

Italy Vets' Status Is Clarified

'Actual Combat' Men Won't Be Sent To Pacific

Battle-starred veterans of the ETO who also were in "actual combat" in Sicily, Italy, Corsica or Sardinia will not be sent to the Pacific unless they volunteer, Theater Headquarters said yesterday.

The ruling came in an interpretation of Gen. Eisenhower's order which forbids sending to the Pacific men who fought in both North Africa and Europe. Theater redeployment chiefs said that the North African Theater of Operations, for purposes of carrying out Eisenhower's order, would include Sicily, Italy, Corsica and Sardinia as well as continental Africa.

Officers are specifically excluded from Eisenhower's order, it was said, and any officer, no matter where he has served, is considered eligible for Pacific duty.

The statement defined a "combat soldier" as any EM who was assigned or attached to any organic unit of an infantry or armored division or of any of nine types of units while such units were assigned or attached to a corps or division during actual combat.

The units listed included: Anti-

~~Credit for Replacements~~

~~Reinforcements in depots in areas for which battle participation credit is given are entitled to the battle star and the five points, officials said yesterday.~~

aircraft artillery, armored, cavalry, chemical, mortar battalions, engineers (combat, pontoon, treadway bridge, or mine-clearing), field artillery, infantry, signal corps and tank destroyers.

Soldiers who have won battle stars for both the ETO and the North African Theater while serving with qualifying units in each theater will be removed from units being redeployed, and if they have not enough points for discharge, will be assigned to Army of Occupation units.

Combat soldiers since assigned to service units are included in the policy, Theater Headquarters explained, but any man may volunteer for service in the Pacific and have his request fulfilled.

the meteorological stations
the sea at strategic points around
flashed daily weather reports to Ger-
the entire European war.
and ingenious German invention has
with the lifting of censorship restric-

these meteorological stations were
Irish Sea sending out their important
the German intelligence service and
aiding them plan air raid attacks on
Britain and U-Boat attacks on
Allied shipping convoys.

It is reported that a ring of these
stations surrounds Britain, North-
ern Ireland, and Eire, thereby
defeating Britain's elaborate plan to
deny the Germans this vital in-
formation.

These robot weather stations were
about 300 feet long and gyroscop-
ically controlled. They were moored
to the ocean bed and they rose to
the surface daily through an auto-
matic timing arrangement.

Then an aerial would automati-
cally appear from the center of the
station and its message would be
flashed out over the ether. Short-
wave radio beams were probably
transmitted from German radio
stations, and when the underwater
station emerged from the sea it
would break the wave.

Then, according to the atmospheric
reaction upon the meteorological
instruments attached to the station,
varying strength of signals would
react upon the beam and thus the
weather experts could learn of
atmospheric changes.

It is thought the German U-Boats
visited the submerged stations from
time to time and fitted new dry
batteries which provided the power,
while radio experts made any
adjustments that might have been
necessary.

One of these "met" stations broke
its moorings at Slyne Mead, 50 miles
from Galway, on the west coast of
Ireland, and drifted within seven
miles of the coast.

Fisherman thought at first it was
a submarine, but when they got
closer they found it was something
"new." They hitched it to a trawler
and towed it into a nearby port.

A resident on the Galway coast
said that a few minutes past six
each evening until the submerged
"met" station was taken to port it was
impossible to obtain any reception
on radios due to jamming. The day
after the station had broken from
its mooring, German planes searched
the area for hours.

Nazis Attempted To Spread Malaria Germ

British ingenuity defeated a fiend-
ish Nazi scheme to cause widespread
malaria among troops in Italy by
flooding large areas it was disclosed
this week by the Ministry of
Health.

New drugs which the British
introduced in combination with a
German drug, which British doctors
improved, stopped the disease from
spreading after thousands of men
had become infected. The problem
was solved by use of Mepacrine, a

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Hello My Darling,

Read an article in the Stars and Stripes in which I was startled. I just couldn't believe it and still don't, until I actually see it done. Perhaps you already know about it. Here goes just the same, in one short sentence as enclosed is the article which I want you to read to positively be sure I'm reading it correctly. It seems as if I won't be going to CPI since Italy is to be considered part of the North African campaign. Is that the way you read it?? To be sure I was reading the article correctly I had two other fellows read it and tell me exactly what they read. The only thing now if that affects me is that I'll remain here as occupation thus I won't be going home for another year or two. That's not so good since I'm so anxious to see you darling. It is a little too early to make any predictions but I can't afford to complain, since if I am affected I'll remain here while my outfit might go direct to the Pacific, but I personally feel the division will first return to the States and then after a few months at home, depart for the Pacific. I could volunteer to remain with my outfit. What do you think? It may even turn out that I'll be shipped with my outfit. Who knows

Received two more V mail letters from you honey both arriving quickly. They were dated May 18 and 20th.

*I love you darling and miss
you constantly*

*yours,
Ben*

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