

Dick, Charles J.

Army Surgeon Lauds Work of Cpl. C. J. Dick

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WITH THE 35TH INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY—The 134th Infantry's regimental surgeon calls Corporal Charles J. Dick, Bethlehem, his "one-man medical team." The battalion commander claims that Dick is invaluable on the battlefield.

Cpl. Dick gives first aid, advice and encouragement to his men, stands over the wounded, making them as comfortable as conditions would permit, and he supervises their evacuation. Most of this work has been done under hazardous conditions . . . barrages of enemy artillery or mortar fire, through mine fields, etc.

Once, in a particular sector of Belgium, it became necessary that a forward aid station be set up to expedite the increasing number of casualties resulting from continued heavy German counter-attacks. Cpl. Dick, after helping establish the aid station, ignored the snow, bitter cold and enemy shelling, to bring in the wounded and administer first aid. Then he would prepare patients for further evacuation and treatment.

This action was carried on day and night throughout three fierce counterattacks. When two companies of the battalion were cut off, Dick volunteered to accompany a hand-carrying party who were bringing up needed supplies. Not only did he carry medical supplies to the stranded companies, but after reaching them, he organized two litter squads and successfully evacuated the wounded.

Mrs. Charles Dick, his mother, lives at 609 Carlton Avenue.

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