

Eighty-Ninth Division, Veterans of Three Battle Fronts, Was Commended and Mentioned in Orders Eighteen Times

Nebraska National Army Men, Trained by General Wood, Great "Shock Troops"

Middle Western Division First Men of New Army to Enter Major Operation and First to Reach Germany—Were First Americans to Enter Trenches Without Being Brigaded With French and British Troops.

FACTS CONCERNING "FIGHTING FARMERS."

1. First division to move from training area to front by truck.
2. First division to enter line without previously being brigaded with French and British troops.
3. First division to be continuously in the front line for more than eight weeks.
4. First national army division to participate in a major operation.
5. First national army division to enter Germany.

Veterans of three battle fronts, including four offensives and the hazardous crossing of the Meuse river under fire, 1,400 soldiers of the 355th infantry, the 354th infantry and 341st machine gun battalion, Nebraska's contribution to the 89th National army division, return to be welcomed by the folks at home.

Commended and "mentioned in orders" 18 times, three of which were formal citations by Gen. John J. Pershing, Maj. Gen. C. P. Summerall, Fifth American Army corps commander, and Maj. Gen. W. M. Wright, divisional commander during the battle's 88 days on the battlefield under fire, the "fighting farmers" have more than proven their worth as "shock" troops of the first order.

After the St. Mihiel offensive, September 18, in which the westerners took a pivotal part, a report of German intelligence officers was captured which declared the 89th to be one of the "enemy's best shock" divisions—one to be reckoned with in the fighting later. And the men held that record without the least bit of nervousness. Their record of 5,061 German officers and men captured and casualties of 1,266

killed, 5,678 wounded and only 58 missing is proof of this.

Division Organized in 1918.

The division was organized May 8, 1918, at Camp Funston, Kan., under the command of Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood. Drafted men from all parts of Missouri, Kansas, South Dakota, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Nebraska began arriving as early as September 6, 1917. Original officers were selected from the 14th Provisional Training regiment stationed at Fort Riley, Kan.

While General Wood was in France on an inspection tour of the front, where he was wounded, in November, 1917, Brig. Gen. Frank L. Winn assumed command, later being succeeded by Maj. Gen. W. M. Wright, just before the troops entered the battle area for active combat. General Winn regained command on November 15, the date the division moved on into Germany with the army of occupation and is coming home still in command.

Less the 164th field artillery, the 89th division left Camp Funston for Long Island, N. Y., May 22, 1918, arriving at Camp Mills, May 25. On June 2, various detachments started for New York City and Montreal where the troops boarded transports and sailed for England. The convoys held to the course directed and landed at Liverpool and London 10 days later. Removal to le Harve, France, across the English channel was accomplished in 15 days.

