

Famed Commander Leads 117th Regiment

WITH AMERICAN 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN BELGIUM, Jan. 9.—(Delayed)—(AP)—What makes an infantry regiment good?

“Good battalion commanders,” says Col. Walter M. Johnson of Missoula, Mont., who leads the 117th Regiment, currently regarded by many military men as the finest in the American battle line.

“And I have three of the best in the army,” adds Johnson.

No one who knows the regiment's combat record would doubt that. The battalion commanders—Lt. Col. Robert E. Frankland of Jackson, Tenn., Maj. Ben T. Ammons, also of Jackson, Tenn., and Lt. Col. Samuel T. McDowall of Rockhill, S. C.,—have been with him in ten battles—and ten victories.

But every man in the 30th Division's famous “breakthrough” regiment names Johnson himself as the wellspring of their success.

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