Leaflet Dropped on Nebraska Soldiers in World War II

“Welcome Men of the 35th Division!”

Courtesy Nebraska State Historical Society, 6099-26
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MEN OF THE 35th DIVISION!

Considering the fact that you are newcomers, we would like to do everything to make you feel at home. We extend to you a cordial greeting and a hearty welcome to the Ruhr Valley!

We regret that you must come to this unpleasant district, but, as usual, you have to take over this section where the air is heavy with lead. The British have been withdrawn from here, because this same atmosphere didn’t suit them very much. As always, under these conditions, the British prefer to let you do the work.

You have tried to veil your arrival here by doing such things as removing your divisional insignias. Nevertheless, a little bird told us all about it.

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Before you arrived, there were other divisions here who didn’t fare so well; namely: the 84th, the 102nd, the 29th, and, not to be forgotten, the British. They all got knocked about a bit. You can see that you won’t have an easy time of it against the Ruhr defense lines.

As we said before, we shall try to make you feel at home. We hope to make every day here seem like “the glorious Fourth”—there’ll be plenty of fireworks.

We know what you are meant to do. We know, also, what you want to do.

You want to return home as soon as possible!!!
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