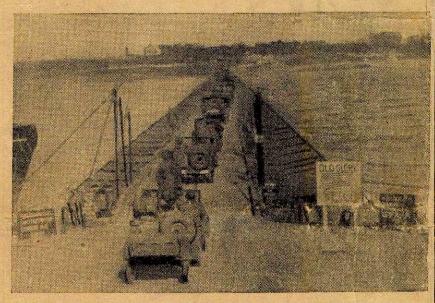
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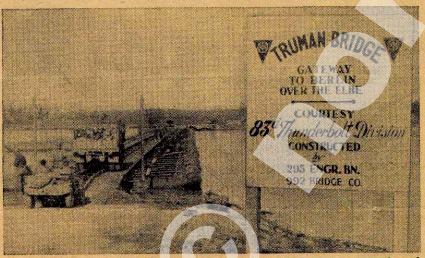
# Doughs Blitz Beyond Eibe

Crossing Rivers Through the Reich









Over four principal rivers, men of the 331st Combat Team shot through Germany to punch a bridgehead across the Elbe. On a pontoon bridge built by the 264th Engrs., 331st crosses the Rhine in the wake of the Second Armored Division. Old Glory greets the men at the bridge's approach, while the 453rd AAA remind the Yanks, they are on the alert for enemy aircraft and advise them to relax.

The 3rd battalion and Co. B of the 1st make a tactical crossing of the Weser under cover of a smoke screen with the assistance of Co. C, 308th Engrs.

On the right flank of the 329th Combat Team, the 2nd battalion shoved across the Elbe in assault boats. Here Pfc. Walter Menefee of Co. C, 308th Engrs., from Front Royal, Va., takes Co. E men across.

The 1st and 3rd battalions of the regiment drive over a treadway on the Elbe constructed by the 295th Engr. Bn and dedicated to President Harry S.

### Elbe Bridgehead Saved in Battle of Steckby Forest

### Yanks Free Own Buddies, 15,000 Allied PWS From 500 Mile Hunger March

Approximately 15,000 Allied Prisoners of War, including 40 Yanks, — four of them from the 33 lst — were freed during the 33 lst drive to the Elbe when they overran the prisoner column near Stassfurt marching eastward from the fighting zone. The Less than 300 yards away, the Jerties were PWs had been marching since January for a total of 500 miles across Germany, their tions in their prepared foxholes and, 30 calling them from the eastern front to the western and back again in a vain attempt to hold them within the shrinking Reich. The previous night they had lain in woods. By daybreak, the guards noted American columns moving up and took off. Some of the guards, tired of war, remained to surrender.

of bread was shared among eight men The Heinies were throwing everything they every two days. A man from the TDs who had. And in the midst of the raining 88s had been captured in the Siegfried Line and artillery and small arms fire, Lt. Col. in December, told how he traded his 90 Martin Kuhlman of Chicago stood among

dollar ring for two loaves of bread.

But now the free men were deliriously happy. Their hollowed cheeks flushed and But now the free men were deliriously happy. Their hollowed cheeks flushed and their sunken eyes shone with excitement. They shouted and wept as they hugged and wireman from New York City. "We had they could think of nothing more to say than to express their thanks and happiness at being free men once more.

The Yanks wanted to know how "Lil Abner was? What's the latest news? Do you have a copy of Stars and Stripes?"

Among them were men who had been prisoners for xive years. Men who had

captured as early as February '42 in Africa (Continued on Page 4)

A strong German tank and infantry coun terattack was smas hed this week in the steckby Forest by the 1st battalion of the 331st Infantry. Starting in the early morning, the attack was a major attempt to dislodge the men of the 83rd Division from their bridgehead, the only one across the Elbe River. The estimated enemy strength was placed at one battalion of infantry supported y several tanks.

remained to surrender.

Men of Co. A led by Lt. Joseph Lynch felt the full brunt of the German punch grass soup and morsels of bread. One loaf and were temporarily forced to withdraw. his men and urged them to hold their

drably over their emaciated frames. Whatever sufficing they had undergone was
forgotten in these ecstatical moments when
they could think of pothics many shells were coming in here." He pointed to the treeless tops and shell-pocked ground. All around lay dead Heinies. A ough count totaled close to 50. Fires were still burning in the forest and the powdered

smell of battle lingered in the air. "Shells were bursting and bullets flying all about us", Hurwitz continued, "and the been captured at Dieppe, Dunkirk and in North Africa. Some of the Yanks had been cover. As a couple of men withdrew, he cover. As a couple of men withdrew, he called them back and told them in a calm

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### Polle Taken in Bitter 12 Hour Battle Against SS

Doughboys of the 1st battalion fought one of their stiffest battles cast of the Rhine River last week when they succeeded in taking the town of Polle on the Weser River. The fighting raged for 12 hours through the night and at dawn of the following day Heinie dead through the night and at dawn of the following day Heinie dead

Over 400 prisoners were taken and an estimated 200 killed plus an unknown number which drowned trying to escape across the Weser River.

For three consecutive days before the Polle battle, 1st battalion doughboys had been pushing forward without rest. Co. A jumped off from Richenau to the well-defended town of Falkenhagen and after an all night fight in the town and surrounding woods, they succeeded in overcoming enemy infantry and dispersed two Tiger tanks. At the same time, Co. B fought all night in Hemmersen stubbornly defended by Jerries and civilian snipers. B doughs went on to

take Heinsen on the Weser.

Co. C passed through A's area to launch a coordinated attack and the battle for Polle was on.

The highway into the town was flanked on both sides by steep hills. Co. C Doughs, calm but expectant as they marched along in the morning sun were suddenly halted and scattered by sniper fire from the left hill.

Snipers taken care of, the company took to the hills on either side where

littered the streets among the debris of broken houses and while some buildings still smouldered and the smoke of see the streets of Polle busy with guns drifted away against the bright rays of the morning sun, the doughboys mopped up the last resisting enemy.

Two companies of SS troops and four of the Wehrmacht fanatically opposed the doughs who fought house-to-house and against a tiger tank, direct ack-ack fire, panzerfaust and, finally, a plane which hovered over the town all night dropping butterfly bombs.

Over 400 prisoners were taken and an existing activity as enemy troops attempted to cross the glistening waters of the Wesser. All day the Yanks sniped at the town giving the Germans crossing to the other side of the river a rough ride. The 1st Platoon, with rifle fire alone knocked out a Heinie truck on the opposite side of the river.

Rifle fire concentrated on the barge (no bridge was available at the town site) making its use difficult with guns drifted away against the bright activity as enemy troops attempted to

site) making its use difficult until mortar and artillery fire could be directed in to destroy it. The Doughs then held fast while artillery pounded Polle.

At seven that evening C Company, under Captain Patrick F. Murphy, Flint Michigan, marshalled its forces to push into its portion of the shell smoking town. The left flank of C Company's sector had already broached the battle with the Third Platoon which had been pinned down by machine gun, rifle and mortar fire since noon.

Meanwhile Co. A's 2nd platoon led by Lt. .P W. Tyner of Stratton, Maine advanced on the left flank. Two squads, one led by SlSgt. Kemp Stevens from Easton, Md. and the other by TlSgt. Teddy Wojnar of Lowell, Mass, were pinned down by automatic weapons fire. It was here that Stevens and Pfc. Leonard Ferguson from West Caldwell, N. J. left the cover of the roadside ditch, stormed down the road and eliminated an enemy machine gun nest while cover-

ing the advance of their squad. This enabled the balance of the squad (Continued on Page 4)

### 331st Repulses Repeated Counterattacks to Hold Bridgehead with 329th

In 13 days, men of the 331st Combat Team swept over 200 miles through the heart of the German Reich to establish a bridgehead with the 329th Combat Team across the Elbe River — the last water barrier before Berlin — and reach positions only 65 miles from the German capital. This drive places the Yanks in direct line with the Russian troops pushing west from the Oder River and the final squeeze on Berlin has begun.

