

THE STARS AND STRIPES

Back in St. Vith



Back in St. Vith again, American troops put this notice along the boundary of what is now just a heap of rubble. The Seventh Armd. Div. fought its way back into the town just one month after it had been forced to withdraw by the weight of Von Rundstedt's offensive. Standing under the sign are members of the 21st Tank Bn., first unit to enter the town (left to right): Pfc Clarence E. Carker, Bowling Green, Ky.; Sgt. Tommy Barrett, Scranton, Pa.; Cpl. Ray L. Williams, Gadsdenville, Tenn. The road leading into the town was christened "Anne Highway" in honor of the daughter of Capt. Joseph Lassiter, El Dorado, Ark.

Soldier's Back

U.S. Division Saved Drive At Antwerp

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20,

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"Orphan 7th" Splits Nazis, Halts Panzers

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"Battle Babies" Baptized In Fire; Help Halt Nazis

By John McDermott
Associated Press Writer

U. S. First Army Headquarters, Western Front, Jan. 4.—The "Battle Babies" of the American 99th Division received their baptism of fire on the bloody northern corner of the Ardennes salient four German divisions and nights at the winter offensive, today.

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the Germans themselves, who divide the outfit "Hoover's shock troops." The Ninth Infantry, commanded by Col. Gen. Louis A. Craig, Raja, N. C., was thrown into the line in the Monschau area when the offensive began. This was "taking it

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7th Tankmen Claim Fastest Sweep of War

By Marshall Morgan
Stars and Stripes Special Writer

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMORED DIVISION, Nov. 5.—It wasn't the fastest military sweep on record, then the "Lucky Seventh" Armored Division invites unofficial correspondence to the contrary.

Six hundred miles in 21 days—that's the fighting mileage clicked off by cyclometers of Maj. Gen. Lindsay McDonald Silvester's fighting armor as it spearheaded the Allied drive to the German border. The record advance for any one day was 65 miles.

In addition, from Aug. 10, when the division's first tanks rolled ashore in France, through Aug. 31, the 21-day period, the Germans buried in reserve, released, liberated, with an ag-

Allied Threat to Siegfried Line mounts



U. S. Men in White Blend with Belgian Snow

"Orphan Seventh" Split Nazi Push

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dances or trashed buildings at night.
And when individual units were isolated they formed into deadly bands and wrought havoc among German forces hard hit in recent

2 Youngstown Vindicator
Saturday, December 26, 1944

Germans Lose One-Third of Belgian Gains

Bulge Flattened to 16-Mile Gap at Point Above Bastogne

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men earlier had delivered their heaviest blows. Von Rundstedt's attacks dwindled down to two-company size. Americans made isolated gains.

General Patton's Third Army troops took at least four more towns in their broad attack from the south.

His troops pushed into Moirey five miles southeast of St. Hubert and 11 west of Bastogne. They drove the Germans from Remagne, Magrécourt, and Morchet west of the Bastogne-Arlon Road, and scored gains of a mile north of Stavelot, northeast of Aachen and east of Hompre.

Other units advanced around Villers-la-Bonne-Eau east of the Arlon-Bastogne Road.

Third Army troops closed up within two miles southwest and south of Wiltz, 20 miles southeast of Bastogne. Still further east they cleared Eppeloeil, thrust into the Biggelbach area along the Sure River, and were along the German frontier for six miles between Rehnenbach and Biggelbach, directly across from the Siegfried Line.

American artillery broke up enemy armored formations mainly near Hollenbach, 2½ miles northeast of Echternach.

Germans were reported digging in along the northern flank of their Belgian bulge.

The 12th SS Panzer Division and 8th Infantry Division were identified among enemy units met in the Stavelot area.

Nineteenth Tactical Air Force Friday knocked out 42 armored vehicles north of Bastogne and damaged 10 more.

