

"Wild West" Division High In Esteem of Gen. Pershing

General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, considered the 91st Infantry Division, to be reactivated August 15, one of the finest fighting forces under his command.

The high regard General Pershing had for the first "Wild West" fighting division is evidenced in a general order issued in France on December 19, 1918, and appearing over his signature. A true copy of the commendation, General Order 232, recently was sent to Pvt. Ben F. Donahue, Service Battery, 361st Infantry, by his father, F. B. Donahue, of Detroit, Mich., who was a first sergeant in the old 91st when its battlecry of "Powder River, Let 'Er Buck!" carried the Westerners to glorious achievement at Argonne and Ypres.

Private Donahue is one of several hundred members of a training cadre, which has been at Camp White since early July to prepare for the reception and training of thousands of selectees who will form the new 91st Division.

General Pershing's tribute to the soldiers of the 91st Division follows:

France, Dec. 19, 1918

Gen. Order No. 232

Soldiers of the 91st Division, you will long be remembered for the stubborn persistence of your progress, your storming of obstinately defended machine gun nests, your penetration yard by yard of woods and ravines, your heroic resistance in the face of counter-attacks supported by powerful artillery fire.

For more than a month from the initial attack, September 26, you fought your way slowly through the Argonne, through the hills and woods west of the Meuse to the east; and then on the 1st of November, your attack forced the enemy into flight. Pressing his retreat, you cleaned the entire left bank south of Sedan, and then stormed the heights on the right bank and drove him into the plains beyond.

Your achievement must remain a source of proud satisfaction to the troops who participated in the last campaign of the war.

There can be no greater reward for a soldier or a soldier's memory than to know that he belonged to an organization that achieved all this.

(Signed) JOHN J. PERSHING, General, Commander in Chief, American Expeditionary Forces.



MEDAL OF HONOR AWARDED MEN OF FIRST 91ST DIV.

Major Oscar F. Miller, 361st Infantry, near Gesnes, September 28, 1918, continued to lead battalion after shot in right leg, then shot in right arm; continued to advance with battalion until shot in abdomen. Urged the battalion to advance and leave him, although wound in abdomen proved to be fatal.

Sergeant Phillip G. Katz, Co. "C", 363rd Infantry: Crossed two hundred yards in face of heavy machine gun fire to rescue wounded comrade, near Eclisfontaine, September 26, 1918.

Sergeant Lloyd M. Seibert, Co. "F", 364th Infantry: Near Eplonville, on September 26, 1918, he led his platoon, although sick, and with two men captured an enemy machine gun. Was wounded, but continued in action until platoon withdrew. Assisted in carrying in wounded until he fainted from exhaustion.

Sergeant Chester H. West, Co. "D", 363rd Infantry: In the Bois de Cheppy, on September 26, 1918, killed two machine gunners and captured an enemy machine gun single-handed when it held up the advance of his platoon.

FINE RECORD IN COMBAT ETCHED BY MEN OF 91ST

Few Advanced Further in Action—Was Eighth in Prisoners Captured.

Although the 91st Division had a shorter time in action than many other divisions, the history shows that the results were greater than those achieved by many divisions which had more opportunities than the 91st. Only 10 out of 27 combat divisions advanced in action farther than the 34 kilometers credited to the 91st.

The 91st stood eighth in number of prisoners captured; 11th in number of artillery pieces captured; and sixth in machine guns captured.

Replacements sent to the Division gave the 91st 11th place.

but in casualties the Division was in 17th place. Thus the casualties were far lower than might have been expected in comparison with other divisions and with the results obtained. The 91st had the largest proportion of battle dead to wounded men.

FORCED RESPIRATION SAVES LIFE OF FISH

La Jolla, Cal. (U.P.)—Two hours of constant artificial respiration saved the life here of a rare fish brought from the Galapagos Islands, known as a fathead, Pimelometopon Darwini.

The fish collapsed upon its arrival at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in a gunny sack.

The fathead was nearly dead when C. W. Palmer, aquarium attendant, began artificial respiration by incessantly squeezing the gills and causing water to pass over them as he held the fish erect until he finally induced natural breathing.

It is the only known fish that actually sleeps for a nap each day.

Seventy-five per cent of Germany's war industry is located in the Ruhr region.

14 TOMATOES ON STEM

La Grange, Ga. (U.P.)—Any way you slice them, 14 tomatoes on one stem is some tomato growing. H. C. Roberts of the Oak Grove community, came to town carefully carrying a stem on

which the 14 hung. They weighed about one quarter of a pound each and appeared healthy specimens.

El Salvador ranks fourth in world production of coffee.

WAR WORKER WON'T SHAVE

Bremerton, Wash. (U.P.)—When a certain destroyer for the U. S. navy is launched at the Puget sound navy yard—then, and not before, Shipfitter-helper Willis B. Chadwick will shave, even

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MIDWEST BUILDS SHIPS OF WOOD FOR NAVY DUTY

Cleveland (U.P.)—Uncle Sam has gone back to wooden ships to help win the war.

