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WITH THE 11TH CORPS IN GERMANY — Private First Class Frank T. Kincaid, 500 Seneca Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, a member of the 273rd Field Artillery Battalion, recently received the Bronze Star Medal from Brigadier General John M. Lentz, commanding general of XII Corps Artillery, at Aling, near Regensburg, Bavaria.

Addressing a battalion ceremony Army while approximately 100 of the battalion's officers and men were decorated, General Lentz told the recipients they were outstanding men of a fine artillery battalion. "You are part of an artillery team in the XII Corps that is known all over the theatre. You have helped establish procedures which until then had been unrecognized. You have established a fine reputation.

Recognized as one of the most aggressive groups on the Western Front, the XII Corps fired a total of 2,235,962 rounds into enemy held territory. Because of its excellent work, the 273rd was selected by the Corps for the honor of firing the two millionth round on March 16th.

It was Gen. Lentz's artillery that was a decisive factor in the many successes of the famous XII Corps. It was the XII Corps that held the right flank of the entire AEF in the drive across France, that saved Luxembourg City during the Ardennes break-through, that cracked the Siegfried Line at Echternach, one of its most heavily defended points that made the first assault crossing of the Rhine in history March 22, at Oppenheim, that cut Germany in two by crossing into Czechoslovakia April 18, and that made the first crossing of the Austrian frontier by American troops.

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