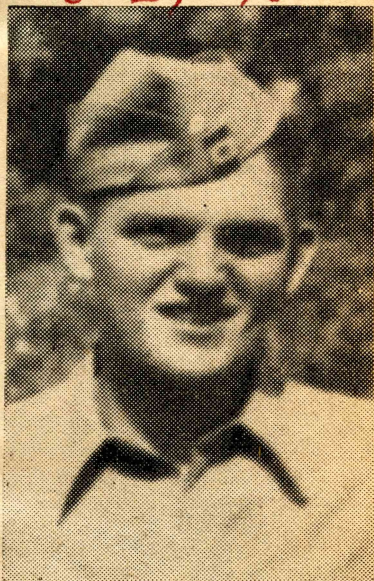


MEDAL AWARDED TO CPL. BOB WORCESTER

3-29-'45



Corporal Robert A. Worcester, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Worcester, of Newton, has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge from Major General Edwin P. Parker, Jr., division commanding general for "exemplary conduct in action against the enemy" according to a special communication received this week by the Mentor-Democrat from the headquarters of the 78th Infantry Division in Germany.

This division to which Cpl. Worcester is attached has seen some of the most bitter fighting on the western front, and was one of the first outfits to cross the Rhine when General Hodge's First Army started its drive deep into enemy territory.

There are five Jasper county boys in the "Lightning" Division that is now spearheading its way toward Berlin. Besides Corporal Worcester who is with the 211th regiment in Company D, there is Norman Benefiel of Company A of the same regiment and who is now recovering from battle wounds in England; Glennard Strole, of Rose Hill, who is with the 307th Combat Engineers; Jim Laugel of the 309th service command, and Max Aten, of Crooked Creek township who is with the 311th supply company.