

REVEAL 1ST AND 30TH DIVISIONS SEIZED AACHEN

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WITH THE U. S. 1ST ARMY IN GERMANY, Oct. 29. — The famed United States Fighting 1st division supported by the 30th—Old Hickory—stormed and took the city of Aachen after 13 days of some of the hardest fighting in this war.

This disclosure was permitted tonight along with the release of a stirring commendation to the 1st and its commander, Maj. Gen. Charles R. Huebner, by Maj. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, commander of the American 7th corps. In a letter to Huebner, Collins said Aachen's capture closes another brilliant campaign in the division's epic history.

30th Closes the Pocket.

Altho it was the 1st that actually took the city, driving from the east and northeast and fighting thru streets block by block, the 30th played a vital role, too. The dough-

boys of the 30th were the ones who drove around from the north to close the pocket behind Aachen, cutting off the garrison, and rendering the Nazi position inside the city hopeless.

And it was the job of the 30th to clean up enemy resistance in the northern outskirts of Aachen. The 1st had the mission of reducing the town proper, all of which released troops holding the perimeter in the Aachen bulge for use elsewhere, while straightening our line in this sector.

Tennessee Guard Outfit.

Within the space of 24 hours Old Hickory division, a Tennessee national guard outfit, withstood five German counter-attacks with the aid of the air force and massed artillery fire of the 1st army's biggest guns.

The division is commanded by Maj. Gen. L. S. Hobbs. It is remembered for its spectacular dawn crossing of the Vire river on July 7 as well as for the St. Lo breakthrough, which opened the way for armor movement across France.

VISITOR RUNS AFOUL OF LAW.

Carl Krejoha, 60, a dental supplies salesman from Seattle, Wash., was charged with disorderly conduct yesterday after police found him lying on the sidewalk at Desplaines and Madison sts. with \$359 in his pockets. Police said he had been drinking.

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