

LT Donald M. Larson

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**LT. DON LARSON
OF OSHKOSH AMONG
FIRST ACROSS RHINE**

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The news that General Patton's Third army had crossed the Rhine river in Germany aroused much excitement in the United States generally, for all Americans are looking forward to the big squeeze which will strangle the nazi horde.

But there was added intenseness in the news for Mrs. Jessie Larson, 591 Jackson drive, whose son, Lt. Don Larson, was one of the first soldiers with the Yank forces to cross.

According to an Associated Press dispatch by Correspondent Edward D. Ball, Larson and two other soldiers set up an outpost in a cottage on the Rhine's right bank and reported on the activity of the Germans and their gun emplacements.

Mrs. Larson received a notice from the war department Feb. 9 of this year that Lieutenant Larson was wounded in action in Luxembourg Jan. 25. She then received a letter from Lieutenant Larson on Feb. 24, stating he had been hospitalized, but was returning to action shortly. He received the purple heart for his wounds.

Larson is a field artillery liaison officer. He was a student at St. Norbert's college, De Pere, when he enlisted in the service in September, 1942. He left for overseas in July, 1943, and was stationed in England and Ireland, before leaving with Patton on the invasion of France.

3-24-45

**OSHKOSH COLONEL
COMMANDED MAJOR
UNIT IN RHINE DRIVE**

5-16-45

With the Ninth Armored
sion Across the Rhine—(S
—Lt. Col. Charles Wesner,
wife resides at 256 Win
street, Oshkosh, Wis., is
mander of the 16th armore
artillery battalion, a major
ing element in the drive
Rhine and subsequent oper
Tankers of the Ninth ar
have told how they cons
were pushed by the 16th
while combat command E
smashing across the Cologne
Frequently the tankers oc
a position only to find th
millimeter guns moving rig
behind them and urging th
go forward and seize another
or two. Soon after men o
27th armored infantry bat
had crossed the Rhine, the
field was in firing position to
them strong support in ho
the bridgehead.

The 16th has participated
battle of the bulge, was at St.
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tion a gun, but more ammun
was obtained in time and
went on helping to break up
German attack.

After the Ninth had crossed
Rhine, the 16th turned its 105
every German threat posed ag
the bridgehead and helped to e
inate enemy artillery intent
destroying the bridge and
bridgehead.

As soon as it was deemed fe
ble, the guns of the 16th cro
the Rhine and backed up n
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