

Our Men and Women in the Nation's Service

4,171 OLDTIMERS STILL CONNECTED WITH FAMED 41ST

Headquarters, 41st Division, the Philippines—As the famed 41st Infantry Division commences its 38th month in Pacific combat zones, it is noted how surprisingly large a percentage of the personnel has served with the outfit since it left the U. S. mainland.

Currently, 4,171 old-timers are still in the 41st ranks, still going strong after their years on battlefronts. Few divisions with a combat record even remotely comparable to the 41st's can boast

of such a nucleus of veterans still slugging it out with the enemy. The 41st was the first infantry unit to reach the Southwest Pacific, the first division assigned to General MacArthur when he charted his "way back" from Australia.

The "Jungleers" of the 41st division have won a total of 7,512 Purple Hearts in action against the enemy.

During the course of their years in front-line foxholes, the veterans of the 41st have earned 1771 individual decorations for bravery on the field of battle.

PVT. NELL VON DER HELLEN
Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.—Pvt. Nell E. von der Hellen of Route 3, Medford, Ore., is taking basic military training at the Third WAC Training Center here as a member of one of the newly organized WAC medical companies.

On completion of training she

will be assigned to the enlisted women's technician school to be trained as a medical technician or a medical clerk.

Pvt. von der Hellen is the wife of Carl von der Hellen of Medford.

Prior to enlistment in the Women's Army Corps, she was employed as a typist. Her son, Capt. Robert von der Hellen, is in the army.

T/S WALTER DYE
Mitchel Field, N. Y.—T/S Walter L. Dye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Dye, of Medford, Ore., who was a medic with the 3rd army, has arrived back at Mitchel Field aboard a four-motored hospital ship after serving for more than a year in the European theater of operations.

Dye docked in England on Easter Sunday of 1944 and after three months went into France, Luxembourg and Germany. It was on his way to the battle of the Rhine that he was wounded and lost a part of his right leg.

PVT. GEORGE DUNPHY
With the 32nd Infantry Division in Pangasinan Province, Luzon, P. I.—Pvt. George T. Dunphy, Rt. 1, Medford, Oregon, is starting his 20th month overseas. Dunphy is a command-reconnaissance car driver in headquarters division artillery of the "Red Arrow" division.

Pvt. Dunphy is entitled to wear the Asiatic Pacific ribbon with one battle star and the Philippine Liberation ribbon, also with one battle star. He participated in the Aitape, New Guinea operation for which the 32nd division received a commendation from Gen. MacArthur for its outstanding performance against the enemy.

LT. CARROLL CLEMENT
Lt. Carroll Clement is now attending the fighter transition school at the 4th operational training unit of the air transport command's ferrying division at Greenwood, Mississippi.

The lieutenant recently returned from the CBI theater where he completed 69 round trips over the treacherous Himalayan "hump." He was awarded the distinguished flying cross and the air medal. His two brothers, R. D. and T. N. Clement, are in the navy stationed

in the Pacific. Their home is in Gold Hill, Oregon.

WENDELL VAUGHN
Fort Pierce, Fla.—Wendall M. Vaughn, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vaughn, Trail, Oregon, has been awarded the presidential unit citation, according to word from the U. S. naval amphibious training base where young Vaughn is now stationed.

The award was made to the naval combat demolition unit, of which Vaughn was a member for its outstanding performance during the invasion of "Omaha Beach" in Normandy on D-day, June 6, 1944.

Vaughn, now a second class boatswain's mate, earlier received the navy and marine corps life-saving medal.

His brother, Donald R. Vaughn, is serving in the army.

PFC. NORMAN McMAHAN
Iwo Jima—Marine Pfc. Norman McMahan, 22, Medford, Oregon, recently defied Jap rifle and machine gun fire to save the life of a wounded comrade.

Four members of a 4th marine division reconnaissance company who had entered a nest of Jap resistance, found themselves under heavy crossfire. One of them was struck down by an enemy machine gun.

"We weren't going to leave him there," said McMahan, "so we crawled back, dodging bullets. We fixed our buddy up as best we could with sulpha and bandages and got him back, somehow, to an aid station."