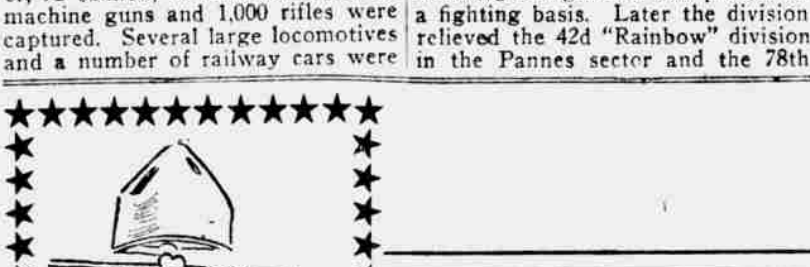
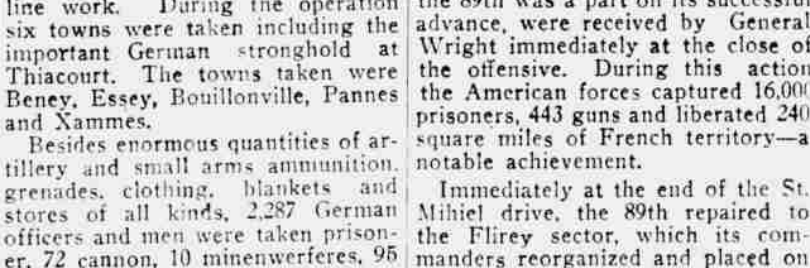
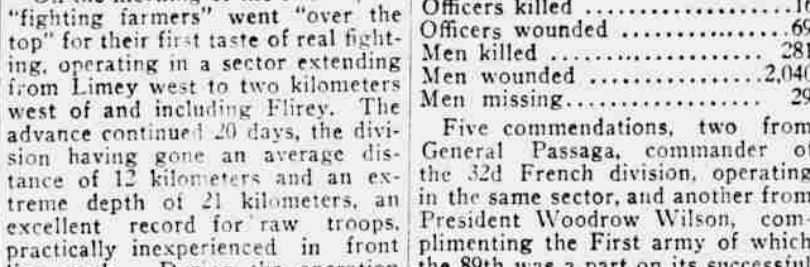
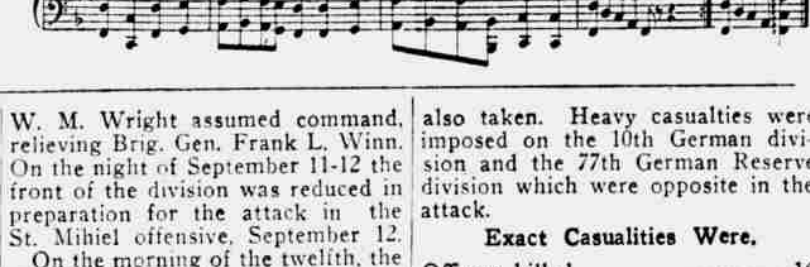
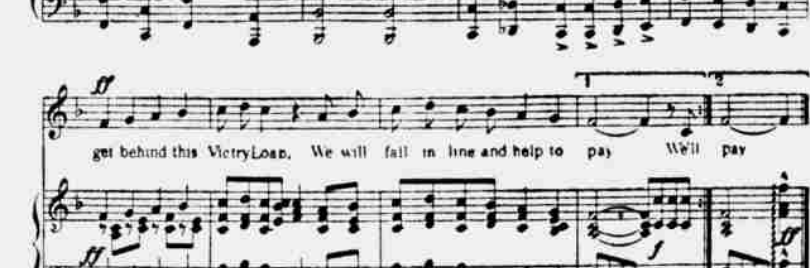
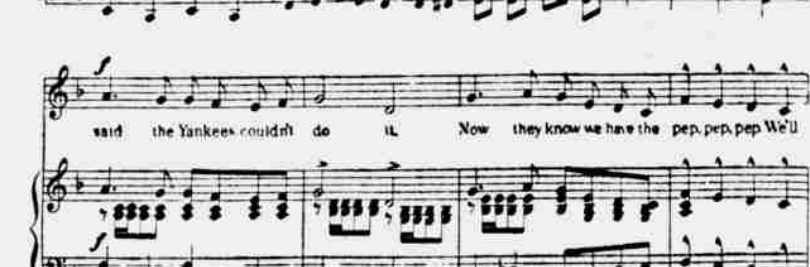
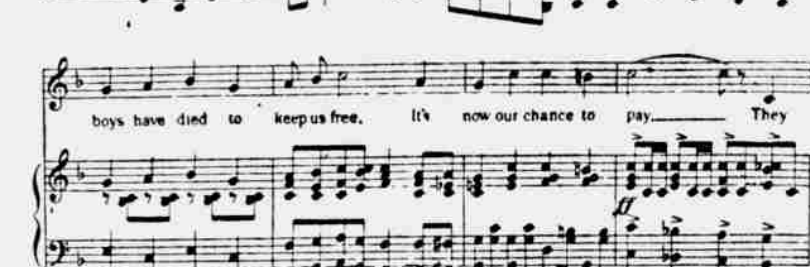
