

Duma, Stephen

**Iron Hill Soldier  
With Unit Handling  
1,576 Casualties 22 1945**

Receiving and treating a total of 1,576 patients in a 12-hour period March 30, 1945, as a result of the unexpected crossing of the Rhine River, proved to be a "baptism of fire" for a general hospital unit now undergoing processing at Camp Philadelphia in the Assembly Area Command, preparatory to being shipped to the Pacific.

The unit, of which Cpl. Stephen Duma, Route 4, Iron Hill, is a member, arrived at Mourmelon-la-Grand, France, in February 1945, to operate a 1,000-bed hospital near the present headquarters of the Assembly Area Command.

August 22, 1945