

## GENE HALL GETS RADIO MENTION

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While Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Hall, residing south of Newton were listening to a foreign news broadcast last Friday at noon they heard the commentator tell of the heroic action of ten men who had dared the enemy gunfire to throw an emergency bridge across the Roer river in western Germany. They were not paying a great deal of attention but quickly became alert when they heard the announcer mention the name of Gene Hall, of Newton as one of the Heroic ten. That was their son and that was the greatest news they have heard over the radio since he landed overseas.

Gene, "Tuffy", was a school teacher in the rural schools of the county before being inducted, and is widely known.

His parents recently received from him the following communication given the men of the 30th Infantry division by Major General L. S. Hobbs.

TO: The Soldiers of Every Unit (Assigned and Attached) of the 30th Infantry Division:

1. Another brilliant phase of your campaigning on the Western Front has been successfully accomplished.

2. The operations from 16 December to the present date (which include the taking and holding of Halmedy, Stavelot, Stoumont, LaGleize, Thirimont and the hill to the southwest thereof, Lignueville, Pont, Bellevaux, the famous crossroads at road block No. 2, Recht, Obr. Emmels, Ndr. Emmels, Ndr. Emmelser Heide, Rodt, Hinderhausen, Neundorf, Krombach, Weisten), represent a display of courage, fortitude and endurance that will remain forever as a glorious part of the work of your division, of your unit and yourselves as individuals.

3. Again the division was in the right place at the right time to stop and then throw back the best the Germans had to offer on the Western Front.

4. All praise to you for a task well done. Your reputation as a fine fighting unit has been increased. You have fought the good fight, under terrific hardships of weather and terrain. My congratulations to you, one and all.

L. S. HOBBS

Major General — U. S. Army