

Robert P. Bacon!

World War I
The feat of arms however, which marks especially the 5th Division's ability as a fighting unit was the crossing of the Meuse River and establishment of a bridgehead on the eastern bank. This operation was one of the most brilliant military feats in the history of the American Army in France.

Fifth Infantry Division

DIAMOND DUST

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737 Tankers Teamed Well With Division

Battle-seasoned tankmen of the 737th Tank Bn, who have swung their armored battering ram with two infantry divisions, one armored division, and most of Corps since the unit landed on Omaha Beach last July 12, are building those days between periods of guard and training about those double-ply, twin-killing combinations with infantrymen of the 5th Division.

What the men like most about the Red Diamond doughboy is "his unswerving courage to fight along with the tanks through thick and thin", thus permitting a strengthened and coordinated attack. Capt. Julian H. Hyman, battalion S-2 from New Rochelle, N.Y., thinks that is just the reason why the 737th men are so proud to be members of the well-knit 5th Division family.

But the battalion, commanded by Lt. Col. Fred M. Kroschel, Jr., Houston, Texas, former executive officer who succeeded Lt. Col. James M. Hamilton last August, can trace its team play spirit back to the day it was activated at Fort Lewis, Washington, on 1 February 1943. Intensive desert maneuvers in Oregon with the 4th U.S. Army, under the leadership of Gen. Alexander Patch, who was later to command the 7th Army, taught the tankmen to work and fight with the infantryman.

Sent overseas to England in February 1944, the 737th underwent further training, which culminated with its landing on French shores early in the Normandy campaign. The tanks had been on the continent but a day when battalion elements were committed on a line from Meauffe to Les Meux, north of St. Lo. From there the push through France and Luxembourg was just one fire-fight after the other with retreating German armor.

Fresh from a forced, bitterly-contested crossing of the Blies river with the

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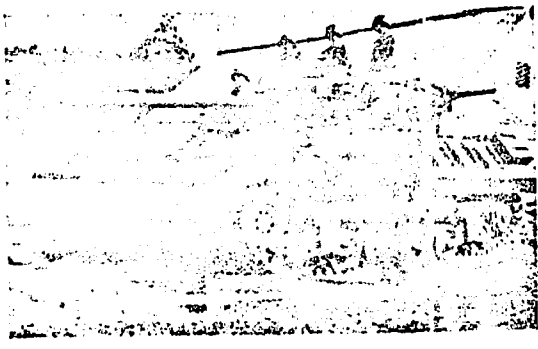
Nazi Tycoon Has Change of Heart

One of Europe's leading aviation experts, white-haired Heinrich Heinkel, Oelzeich and his wife, Margaret, turned themselves in recently to Captain Frank Raab, Richmond, Va., 10th Infantry Regiment military government officer.

Inventor, designer and producer of death in the form of jet planes, FW190s, ME109s, ME110s and others, Oelzeich is offering designs and improvements for planes, motorcycles, tanks and a new type artillery shell. Questioned by 6th Division CIC men, Oelzeich is bursting now with plucky good will.

"By cooperating with American authorities," he says, "Germans can help Germans, Germany and the world. It is only in this way that we Germans can make good the damage in the world caused by the Hitler regime. It is the duty of all Germans and if a German doesn't consider it his duty, he can not consider himself decent."

He helped to set up the "Erlawerk" near Leipzig where he worked for five years improving the ME's 109 and 110. In 1935 he went to Budapest, Czechoslovakia, where he supervised the building of the plant which was making FW190s and the jet planes, ME262. When the Russians drew near, Herman Goering personally directed him to pack up the plant and move it to the Tyrol mountains near Innsbruck. The Allied aerial attacks so disrupted German transportation, he said, that he was still shepherding his trains at Haidmehle, Bavaria, when the end came.



Tank Destroyers Like Their Home; 803d Has Proud War History

After being attached to 10 different divisions and being tossed around eight Corps and four Armies, the 803rd Tank Destroyer Battalion found a more or less permanent home with the 5th Infantry Division last Christmas Day. Most of the TDers like it, and most of the doughs agree that it was quite a Christmas present.