The leatherneck, a veteran of Roi-Namur, Saipan and Tinian, is the son of Mrs. Serena McMahan, 907 South Central, Medford.

PFC. RALPH MATLACK
With Sixth Infantry Division On Luzon—Pfc. Ralph J. Matlack, son of Mrs. Luella J. Matlack, of Medford, Oregon, has been awarded the bronze star medal for "meritorious achievement in connection with military operations against the Japanese on Luzon, P. I., from January 9 to February 7."

Matlack is a member of a battalion headquarters company of an infantry regiment that has been in continuous combat along with other 6th division units longer than any other division fighting in the Philippines.

Before coming to the Philippines, he was stationed in New Guinea, participating in the Sapsar and Maffin Bay campaigns.

SGT. EUGENE BIRK
With the 25th Infantry Division On Luzon Island in the Philippines—The 25th Infantry (Tropic Lightning) division announces the award of the order of the purple heart to Staff Sgt. Eugene R. Birk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Birk, Phoenix, Oregon, for wounds received in action against the Japanese on Luzon Island in the Philippines.

An infantryman with the 25th division, Staff Sgt. Birk is now in action in the Caraballo mountains where the veteran 25th division troops are battling their way toward Balete Pass.

PVT. JOHN HUBLER
With the 129th Infantry Regiment On Luzon Island—Award of the purple heart medal has been made to Pvt. John L. Hubler, 28, Medford, Oregon, for wounds sustained in action against the Japanese in the Philippine campaign.

Serving as a rifleman in the 129th Infantry regiment, Hubler was wounded in the right shoulder by rifle fire during an attack at Fort Stotenburg.

Hubler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hubler, live at 859 East 9th street, and his wife, Dorothy, resides on Route 1. Overseas 23 months, serving also in the New Hebrides and the Solomons, he landed with his regiment at Lingayan Gulf on "D" day, helping to make the initial beachhead.

SGT. JOHN ANDERSON
With the Fifteenth Air Force Service Command in Italy—1st Sgt. John C. Anderson, son of Mrs. Nellie S. Allen, Tampico, Ill., is now a member of an air service squadron of the 15th air force service command which keeps the big bombers of the 15th air force in the air.

Sgt. Anderson was formerly a member of the 382d infantry unit being reassigned to the air force in October, 1944. Anderson has been awarded the good conduct medal for exemplary behavior, efficiency and fidelity. He also wears the American defense service ribbon and the Europe-African Middle-Eastern theater ribbon with one bronze battle star. His wife and three sons reside at 26 Tripp street, Medford, Oregon.

PVT. COLIN GOULD
Pvt. Colin J. Gould, son of Mrs. O. J. Gould, 1318 W. Main, Medford, has arrived in the United States on furlough from the Pacific theater of operations where he served 36 months with the infantry.

Two New Members For Torch Club
The Y.M.C.A. Torch Club has added to its membership two new names: Carol Lantz and Don Harper. The club attended a performance of "A Song to Remember," with Director Ben Schmidt last week and this week is planning a wiener roast at Bybee's Bridge.

V-E DAY AGAIN
San Diego, May 8.—(U.P.)—One downtown San Diego clothing establishment catering to a V-E day news-hungry public yesterday pasted this notice in their show window:
"It's V-E Day—again, again, and ?"

Sams Valley Plans Cemetery Cleanup

Sams Valley, May 8 — Sams Valley Grange is sponsoring a cleanup day for the Pankey cemetery. All interested are asked to take part in the work on Wednesday, May 16. Work will go

on all day and those who participate are asked to bring a basket lunch. Those living outside the community who have interests here are especially invited.

SAILOR KILLED
Denver, May 8. — (U.P.) — A sailor en route to a naval convalescent hospital was killed yesterday when a three-ton boulder slid down a mountainside and crashed into a westbound Rio Grande passenger train. Navy Fireman Larry C. White, 31, of Tontitown, Ark., was instantly killed and six other persons were injured by flying glass.



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