One of the pockets of resistance left behind in the 331 st drive to the Elbe River almost caught the command group of the combat team in an ambush. The 45 minute fire fight resulted in the capture of some 50 odd Nazi teen-age fanatics and the loss of one Yank killed and two wounded. Following on the heels of the second

battalion, the regimental convoy was proceeding to the town of Stassfurt from Halberstadt when its most forward elements ran smack into enemy fire coming from the side of the road. Col. Robert H. York, Regimental Commander, was dashing forward to keep in close contact with his spearheading by the radio jeep. attempting to catch up with the colonel, was the first to draw fire. Right behind

tail and made for a nearby barn, covering pockets of resistance. The momentum

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almost half their total captured since the Normandy landings, and 1500 wounded prisoners in Nazi hospitals. They cleared over 50 places, many of them veritable strongholds, and freed 1500 Allied PWs

The unprecedented offensive enabled the Ninth and First Armies to meet in a giant pincer movement in the town of Lippstadt and seal the Ruhr pocket which cost Germany well over 300,000 prisoners and the great war production belt without which the Nazi Armies cannot stay in the field.

The Germans captured since the Rhine crossing exceed figures of prisoners taken in the three weeks of the March mop-up west of the Rhine which Gen. Dwight Eisenhower declared one of the greatest victories of this or any

Crossing the Rhine south of Wesel on the 30th of March, in the wake of them came the I and R men who spotted the direction of fire and swerved off the main road and leaped from their vehicle in hot pursuit.

In the face of the Yank's blazing guns, the Jerries lying along the ditch, turned the Second Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on trucks and riding on top of tanks, followed close on the grinding tracks of the armored columns hammering, smaller than the wake of the Second Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on trucks and riding on top of tanks, followed close on the grinding tracks of the armored columns hammering, and morphing up bypassed to the Second Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on the Second Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on the Second Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on trucks and riding on top of tanks, followed close on the grinding tracks of the Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on trucks and riding on top of tanks, followed close on the grinding tracks of the Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on trucks and riding on top of tanks, followed close on the grinding tracks of the Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on trucks and riding on top of tanks, followed close on the grinding tracks of the Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on trucks and riding on top of tanks, followed close on the grinding tracks of the Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on trucks and riding on top of tanks, followed close on the grinding tracks of the Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on trucks and riding tracks of the Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on trucks and riding tracks of the Armored Division, Col. Robert H. York's veterans, motorized on trucks and riding tracks of the Armored Division tail and made for a nearby barn, covering their retreat with a machine gun. One of the men who remained on the jeep to man the .50 cal, machine gun received a bullet in his head and another man got one in his stomach. Pfc. John Harvey from Philippi, W. Va. was nicked in the ear as he started back to warn the other vehicles in the convoy coming up. In the meantime, the radio operators had joined in the fight. Tec 5 Andrew Carras of New York City kept his carbine going to hold off the Jerries while Tec 4 Richard Williams went after help. An artillery cub flying low took in the picture at a glance and dipped low in front of the leading vehicle to caution them. The

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### Alert Sgt. Spots **Disguised Jerry**

It's very seldom that a Heinie can put anything over on a Yank. And an alert Co. E sergeant upheld the tradition last week.

When Co. E captured Badetz, the ci vilians were rounded up and questioned. SlSgt. John Fredericks from Detroit, Mich. had his eye on a young and husky blond chap. The man claimed to be a Polish laborer and he was given the benefit of the doubt.

Two days later, Co. E took Nieder-lepte. Fredericks spotted a civilian in the street. He looked twice and there was the same man he had questioned

in Badetz. This time Fredericks gave himself the benefit of the doubt.

At the battalion CP, the man was searched and papers tucked in his shoes revealed his identity as a German soldier. The Jerry confessed that he had been visiting his wife when overrun her American tracers. Then he tried to by American troops. Then he tried to get back to his company by donning civilian clothes but the American offensive had caught up with him again.

#### **Hitler Heads Crime List**

London (CNS) - The name of Adolf Hitler heads one of 5 lists of war criminals prepared by the United Nations War Crimes Commission.

### **Mortars Keep Popping** To Last Yard, Nazi **Counterattack Killed**

Co. D's 3rd section of the 81 mm. mortar platoon had a rough day during the German counterattack in the Steckby Forest. Supporting A and C companies with devastatingly accurate fire directed by Lt. F. J. Barnes, SlSgt. Norman Schuster and radio operator, Pfc. Barney Plotnicov, was every day worw for Sectioe Sgt. David Harmon's men. But when the range began dropping from 1500 down to 800, they realized the battle line was drawing uncomfortably close.

The forward observers continued sending back fire orders until the range was down to 300 yards. At that time the radio went out. Small arms fire was beginning to zip around the men as they feverishly dropped round after round into the guns.

Harmon ordered a few men out to form a defense line. The gun crews fired their remaining ammunition at Jerries they could see only 200 vards away. Just as they were taking the guns out of action, three Heinies rushed into the clearing firing burp guns. They were cut down by the "rear echelon" mortarmen.

Finally, they got back to supplementary positions and supported the doughboy attack that recovered all lost ground.

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#### Here is Your Doctor . . .

(This editorial is reprinted from the April 14th issue of Stars and Stripes.)

The second platoon of Able company was flushing out some houses in support of an armored attack. Things were going well, when the boys hit a snag. "Enemy machine-gun fire down the street," came back the report.

A moment later the call rang out, "Medic!" Out he came, disregarding any danger to himself. On both arms he wore the bright red cross which was his only weapon. He ran a few feet, then stumbled and fell. Word passed up and down the line. Soon everyone knew that we no longer had a medic in the second

The boys remembered the many times he had helped them. He was cool, calm and, above all, a friend to everyone. And now he was gone, killed by a shot from a German sniper.

A German civilian, his arm bandaged, approached one of the buddles of the medic. The civilian explained that he had been road, banged open their trails and bewounded in an American bombing raid and would like to see a doctor. Without a word, the dougboy led the civilian down a now safe street. When they reached the fallen medic, the dough said, "Here is your doctor." And walked away.

### REMEMBER?

Dec 18, 1939—"The German race has higher rights than all others. Battle Vets Returning We have the divine right to rule and we shall assure ourselves of that right."—Robert Ley, Organizational Director of the Nazi Party.

### Battlefield Inspirations

I Love You!

Every once in a while When I am feeling blue My thoughts forever stray, And wander back to you.

I think of all those moments That we spent all alone Just you and I in heaven In a world we called our own.

think of many hours Of places, times and things That we have seen together What happiness it brings!

Remember old San Remo And Jimmie's hot dog stand Those walks we took together In New York's wonderland?

And then there were our favorite tunes On which we'd both agree The rhymes of which I'll not forget They'll always be dear to me.

I never will forget them If I live a thousand years
Those times so full of laughter
Those times so full of tears. Remember all those moonlight nites When we walked through the park Holding hands and wondering About the enchantment of the dark.

And how about those week-ends I've spent down in your home We'd talk with mom, dad and Bett And wonder where to roam.

They say true love does not run smooth But don't quote that to me Our love, I know, is most sincere And it will always be.

There's nothing I would rather do Than be with you once more To hold you in my arms and say It's you whom I adore.

These nights are much too long, I miss you oh so much I guess I'd better stop, This rambling on and such.

But please keep on remembering. I'll never tell a lie I'll always say I love you And will until I die.

> TlSgt. Geo. Beach 3rd Platoon, How Co.

### The Same House **Eight Years Later**

Computing fire directions in a house where a number of years ago he had dined with a lady friend, presented a new kind of sensation to Cpl. Eric Rosenbaum from Cannon Co. In front of him, the cannoneers were sending their shells toward the enemy blasting many a German house. This present company CP was one of the few places left un-

CP was one of the few places left untouched from the marks of war.

A former native of Germany, "Herr Baum" as some of his comrades call him, left Germany in 1937 because of his anti-nazi ideas just one step ahead of the Gestapo. He came to America and settled in New York City.

