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Through France with The 79th Infantry Division 14 June to 29 Aug, 1944 Maj Gen I.T. Wyche Commanding

Stock#: 57992kb

Map Maker: Kalihan & White

Date: 1945

Place: Dortmund Color: Color

Condition: VG

Size: 33×26 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare separately published pictorial map showing the 79th Infantry's route through northern France in June - August of 1944.

The map depicts northern France from the English Channel south to Le Mans and from Mont Saint-Michel Bay to Mantes Gassicourt and the Seine River.

Commemorating the 79th action in France, the map covers towns and cities from Normandy through the Ile-de-France just west of Paris. Black arrows follow the division's movements, with thin red lines illustrating how far the division moved from day to day. Several charming vignettes dot the map, including an illustration of the division landing in Normandy eight days after D-Day, the Fort du Roule in Cherbourg, and the swift advance (a tank followed by troops in a truck) after the Allies finally broke out of Normandy. A gloomy, dark vignette occupies the upper right corner illustrating the 79th's crossing of the Seine River at Mantes Gassicourt, the first Allied bridgehead across the Seine.

The 79th played a critical role in this operation, securing the bridgehead on the east bank of the Seine.

This is one of a set of four maps was created by Steve Kalihan and Harry D. White illustrating the movements of the 79th Infantry in 1945.

The maps were created by two officers of the 79th Division, Harry D. White, and Steve Kaliher and published by Busche, the oldest book publisher in Dortmund These maps provide an in depth look into the



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average soldiers view on their campaign and even the Second World War in general through their personal experiences. Printed during the 79th Infantry Division's occupation, which totaled close to 15,000 men.

Detailed Condition: