

Thru the Hindenburg Caserne warehouses pass much of the vital supplies handled by 1st QM Co



AM delivery at the messhall

1st QM Co

The 1st Quartermaster Co is one of those vital Division units whose personnel and equipment are largely responsible for every top performance the Division is credited with. It is one of those units, too, that works so quietly and so efficiently that its existence is accepted more or less as an act of God rather than man. Few people stop to consider the source of the supplies that win the war; they are concerned only that they be there.

Commanded by Lt Harrell N. Gillis, the 1st Quarter-master Co supports the 1st Div by providing food, gasoline, oils and greases, clothing and equipment, general supplies, bathing and laundry service, graves registration supervision and collection and evacuation of salvage. The expert training, the superior maintenance of the special equipment and general purpose vehicles and the general exprit de corps of the men behind the supplies enables this unit to perform its primary duty of material support with whip-crack efficiency.

The history of the unit dates back to Feb. 17, 1918, when it was activated at Mensil-La Tour, France as the Motor Supply Train, 1st Div. Later, the unit was reorganized as a Quartermaster Regiment and subsequently as a battalion. During these years the unit was responsible for motor maintenance, building construction and finance in addition to Quartermaster supply and transportation.

In 1943 the unit was redesignated as the 1st Quartermaster Company and assumed its present organization. It continues to do a praiseworthy job.