"We never had the 5th Div doughs run off and leave us holding the sack," was the way one TD man put it. The battalion, under command of Lt. Col. Charles W. Goodwin since his induction into Federal service on 10 February 1941, has compiled quite a combat record. It was one of the few self-propelled TD outfits on the continent when it landed in France on 13 June, and for that reason the battalion was pushed around to all the hot spots.

Most of the men originally hailed from the state of Washington, but after seeing action in the Hurtgen Forest, at St. Lo, at Aachen, in the Ardennes, and at La Haye de Puits that situation has changed. They come from all over.

Hurtgen Toughest

Maj. Donald J. Brown, executive officer, like his boss from Tacoma, Wash., says Hurtgen Forest, S. Lo, and Aachen were the three toughest -- in that order. "They really had us in a sweat for four days and nights in Hurtgen. For over Jerry had more artillery than we did, and he was having it in on us. There weren't any roads, just trails, and he knew every fork of those trails," the Major recalled.

It was there that Sgt. Russ J. Morgan, 125th Goldwater road, Flint, Mich., had one of three tanks knocked out from under him. He was a commander in the 1st platoon of "C" Company. He came up to report to the Colonel about losing that tank, but the first thing he said was, "Colonel, you can't take that town of Grosshau" where the Boches fought one of their most bitter defensive battles. Sgt. Morgan wasn't worried about the tank. Neither was the Colonel.

In all the action they've seen the TDers lost a total of 15, which weren't

Four Hundred to Fly Home in Next Group

First group of 5th Infantry Division men to fly back to the United States for discharge from the service will leave the division on 9 June, 1945. Four officers and 296 enlisted men will be in the group.

This is the fourth large more-than-25 man group to leave the division but the first for whom air transport has been arranged. The group is likely to arrive in the states by the middle of June and be discharged before the men who left the division on the first of second quota.

recovered or repaired. Against that figure they show credits for 24 tanks, 21 SP's, 13 half-tracks, one armored car, seven 88's, 1070 prisoners and even an ME109, besides a lot of carts, trucks and lighter guns.

Maj. Charles R. May, the S-3 who hails from Bainbridge, Ga., was stumped when asked to recall some of the things the men had done. "Every damn one of them are good, but Sgt. Ed. B. Pillsbury is a rugged customer who used to be a company clerk. Six weeks after volunteering for line duty he was a tank commander, which quite badly hit near Diekirch because the crew was already one man short."

1st Lt. Ed. Jurkiewicz, Dorchester, Mass., who holds the Silver, Bronze and Purple, was a private when the battalion hit the beach. Four other EM's have been commissioned: 1st Lt. Lewis R. Finrich, 850 Greenwald St., San Francisco, Cal.; 1st Lt. Merle W. Bray, Poulton, Wash.; 1st Lt. Ross B. Hendricks, Tacoma, Wash.; and 1st Lt. Clifford A. Olson, Steirow, South Dakota.

The latest feat of the battalion was the capture of the somewhat crippled Hungarian Navy. The Navy, complete with sailors, boats and brass, is moored near Passau. Strictly a fresh water outfit, it nevertheless suffered one of the highest casualty rates of any Navy when one of its four gun boats was sunk in Budapest by the Germans -- at least that's the way the Hungarians tell it.

Now the men are sitting around fixing up their 90mm TD's and pulling gear. They are sending out that trip home like everyone else. Nearly 75 percent of them sport 85 points or over.

High Points Thin Band's Ranks; Vets Played in Seven Countries

If you, too, would like to be a member of the veteran 5th Division Band, you must have two qualifications. First, you must be able to blow a good horn or pound a mean percussion. Second, you must have less than 85 points because, brother, every member of the present 51-man band except 6 has "way over 85 and is already marking the days off the calendar until he is a civilian."

It wasn't easy to get way over the 85-point mark, however. The band members earned them the long, hard way of seeing in the army four or five years and overseas three going on four years. They have played in Iceland, England, Ireland, France, Luxembourg, Germany and Czechoslovakia. In North Ireland alone they traveled 25,150 miles

10th, 46th Sew On 7th Overseas Bar

Overseas veterans of the 10th Infantry Regiment and the 46th Field Artillery Battalion today, June 8, took another disgusted look at the calendar, regretted their doubtful honor of being the U. S. Army outfit's longest overseas, and sowed their seventh "Horseshoe bar" on their collective left sleeves.