When Cannon Co. crossed the Rhine and established a CP in the village of Bucholtevelmen, Rosenbaum recognized the house as the residence of a former friend. In the distance, he could see the

friend. In the distance, he could see the top of a water tower in the village of Oberhausen, some 7 kilometers away where he was born and raised. He even recognized some people with whom he had been well acquainted. But in strict accordance with the army's non-frater-

nization policy, he ignored them.

When asked if he intends to live in the new postwar Germany, Rosenbaum replied, "Certainly not. How would anyone want to live in Germany after once being in America?"

\*\*Roton to her friends as the Substact, has sued a Broadway publishing firm for using this picture of her to promote sales for a book called "The Complete Guide to Bust Culture."

The woman called to the stand was handsome but no longer young. The judge gallantly instructed, "Let the witness state her age, after which she may be sworn.

### She's Suing



Dale Belmont, New York blues singer known to her friends as "the Sweater,"

### Dead Heinies in Wake

Teaming up with the 736th Tank Bn, Co. L went on a 20 mile trek last week taking villages, prisoners and shooting up strongpoints. Their biggest encounter was in a patch of woods near

They spotted a large group of Germans armed with panzerfaust in a de-pression of the terrain. Capt. Robert Windsor of Carthage, N. Y. ordered two quadruple-mounted 50 cal. machine guns on half tracs backed into position. Tanks maneuvered to cover the draw. Then everything opened up on the Jerries. The doughs machine guns joined in to rake the surprised Krauts. They had no rifles. And they weren't even able to fire a single panzerfaust. The murderous fire decimated them.

Two Heinies crawled up to surrender. A couple of men were about to receive them when a German officer let go with a few rounds from his pistol to the rear. All three were killed as the Yanks con-

sidered it a trap.

An estimated 200 German dead littered the woods as the doughboys moved on.

Just before Vorden, the company's objective, the lead tank was hit by a Jerry shell. It's only loss was a sandbag and the column didn't stop. As enemy fire became heavier, Windsor called on the 908th FA Bn for support. "Exactly 15 minutes later, which is a combat record in any man's war", said Windsor, "those guys, who were fol-lowing us in column, had run off the

gan shelling the enemy artillery."
"By 2000 we got into town. We'd been on the road more than 12 hours knocking Germany apart."

### States Still OK, Say From US Furlough

"People back in the States were really "People back in the States were really grand to us and they certainly appreciate what we're going through", said Pfc. Albert Rohrbach of the Regimental MP platoon as he recently returned from a 30 day furlough home. "But", he added, "they still don't know what it's really all about. I was frequently asked wether I saw any Germans." Rohrbach had served as a rifleman in Co. C during the Normandy and Brittainy campaigns, was wounded twice and transfere to the MP platoon in Luxembourg.

Of them making a complete horse-shoe around our troops. Collins had planned the firing so that any or all of the six guns could fire any one concentration. It worked out well, because several times guns became so hot they had to cease firing and another gun be substituted. One gun became so hot that it set fire to the increments of six rounds lying close by. Several times all six guns were firing at the same time on different targets.

At the height of the firing during

leaving the latter part of December in 1944. The others were Lt. George Orr, 3rd battalion S-2, from Virginia Pvt. Joseph Coughlin of Springfield, III., Pvt. Guy Scalzitti of Chicago, both in Co. L. Men are chosen in rotation for these furloughs on the basis of twice-wounded, twicedecorated and length of servic.

According to Robrbach there's nothing like a US furlough even though it's so difficult to leave home again. He told how

everyone received the returning men with such enthusiasm and from the beginning of the trip to the end everybody was anxious to do all he could for the battle wing the sodiers. Rohrbach's photo appeared in almost every newspaper from coast to coast. "I don't know why my picture was taken so many times," he said, "I guess it's because I was so damn glad to be home and I wasn't ashamed to let the world ruins.

Know." The newspapermen asked us what was the first thing we wanted to do. Our immediate response was, to go straight

Rohrbach explained how tough it was to purchase cigarettes at home and how everyone had to sweat out their liquor rations. But he got everything he wanted and really made the rounds in his home-town of Reading, Pa. When he asked a liquor dealer for a hottle of Four Roses as a joke, he got it. He got extra rationed chocolates. He met a member of the American Legion who had served in the 331st in War I. He was invited to help in the Red Cross drive.

Rohrbach took on a more sober tone. "Men have the wrong conception of the girls in the States going wild. The young kids we knew are now grown-up young ladies. It's true they are forced to go out on dates with older men but they are very sane. The same is true of wives whose husbands are overseas. They too are sane and sober about the whole thing and they're keeping the home fires burning."

Birthday Greetings . . Dear Adolph: Meet you in Berlin to help celebrate your 63rd anniversary.

### Mortars Deluge **Nazis Pressing** Hamm Bridgehead

In two days and a night, Co. M's mortar platoon, under Lt. Edwin Collins of Conway, S. C., lobbed more than 4000 rounds at the enemy to support the 3rd battalion bridgehead at Hamm. Although it caused worry and had more than one individual wondering how long it would last, at no time was the ammo supply completely gone. An amount equivalent to 40 quarter ton trailer loads arrived at various moments in everything from two and one-half ton trucks to wheel barrows, and the firing continued.

Throughout the day, the observers could see the Germans massing for counterattacks, but on each occasion they called down fire, effectively breaking them up. Once, Lt. Rufe M. Lamon, of Poterville, Miss., SlSgt. Joseph Egan of the Bronx, N. Y., and Pfc. Darid F. Wheeler, from Daytona Beach, FlA., the O. P. group for the third section, reported having three rounds of H. E. Heavy land directly on a dugout. The Germans, too, seemed to be doing all they could to make themselves effective targets, by waiting until there were several rounds in the air and then exposing themselves perfectly. There was a tree in one area where they tried several times to regroup. Lt. Lamon put a stop to that by getting tree bursts. The targets were a mortar man's dream.

The other two O. P. groups were; Ine other two O. P. groups were; first section, Lt. Maurice G. Ridgley, Cleveland, Ohio, SlSgt. Paul E. Hergenhahn, N. Y. C., and Pfc. Warren R. White, Clay, W. Va.; second section, Lt. Paul E. Powell of Redbank, N. J., SlSgt George Averill, Farmingham, Minn., and Pfc. Frank P. McLaughlin, Phylodelphia, Powell at teach of the property of the proper Philadelphia. Powell stopped several counterattacks of twenty to thirty men coming down the railroad tracks by get-ting fire directly onto the tracks.

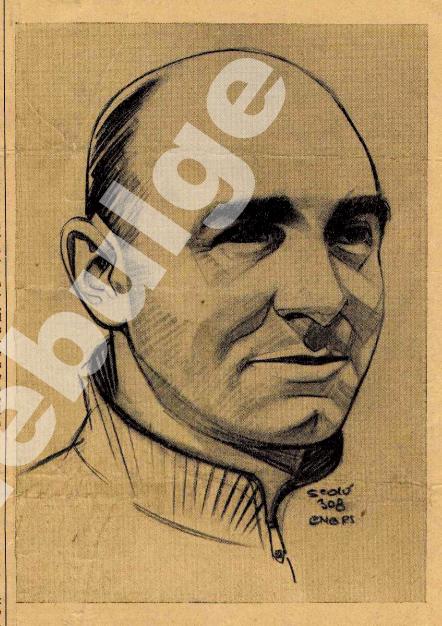
About 1700, a large counterattack started from all directions. At this time radio contact with the O. P.'s was good, the ammo supply was high, and everything all set. The mortars had fourteen concentrations of targets prepared, part of them making a complete horse-shoe around our troops. Collins had planned the firing so that any or all of the six guns could fire any one concentration.

Luxembourg.

Rohrbach was in the first group from the regiment to receive a US furlough.

