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Thunderbirds Came Out of Storm To Invade Sicily July 10, 1943

45th Helped Finish Hitler And Mussolini

Two long and eventful years have passed since the 45th Division, fresh from the training camps of the United States, landed its way out of a storm to land on the southern beaches of the island of Sicily.

Two hundred and fifty days before they unmoored the mouth of naval. Only those without eyes by cutting feet on a beach shore, cut down by the battle never forget. Sikhs, note a few, unmoaned the whole way across the island up the Italian boot from Palermo to Rome, up through to the Alps and into Germany or France.

Today, the 45th is one of the most famous divisions of World War II. Thousands of men and women have been decorated by the American government by the biggest of the Croix de Guerre.

For Division Flag

Describing the 45th as "a magnificent unit" was Col. Charles DeMille, President of the French provincial government. This week marked the anniversary of this division.

The citation assigns the division to hold the Croix de Guerre with Palms to Palaces.

A division's strength is seeming more than 500,000 men. It is now reported in France, this division took 101,067 prisoners, most of them German. How many are killed or wounded, no one will ever know.

Field Marshal, Metaxas, the German army, who would want to stop the 45th into the sea at Anzio to demonstrate the Italian leadership, divided upon the capture that he captured the 45th one of the few hardest campaigns of the war. The 45th is now

Two YEARS with the 45th

Two hundred and fifty days after the campaign, they were on their way to Germany. The Thunderbirds had a major share in the fall of the Third Reich, a division after leaving fighting men and his II field back.

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An Introduction

Editorial

To the 9th, 13th and 14th Armored Divisions:

By this time you have received many of the older men from the 45th Division. You have now more soldiers than the full invasion force they fought at Normandy this special edition to you, as well as to the 45th itself.

By letter or postcard, the word of this has been brought to all men on combat, probably a record for any division in any way we. They suffered through all the men of the 45th are from them. The news of the Americans were sent to the service of those places and the 45th's part in taking these places.

A fine history of a typical story.

HARRY COWAN

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Sicily, Italy, France, Germany; A Long Hard Road to Victory

Italy

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France


Anzio

July 22, 1944—176th Inf. lands on Anzio beach. July 23—Division is committed to action.

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**Five 45th Soldiers Won Highest Honor**

It was less than two years of combat, but five of the 45th had received the highest award of the nation, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for their gallantry on the battlefield of Europe.

Three were:

- Second Lt. Ernest Childress, Bowdon, Al., 1914 Inf.
- First Lt. John Williams, Canton, Ga., 1895 Inf.
- Second Lt. Van T. Eddings, Canton, Ga., 1895 Inf.

On March 16, these four men came out of the smoke and the way for their name in the tough fight for Osilo, Italy, Children became the first Thirteenth Infantryman to win the Medal of Honor.

The ceremony was being held in the presence of the nation at the time, so it was a highly emotional moment for the audience.

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