T. Sgt. Andrew Kason, personnel sergeant-major of the 10th infantry estimated that about 350 men in the regiment were left who were in Iceland December 7, 1941 and would be eligible to sew on number 7 stripe.

Actually, the 10th and 46th have been overseas since September 5, 1941 but Army Regulations state that overseas stripes can be accumulated only from December 7, 1941, Pearl Harbor Day. Previous to that date, the yellow American Defense Service Ribbon with a Bronze Star surmounted on it, denotes overseas service.

When the 10th came overseas, Colonel Matthew J. Gunnar commanded, followed by Lt. Col. Arthur M. Ellis and Colonel William M. Chamber. Colonel Robert P. Boll assumed command of the regiment on 24 May 1942 and has been its commanding officer ever since that date.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bernard B. Blank is commanding officer of the 46th Field Artillery Battalion, which has about 150 veterans remaining.

I & E Shelved For Extra Training Hours

The I and E program for the 5th Infantry Division is suspended effectively at once. Materials on hand and records for schools will be kept. A minimum of four hours per day of military training is now required, instead of two hours as previously announced.

Time previously allotted to the I and E program will be spent in conducting schools for both Officers and NCO's to train combat leaders and specialists and in carrying on training in basic subjects as required by unit commanders.

The Athletic and Recreation program as prescribed by Division Memorandum No. 8, remains in effect.

River Crossings Highlight Long Record of Fifth

Training, Occupation, 10 Months of Combat Make Impressive Score

Overseas longest of any division in the U. S. Army, with garrison and training periods in Iceland, England and North Ireland, and recognized expert in river-crossings in France, Luxembourg, Germany, Austria and Czechoslovakia during ten months of combat is the record in brief of the Red Diamond division in World War II.

During the ten months of combat, when the division spent 277 days out of a possible 330 in contact with the enemy, the division captured 71,693 prisoners and processed many thousands more for the 4th and 5th Armored Divisions and guarded and processed still more thousands in the Ruhr pocket and at the end of the war. It has suffered 11,922 enlisted and 544 officer battle casualties. It has had one member awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, and 35 members awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Five have received the Legion of Merit and the division itself has awarded 698 Silver Stars, 2,567 Bronze Star Medals, 122 Air Medals and has been presented with two British, 12 Russian and 77 French decorations. The Red Diamond division has earned 24 bronze campaign stars for the ETO ribbon in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes, and Central Europe.

Cold statistics never tell the story of what blood and flesh undergo, however, and prisoner of war totals, casualty figures and medal figures are not reliable as true indications of the remarkable record that the endurance, discipline, courage and skill of the 5th Division compiled. Figures for those items however, do compare about

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Battlefield Bars Won by 36 EM

Thirty-six 5th Division soldiers have received battlefield appointments as 2nd Lieutenants during the division's 10 months of combat, according to figures released by the Adjutant General's office.

The 11th Infantry led the parade with a total of 10 enlisted men receiving the gold bars while the 10th and 2nd followed in that order with eight and four respectively.

The list of the men and their organizations are as follows: 14th Inf - 1st, Eugene L. Goodrich, Stanley J. Knick, John F. LeFave, Walter B. Faray, Harry C. Glavin, George F. Gardner, William M. Jones, Jr., Harry B. Zuchke, Jr., Victor R. Soderholm, Paul E. Beaman, William G. Huff, Lawrence A. Wilcox, James E. Bultback, Leonard A. Huston, Jr., Norman Birkin, and Douglas H. Wright.

10th Inf - 4th, James E. Sanks, Willie C. Sizemore, James B. McCartt, Henry H. Starkey, Henry T. Cackett, James A. True, Robert T. Shea, and Robert B. Smider.

2nd Inf - 1st, Lawrence F. Cloney, Donald E. Lane, Henry L. Worle and Florian L. Mutinski.

194th FA - 1st, Freddie Telo, Roy Gentry, Verto S. Capple, and Joseph T. Murphy.

