

Fly, Alton W.

Commissioned

MAY 28 1945



Alton W. Fly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace W. Fly, Ninth Street, Quakertown, was commissioned a second lieutenant by his colonel, in a simple ceremony May 1 in the colonel's tent. The former staff sergeant had been a platoon leader for two months at the time he received his bars and a battlefield commission, just before the final big drive, two days prior to V-E Day.

When announcement of victory came, Lieut. Fly and his men were in a tight spot. They had been fired upon by bazookas and were forced to take refuge in two German houses. One of his buddies had been killed and the group was ready to call for assault guns when word came to cease advancing.

He is attached to the famous 4th Armored Division of General Patton's 3rd Army and participated in all of its campaigns, through France, where they cut off the Brittany Peninsula; in the mad dash across France; in the great German breakthrough in Aachen, Belgium; Luxembourg, and through Germany. He is the holder of the Bronze Star Medal with citation, and the Purple Heart.

Before entering the service, Lieut. Fly took part in various sports in Saucon and Bethlehem. He was a fireman on the Reading Lines in Bethlehem, and on a run between Bethlehem and Lansdale.

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