At the height of the firing during the counterattack, chow arrived for the mortar crews, but shifts were arranged

### Regimental Surgeon



Maj. Charles P. Snyder

Enlisting in the army in April, 1941, Maj. Snyder earned his BS degree at Maj. Charles P. Snyder, 331st Regimen- the University of Bucknell in 1931 and tal Surgeon, left his practice in Manor, his MD degree at Jefferson Medical Pa. to be among the first of the medical School in Philadelphia. His interneship doctors to offer his services for fighting started in 1935 at Western Pa, Hospital

Maj. Snyder was assigned to the 104th Medical Regiment of the 29th Division as a first lieutenant and four months later was promoted to a captaincy when he was transferred to the newly formed 629th TD Bn as battalion surgeon. He received his majority in June.

in Pittsburgh, Pa. and a year as chief resident in Christian H. Buhl Hospital in Sharon, Pa. followed. Before starting his practice, Maj. Snyder served in West Moreland Hospital, Greensburg, Pa. as an assistant surgeon.

Maj. Snyder is married and has a two year son. His interests, besides keeping joined the 331st in February, '43 and fighting men in good health, are golting and swimming.

### Kameritz Stronghold Falls to Co. F in All Night Fight

veterans. When he walked down the gangplank in New York City, photographers, newspapermen and news reel men were all on hand taking pictures and intervie.

To men of Co. F, Kameritz was out a concealed position and cleared his side of the street. BAR man Merril Givens from Waltersboro, S. C., his gun spitting a continuous hail of lead, prostrongpoint defended by fiercely fight- vided covering fire for his squad. ing fanatics. But last week Co. F led

> was flat and open terrain, which pro-yided good fields of fire for the enemy. Junping off from the woods bordering the open fields, the 3rd platoon led by Lt. Irving Drucker from Brooklyn. New York hit the enemy's left flank and in marching fire overran their positions before the town.

With 3rd's foothold in the town, the 1st and 2 nd platoons began their assault. Vicious crossfire from Heinie machine guns stopped them cold. The platoons withdrew to reorganize. Meanwhile Drucker took advantage of this diversion, and pushed farther into town under the supporting fire of a tank.

Pfc. Darwin Fifield mounted the tank and sprayed the enemy positions with a .50 cal. machine gun. The doughs hit him off the tank. Panzerfaust was coming at the men from behind closed doors and cellar windows. In a house to house cleanup their sector was cleared.

By this time, Lt. Caddie Henage had renewed his attack and their momentum April 20th is my birthday too. Boy, we'll carried them into town. SlSgt. Grant Johnson from Benson, N. C., led his Lt. George Berlet, Jr., Co. G squad through machine gun fire, knocked "Now", he smiled in better spiritus, you've got an idea how I felt".

Organized resistance was finally bro-

by Capt. Robert Mitchell from Bristol, ken. And the weapons platoon under Conn., captured the town in an all night battle that left the place in complete ruins.

At 2230 the 15th of April, the attack started. The only account of the control of th started. The only avenue of approach ners arm was rendered helpless with a bullet wound but he kept his gun clattering. Sgt. John Schackett's mortar section sealed the Jerries doom. Pfc. Al Popek of Uniontown, Pa. and Pfc. Herb Swede Naslund of Minnesota, took turns at manning the mortars to keep them going at great speed.

Finally the 3rd platoon aided by the

knee-motar crew of Pfc. Earl Beal and Pfc. Alvin Toelkner, mopped up what was left of the Krauts in town

### He's Not All Wet And Jerry Knows it

Pfc. Duke Highland, Co. F rifleman, Dayton, Ohio, was feeling pretty misehard and fast. A sniper constantly pe-cked at Fifield. But this didn't bother him until a couple of bullets hit his cartridge belt and canteen cup and spun

with water up to his hips.
He was thinking of this while marching some Jerries back to the PW cage. He suddenly had an idea. He marched the After a few minutes, he motioned them

### Cannon Co. Rolls **Along Behind Fast** Hitting Doughboys

Even heavy moving Cannon guns kept up with fast moving doughboys across the central plains of Germany. 331st's Cannon Co. led by Capt. Herman Mundt of Ft. Collins, Colorado, were prepared to dismount and set their guns roaring at any time and whatever direction necessary in constant support of advancing units.

In the final 50 mile dash to the Elbe, Cannon Co. attached to 2nd battalion, moved by leaps and bounds. But even this wasn't fast enough. The connoneers hitched up their guns and rolled right behind the doughboys.

When supporting fire was needed, When supporting fire was needed, 105 mm, howitzers were pulled off the road on the spot. A fire direction center was hastily set-up in a house, barn or under a tree by Cpl. Eric Eric Rosenbaum of New York City, Cpl. Albene Allan of Elmira, N. Y. Cpl. Lee Hetrick of Detroit, Mich. and Pfc. Clifford Dopkey Boston Mass. This was under the key, Boston, Mass. This was under the supervision of Lt. Joseph Counihan from Belmoor, N. Y.

Grid coordinate of enemy positions were sent back to the company by forward observer team of Lt. Donald Johnson of Logan, Ohio, Sgt. Okie Gonby of Mountsville, W. Va., Pfc. Joseph Figierce, Pittsburgh, Pa. and Pvt. Charles Simpson of Evansville, Ind. Many times, targets were visible to the cannoneers

The Cannoneers proved they could adapt themselves to any tactical situaprisoners off the road into the creek. tion. Said Pfc. Joseph Mondello from Lowell, Mass., connoneer, "we're always glad to give the closest possible support to the guys up front who are winning the war."

### Foxhole Interviews

QUESTION: What was your reaction to the sudden death of President Roosevelt and what affect do you think it will have in postwar peace planning?

Pfc. Felix Gilmartin from New York

City. Co. L rifleman.

"There isn't
any doubt that
the president's
death was the

saddest news we've heard. He gave his life for our country just like any GI. It's really too bad that he wasn't able to see this thing through to the end. But I guess we're lucky he went this far with that great



strain upon him. He's led us to inevitable victory and I'm sure if our leaders follow the groundwork he's laid for postwar peace the U. S. won't come out in the short end. Any program he's planned, is fair to the world. All we've got do is follow it."

SlSgt. Edward Harmer of Philadelphia, Co.. B. platoon guide.



"It was hard news to take and at first difficult to believe. But we've nothing to worry about.

Postwar plans have already been set up as a whole. It's just a matter now of working them out. We've had a lot of confidence in President Roosevelt. And if world leaders

sincerely believe in him they'll continue to follow his ideas even though he's no longer with us.

QUESTION: It has been suggested that a Veterans Benefit Association, the equivalent of a strong lobby party, be formed among War II vets. Are you in favor of this or do you believe we should join the American Legion?

SlSgt. Julius Cannady, Winnsboro, So.

Car.. Co. E platoon guide.
"Heck, why
form another
organization. We
can do and get the same things with the Ame rican Legion. We'll be stepping into an already well going set up. There's nothing wrong with the American Legion as it now stands. And whatever we

want to accompbenefit, it won't be any different with

another organization.



American Legion. There'll enough War II veterans to have a majority vote in the legion. And after all the organization is well established. It would just be a matter of taking over when we get back. Furthermore a battle veteran of

this war isn't any

different from one of the last war except in age. Our interests are still the same.

### MPs Capture Nazis **Threatening PWI**

It's not in the books. But anyway

A number of Jerries in a patch of woods were heckling the PW cage near Ohio, he was formerly a steel Hecklingen. With only some PWs and ployee, is 25 years and single. fire originated.

Creeping up to the patch of woods, they laid down a strong volley with their Mls. Enemy fire ceased and 10

To the MPs this was really old stuff for they are all former members of rifle

### Cooks Get in Hot Fight, Fry Jerries With Bullets

In a fight that would make the works of the zaniest Hollywood producer look pale the "fighting cooks" of the 1st battalion, 331st Infantry, made history. During the surge to the Elbe elbow, the cooks had kept pace with the swift movement of the advancing troops preparing hot meals right on their tail. They would unload their kitchen trucks, used to carry personnel, prepare a hot meal in three hours, load up and start off again. They also carried the meals in squad pans to the frontlines and served the food between shell bursts.

