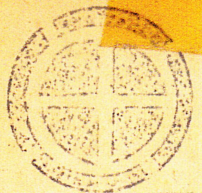


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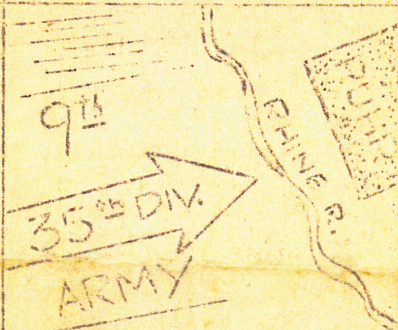
35th JOINS NINTH ARMY

The Nazis are making their stand west of the Rhine because the vital Ruhr region lies directly behind them.

The Ruhr contains some of Europe's richest coal mines and is the world's second largest producer of iron and steel.

Railroads and canals also are concentrated in the Ruhr. The network of railroads there is more closely knit than the system of subway and buslines in New York. In peacetime, more cars were loaded there than in America's Middle Atlantic, Middle West and Great Lakes traffic zones combined.

The heart of industrial Germany, which the Germans cannot afford to lose, is virtually in the 35th's front lines. Victory here will be the greatest Yank triumph of the war, night well mean the end of the struggle in Europe.



For the second time in three months, the SANTA FE Division entered Germany - when it sped 292 miles from southern France to take up positions facing the Ruhr.

Leaving the Seventh Army and the XV Corps in Alsace, the 35th joined the XV Corps of the Ninth Army near the Dutch border in Germany.

The first time the Division entered a Nazi stronghold was when it smashed across the Elbes River into the industrial Saar Region 100 miles south of the Ruhr in December of last year.

Late that month, the 35th shifted to the Ardennes in Belgium and Luxembourg, to stop von Rundstedt's blitz. Completing that job, the Division moved south when the Nazis attacked in the Seventh Army sector.

Coming into the Ninth Army meant that the 35th has served in all four American armies now facing the Nazis on the western front (First, Third, Seventh and Ninth). And it brought to a total of eight the number of corps to which it has been assigned since "D" plus 30. To reach the Ruhr, the 35th had travelled a tough, complex road net more than 1300 miles long.

When P/Sgt Don S. Maddock of Co. F, 320th Inf. won a 7-day pass to the U. K., he was the happiest man in the Division.

His mother, Mrs. Lillian Philp and his sister Audray (a 19-year-old WAAF) live in Plymouth, England. The last time Sgt. Maddock saw his mother was in 1926 when he was five years old. And he's never seen his sister except for that prize photo he's carried with him ever since he came into the 35th as a reinforcement at St. Lo.

NO STRANGER HE:

ARMY CG KNOWS US WELL

The U. S. Ninth Army Commander, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, was especially pleased when the 35th Division joined the Ninth's fighting roster. Reason? This is the General's old outfit.

The Ninth Army CG was Commanding General of the 35th from October, 1941, until the Spring of 1942 when he was succeeded by Maj. Gen. Maxwell Murray. General Demps took command of the Division in January, 1943, leading the 35th on a spectacular march through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Holland and Germany, that brought high praise from General Simpson when he visited the Division recently.

He was particularly pleased to meet seven of the many soldiers who served under him in the 35th and are still with the Division: 2nd Lt. Clinton Nagel, Peru, Ill. and P/Sgt Harry Dupies, Topeka, Kan., both of the 134th Inf.; 1st Sgt. Henry J. Bensch, Topeka, Kan., 157th Inf.; 1st Sgt. Robert E. Anderson, Omaha, Neb., M/Sgt Francis V. Erickson, Minneapolis; M/Sgt Raymond H. Nations, Paris, Tex.; P/Sgt Marcus Fitter, Chilhowee, Mo., and P/Sgt...

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SHORT STORY

We heard a story the other day which we'd like to pass along for what it's worth:

A young soldier spotted a German rifle lying in an open field.

This soldier was a pretty smart Joe. He'd fought the Nazis from Normandy to Germany, and he thought he knew all the answers.

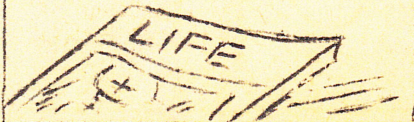
But he was an incorrigible souvenir hunter, and he wanted to add this rifle to his collection.

So he walked out into the field and picked up the rifle. A booby trap blew his leg off.

Bon souvenir.
REPORT TO OUR BOSSES
 We think you'll be interested in learning that the wounded man on the cover of the Jan. 29th issue of LIFE Magazine is Pvt. George Lott, a medic from the 137th Infantry.

Photographer Ralph Morse followed George from the time he was wounded attempting to give aid under fire, to the hospital in the states where he is now on the path to recovery.

This story is told pictorially on pages 15 to 27 and we think it might be a good idea if you'd ask the folks at home to send the issue to you now or save a copy for you.



A LETTER FROM GENERAL PATTON

It's always nice to receive letters from old friends, especially when they come in the form of a commendation:

6 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Commendation.

TO : Commanding Officer.

1. It is with greatest pride that I transmit to you excerpts from a letter recently received from The Commanding General, Third United States Army:

"On your departure from the Third Army, I desire to thank you, and through you, the men of your great Division, for the constant, magnificent service which they have rendered to this Army since its activation.

"x x x. However, I do wish to again express my appreciation of the great fighting qualities of the Division, including x x x all the commissioned officers and enlisted men thereof.

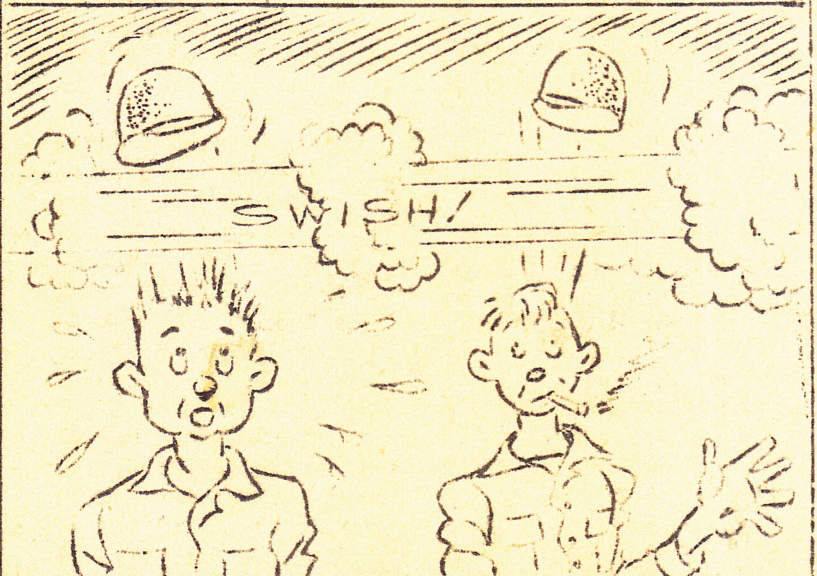
"With best wishes for all future success, and trusting that we will again serve together, I am,

Most sincerely,

G. S. PATTON, JR.
 Lieut. General U. S. Army
 Commanding."

2. This Division, in which your unit plays a major role, has completed seven months of intensive warfare. It has always advanced, never known defeat, and has earned proper recognition as being one of the great divisions in American History. I congratulate and commend each officer and enlisted man of your command and join all of you in the determination to Finish the Fight with the same vim and vigor that has characterized our many glorious victories.

PAUL W. BAADE
 Major General, U S A
 Commanding



V-BOMBS ARE GETTIN' KINDA CLOSE, EH?