The British Second Tactical Air Force downed 32 German planes



THE BOX SCORE

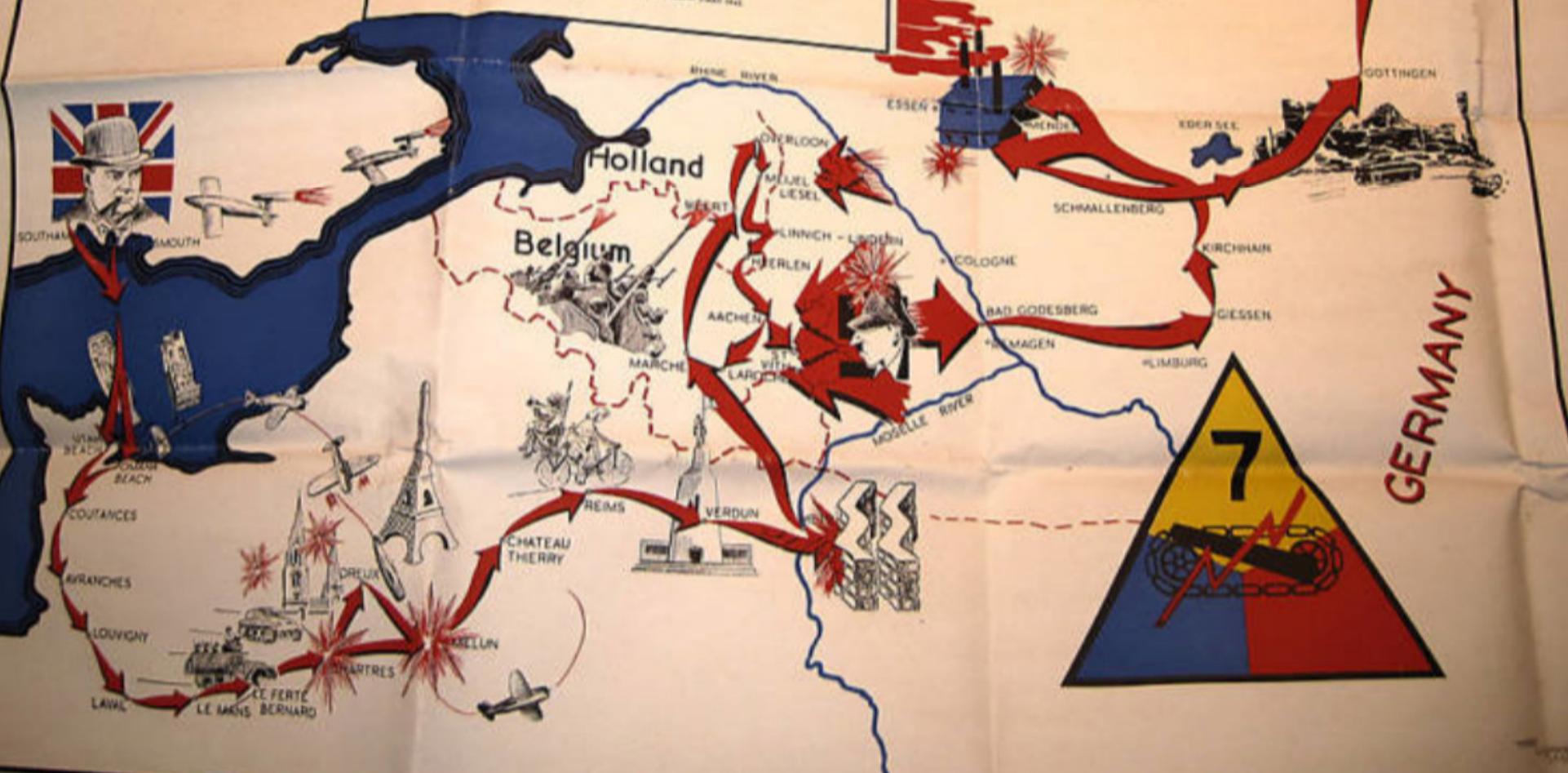


MAJOR GENERAL
R. W. Hasbrouck
COMMANDING

113,041



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ENEMY

ARMORED VEHICLES DESTROYED	621
ARMORED VEHICLES CAPTURED	89
MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLES DESTROYED	2,653
MISCELLANEOUS VEHICLES CAPTURED	3,517
ARMAMENT DESTROYED	583 PIECES
ARMAMENT CAPTURED (Only pieces larger than 50 mm included)	361 PIECES
PRISONERS TAKEN	113,041

DIVISION

MILES TRAVELED	2,260
GASOLINE CONSUMED	3,127,131 GALLONS
AMMUNITION EXPENDED	
105 mm	330,027 ROUNDS
76 mm	19,209
75 mm	48,724
• 50 cal	1,267,128
• 45 cal	540,523
• 30 cal	9,367,966

AWARDS CAMPAIGNS

★ — BATTLE OF NORTHERN FRANCE
(14 AUG — 14 SEPT 1944)

★ — BATTLE OF GERMANY
(15 SEPT 1944 — ?)

THE ABOVE CAMPAIGNS HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED. THE FOLLOWING CAMPAIGNS, PARTICIPATED IN BY THE DIVISION, HAVE BEEN UNOFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED AS SUPERSEDING THE BATTLE OF GERMANY. NO OFFICIAL REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THE TIME OF THIS PRINTING AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE DIVISION WILL BE GRANTED CREDIT FOR HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THEM.

★ — BATTLE OF THE ARDENNES
(16 DEC 1944 — 25 JAN 1945)

★ — BATTLE OF THE RHINELAND
(15 SEPT 1944 — 21 MAR 1945)

★ — BATTLE OF CENTRAL EUROPE
(22 MAR 1945 — ?)

DECORATIONS (Personnel)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS	9
SILVER STAR	351
BRONZE STAR MEDAL:	
HEROIC SERVICE	888
MERITORIOUS SERVICE	1,047
PURPLE HEARTS	1,211

(NOTE: ABOVE FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE PURPLE HEARTS AWARDED BY NON-DIVISIONAL MEDICAL INSTALLATIONS AND WAR DEPARTMENT)

A FEW DATES TO REMEMBER

BEACH LANDINGS — 10 AUG 1944
CHARTRES — 15 AUG 1944
MELUN — 24 AUG 1944 (Crossed SEINE River)
CHATEAU-THIERRY — 28 AUG 1944
VERDUN — 31 AUG 1944
METZ — 8 SEPT 1944 (Crossed MOSELLE River)
OVERLOON — 1 OCT to 8 OCT 1944

MEIJEL — COUNTERATTACK 27 OCT 1944
ST VITH — 17 DEC 1944 and 23 JAN 1945
REMAGEN (Breakthrough) — 26 MAR 1945
EDERSEE DAM — 30 MAR 1945
MENDEN — 16 APR 1945
BALTIC SEA — 3 MAY 1945





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