

# SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

## PRES. CITATION TO 773<sup>RD</sup>

### TWO D.S.C.'s TO 358<sup>TH</sup> HONORED FOR FALAISE GAP ACHIEVEMENT

Presentations of Distinguished Service Crosses to two privates of the 358th Infantry Regiment by General Earnest were made last Monday. Recipients of the high honor were Pvts George J. Caldwell, of Co "K", and Earl F. Gormerly, of Co "H".

Caldwell received the coveted DSC for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy. He was serving as a member of a two man rocket launcher team advancing with elements of the infantry, when suddenly several tanks appeared.

Coolly holding their fire until the tanks were at a very close range, Caldwell and his companion, expending only five rounds of ammunition, destroyed four of the German tanks.

#### GORMERLY MOPS UP GUN CREW

Gormerly likewise received the DSC for extraordinary heroism against an armed enemy. While en route to deliver a message to a machine-gun platoon, he discovered an enemy 75mm gun being put into firing position. When one of the crew spotted Gormerly and fired, the Yank hit the ground, firing, and killed the German. He then boldly advanced on the gun and its crew and wounded two others. When he had crawled with in hand grenade throwing distance, the remnants of the

### 90<sup>TH</sup>MP'S GIVE GEN. PATTON A FAST RIDE

The speed which perennially characterizes Gen George S. Patton's assault in combat was displayed in another fashion by 90th Div. MP's.

In a detail commanded by 1st Lt Arthur Ellsworth, of Irvington, N.Y., the Third Army commander was convoyed from Cham to Viechtach in what Patton termed "record time".

At the termination of the trip, Gen Patton asked Lt Ellsworth who was responsible for the convoy. The officer admitted he was in charge of the detail. The general then extended his compliments for a job well done. The detail consisted of Pfc.

F.P. Suraf, Buffalo, N.Y.; Pfc E. H. Hinkson, Akron, Ohio; Pfc W. Whitver, Sterling, Ill.; Pfc A.U. Klein, Ulysses, Neb., and Pfc C.H. Wiese, Closter, N. J.

gun crew decided they had enough and waved a white flag. Pvt Gormerly took them prisoner.

Caldwell lives in Marland, Georgia; while Gormerly makes his home in Athol, Massachusetts at 124 Marble St.

The actions of these two men expedited progress of their unit.

"Every regiment and every battalion in the 90th Div is proud of the support which the 773rd Tank Destroyer Battalion has given them unstintly", Major Gen. Herbert L. Earnest said yesterday afternoon in presenting the Presidential Unit Citation to the Tank Destroyers.

The high honor came as a reward for the unit's heroic achievements during the final phases of operations in closing the Argentan-Falaise pocket.

During this battle, and within a six day period, the battalion knocked out 41 Nazi tanks, including five Mark V tanks, and 82 other vehicles, besides a large number of artillery pieces.

#### SETS ARMY RECORD

Commended by Lt Col Frank G. Spiess, of 77 B Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, La., the battalion set a record for all TD units in the entire U.S. Army when it destroyed its hundredth German tank during the Bastogne Bulge campaign.

Maj Gen Earnest made the presentation in a large field on the outskirts of Tirschenreuth, with the famous Bavarian hills as an imposing background.

In a short address, the commanding officer of the 90th said: "You've always come through! Officers and men of the 773d, I salute you!"