

WITH the AEF
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WITH THE AEF IN OCCUPIED GERMANY, June 13.—(Delayed)—(AP)—Once all the shooting had stopped, a lot of GI's decided it was time to hoist American flags over occupied Germany.

Very often, however, they found that during battle their flags had been left behind, lost or temporarily misplaced so they had to scrounge substitutes.

The 84th boys got the best break of all. They located a German flag factory which previously had been occupied making Nazi party banners. It was in Hannover, so when the 3rd battalion of the 334th regiment got ready to run up its colors it sent Lt. Robert Jordan of Apple Springs, Texas, over to investigate the factory.

It was one of the few plants in the entire city still in working condition, so Lieutenant Jordan arranged to have the necessary flags made for the battalion.

The factory had no trouble with the United States flag. It had been exporting them to the U. S. ever since American flags had 45 stars.

The 30th division Doughboys didn't have a handy flag factory nearby but when F company of the 119th regiment got ready for its flag, raising ceremony the 4th platoon commanded by Lt. William Glatzmayer of Weston, Quebec, had its flag.

The blue field was made from an old barracks bag belonging to Lieutenant Glatzmayer. The red came from an old Nazi flag. The white was from a sheet taken from the bed of a former high Nazi official.

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