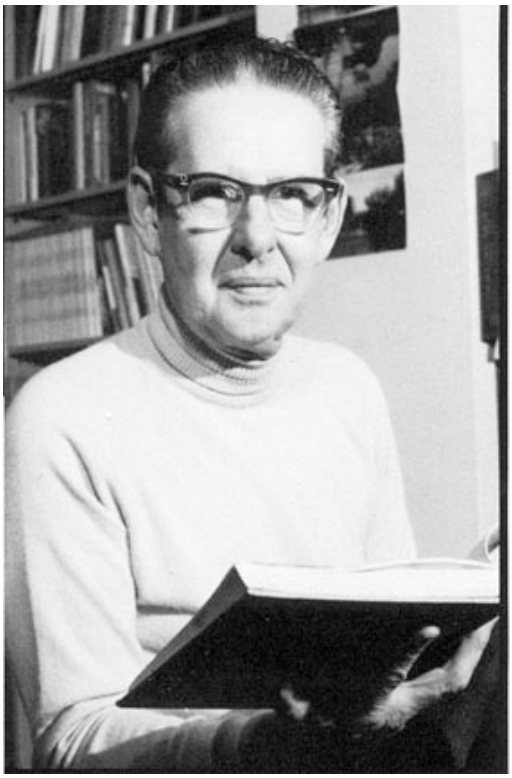
Kennard Rumage

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WWII
(Information shared with and provided by Robert Getz)

Ken served with The Big Red 1 infantry division. He was a sergeant in command of two half-tracks. He earned two Silver Stars, the third highest medal for gallantry! There was some intelligence indicating that the Germans had abandoned the city of Aachen but the info was wrong. Ken and his men were captured and spent the remainder of the war, six or seven months in a prisoner of war camp In Northern Germany. Unfortunately, the camp was "liberated" by Asiatic Russians who could not distinguish Americans from Germans. They herded one hundred plus Americans, along with the Germans, into boxcars headed for Russia. At a stop, Ken and one other Yank, escaped and worked their way back to American lines.

Ken told me [Bob Getz] the incident was the most frightening that he endured in the course of the war.