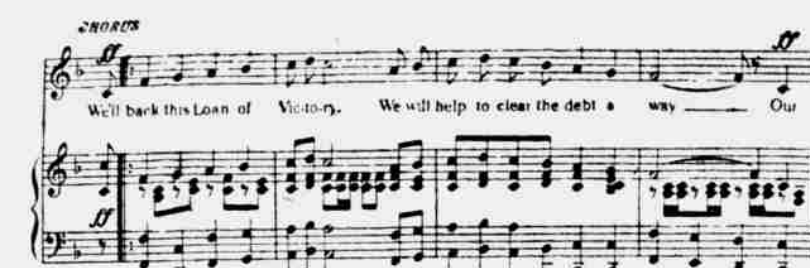
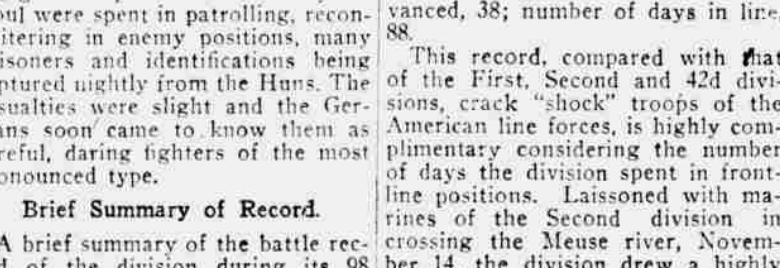
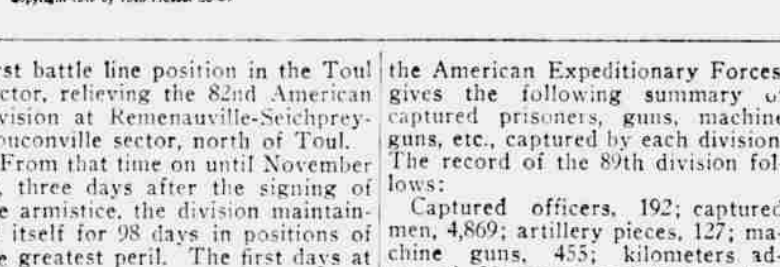
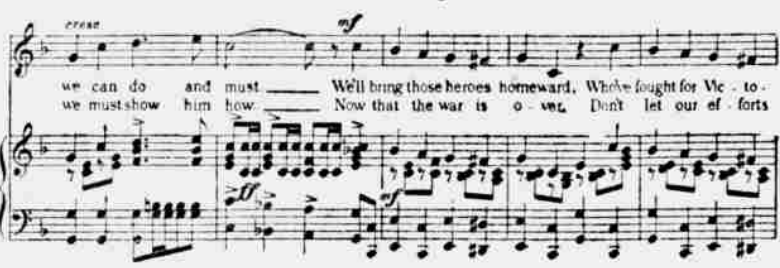
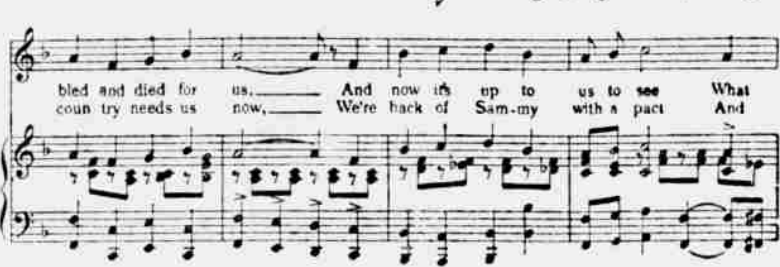
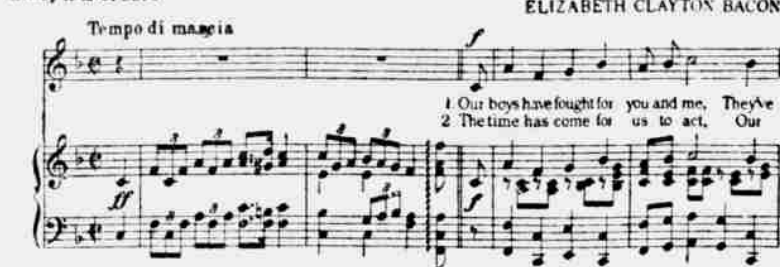
Division Reaches Training Area.

