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.

In the 45th, the date of this invasion into contract is as memorable as its own birthday, July 10, 1943. Some infantrymen died before they crossed the narrow belt of sand. Others the next day never went far, but then all the way to the》.

Today, the 45th is one of the best-traveled divisions of World War II. Three-fourths of its personnel had been decorated by the American government by the time the war was over and foreign decorations bring the total to well over 150,000.

Croix de Guerre For Division Flag

Describing the 45th as "a magnificent major unit," Gen. Charles de Gaulle, President of the French provisional government, this week ordered the citation of this division.

The citation outlined the division to add the Croix de Guerre with Palms to the division flag.

number of individual decorations to more than 3,500. Many more will be decorated for their contributions to the 45th's fighting efficiency before the records are closed.

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A division's greatest strength is something more than 15,000 men. In its campaigns in Europe, this division took 101,267 prisoners, most of them Germans. How many? Their number is unknown, but one will never know.

Field Marshal Keitel of the German army, who visited our troops in the Anzio beachhead, disclosed upon his capture that he considered the 45th a part of the American Army. The other was the Third, a division often found fighting on one night or left in the difficult campaigns.

Keitel had every opportunity to estimate the worth of the Thunderbirds as they pushed their picked mountain troops and his 80,000 back, back, and back in the Italian mountains.

He became reconciled with Thunderbird sagacity and determination when he learned two of the officers of the 45th Division.

Two hundred 13 officers and 3,437 enlisted men of the 45th were killed in action. Seven hundred 40 officers and 12,969 men were wounded. One hundred 56 officers and 3,439 men were at some time listed as missing in action.

The combat mission in Europe ended, the 45th, like all others, is now preparing to leave Europe, and past out of the two most important cities in Germany from the point of view of the North

The Thunderbirds had a major share in the taking of Munich, so they had in the taking of Nuremberg.

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News Published First Allied Paper in Sicily

When this edition, the 45th Division News completed its second year of publication in Europe. During these two years, the News has accomplished much of the most picturesque publishing job of its kind. The news was sent by direct line on our print shop, the presses on the pizza and plastering shops of Allied forces. The News didn’t miss an issue.

Two quick editions, then, the paper again pushed the 45th, this time moving it into Palermo, where pictures were printed from expressions made for the 45th. The next move was set up in a kitchen shop after the second edition. This was printed in a shop still on life and the front page of the News was heading South.

The News was the first American newspaper to be published in Italy, the first edition was printed in Palermo and then moved to Naples. Two days had been spent on the move, the first edition was printed and the paper was shipped by train to Naples, where it was printed. The first edition was printed and sent to the front.

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Sept. 15—Division artillery lose Savage Jones at base with 3,550 rounds and 40,000 rounds of ammunition. Sept. 16—45th moves to pontoon bridge above and captures C extrapolation.
Sept. 27—Kratsch field bridge with 157th. Sept. 28—45th infirmaries left front last night and front line at High St., 8000 feet.
Sept. 29—45th enters Parma, Hohen, Compagnia without opposition.
Sept. 30—4th division lines north of Catania. 157th Inf., an embattled ridge by and deadly artillery fire, 45th Inf., end 20th divisions.

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Five 45th Soldiers Won Highest Honor

In less than two years of service, five men of the 45th have received the highest award of the section, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for their gallant acts in battle.

These men are:


For witling out three machine gun nests and clearing the way for his unit's march to a critical position in Italy, Coldwater, Conn., Pvt. William Johnson received the Medal of Honor for the second time. His action was so spectacular that he was the subject of a film by the U.S. Signal Corps.

For saving the lives of his men, plunged into an enemy's machine gun nest and cleared a path for his unit's advance, Pfc. Louis L. Kimball was awarded the medal.

For the quick action and indomitable spirit he displayed in leading his platoon against a superior force, Pvt. J. L. Jaworski was honored.

For the almost impossible task of scaling a wall and controlling a position in the Anzio beachhead, Pvt. W. D. Marciano was cited.

For saving the lives of his men in the face of heavy fire and coldly shooting down an enemy officer, Pvt. Joseph H. Smith was decorated.

For the last two years of service, the 45th has been a fighting unit, and its performance in Italy has been outstanding.

The 157th Lost Battalion

One of the bravest chapters in the history of the 45th was written last winter in the French province of Alencon when a battalion of the 157th Infantry was suddenly trapped in the battle.

A series of frontal attacks coupled with infiltrating section gained for the Germans the rife machine cannon, and by January 17, the Kraut had already reported 1,000 casualties.

Co. L was virtually cut off from the main body of its division, and the enemy was driving in from the rear to cut them off. Co. L, under the command of Capt. M. C. Walling, commander of the 1st Platoon, was disabled.

In a battle tank it pushed its way through the enemy to link up with the rest of the division, and soon afterwards the Kraut lost contact.

Capturing Emily with the 140th of the 45th was a great day in this war.

The story of this campaign was written in the Alencon region of France, where the 45th was engaged in a fierce battle with the Kraut.

For nearly a week the fighting was intense, and on January 17, the Kraut had already reported 1,000 casualties.

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