

Eight Japanese Surrender To Mentone, St. Marys Men

WITH THE THIRTY-EIGHTH (CYCLONE) DIVISION ON LUZON--Capturing eight Japs without firing a shot is a neat trick if you can do it--and T/5 Kenneth W. Horn of Mentone, Ind., did it. He couldn't help himself.

One day Horn, accompanied by his assistant driver, was rolling along at a good clip down a winding mountain road. Suddenly Horn and Pfc. Ralph G. Kuhlhorst of St. Marys, O., saw eight Japs move out on the road about 100 yards in front of their truck. Horn couldn't decide whether to speed past the Japs or stop and shoot it out. He decided on the latter, so he slammed on the brakes and

reached for his rifle. But the Japs apparently were tired of war and indicated they were willing to sign a separate peace.

So Horn and Kuhlhorst loaded the Nips in the back of their truck and resumed their journey--all the while casting uneasy glances backward. But they delivered the Japs to their battalion command post without further incident.

Horn, a driver of Headquarters Company, Third Battalion, 152nd (Indiana) Infantry, has been overseas 16 months. He served previously in Hawaii, New Guinea and Leyte.

He is the son of Mrs. Mary Horn of Mentone.