

Trains Recruits for 30 Years, Retires



Trailblazer Photo
HE'S T-SGT. MARTIN SWIRE (left) but he retires this week with the permanent rating of 1st sergeant after 30 years of GI service. Shown in congratulations are Tech J. L. Miller, Tech Noel Riffe and 1st Sgt. Blue Avery, all of Service Co., 274th.

T-Sgt. Martin Swire Retires:

30-Year Man Leaves

After thirty-two years of training recruits for the United States Army, T Sgt. Martin Swire says "the men of the 70th who came into this army through selective service have the makings of good soldiers. They are getting good training and they'll know how to take care of themselves in battle."

The sergeant, who retires with a permanent rating of first sergeant, has served with the infantry for his entire 31 GI years. Ask him what he thinks of the Infantry, he is vehement in declaring that "it's the best branch in the service!"

Rifle Expert

For 17 of those 31 years he was an expert on the rifle, both the Springfield and the M-1. Although he admires the fire power of the Garand, he still likes the '03 best. His firing has never dropped below sharpshooter on either weapon.

When he first entered the Army back in 1911, he was assigned to Jefferson Barracks which was then a recruit training center. He became so adept as an instructor that he was continued in that capacity for all of his military career. He was with the 1st Infantry there at which time First Lieutenant J. A. Ulio was CO. Now it's Major General Ulio, the Adjutant General of the United States Army.

After service in the Philippines, Sgt. Swire was a civilian for two years but soon returned to his first love, the Army. Right back to Jefferson Barracks he went and from there to the Mexican Border in 1916 where he was with the 22nd Infantry during the border incidents.

He was with the Army of Occupation in Coblenz for three years after World War I and has also overseas service in Hawaii to his credit.

He has since served in every sec-

tion of the United States and came to the 70th from Camp Roberts in September last year.

He left Wednesday for his home in Chicago where he has five brothers and four sisters. He isn't married. "Always said I'd never get married while I was in the Army," he explains, "but now I don't know what I'd do if I met some rich widow or something."

Return to West

After a month of "just loafing" in the Windy city he wants to come back out to the West again. After that? "Well, doing nothing much till I get tired of lying around."

In a special order from 274th Regimental Hq. in whose Service Company the sergeant has served, Col. C. S. Pettie, commanding officer, said: "T/Sgt. Swire has trained and left his mark on an untold number of recruits and has faithfully devoted the most productive years of his life to the service of his Country."

BOMBED JAP SHIP'S LOG BLOWN INTO U. S. PLANE

New Guinea (CNS)—The pilot of an Army A-20 attack plane dropped his load of eggs on a Japanese ship, blowing it up. When he returned to his base he discovered that the blast had blown the ship's log, papers and cargo listing and the names of the convoy personnel into the air intake of his plane's cooling system.

Visiting hours at Station Hospital are 1400-1600 and 1900-2100.

Was with Carreceto Destroyers

When Sgt. John Shoun tells his men of the 274th AT Co. how to eliminate Nazi tanks, he is not preaching theory . . . he is speaking from personal experience. For he participated in one of the most vicious armored duels in modern history, at Carreceto in the Fifth Army's beachhead sector south of Rome.

At that time he was platoon commander of a tank destroyer outfit. The destroyers had helped British troops beat back a fierce German counter attack in that bitter Italian campaign and then was itself surrounded by a ring of Mark IV and Tiger tanks that the Nazis were using in desperate efforts to halt the Allied advance. But, let's let Sgt. Shoun tell about it:

"We finally cracked that tank

ring around us and then we circled wide through the enemy's rear. We came crashing over a field peppered with Nazis in fox holes.

Jerries Mowed Under

"Some were mowed down under our armor; others fell to our 50-cal. machineguns. Some of the Jerries were so scared they tumbled down right in front of us and we kept on plowing through."

During the all-night battle in which Sgt. Shoun's and other platoons participated it was estimated

Hq. Co. Wins Semi-Finals

275th GI Who 'Experienced' Nazism

Says Germans to Revolt

This is a story about Pfc. Wm. Rothmeier, former ASTP student at Oregon State College, now of K Co., 275th Regiment, who spent sometime in Germany in 1930-31 and 1935-36.

The first time he went to Baden for his health. This was the first experience he had with Nazi Germany.

His grandfather was a factory foreman in one of Germany's biggest glass plants and had known Shickelgruber personally through his political affiliations at the beginning of the paperhanger's career.

When Adolph started his wave of terror and persecutions, Rothmeier's grandad gave up his membership as did all of the older folks. They didn't want to be in this group which eventually engulfed the world in the present conflict of liberation.

Rothmeier relates how the youth of Germany were brought into the Nazi fold. At the beginning they weren't forced to join the movement but it was made mighty attractive for those who did. Hitler released them from school each Wednesday. This delighted the

boys and before any one knew it, the young men of Germany were becoming nazified in the Hitler style. But all good things come to an end and in this case Adolph had them all learning more about the Fatherland on Wednesdays. To resign from the clan meant one became a marked person. This eventually meant death in a very unusual manner — one just disappeared.

The youth of Germany were taught various trades and enjoyed plenty of sports to build strong bodies. These are the men who today are fighting a losing battle on all fronts.

