

Stoudt, Harold R.

## **Nazareth 'Chutist Captures Nine Nazi Prisoners**

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WITH U. S. FORCES IN NORMANDY — A 19-year-old Nazareth, Pa., paratrooper, Pvt. Harold R. Stoudt, of 332 South Broad Street, captured nine German prisoners including a captain during a month of front-line fighting on the Normandy peninsula.

Pvt. Stoudt landed miles behind the enemy lines several hours before the "D"-Day amphibious beach landings. He joined forces with other paratroopers and glider men to aid in the liberation of several French towns and villages.

Much of the credit for the success of the initial phases of the Normandy invasion was due to the ability of the paratroopers to capture bridges and disrupt enemy communications behind the lines. Pvt. Stoudt and his paratroop battalion were in the thick of the front line fighting for 32 days before they were relieved.

Pvt. Stoudt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stoudt of 332 South Broad Street, Nazareth, Pa.

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