

EX-FIRE GUARD IN FOREST SERVICE HEROIC AT ANZIO

Former Local Youth Braves Death to Put Out Flaming Ammunition Dump.

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Pfc. Howard P. Straw, 727 Alder street, Medford, Oregon, recently braved death on the Allied Fifth Army's Anzio beachhead to extinguish a flaming ammunition depot.

Advancing through a screen of white-hot shrapnel and exploding shells to within a few feet of the blazing ammunition, Straw battled the fire. The

flames made an excellent beachhead target and the Germans shelled the area around him. Disregarding the enemy shell-fire, he smothered the first fire and then advanced with a few other soldiers to two other ammunition fires, extinguishing them also under heavy German artillery fire.

Since landing on the beachhead and setting up initial ammunition depots within range of German guns, Straw has heroically fought numerous fires caused by enemy bombers and long-range shelling.

Company Cited

Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark, Fifth Army commander, recently awarded Straw's ordnance company the Fifth Army plaque and paid high tribute to the unit for efficiently handling three times its normal ammunition supply since landing at Anzio. This was accomplished successfully despite nightly enemy strafing and bombing attacks.

This company holds the record for handling more ammunition than any other Fifth Army unit in the Italian campaign.

Straw is a veteran ordnance soldier. Overseas since 1942, he has spearheaded three Mediterranean invasions, landing on D-day at Africa, Salerno and Anzio. In each case he assisted in setting up forward ammunition depots for assault troops.

Pfc. Straw left Medford in 1941 after having been employed by the Rogue River Forest Service as a fire guard for two years. Prior to that he had been a member of a CCC crew, and a crew leader in the Applegate. He made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Ted St. Iwig, who resided at 727 Alder street before moving to Vallejo, Calif. His mother resides in New Bloomfield, Mo.

Pony express riders covered about 250 miles a day as compared to the 120 miles covered by a stagecoach in an average day.

FRENCH REJOICE ON ARRIVAL OF ALLIED FORCES

Populace of Bayeux in Wild Demonstration; German Prisoners Stream Back.

By Richard D. McMillan
United Press War Correspondent

Bayeux, Allied Front Line, Normandy, June 7—(U.P.)—I toured the Allied front in Normandy all day today and entered this historic town of Bayeux with the first Allied troops who occupied it at midday.

It was a scene of rejoicing as the populace went wild and dashed through the narrow streets throwing flowers and crying, "God save the king. We've waited for this day. On to Paris!"

Cheer in Street

The streets were blocked with cheering men, women and children. The Tri-Color and Union Jacks hung from the windows. Cafes threw open their doors and pianists began to play British and French patriotic tunes as the crowds danced, shouting "Vive Tommy. Vive Amerique."

It was a scene of mingled war and peace through which I passed as I drove a jeep into the interior along part of the front line and then back again to the Allied coastal area. After a dusty, dreary morning the sun burst through and the skies cleared.

Havoc was wrought by allied naval and air bombardment, which had wrecked some roads and many hamlets which the Germans had used as headquarters.

Some villages were entirely deserted; in others some civilians remained and rushed out with clucking hens, screaming for joy. One village woman, Madame Andre Nicholas told me:

Germans Wicked

"Oh! the Germans were wicked. They took everything we had. Recently Rommel came to this village on a visit of German coast defenses. The Nazis turned out in force. Rommel told them 'these positions are impregnable.' We knew he was lying because most German troops told us frankly 'the British and Americans are now too strong for us. But we'll fight on nevertheless until the last man.'"

Along the country lanes subdued looking German prisoners streamed toward prison cages near the beaches. Allied artillery was posted amidst Flanders poppies in the field pounded by the enemy beyond Bayeux.

British and German dead lay in the sunlight on the road shoulders. In the fields peasants tended their sheep and cattle as if this day were no different than any other. Allied war machines rolled past along the dusty highways, but the only sign the stolid peasants gave was a wave of the hand.

It was townspeople like those of Bayeux who really showed appreciation repeating again and again "C'est le jour de la liberation."

Daily Weather Report

Forecast: Medford and vicinity: Partly cloudy with scattered showers in higher mountains tonight and Saturday. Little change in temperature.

Oregon: Partly cloudy with scattered showers and thunder storms in Cascades and westward. Fair west of Cascades tonight and Saturday. Not much change in temperature.

Local Data: Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 81; lowest, 52. Total monthly precipitation, 43 inch. Excess for the month, 19 inch. Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 14.68 inches. Deficiency for the season, 1.16 inches.

Relative humidity: 4:40 p. m. yesterday, 45%; 4:30 a. m. today, 68%.

Tomorrow: Sunrise 5:35 a. m., sunset 8:45 p. m. Part 24 hours: High 44, Low 47.

Place	High	Low	Prec.
Boston	73	57	0.6
Chicago	68	57	0.6
Denver	65	50	0
Eureka	65	50	0
Havre	47	—	—
Los Angeles	65	58	0.2
Medford	63	56	0
New York	74	55	0
Omaha	64	58	0.8
Phoenix	101	82	—
Portland	69	50	—
Seattle	59	59	—
Roseburg	68	43	—
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tion." (This is the day of liberation.)

On To Paris

Everyone wanted to know "when will we get to Paris?" Some women explained they were refugees from the capital. Some said "we are separated from our families and children and have been longing for the day when you would arrive so we could be reunited with our loved ones."

In Bayeux, all were anxious for news of the invasion. "Will you please go to Monsieur Le Maire and explain that

we must have our radio sets returned?" A man wearing overalls asked me when he found I spoke French. "They confiscated all our wireless sets in the past few days because they feared we would listen in and carry out the sabotage orders given."

CLOSED FOR DURATION

Helena, Ark.—(U.P.)—For 23 years the Watkins Market had weathered every situation—both good and bad. But the market has closed its doors for the duration. The entire store force has

Friday, June 9, 1944

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been drafted into military service.

BABY'S "FLU" A KEY
Anadarko, Okla. (U.P.)—Doctors treated 15-month-old Kenneth Ray Pool, whose parents live near here, for intestinal influenza for five months before they finally discovered what really ailed the baby. He had swallowed a skeleton key.



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