21st FA - Lt. Albert R. Denny

30th FA - Lt. George E. Paraki, Lt. Roy F. Hudnak, 156th FA - Lt. Ralph W. Young

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737th TANKS

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35th Infantry Division, the 737th, nursing heavy losses in tanks and men, joined the Red Diamond Fighting Machine on the 23 December near Ostrange, Luxembourg, after racing 120 miles to keep the appointment. Taking it from here, the 737th supporting 5th Division doughboys worked some neat team play attacks against lingering Germans. Shortly after forcing the Moselle river, C Co. of the tanks whipped up a short-order but devastating ambush for a surprised column of Germans that approached the bivouac area one night. Alert guards spotted the column and awakened tank crews, who climbed in their "iron horses" and moved down the unsuspecting enemy in a matter of several minutes. Another terrific battle between the tanks and German armor developed during the crossing of the Kyll river when A Co. was supporting A Co. of the 10th Inf. Losing only one tank, the tankers destroyed four Mark V's and captured two others.

Considering all actions in the national combat record, the 737th has 120 tanks through enemy lines, 85000 lbs. and 8 light tanks. One of the worst single losses was suffered by B Co. when it encountered a slew of German tanks and AT guns while supporting in attack of the 3rd Bn. of the 11th. Five tanks were lost in the action, with the destruction of five German machines.

First in Germany

The tankers netted their biggest haul during the fighting in Luxembourg, and with the loss of only three men. The unit captured or destroyed 1 Mark VI, 1 Tiger Royal, 2 Panthers, 3 Mark IV's, 2 half-tracks, 4 75mm AT guns, and 1 88mm Howitzer. No tanks were lost and only one man was killed during the month of April, the best month of the nine. The casualty occurred during the celebrated capture of Lt. Gen. Jochen von Kortzfleisch, understudy to Field Marshal Model, near Schwammmburg.

The battalion is mighty proud of its growing list of commendations from Corps and Division commanders, being the first armored unit in Third Army to cross the Rhine, the first armored unit in XII Corps to touch German soil. It also has every right to be proud of its esprit de corps.

Holder of a cluster to the Silver Star and the Bronze Star, Capt. Nicholas Maslikosa, of Chicago, better known to his men in B Co. and to battalion personnel as "Marshal Tito," is the unit's most decorated man. He earned the title and the award for the stellar leadership of B Co. during all the major battles since Normandy. Three officers - Lt. Fred Cottrell, Los Angeles, Calif.; Lt. Thomas R. Eller, Jr., Salinasburg, N.C., and Lt. Delmar T. Nejo, Los Angeles, Calif., have received battle-field commissions during combat.

There are only approximately 65 enlisted men and 20 officers who have eight-five points or more under the scoreboard system, and the men, most of them natives of Alabama, Georgia and North Carolina, are standing pat, mulling over what has gone before and wondering what is coming ahead.

42 Year Old EMs Leave for Discharge

Enlisted men 42 years and over may now be discharged from the service upon application, as per AR 600-10, and War Department Circular 125, dated 25 April 1945.

The system is actually working, as twelve men are leaving the division on 6 June. Division has cut orders on them assigning them to the Reception to eligible a man has to be 42. If he is a Station number each man's home. To 41 years 11 months old, for example, he has to wait a month and then apply.

Red Cross Directors On Hand to Help

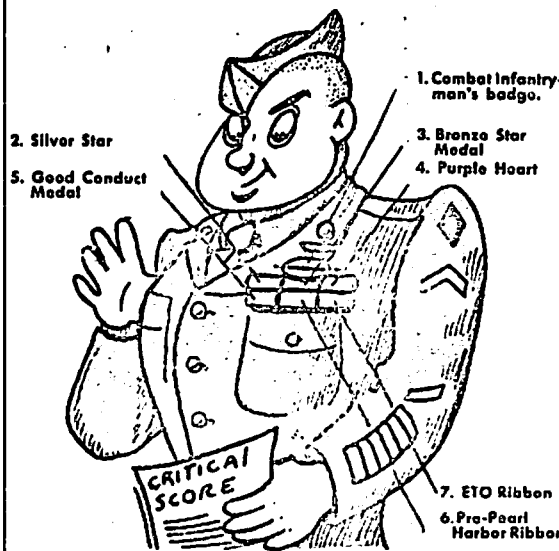
Hundreds of personal inquiries and problems concerning the individual soldier and his relatives back home are handled these days by the three Red Cross Field Directors attached to the 5th Division.

