

Famed 91st Division Played Major Part In Winning War

The 361st Infantry regiment, 91st Division, activated at Camp White, Aug. 15, 1943, and later trained at Camp Adair, was inactivated at Camp Rucker, Ala., Nov. 13, 1945, after a colorful but stormy campaign through Italy. Headed by Col. R. W. Broadlow, whose family resided here throughout the war, the regiment ended one of the most fruitful careers of any regiment participating in World War II. Two presidential citations were won by two of its battalions, the second and third, one more than was won by other regiments of its division. Members of the 361st also shared largely in the 14,027 awards made to division personnel for exploits during the late war.

Members of the 361st won 1,590 combat decorations and more than 3,127 combat infantryman and medic badges. The regiment received many commendations from General Mark W. Clark, then commander of the Fifth army and the 15th army.

CAPTAIN MINEAR ARRIVES HERE ON TERMINAL LEAVE

Livesay Pays Tribute
First of the regimental troops left Camp Rucker early in November and at an impressive ceremony General William G. Livesay, then commanding general of the division, paid a glowing tribute to the gallantry and devotion of his men. Following the address, the National Regimental Battalion Colors were massed and dipped in honor of the departing commanding general, after which they were prepared for shipment to Washington, D. C., where they will remain permanently as a silent tribute to the heroic and masterful display of courage on the part of the regiment during the North Italy campaign.

Capt. Robert C. Minear recently returned home on four months' terminal leave after four and one-half years of active service with the army engineer corps, 34 months of which were spent in the southwest Pacific. The captain was among the first troops to arrive in that area. Capt. Minear served with the 391st Engineer's Supply Depot company throughout Australia and New Guinea, later being transferred to the 477th Engineer's Maintenance company where he saw service in both British and Dutch New Guinea and Islands in that area. He last participated in the Leyte campaign. The captain returned to the United States in January of 1945 and was assigned to the Transportation Development Branch of the Engineer Board at Ft. Belvoir, Va.

The 361st shipped overseas in April, 1944, and took invasion training in North Africa. In June it was temporarily detached from the 91st "Powder River" division, of which it is a part, and sent into the line north of Velletri, Italy. On June 3, 1944, the 361st Infantry Regimental Combat Team went into action to push the last remnants of Germans from the ruptured Gustav line.

Accompanying the captain here were his wife and young son, Philip, who had been making their home in Alexandria, Va. Capt. Minear plans to make his home here and, together with his brother, Donald Minear, will manage and operate the Minear orchard and dairy. Capt. Minear, son of Mrs. Jessie M. Minear, Route 1, is a graduate of Medford high school and Oregon State college.

From Velletri, the combat team pursued the rapidly retreating foe to Rome and beyond to the north, giving them no time to rest or make a stand. In the wake of the swiftly withdrawing Germans was strewn all types of equipment as the men of the 361st chased them through Civitavecchia, Tarquinia, Montalto and Orbetello. Twelve nights later, more than 100 miles north of the line of departure, over 600 soldiers of the third battalion crossed the Ombrone river over an old power plant dam to surprise the enemy and wipe them out.

Charles H. Thompson, Jr., and small son, Wayne, are expected here today from San Francisco to spend the holidays. Mr. Thompson, petty officer second class in the navy, will arrive later.

TEST MENTALITY OF ROSE CARLAN

First at Arno River
After a brief rest, the regiment, again joining 91st division control, opened an attack on the enemy on July 15 and succeeded in pushing them to the Arno river. After four days of bitter fighting the regiment spearheaded the whole Fifth army to be the first unit on the Italian front to reach the Arno river, water barrier south of the Gothic line.

Chelsea, Mass., Dec. 18—(U.P.) Mrs. Rose Carlan, 23-year-old mother who hid her dead infant's body and then told police he had been kidnapped, underwent more mental tests today at a psychopathic hospital.

The 361st took the center assignment in the Gothic and with the 91st broke the vaunted line at its toughest points, Futa Pass and Monticelli. Its hardest battle, however, was the epic fight for Livergnano, a small town south of Bologna, whose strategic position atop a sheer 1,800 foot hill Marshal Kesselring had ordered held at all costs. The Third battalion was awarded the Presidential Citation for its capture.

She was taken to the hospital after she pleaded innocent to a charge of murdering six-month-old Ronald Carlan. Her kidnap hoax had aroused the sympathy of millions of persons and resulted in a 16-day search in nine states for the "kidnapers." The baby's body was found stuffed under the bottom drawer of a China closet by police last Friday.

A monument stands today at Livergnano as a perpetual tribute and honor to members of the regiment who gave their lives in the attack. It was erected by funds voluntarily contributed by the survivors.

Carlan, home from his Oakland, Calif., naval base to help in the search, still was being treated for shock at the home of his parents, two floors above the Carlans' own tenement apartment.

Po Drive On
The 361st racked up another victory when, in a three-day assault, it fell Mount Adono, a 2,200 foot gun-studded bastion which controlled three divisional sectors and had halted the Fifth army's drive south of Bologna. When it fell, the Po river drive was on, and the 91st lunged into the valley in the race to northern Italy and the final destruction of all German forces in Italy.

Police said Mrs. Carlan would undergo mental observation for 10 days and then be given a hearing Dec. 24.

The regiment has spent 208 days in line and covered approximately 550 fighting miles, taking 7,558 prisoners. Thirty-three officers had been killed, 103 wounded, two missing in action and three confirmed captured. Five hundred fifty-two enlisted men had given their lives while 2,214 were wounded 48 still missing and 204 confirmed captured. Within the regiment, 10 Distinguished Service Crosses were awarded, seven Legions of Merit, 188 Silver Stars, 1,004 bronze stars, two soldier's medals and 104 citations have been presented.

P.-T. A. Activities

Jackson P.T.A.
The Jackson School Parent-Teacher association holds its annual Daddy's Night program Friday, Dec. 14, in the school gym. After several community songs, led by Mrs. Marjorie Hopkins, a large gathering enjoyed a potluck supper. Fourteen of Mrs. Eve Prentice's Accordionaires entertained with Christmas music during the dinner hour. Mrs. Edith Hamilton, presiding officer, introduced Milo Ross, who spoke. H. W. Gustin, Jackson school principal, welcomed those present and introduced the teachers.

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