But one night the kitchen train, consisting of five kitchen trucks, supply vehicles and maintenance trucks, was moving up to the forward area. The night was black and the route uncertain. The convoy ran into a town that had been bypassed by the fast moving frontline units. It was well populated by German soldiers. Rifle bullets began thudding into the sides of the trucks, rico cheting off of aluminum pots and pans and cast iron field ranges. Burp guns let loose with their guttural pounding. Cpl. Harvey Foster, Columbus, Ohio, leading the convoy and Pfc. Frederick Montron, East Taunton, Mass., driving the lead truck, stopped the convoy and ordered everyone to dismount. As the flash of machine guns and the roar and pop of panzerfausts lit up the dark night, the motley crew fanned out into the roadside ditch returning the enemy's fire.

The mad scramble that had preceded

this move was laughable in a way. Pots, Pans, strainers and 10-1 rations were pus hed aside in the mad scramble for M-Is buried at the bottom of everything. Pvt. Robert Mabry, Los Angeles, Cal., asst. kitchen truck driver from D Co., manned a .50 cal. MG mounted on his truck. Ir. hammering song silenced the burp gun serenade. Pfc. Ollie Carnes, Kenville, Texas, well-equipped with two bandoleers of M-1 ammunition and forgetting his job as Hq. Co. cook, fired his M-1 in the best training manual fashion. His accurate firing acoun ted for two enemy dead.

All was confusion with the air filled with flying bullets, burstng panzerfausts and the hammering machine guns. It sounded as if a major battle were in progress. To the cooks, it was. Feeling the situation acute, S/Sgt. Oscar King, Ellis, Kan., Hq. Co. Mess Sgt. and Tec 4 Edward Davenport, Niagara Falls, NY, mechanic, took off in three quarter ton truck, narrowly avoiding one panzerfaust burst, raced to the next town, summoned three tanks and guided

Meanwhile the conglomeration of cooks mailmen and mechanics had not remained idle. Pvt. William Murphy of New Cumberland, Pa. and Tec 4 Charles Lynch, Boston, Mass. Co. B cooks had started to clean out each house driving the enemy out with their M-1s. A sizeable bunch of the crew led by Tec 4 Wilson Day, Cincinnati, Ohio and Tec 5 Jack Kilpatric, Chico, Cal., Hq. Co. first cook and mailman respectively, made their way through small arms fire to the other side of town. They killed several Jerries and captured 35 prisoners, Two of the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer and the crew were wounded and Day dragged them to refer them to safety and gave them first aid.

The tanks arrived and the fire from their 75 mm. guns and .30 cal. MGs added to the rout of the enemy. Pfc. Byron Philips of Collins, Ohio from Co. D set a haystack on fire with his tracer bullets. The fire spread to a barn which burned to the ground, revealing an abandoned Jerry tank,

luckily out of gas.

After the noise had died down, the cooks took a short rest.

### First MAC Bars

were Lts. Jack Peters and Virgil Collins, the latter receiving his in the medical administrative corps and believed to be the first MAC commission in the division.

Peters was awarded his bars right after the battle of the Belgian bulge.

But he had been wounded and even.

In Normandy. A combined air, water and land operation was decided as the practical way to storm this last barrier table foxhole", Willoughby quipped.

Pvt. Stanley Smitely, Co. F dough from Kalamazoo, Mich., said it was no simple crossing. "There were many GI belgian bulge.

But he had been wounded and even.

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"mortar and 88s splittered the very go anywhere on the Rhine without a portable foxhole", Willoughby quipped.

Pvt. Stanley Smitely, Co. F dough from Kalamazoo, Mich., said it was no simple crossing. "There were many GI bedies floating around the river before

But he had been wounded and eva-cuated and was sworn in on his re-cent return from the hospital. Collins of the Rhine, was the worst part of their experience.

three MPs of the 33lst engaged a number of Jerries in a brief fire fight and brought in 10 prisoners.

The little stricted the 33lst in '42. He has hit the other side of the Rhine. He denumber of Jerries in a brief fight held every enlisted grade. He wears the Silver Star, Purple Heart and Oak the Hun could throw and headed back Leaf Cluster, A native of Alliance, Ohio, he was formerly a steel mill em-

an IPW team present, the MPs took Collins also entered the service with matters in their own hands. Pvts. James the 331st in '42 and held every grade Engleth, James Price and Fletcher to staff sergeant. He wears the Bronze Gaylor went out to the area where the Star and Purple Heart. He was a metalsmith in Goodyear Aircraft in Akron, pilot and litter bearer spent the re-

Marines have placed this sign on Kwajalein Atoll: "HOTEL ATOLL -

### Isolated Co. G Squad **Answers Surrender Demand With Bullets**

The divisional bridgehead had just been secured. G Company was assigned the task of holding down the right flank of the battalion sector at Walternienburg after making the initial assault landing.

At 2400, like a clap of thunder, the German counterattack began. Three Mark IV tanks came rumbling down the road followed by at least 150 Krauts. The leading tank was stopped by anti-tank weapons just 50 feet short the G CP.

At this point, the two remaining tanks retreated into the woods, while the attacking force of infantrymen swung off in an attempt to infiltrate the Yank positions from the right flank.

A squad of doughs of the second plateon held down the opposite bank of a canal that bordered the right flank, with a section of light machine guns. The men were dug in just 20 feet from the edge of the water in their isolated forward position. A band of Jerries edged their way forward. Some could evidently speak English fluently. One Jerry parried in English: "Is this

The enemy succeeded in surrounding and cutting off the doughsloggers and demanded an immediate surrender. This met deaf ears among the Yanks. A 60 mm. mortar crew was opposite the squad across the canal. Someone picked up the phone and called for a flare. Its brilliant rays though momentary, revealed the enemy standing all around the isolated doughs.

With automatic fire, their numbers were raked. A number of them fled into

Throughout the night, the Heinies ept coming back trying to infiltrate the lines, frequently crawling up close to the foxholes with hand grenades.

At sun-up the next morning, a heap of dead Nazis were found draped over the dug-in positions. Pfc. Richard Winslow of Great Barrington, R. I. pushed a cadaverous leg aside, popped his head Then he jucked his way back crawling out of the foxhole and said, "Whose got a K ration, I'm starved.

in Holland, was in the first wave to

assault boat and in the dual role of

### Doughboys Saddle Tanks Across Reich



Riding high on tanks are Co. I doughboys just before the battle of Derenburg in the Harz Mts. Foot soldiers rode tanks and trucks in the drive through Germany, dismounting to engage the enemy in pockets of resistance.

### His Only Thought -

The groaning of a wounded man was heard down the road a few yards ahead It was a black night and hardly anything was distinguishable, Cpl. Raymond Kelly, Co. K Imedic, from Philadelphia, was cautiousy moving forward in the direction of the sound. The shadowy outline of a doughboy emerged from

'Don't go any farther", he warned the medic. "There's a lot of trip wires down there attached to personnel mines. It's

got two of our men already".

Unheedingly, Kelly continued on.
There were wounded soldiers in that
maze of wire and min es. That's all he needed to know. Carefully, he felt his way to their side. One man's leg was blown off. The other was unconscious with cuts on hisface.

on his stomach and dragging the wounded soldier.

Doughs Turn Engrs. to Aid

## 3rd Battalion Punches Into

Establishing the bridgehead at Hamm on the Dortmund-Ems anal was one of the toughest knots of resistance to untie during the Yanks sweep to the Elbe. But Maj. William Sellers battalion undertook the job, punched their way into the north side of the city, dealt a severe blow across the canal and held the bridgehead for two days until the 95th Division pushed through to take the town.

when K Co. under Lt. Daniel Halliday from San Juan, Cal. mounted the table-like right of approach to the Hamm R. R. bridge. The men moved out quickly and perilously known to be located in Hamm. But the strong concentrations of mortar and artillery into Nazi positions around the small close behind their own artillery and mor-tar barrage. Creeping, crawling and short dashes were the only means of making the crossing over the five-span tressel that bridged the twin canals which made a bastion out of the Hamm pocket.