The men cover the division units as follows: Mr. Frederick F. M. Barker - 10th Inf., 10th FA, 21st FA, 49th FA, 705th Ord., 257th Ord., 305th T.D. Bn.; Mr. Bennett O. Howe - 2nd Inf., 737th Tank Bn., 5th Signal Co., 60th FA and Div. Artillery; Mr. Houston Bonda - 11th Inf., 5th QM Co., Div. Hq. and Hq. Co., Div. MP's, 5th Medics, 7th Engineers, Band and all other Special Troops.

Mr. Barker can be reached at the 10th Inf. C.P., while Mr. Howe and Mr. Bonda have offices with the 2nd Inf. and 11th Inf. C.P.'s, respectively, and can be reached there at anytime.

The Red Cross representatives extend a helping hand of service to men in the division who are faced with domestic troubles, necessity of notifying parents or relatives at home by wire or numerous other problems. Men having need of such service are urged to contact their Field Director as soon as possible.

How To Wear Decorations.



Here you see Pfc. Fannus "Red" Diamond, illustrating the correct way to wear fruit salad, as per AR 600-10. First of all, service ribbons may be worn on the service coat or blouse, and on the shirt, but not on the overcoat or civilian clothes. (Par. 73). Service ribbons may be either sewed in place or attached by means of a bar.

Ribbons must be worn on the left breast in order from right to left of the wearer, about 1/2 inch below the middle point of the top of the shoulder. In one or more lines, and above the pocket. There is nothing in regulations on how many ribbons make a row. However, four regular issue-size ribbons comprise a row as do three of the slightly larger sew-on size that PX's carry - when they have them. The top row is centered over the bottom row if

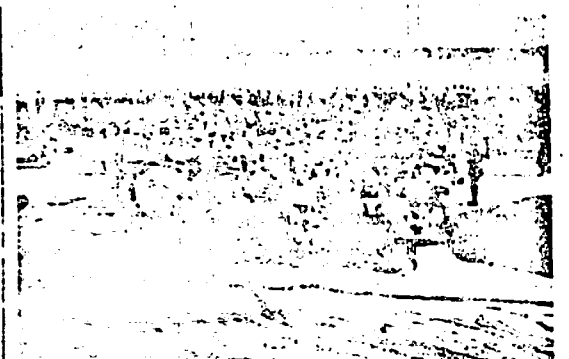


Approximately twenty-five members of the Division Headquarters personnel held a farewell party recently in honor of five departing comrades who left for the states and probable discharge under the point system. A menu of schnaps, beer, German cheese, doughnuts, coffee, cheese crackers, peanuts, and American candy was served to the gathering. Two men were slightly injured in the rush forchow.

The men exchanged addresses during the evening and reminded Old and new songs were murdered to the music of an accordion.

Honored guests were: M/Sgt. Eugene O'Brien, Coopersville, Mich.; T/Sgt. Charles E. Guillard, Flora, Ill.; S/Sgt. Bobb'e Laughlin, Horton, Mich., and Sgt. Graham S. Burgess, Jackson, Mich. A salubrious time was had by all.

Our departed brethren, the 449th AAA AW Bn., are apparently taking life in short recreational spurts, at least that is what our trusted informer keeps telling us. It seems that environs around Dingolfing, the unit's occupational area, is just what a pleasure-seeker ordered with a swimming pool adjoining the Headquarters, a nine-piece dance band on deck each p.m. to entertain the bathers and master bedrooms for each man - including the P-W. And as if that wasn't enough, we are told that chic Russian, Polish and Hungarian girls come in large numbers in the vicinity, supplying the men with a



BAND PLAYS ON

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musical weapons than a jug, saw or git-lar.

In England and Ireland the band got their stiffest workouts with constant parades, concerts and dance functions. When the division hit France, musical activity hit a new low. Twenty bandmen under Mr. Marcus Reik were assigned to guarding prisoners of war, 10 were added to the forward command post M.P. force. If musician guarded the duffel bags of the division when they were stored first at Cherbourg and then at Metz. Thirty remained at the rear relation to play a very little now and then, but chiefly to furnish guards and details.

floating stock to pick from. Although we haven't approached any 449th big-wigs on the matter, we can easily see why the unit would be persuaded to remain here for an indefinite period. Home was never like this, eh?

