FOUR OF THE SIX TRAILBLAZERS PRAISED BY LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIMPSON

Trailblazer Photo

THESE FOUR TRAILBLAZERS earned the unusual honor of being named personally by Lieutenant General William H. Simpson, 4th Army commanding general, in his commendations for the 70th division's recent 4th Army tests. They are (l. to r.) S/Sgt. Frank Kannenberg, Hq. Co., 274th Inf.; Cpl. Richard Stahl, I & R Platoon, 274th Inf.; Sgt. Herman Woebke, 70th QM Co.; S/Sgt. James A. Meyer, 570th Signal Co. Others specially mentioned, of whom photos could not be secured, were S/Sgt. Robert W. Drew, Co. L, 275th Inf., and S/Sgt. West, 570th Signal Co.

When Morning Came on Attu

Japs Still Entrenched

When morning came on Attu last May 27, Sgt. Robert W. Green, Co. A, 275th Inf., found that the 3rd platoon hadn't taken the Jap position at the top of the hill. Instead, there wasn't any more 3rd platoon—and the Japs were still up there.

Sgt. Green and the rest of the 2nd platoon moved back up into the 3rd's slit trenches, which they quickly found to be untenable. The Japs were looking down their throats.

The only thing to do was move ahead, with grenades.

Up the steep slope, however, grenades had to be direct hits in the Jap fox-holes; if not, they would roll back down on the men who threw them.

This week Sgt. Green told soldiers of Co. A how the right of the Jap line was silenced, leaving only one or two Nip riflemen on the left, hidden behind rocks.

He and several buddies started to flank the rocks. Three men were killed almost beside him as they crawled up the slope.

He himself was clipped in the leg. "It didn't hurt much then; just like somebody pinched me."

They made it above the rocks, threw their grenades, and that was that.

"It felt good to know that little job was finished, though," the sergeant said.

PRESSING SERVICE EXTENDED

Third pressing shop on the Post is now open at PX 17, with one-day service promised by F. J. Sherman, supervisor of tailoring.

Hours of the new shop are from 11 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. Prices are blouse, 30c; overcoat, 50c; trousers and shirts, 20c each.

Pressing service is also available in PXs 2 and 3.

We Did It Like This on Attu

Trailblazer Photo

". . . AND THEN I came up and let 'er fly at those Japs." Sgt. Robert Green, now with Co. A, 275th Inf., tells a circle of Trailblazer soldiers how he and his buddies grenaded one of the last enemy outposts on Attu into smithereens, last May.

National Paralysis Drive Opens Today

Collectors Placed In PXs, Day Rooms

With the official opening today of the 1944 drive for funds for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, coin collectors ranging from piggy banks to milk bottles, all appropriately tagged with Infantile Paralysis Drive stickers, have been placed in PXs, day rooms, mess halls and headquarters buildings throughout the Post.

The Post-wide drive will continue through January, closing with celebrations of the Presidents Birthday Ball, January 30, in the Service Clubs and Officers' and NCO Clubs and both divisions.

The Field House has been reserved January 28 for a Trailblazer Birthday Ball, according to Lt. Walter R. Bogart, chairman of 70th participation in the drive.

March of Dimes envelopes have been distributed through the 91st Division Special Service Officer, Capt. H. H. Storms, to regiments and companies of the division. Lt. Charles F. Payne of the Post Finance Office is in charge of Post participation in the drive.

Funds realized from the drive will be used to combat infantile paralysis and to further research and treatment of the dreaded disease.

Old Meets New as 91st Div. Holds Portland Reunion

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Lothrop and Evan Ranes who served with the 316st Hospital Train in 1918.

Maj. Raymond O. Thurber, representing the 362nd Inf., was introduced to Gentry Yates and John Green who were able to tell him about the first 362nd.

And so on down the line the old met the new until a snag was encountered. The present 91st men discovered the old division had a 364th Inf., while the veterans were puzzled as to just what were these Special Troops that Lt. Col. P. R. Jeffrey commanded. Explanations were exchanged.

Brigadier General Ralph Hospital, division artillery commander, was introduced to the gathering, but it was an old story when Col. Samuel Hays, Camp Adair commander, and Capt. James D. McKay, Post public relations officer, stood up. Both are veterans of the old 91st Division.

Old experiences were exchanged. General Livesay remembered that as a regimental adjutant of the 1st Division in 1918, he had signed for the property of a sector of the front which included a hogshead of wine. When the 1st Division was relieved by the 91st Division, the hogshead was signed over, but the contents had mysteriously changed to water. The general hoped the veterans would not bear a gridge.

General Livesay told the old 91st men that just as the old division had been the Northwest's own, so he has fostered the same spirit in the new 91st.

"This is, I believe, the first get-together since activation of the two divisions' personnel," the general pointed out. "I look to much closer liaison in the future."

New two-stripers in the 276th include William A. Mayes of Co. B and Arthur R. Stanhope, Paul Kennedy, Joseph L. Birmer and Dick B. McCord of Co. C.

A Dime Goes into the "Piggy Bank"

Signal Corps Photo

MISS BETTY CROUCH, the pride and beauty of Capt. Scott's Post transportation office, drops the first dime into Lt. Charles F. Payne's piggy bank. Lt. Payne is the Post chairman of the infantile paralysis fund drive and hopes to have the clay bank completely filled before the drive is over.

Soldiers' Dreams Come True—

Girls on Bivouac!

On Friday night, January 7th, the 274th Inf. set another precedent—female entertainment on bivouac. Bivouacs are no novelty to the Infantrymen, but girls on bivouac are a soldier's dream come true. Without the aid of supporting panzer and tank divisions three lovely ladies captured the entire 1st Bn. of the 274th Inf. without a casualty.

Sponsored by the 274th Regimental Special Service Officer, Miss Caroline Wall, Miss Eileen Powell and Mrs. Opal Johnson of Corvallis brought all of their charms to bear on an enthusiastic group of soldiers. The ovations the girls received upon their arrival and introduction by M.C. Lt. Chenoweth was tumultuous.

Top Entertainment

Heartened by the reception, the entertainers sang late songs and the good old favorites, occassionally getting the men to join in the group songfest led by Mrs. Johnson. Music was furnished by 274th EM Pfc. Kenneth C. Millar, 2nd Bn. Hq. Co.; Pvt. Fred Powell, 2nd Bn. Hq. Co.; and Pvt. Robert McMullin, Co. B, who played the guitar, bass fiddle, and the field organ respectively.

Necessity being the mother of invention, two large camp fires were built about forty feet apart. Centered and a little to the rear a large truck, equipped with a loud speaker and microphone, served as a stage. Forming a semi-circle around the improvised stage, steel helmeted heads above eager, expectant faces appeared through the blue of the night. The fitful light and wavering shadows cast by the camp fires created the atmosphere of a marshmallow roast in days gone by, as the visiting lasses offered special numbers.

The novel diversion was made possible in cooperation of the Corvallis USO unit.

The question of "how high is up" may never be settled, but femmes on a bivouac will go into the records without dispute—its a treat.