Speed was essential and Lt. Daniel Little

of Decalab, Ill. led his platoon across first. L Co. was to cross the foot and vehicle bridge on the left of K but Jerry blew it with prepared charges, almost under the very noses of the leading elements. This action left Co. K high and all alone on the murderous tracks of the marshalling yards. With sniper, machine gun fire and panzerfaust rockets pouring down from upper stories of neighboring buildings, the doughs noved forward towards the station. Once nside the cavernous hub of the yard, the

short "on objective and preparing to hold" was radiioed back to higher command.

With supply lines covered for over a thousand yards by snipers who could see anything that moved, Cpls. Robert Walch of Jersey City and Frederick Fegley of Allentown, Pa. with their 300 radios were the only communication with the outside.

Later a call for ammunition was sent. To this S/Sgt. Harold Merrill of California responded with a carrying party of one platoon from Co. L. They arrived at the bridgehead none too soon. For as they prepared to head back, the first counterattack let loose. Everyone manned a station in a swift current river, and in the his craft across the Rhine 15 times. blackness of night, was something else Operating a stormboat, he sheared a so terrific that the enemy was forced to

> weapons platoon fired at the extreme range of 300 yards at one time. But in this action hiding were kayoed with Panzerfaust. I Sgt. Robert Trego of Columbus, Ohio had one squad off to the left and was using brought fire to within 50 yards by firing that as an OP. They sent word back that through an aperture in the roof of the a group of Nazis were sneaking up with

Co. L was soon across bringing as much ammunition as they could carry — arm-loads of bandoleers, rounds of bazookas, and cases of machine gun ammo. For two days, the men repelled a continuous series f counterattacks. Co. M fired 4000 rounds

of 81 mm. mortar in support. Lt. Adolph Sharkey of Roxbury, Mass., Co. L, said, "We had Hamm for Easter and it was plenty tough. We cleared out a oneblock factory area and took the police station and large railroad station where we made our observation post and CP. The Nazis shot a lot of panzerfausts at the roof but most of them failed to penetrate.

"The Yanks were forced to guard many tunnels. ramps and other exits such as are

## One Jerry parried in English: "Is this George Company?" No one was tricked A Man Was Wounded Hamm, Over Canal for 95<sup>th</sup>

It was 0525 on the morning after Easter | found in railroad stations. The Germans were anxious to retake the strategic station and protect the military installations

> American held sector prevented large scale counterattacks and started many fires. The farthest penetration into the battalion's sector came the second day. It's a story of the Arizinovich and Grey combine and one the men will never forget.

The Nazis infiltrated into the station proper and started down the stairs on both sides. A grenade came bouncing toward the tense Co. K doughs waiting just in front of the baggage room. "Watch out, grenade", yelled sgt. Joseph Doran from Greenwich, Conn. The men ducked as the grenade exploded. But it was the spark that set them off.

"We went after those Jerries like a bunch of ruptured ducks" said T/Sgt. John Arizinovich of Canton, Ohio

T/Sgt. Henry Grey of the weapons platoon grabbed a machine gun that had been hit but still operating. With this poorly functioning weapon he went after the Krauts. When he could no longer fire without hitting his own men, he picked up an M-1 rifle and joined in a hastily organized marching fire.

Arizinovich, better known as Russian, was leading the gang, shouting and firing. Right behind him came Sgt. John Frizano of Philadelphia and Pfc. Severa Galti, Brooklyn, N. Y. The enemy was soon disorganized and their remaining few made a hasty retreat.

"The way those boys pushed the Jerries Lt. Vernon Fever of Detroit said his guns overlooking buildings across the street and rubble behind which Germans were panzerfaust and we let go with some anti-tank rifle grenades. That took care of them.

"We used loads of ammunition. In fact, that was our one drawback. We couldn't get enough. It had to be carried across the canal by carrying parties and that was dangerous. The Jerries tried like hell to knock those supply parties out."

The Yanks permitted a German ambulance to pull up and pick up their casualties. They were surprised to see the single medic tossing in bodies too.

"One joker was playing possum", said Sharkey." "When the ambulance got a few feet away he ran for it. Our riflemen were watching and he hadn't taken more than a few steps when a couple shots hit him in the posterior. He swung around completely like a dancer and hit the pavement. The boys let him get in the ambulance then," he laughed.

Pfc. Ludwig Tillman, Co. L BAR man from Chicago, described his pinpoint sector in one of the German's rushes. "Three Germans came out of a house about 100 yards away from my place at a big window. I saw them and fired one magazine. Two ran back and one fell. He must have crawled back into the building. That was all three flanks at once, the Jerries pul-

commission came through during the drive across Germany when the rear elements of the division had been left many miles behind. He took his oath from Capt. Karl N. Smith 331st Permith and his 50 HP motorboat, after some commission came through during the drive across Germany when the rear from Huntington Beach, Cal. knew how to swim so he volunteered to learn how to pilot a storm boat. At H-hour, Smith and his 50 HP motorboat, after tamont. Ill., from Co. H. "no more river" sonnel Adjutant.

Peters entered the service at the ac-

Ohio. He is 23 years and single.

No Beer Atoll-No Women Atoll-Nuth-in' Atoll."

The last analytic description of his boat by freed Hendry, Co. A, Venus, Fla.

The day the Ninth Army crossed the Rhine River, 15 doughboys and two engineers of the 381st Combat Team into a Heinie-made foxhole just behind were on hand – all volunteers – as outboard motorboat operators to carry landed. He asked for another boat and waves of men across in the initial landed. He asked for another boat and by daybreak he had made three crosslandings. To ten of the men, piloting ings.

a water craft was no new experience, but doing it in the face of enemy tire, and in the his craft across the Rhine 15 times. Operating a stormboat, he sheared a pin on the east bank in the first wave withdraw.

so terrific that the enemy was forced to back was a spectaculor effort I'll never forget". said Sharkey. "Two of our machine army needed men with boating and had to repair his propellor under Awarded in 331st experience to pilot motorboats and assault boats, for the Rhine crossing was a task far in excess of the engineers launch in the Chesapeake Bay. Now he Two more battle-tried EMs were awarded commissions last week. They were Lts. Jack Peters and Virgil Col-

> we were through," he said. "I saw an officer in one boat cut in two and a man's leg severed at the knee. At the

two weeks training at the Meuse River crossings for me

Other "naval" men from the 331st hit the other side of the Rhine. He delivered his passengers under everything Colo.; S/Sgt. Melvin Riser, Co. A, Sgt the Hun could throw and headed back for more troops. All went well for the first three waves but on the fourth his first three waves but on the fourth his liamsport, Pa; Pfc. John Brady, Co. B, boat received a direct hit from an 88. Bronx, New York; Pfc. Herbert Sea-With a few choice words, Smith swam man, Co. B, Alabama; Pfc. Harvey for home shores and another boat. This Shelley, Co. B, Booneville, Miss. Pfc time he grabbed a larger and slower Albert Raburn, Co. B, Sanford, Fla. Pvt. Cordes Miller, Co. C. Karthus, Pa pilot and litter bearer spent the remainder of the day ferrying and collecting wounded.

Pfc. Harold Wrosch, Co. E. Chicago, Ill; Pvt. Jackie Wray, Co. E, Inglis, Fla.; Pfc. James Rutter, Co. E, Tuckerlecting wounded.

According to Pvt. Joseph Saltzman, an ex-fisherman from Bayan Manschac, Louisiana, Co. G dough, the biggest Co. F Delaware, Okla; Pfc. Darwin Proceedings of the Co. F Delaware, Okla; Pfc. Darwin Pfc. Al-

#### What's a Luger?

What is a luger? This questioned was asked by a wounded Cerman officer who heard American soldiers speak of this .38 cal. pistol used by the German Army. Anyway, according to the German officer there is no such gun as a luger in the afternoon of the second day. After and the term isn't in the German language. The proper name for that much led one every 45 minutes. But not a one sought after weapon is para-bellum. of them succeeded."