Sliding off the ways here at a rate of one every two weeks comes a welcome addition to the unsung heroes of the fighting fleet—the minesweepers.

The navy is getting 18 wooden minesweepers for salt water service right from this mid-western metropolis. The keels and hulls are hewed out of sturdy oak timber grown within a radius of 60 miles of Cleveland.

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The first two of the new minesweepers already are in commission and six more are on the ways nearing completion.

Do the Dirty Work

They're going into a service replete with unpublicized tradition. The aircraft carriers, the big battle-wagons the sleek cruisers, the swift destroyers and the deadly submarines get the headlines. The minesweepers get the dirty work.

England knows how valuable they are. It was the minesweeper fleet—a battered, ancient, collection of tugboats and fishing boats—that kept open the sea lanes around the British ports to the planes and munitions from the "arsenal of democracy."

England knows how gallant they are. It was the minesweeper fleet—motely and leaky—that helped create the miracle of the Dunkirk evacuation. They've fought everything from skukas to pocket battleships, and usually their armament totaled nothing more than a small-caliber deck cannon or a machine gun.

INSTALL RADIO IN BUGGY

Littleton, N. H. (U.P.)—Keeping step with the times, Corliss Fitch and Arnold Fournier have swapped their automobile and mounted a radio on the buggy dashboard.

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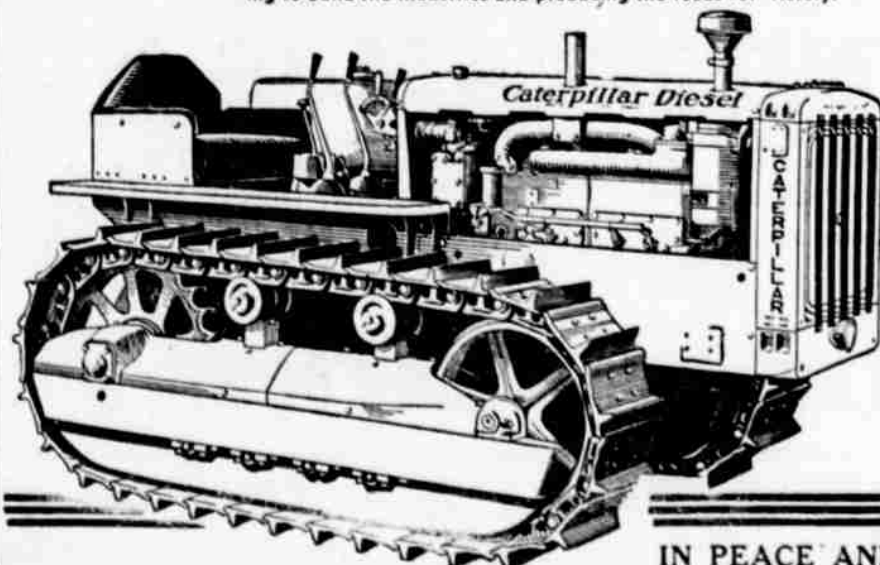
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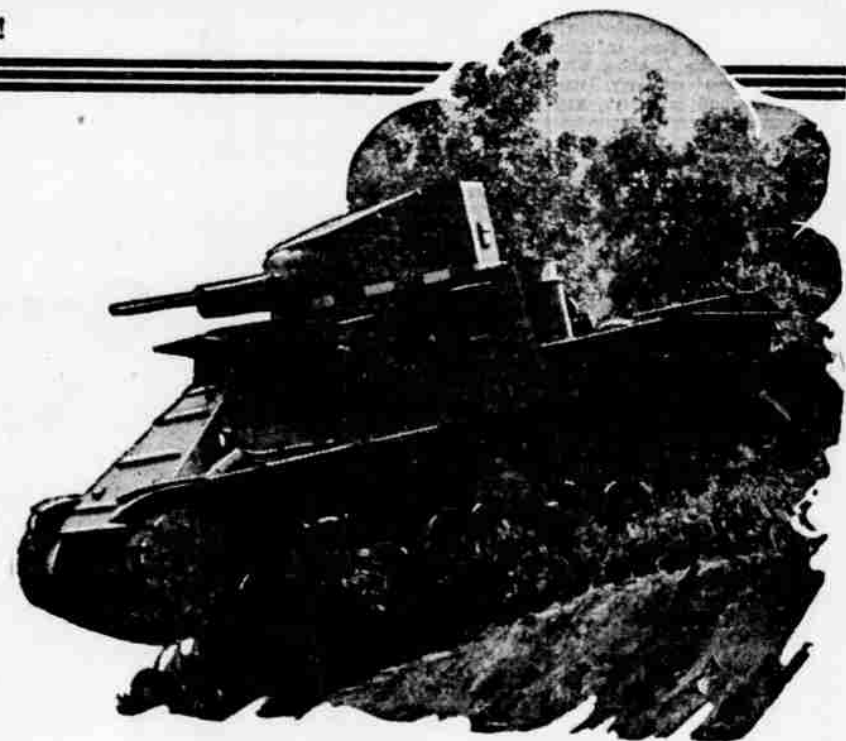
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Greetings—91st Division

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