrel cage" is the mobile shop used by 35th Signal radio repair men but the screened windows give some people wrong impressions. In one town, the people mistook the radio men for prisoners and shook their fists at them. They were awfully embarrassed when M/Sgt. Leroy Hankins and his men climbed down from the truck to take part in liberation celebrations.

110th AMBULANCES WELL SERVICED

The first day that the 110th Medical Bn. landed in France, an enemy shell hit one of its ambulances.

Since then, the rescue vehicles of the unit have travelled over a half million miles of combat roads without delay in the evacuation of wounded.

Headed by Motor Officer, Lt. Richard Conarros, Philadelphia, Pa., the motor section has serviced the vehicles of the 110th so well that 90% of the original ambulances are still OK.

One vehicle was captured by Nazis at Mortain but recovered 3 days later sporting a new radiator.

APO QUOTES

"Over 10,000 money orders totaling more than a half million dollars are bought each month by SANTA FE GI's. We do more business over here in one day than we did in a month in the states."

S/Sgt. Don Davis,
Chief Postal Clerk
(Adrian, Mo.)

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"We sell over \$20,000 in stamps and parcel postage a month."

Sgt. Bob Branstetter
Postage Clerk
(Mansfield, Mo.)

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"Four thousand letters a day have to be looked up and addressed to the soldier's proper unit in the Division. Twenty letters for every new man coming in is about the average we have to look up before his mail starts coming through with the correct address."

Sgt. Roland Anthony
Directory Clerk
(Lexington, Neb.)

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"Outgoing letters average six bags a day...about 15,000 letters. A rough average on incoming letters is 25,000 a day. We have about 20 sacks of outgoing parcels every day. Incoming packages vary from zero to 500 bags. At Christmas we hauled as much as seven truckloads. But mail is usually down to the men within 24 hours after it's picked up by our APO."

T/5 "Snuffy" Mofford
Dispatch Clerk
(Adrian, Mo.)

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"Letters sorted out to hospital plants and APO's average 7,000 a day."

T/5 Harry Sunagel,
Forwarding Clerk
(Cleveland, Ohio)

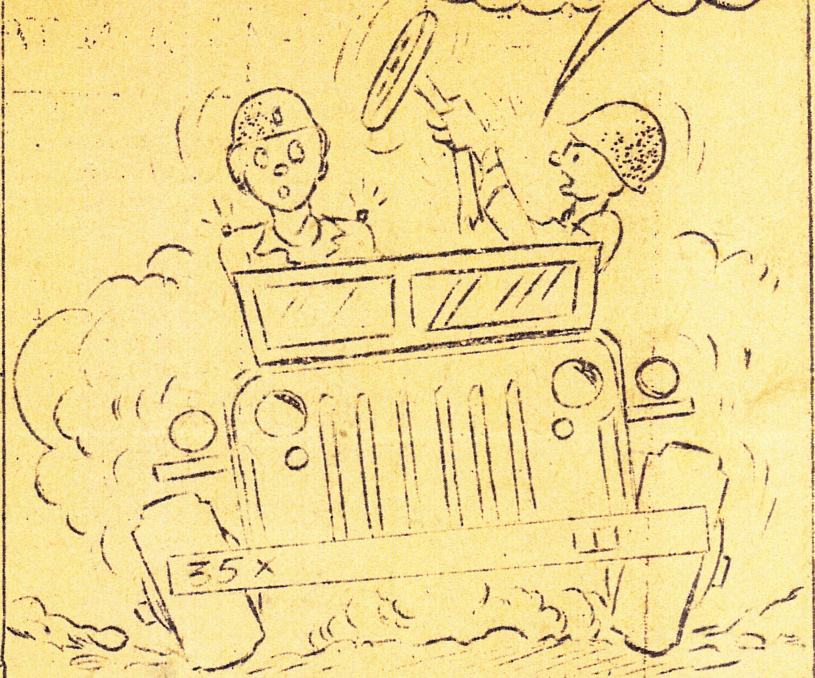
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"Dear George," the letter read. "I can't get you Coca Cola. Instead, I am sending you some sugar and lemon powder...."

George is 1/Lt. Krumholtz of Brooklyn and the 35th Recon. Troop.

Sgt. Dan Gilgannon

OKAY LIEUTENANT
YOU DRIVE!



137th SGT. NOW HE MADE HIS BED;
LT. COUCH GI'S LIE IN IT

First man in A/T Co., 137th to get a battlefield commission is former T/Sgt. Melvin Couch.

The tall, 29-year-old now 2/Lt. from Topoka, Kas. had been a T/Sgt. since Feb. 1944 and has been in every 137th battle.

NO JOKE FOR JERRY

Pfc. Gustav Warner of Portland, Ore. and the 320th Inf. speaks Deutsch so well that when he asked a couple of Krauts to come out of their foxholes and surrender or he'd toss in a grenade, the Nazis thought he was joking.

The misunderstanding would have meant the last laugh for them if Warner and his sergeant hadn't coveted the hole for the night and didn't want to make a mess of it.

So they convinced the Germans that they were Yanks and the Jerries came out and were taken prisoner without further ado.

"It's no different from any other bed; just a place to sleep in. But it sure is comfortable!" said T/4 Sam C. Berger and Pfc. John Scooca, 60th Engr. Bn. after spending a night in the same bed which (late) Marshal Rommel slept when the Nazis took the quiet Dutch town of Sint Goortuid.

It's a large double bed with light oak paneling, and has a 3-sectioned cotton felt mattress. It was bought 10 years ago for 200 florins (\$120.00).

Pastor Van Houdt, in whose house the Desert Fox slept, remembers that Rommel had many chests of personal effects, used "lots of perfume" and wore a string of medals.

More unusual, perhaps, than a Pfc. and a T/4 sleeping in Rommel's bed was the fact that two officers and a 1st Sgt. and a S/Sgt. slept on the floor.

Their bedrolls hadn't caught up with them that night, so the officers had waived priority.