### Co. G Joe Taken PW at Moselle **Hugs Liberators**

"I'm no Heinie, honest I'm not, I'm a real Yank". And Pfc. Stanley Skiba of Bayonne, N.J., wearing a Kraut ja-cket, hugged and kissed his liberators - men from his own regiment, the 331st Infantry. Skiba had been a prisoner of war since December, '44. He was captured while on a patrol in Luxembourg in the vicinity of the Moselle River. He was among the 1500 Allied PWs released during the 331st

When the excitement of being a free man again quieted down, he told how he was wounded in the shoulder while on a three-man combat patrol. He had volunteered to destroy a camouflaged anti-tank gun at night. It was spotted during the day. But as the patrol neared the gun's position, they were cut down by enemy machine gun fire. One man was hit in the stomach. Skiba received two bullet wounds in his shoulder. And he didn't know what happened to Pfc. Garlan Hollingsworth, the third man later found as a PW

Skiba and his wounded buddy were taken across the Moselle and brought to a company CP. There he was questioned by a German officer who spoke perfect English. At the end of the interrogation, he was informed that his buddy had died. Skiba's wounds were patched and he was cent to a hearitel patched and he was sent to a hospital

"I was treated fairly decently", Skiba explained, "until this forced march began. That was hell. And one other time when I was transported from one prison camp to another in a box car packed with soldiers. It was a cold winter day. There was no heat and the frost was a foot thick. And all we had to eat was bread and sweetened water. During the march I foraged what I could from the fields. Just before I saw you guys I had some onions and potatoes hidden under my jacket which I had stolen from a farm. I was taking a hell of a chance. For one of the Yanks who had picked up an onion was severely beaten by one of the Heinie guards. I think he later died."

"Gosh, it's good to see you", he repeated. And he ripped off the Kraut jacket and donned an American field jacket which someone threw towards him. He was wearing an Englishman's overseas cap. But on the side was carefully drawn in pencil, the 83rd Divi-

### 331st Welcomes Chaplain Donaghy

### German General

Surrenders to Gls



### Doughs Blitz Beyond Elbe

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real battle east of the Rhine came at Hamm. Here the 3rd battalion cleared out the north sector of town and pushed across the Dortmund Ems Canal and across the Dortmund Ems Canal and Lippe River to establish a fiercely con-tested bridgehead for the 95th Divi-sion; while the 1st battalion siezed ground along the Lippe River east of Hamm and occupied Dolberg, and the 2nd battalion cut the railroad tracks and secured the high ground northeast of Hamm.

Moving up to an assembly area at Allied PWs released during the 331st drive to the Elbe.

"Gee, I'm glad to see you", he wept. And tears unashamedly trickled down his face. "How's Lt. Macaluso?" (now. Capt.) he wanted to know. And thus began a stream of inquiries of his old buddies from Co. G.

When the Paderborn, the 2nd battalion became crossed the river over a treadway. Hoxter was taken by the 3rd battalion which immediately struck north to Heinsen, made a tactical crossing of the Weser on assault boats, cleared Bevern and Allerscheim and on the morning of the 10th Holzminden, the last town on the Weser to offer any resis-

And this was the first breathing spell the men had. The accelerated pace continued from the Rhine crossing. For 10 days and nights the men had pun-ched their way forward with little rest. They would catch an hours sleep on the trucks or alongside halted tanks and then move on. They munched on K rations and grabbed an occasional cup of hot coffee brought up by the

cup of hot coffee brought up by the kitchen crew. It was tired men who fought at Hamm, Polle and Hoxter. But their winning spirit didn't falter. Meanwhile the 2nd battalion attached to the 113th Cavalry, captured Hom and approximately 10 other strongpoints, crossed the Leine with the Second cond Armored at Cl. Freden then moved down to cross the Weser at Polle. They rejoined the regiment at Alfeld. From Halberstadt, the 331st moved out again making a beeline for the Elbe

Spearheading the fresh drive, the 2nd battalion cleared 15 places. The actual ground covered amounted to more than 50 miles by the time they zigzagged over the back roads flattening centers of resistance. The 1st bat-talion secured four objectives and then blocked to the south protecting the re-giment's right flank while the 3rd bat-talion hitched up with an armored ca-valry and cleared woods south of De-

renburg

By the 13th, the 2nd battalion had cleared three more objectives. The 329th Combat Team reported the town of Barby clear and the 2nd battalion shot across the Weser in assault boats on the 329th's right flank. The river maneuvers were simple against little re-

#### sistance but that night the doughboys had to brace themselves to receive the impact of a fierce Nazi counterattack. They held their ground and the following day with the threat of another counterattack against the newly esta-blished bridgehead, the 1st and 3rd bat-talions crossed the Weser.

The bridgehead expanded but with plenty of pressure against it. Nazi OCS fanatics, with the ink hardly dry on their diplomas, fought a battle to the finish. The 2nd battalion met them in Kameritz in a 12 hour grueling fight and the 1st battalion engaged the same type of Jerry in the Steckby forest.

331st doughs dug in to hold their positions. Joe was ready to shake hands with Ivan.

### Yanks Free Buddies

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The Germans hatred for the American soldier was intense. The Jerry blamed the Yanks for the bombing of their cities. They would point to the skies and ask "Vy did you come ofer". The only nourishment the prisoners had were the packages they received through the Red Cross. And then there were cases of malnutrition. Hundreds of men died in the camps. Many more dropped by the wayside during the forced march One incident was reported where two Yanks fell out sick from dysentery. They were shot by their guards. One man pulled up his trouser leg and pointed to his thigh. I weighed 193 pounds. I doubt if would tip the scales at 110 now.

The rapid movement of advance prevented the American columns moving east-ward to evacuate the freed PWs through proper channels. They were advised to secure billets for themselves in nearby towns in the same manner as the victorious soldiers. Forcing the German civilians out of their homes and taking over. In a like manner, German civilians gave them food and washed their clothes.

K rations. Several captured trucks were Jerry patrol attempting to reach the ponto dispatched to secure K rations and distri- on bridges. But they too were readily

In one small village that had been by-passed, we met several Canadian and English soldiers. We were the first Yanks they man: met. They had sneaked away from th woods at night and hid out in the village A few captured bottles of cognac and wine in our jeep were opened in celebration of their freedom and autographs were exchang-

### Col. Bailey Returns, Takes Over Bn Reins

Lt. Col. Frederick Bailey from Buffalo, New York, assumed command of his 3rd battalion this week after a brief period in the hospital. He was wounded in the left shoulder by rifle bullets.

lion was commanded by Maj. William E. Sellers from Cumberland, Md.

### I-R, M8s Break up Reg.ConvoyAmbush

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for a good fight. By this time the Heinies had retreated into the barn. A few wounded for the barn, its .50 cal. machine gun on the turret pouring lead. A Jerry came out of the barn, his hands held high and yelled "kamerad". The determined Theorem was a machine gun squad left behind had a counterattack. This was quickly checked by Sgt. Munroe and his machine gun despite the fact he had to dust it off when it was blown out of position by "kamerad". The determined TD crew, S/Sgt. Ruby Nunzie frnm Waterbury, Conn., Tec-Russell Meyer of Williamsport, Pa. and Pvt. William Benedict from Staten Island, New York, kept their gun blazing into the barn. Finally out tumbled over 50 Heinies who had enough. Most of them were only kids. One seemed to be about eight years A few claimed the age of sixteen. A half dozen were in their sixties. The bottom of the barrel scraped, draped in uniform and all, except the oldsters, wanted to die for

But they came running down the road as directed, terrified, out of breath. Two of them began crying. They lived but a few miles away, they sobbed, and they wanted

# Saved in Battle

voice to hold their ground. In the face of such courage, they willingly obeyed."

Lt. James Stranaham's weapons platoon were the last to withdraw from their ori-ginal positions. 908th FA Bn started timely serenades into the attacking Krauts. This gave Co. A an opportunity to catch their breaths and they started back, sweeping the enemy from the woods.

Lt. Walter Edwards Co. Conthe right flank and they still kept coming", Schuster swore,

"but we didn't budge an inch".