These kids were divided into three groups. They started with the 10-14 year, then 14-18, and last, 18-21 years of age.

The first group was being educated on the past performances of the German war machines, they trained with a .22 caliber rifle.

The second group were put into Airplane Glider groups. They fired a regular Army rifle comparable to our Springfield.

The last group was the advanced group. They were being trained to take part in the conquering of all of Europe. These are the Nazis who are today buried somewhere in Russia.

Rothmeier was 17 years old the last time he visited Germany and from what he saw then he has drawn the following conclusions:

Once the army starts cracking he thinks that the people will overthrow Hitler and his gang of racketeers. Until that time arrives the people won't rise to combat the Nazis, for death stares them in the face from within—from the Black Shirts, Gestapo, Elite Guards, and all the other small organizations which still cling to the hopes of a victorious Germany army.

Cigarette, Cigar Shortages to Continue

The shortage of popular brands of cigarettes and cigars in Corvallis will continue until the European war is ended, trade sources said yesterday.

Named as factors in the continuing shortage were, in the order of their importance:

The expanding quantity of tax-free cigarettes sent overseas to increase military stockpiles. Brands popular here also lead in overseas demand.

The tight inventories of leaf tobacco stored in warehouses. These were described by the trade as "pretty thin" and the industry said it was unwilling to lower the amount of this aged tobacco which must go in cigarettes.

The increasing serious shortage of cases and containers. Industry sources explained the war production board has limited the use of such cartons to about 80 per cent of 1942 requirements, despite the increase in demand.

5,000TH LIBERATOR

Detroit, Mich. (ALNS) — The 5,000th Liberator bomber to be manufactured at the Ford Motor Company's plant at Willow Run is announced. Up until now, 3,000 have been flown away from the Willow Run plant, and 2,000 have been shipped in knockdown form for assembly at other places.

274th Softball Ten Nips Recon

Selix Has Situation In Hand as Teammates Hit, Ending It at 8-0

The hard-hitting softball team of Reg. Hq. Company 274th Infantry again displayed their championship form in defeating the fast-moving, undefeated 70th Recon Troop 8-0 in the 70th Division Softball semi-finals.

Selix, the star hurler of the 274th Inf., was in complete control of the game at all times and allowed the Recons only six well-spaced hits. He also collected two hits to aid his own cause.

Fielding honors of the day went to Mayer and "Beach-head" Williford of the 274th Inf., Mayer the short-fielder captured several hard hit balls.

Williford the catcher nipped the Recons chance to score in the first inning with a snap throw to second, which found Valendy, the second baseman, waiting to tag out Cassidy, who tried to steal.

Valendy, Mayer, Sisson, Dreher and Williford proved that they are dangerous men with the stick in any man's ball game, by pounding out ten of the team's fourteen hits.

Line-up					
274th Inf.	H	R	Recons	H	R
Mayer, ss	2	1	Lebrt, 2b	1	0
Dreher, 3b	2	1	Cassidy, cf	1	0
Bianchi, 1b	0	0	Craver, lf	1	0
Sisson, ss	3	2	Little, 1b	1	0
Williford, c	1	1	Gale, ss	1	0
Valendy, 2b	1	1	Reed, 3b	1	0
Ferrara, cf	2	0	Freeman, p	0	0
Bland, lf	1	0	Nadler, rf	0	0
Engbert, rf	0	0	Harrison, c	0	0
Selix, p	2	1	Mahoney, ss	0	0
*Drake, rf	1	0			
TOTALS	14	8		6	0

*For Engbert in the 4th.

Box Score			
274th	Recon		
H—303 303 2—14	H—311 100 0—6		
R—203 200 1—8	R—000 000 0—0		

MO window at Post Office now closed 1300-1400.

Champ 882nd Softballers Explode on Gyrenes; Play at Corvallis Sunday

The powerful 882nd FA Bn. softball team again exploded their big guns, at the expense of the Marine Raiders 15-2 Monday in Corvallis ball park Monday, 15-2. The gunners thus far remain undefeated in league competition, having won 11 straight games against the best the local area has to offer. Monday's game was a veritable rout as the artillery men pounded the ball to all corners of the lot. Kessner's pitching had the Gyrenes in a hole at all times during the game. All the gunners fattened their batting averages with Kessner's home run in-

side of the park holding the spotlight. Francu's three hits aided.

In an exhibition game Sunday the Gunners defeated the strong Portland All-Stars colored team, 9-2. The Portlanders had formerly been undefeated but the powerful Reds' bats plus the always excellent pitching of T-3 Osgood was not to be denied.

Meet Grimshaw Sunday

A game with the undefeated Grimshaws of Portland is scheduled for the coming Sunday afternoon at the Corvallis field.

882nd Softball Champs Meet Grimshaw Sunday



YOU'RE LOOKING AT the champion 882nd FA Bn. softballers who swamped the Marine Raiders 15-2 Monday in Corvallis and on Sunday will meet the undefeated Grimshaw team of Portland. Left to right are, rear row, Lt. Gamradt, Robert Weaver, John Borowski, Henry Kessner, Howard Osgood, Aaron Winer, Nellie Francu; front row, Eddie Shapiro, Cal Weinstein, Ray Mahue, Polzin, Davis, Henry, Field manager Sgt. Max Roos and mascot Junior Osgood.