This happened a few days after the end of the war, as the division was still in Czechoslovakia cooperating with the Russians in putting the squeeze play on the remaining Germans. First Sergeant Harry Winfrey of Company H, 11th Infantry, left his company orderly room to go down to the different platoons with the payroll. As he left the room, he jokingly remarked that "I got through this war without getting really wounded. Now I suppose I'll go out and get shot." (Now wait a minute, don't get ahead of the story.) Sure enough, as he was shooting the breeze with a few veteran machine gunners a driver in a jeep accidentally discharged a carbine and the shot hit Winfrey in the arm and back. He got treatment at the aid station but since he was on the list to go back to the states under the 85-point plan, he said the hell with going to hospital. He didn't go to the hospital, either, but went home instead.

Home Front Told To Tighten Belts

Washington (CNS) - For the home front Germany's unconditional surrender means the curbing of some restrictions, "tightening of others. That's the story Fred M. Vinson, Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion gave the American people shortly after V-E day.

There will be less food and it will be rationed even more strictly until the war is over. Food supplies are expected to be lower and requirements for both the armed forces and liberated countries greater. Good men's suits and overcoats clothing will be more plentiful.

On the other hand, the midnight curfew is off, horse racing has the go-ahead again and there will be more gambling which is to be done for "A" card holders and possibly for "B" card holders.

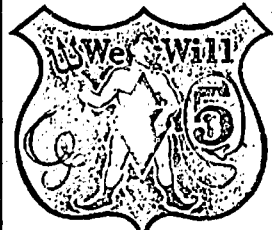
However ribbon from the E.T.O. ribbon. Dark-Led Clusters and campaign stars are clasped right on their respective ribbons. A space of 1/8 of an inch is desired between lines of ribbons. Ribbons for medals awarded by the British, French or Russians go to the left, or after all other American ribbons, in the order of date of receipt. Neon lights bordering the ribbons and phosphorescent lamper to make the ribbons show up in the dark are non-regulation and not considered quite correct.

"We've never been caught short on national anthems" is one of bandleader GWO Lionel J. Griseau's proudest boasts.

The band has come through at the proper time with "God Save the King," "Marseillaise" and the Luxemburg, Russian and Czechoslovakia national anthems. It also has acquired a cosmopolitan repertoire with such pieces as Ireland's "Paddy," Irish tear-jerkers and reminiscent tunes such as "Mountains of Mourne," "Galway Bay," the French "Madelon," the German-organized "Lili Marlene," the Teutonic "Blau Danube Waltz" and the Slavic "Volga Boatman."

Presently, the band is getting a good workout, playing two to three concerts and two parades daily and farming out two orchestra combinations per night. It's reported that most of them are practicing "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

PROPOSED PATCH



Shown above is a reproduction of a proposed new 5th Division shoulder patch, originally drawn and designed by 1st Sgt. Frank Reik of Det. Co. 1, 11th Infantry, and 1st Lt. Sgt. Reik created the novel patch to stand out "a more distinctive and appropriate representation of the division's combat record."

According to Sgt. Reik, the patch depicts the 5th Division doughboys as the Germans knew them - "Hooeyvelt's Red Devils" - and would make the division patch different from the more or less conventional design of Army patches. The patch would also include the division motto, "We Will," which has so characterized the actions of the 5th in World War II, and the long-standing Red Diamond.

Printing facilities would not permit the reproducing of the drawing in its original color. The Diamond and the body of the devil are intended to be a color. DIAMOND DUST invites your written reactions and opinions concerning this proposed patch.

CORRECTION

Last week DIAMOND DUST carried an item showing the foreign exchange value of the different types of currency which the division has used. We made a mistake when the hitherto correct penny fully pointed out to us. (The happyest when discovered a mistake, even if it's a half-penny.) We said a half-penny is 50 cents or one-half of a dollar. A half-penny is worth that, or .50375, about even to an unusual English coin that is worth two and one-half shillings. A crown is worth the shillings which is 1.04875 or slightly over one dollar. The funniest of my kind letter but was confused after a night of poking around with shillings, pence, dimes, marks, and street-car rings.