The First Platoon on the outpost fought a fierce battle for an hour, killing and wounding 20 Heinies with machine gun, rifle and bazooka fire before they withdrew under cover of two smoke grenades to the Company defense strengthing the flanks there.

against 30 Germans who were infiltrating with heavy rifle and machine gun fire. So confident were the Jerries of their ability to push through that a Heinie leader shouted from the enemy held side to the First Platoon, "Come off the hill! Come off the hill!" For answer he received a doubled volley of small arms fire newly strengthened by hurriedly brought up and critically needed ammunition. In their area the First Pla-toon accounted for some 30 of the

enemy.

In the meantime, Co. K under the com-Columns of soldiers moving up the roads threw cigarettes out to the PWs and mand of Lt. Daniel Halladay, encountered a

> Arlene Francis, on the Blue network's Blind Date program, asked a service man: "What were you before you joined up?" "Perfectly contented," was his brisk reply.

### Elbe Bridgehead | Engrs. Make River Crossing in Stride

246th Construction Engineer battalion in building a treadway bridge is the record 24 hour acomplishment of Co. C combat engineers. Capt. Joseph Swidert's engineers doggedly worked around the clock to keep 331st men and supplies flowing across the Weser in the Ninth Army eastward push.

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night. Many a man's helmet was lost that night", remarked Pfc, Honess. "We kept hitting our heads against the tree Lt. Walter Edwards Co. Conthe right flank held their ground. Two mortarmen from Co. D climbed on two tanks that were knocked out and manned the 50 cal. machine guns on the tanks' turrets. They were S/Sgt. Norman Schuster from Perkasie, Pa. and Sgt. Joseph De More of Pittsburgh, Pa. "We easily poured 2400 rounds into those bastards and they still kept coming". Schuster swore filltrated our lines. There weren't market the tree branches as we rode the trucks loaded with boats. And in the morning we almost had to fight our way to the river's edge even though the town had been cleared by the infantry. It seems that some Heinies had crossed the river at night on a reconnaisaance and infilltrated our lines. There weren't market held their ground. Two mortarmen from the trucks loaded with boats. And in the morning we almost had to fight our way to the river's edge even though the town had been cleared by the infantry. It seems that some Heinies had crossed the river at night on a reconnaisaance and infiltrated our lines. There weren't many and we soon cleared them out.

Pfc. Joseph Noce from Hartford, conn. and Pfc. Tom Horan from Bos-on captured 15 Jerries hiding in a

At 0900, preceded by an artillery barrage, the assault began covered with a heavy smoke screen. In two waves, the doughboys were across. A burp Here a small number of men with a hurriedly acquired machine gun held off the persistent enemy until mortar fire could be directed in the doughboys were across. A burp gun opened up but it was soon silenced with a .50 cal. MG from 736 Tank.

After the initial crossings, a ferry was constructed by the constructed by the second was a ferry was was a fe until mortar fire could be directed in to drive them back.

On the right flank of the Company defending a vital crossroad firebreak, the First Platoon was stubbornly holding against 30 Germans who were infiltratively and additional combat units. Each returning trip, it brought back a load of prisoners.

At Polle, men of Co. C were aiding the 246 Engrs. in constructing a treadway bridge. Just as the convoy preceeded across at dusk, the last pontoon broke. The ferry at Heinsen had been dismantled but it was immediately re-assembled and in readiness in case re-pair on the treadway would delay the convoy indefinitely.

Tec 5 Albert Hampschir from Philadelphia, Pa. recounted an amusing incident at the start of the assault boat

crossing.

Tec 5 John Barmonte of Cincinnati,
Ohio, Pfc. Ray Pike and Pvt. James
Beeler both from Pittsburg, Pa. shoved off in their assault boat ahead of

On the front window of a Louisville, Ky grocery store was written: "Boy wanted". Below was scribbled: "I want one, too. Jeanne."

Taking the 3rd battalion across the schedule. As they reached mid-river, Weser River via assault boats, building they looked around and saw they were of Steckby Forest

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### No Stuffing



Someone started circulating the rumor that Greer Garson's legs were stuffed with horse hair during the filming of "Random Harvest" in which Miss Garson played a dancer and had to show her gams. Greer says it's a lie, and she sends this picture to prove it.

### Polle Taken in Bitter Battle Against SS

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to advance and secure the first houses in men supported by a machine gun sec-

Men of the 331st welcomed a new chaplain this week. Capt. William R. S. Donaghy of Germantown, Pa. has been in the service for 25 months, 20 of them spent overseas. He was with the 67th Gen. Hospital in England, came to France in October, '44 and joined the 5th Engr. Special Brigade. He was transferred to the 331st April 4th.

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> fire until Tyner ordered his men to let the ground until two bazooka shells loose with their rifle grenades. From that knocked it out and set the barn in which point the two platoons moved together but it was located ablaze. they were stopped again by a 20 mm ack-ack gun and the tiger tank. The doughs had to sweat it out until daylight when they were relieved by the balance of the were entering the right portion of town carbines and a few M-ls all of them ready company.

While the 2nd platoon advanced, ecurity guard of three riflemen and part faust. The enemy patrol continued to pour panzerfaust into the house. No matter vhere Pfc. Danny Morello moved, a panzerfaust entered the room he had just left.
With him were Pfc. Dalton Johnson of
Broken Bow. Okalhoma and Pfc. Russell
Blickenstaff of Hagertown, Md.

Once Co. C's attack was begun it was impossible for artillery to give any support in fear of hitting their own troops. Enemy machine gun, rifle and 20 mm ack ack rained over the hills and valley to be echoed by the returning fire of the Doughs and tanks.

the town. The other half of the platoon in leap frogging maneuvers secured the second house. From then on it was a continuous J. Klancer, attached to the First Platoon. The men then moved steadily for-Lt. Col. Henry Neilson from Seattle, ward to clean out Heinies from foxholes

tank stared me right in the face. I made the freezing waters of a stream. 100 yards before reaching its first house in The 3rd platoon of Co. A, creeping up into town, was stopped by enemy cross-

In the meantime the First Platoon in divided from the main section by a blown bridge, to clean out and secure the houses

The Third Platoon, with the aid of the tanks firing and the push of the other elements, had been released from the position they had been pinned down in and made a push to get into town. Three times the uncompromising ack ack and machine gun fire hurled them back before they finally succeeded in securing their sector of town. At the same time, the Second Platoon, wet silhouttes of determination had pushed on to secure houses and hold their

A tiger royal tank had been nestled in the middle of the town firing machine gun fire down the two main streets. Well secured, it remained a menace until finally crippled and abandoned by the retreating Heinies.

until dawn when clearing out the remaining prisoners became a simple task compared to the work of the night be-

Squad Leader Sgt Teddy R. Guenz-berg of New York City, was still shaky as he said: "Those SS boys fought like hell. If anyone back in the states thinks the war's over they should have been here last night. We can't sleep--although we haven't had any sleep for 40 hours--and all we've eaten for three days is K

Along the banks of the Weser was a salvage heap of clothing, personal items and pistols left by the retreating Heinies as they had stripped in the chill of dawn and swam the river. Some 202 prisoners captured on the hillsides and in the town as well as an untotaled score of dead and wounded Jerries did not make

### Nazi Colonel Surrenders Airlield to 2nd Bn Yunks

A two-man quartering party from the 2nd battalion can claim the capture of a German airfield. Capt. James Patterson from Fresno, Cal. and his driver Tec 5 John Burns of Bainbridge, Ca. were returning to the battalion from a reconnaissance, noted what seemed to be planes camouflaged among trees off the road.

Parking their jeep, they started through the trees, and bumped into three Jerries, one of them a Lt. Colonel Checking further, they counted 62 German planes parked around the edge of a field among the trees. The field proper was cleverly camouflaged - grass growing between small paving blocks.

Further investigation revealed a barn housing a complete repair shop. The gasolineless planes had been rendered completely unserviceable by the retreating enemy.

An Army friend tells me that service men, with characteristic shrewdness, have reduced the maze of Army rules and the Doughs and tanks.

On the right flank the First Platoon ran into stiff resistance where the hillside was a swiss cheese of dug in rifle- in from the far left, C company held regulations to three simple formulas: 1.

If it moves, salute it. 2. If it doesn't move, pick it up. 3. If it's too big to pick up, paint it.