The command at once repaired to the Rimacourt-St. Blin-Prez sous la Fouché-Tramont training area, the soldiers arriving June 30, 1918. Here they remained until August 5, when the division was assigned to the First American army, Fourth corps. The men embussed at once and rode into the vicinity of their

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American division in the Limey sector. Large tracts of French soil were gained and held in patrolling and asserting a powerful defensive.

On October 9, the division was relieved by the 37th American division and ordered to the Argonne-Meuse front. Positions were taken in the vicinity of Bois de Bathaneville. Ten days later the 89th moved on into the Argonne-Meuse line as a part of the Fifth army corps, First American army, relieving the 32d division along the Somme-Romagne road. The attack on Bois de Bathaneville was begun at once and the town cleared before November 1. For this the division was cited.

Advanced For Five Days.

Preparations for America's great advance, the attack of the entire American army in the Argonne-Meuse which reduced the positions of the crown prince's armies and caused the German debacle and ended the war, had been going apace. On November 1 the great attack began. The 89th was in position

abreast of the Second regulars at the north edge of the Bois.

The advance lasted five days. In that time the 89th advanced west to the Meuse river, the line extending from opposite Stenay, through Laneuville, Cesse and Luz to opposite Pouilly. Here the men experienced the hardest of fighting, for the Germans were making a last stand. From November 5 to 10, the river and towns opposite were patrolled nightly and preparations for further advance across the river made. The crossing was effected on the night of November 10.

Without even a bridge, by means of foot bridges and rafts, the entire division, under only casual shellfire, unknown to the enemy, crossed the river. Parts of the Second regulars crossed in collaboration with the 89th regiments. At 11 o'clock on the morning of November 11, General Wright reported to the corps commander that his men were holding the line on the east side of the Meuse extending east from Stenay. (Continued on Page Five, Column One.)

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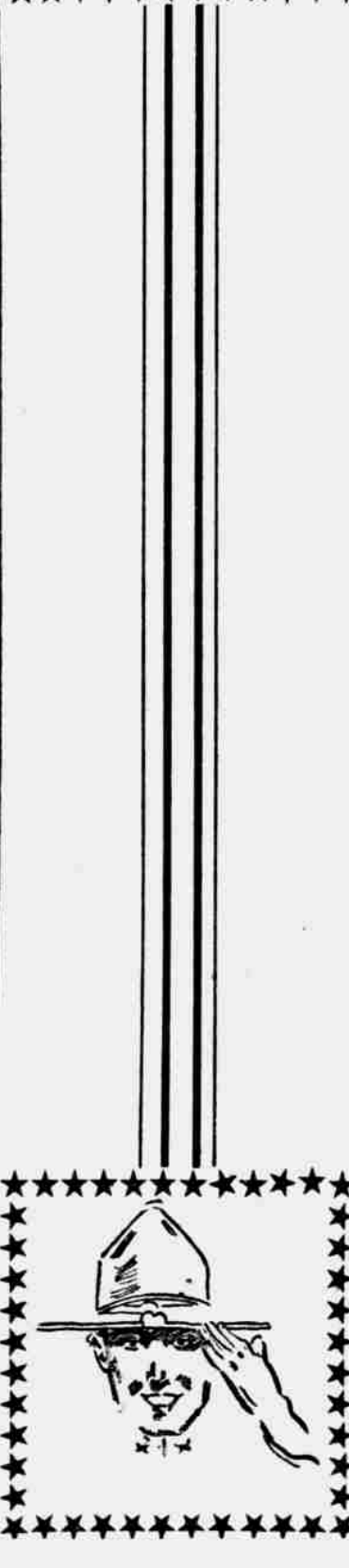
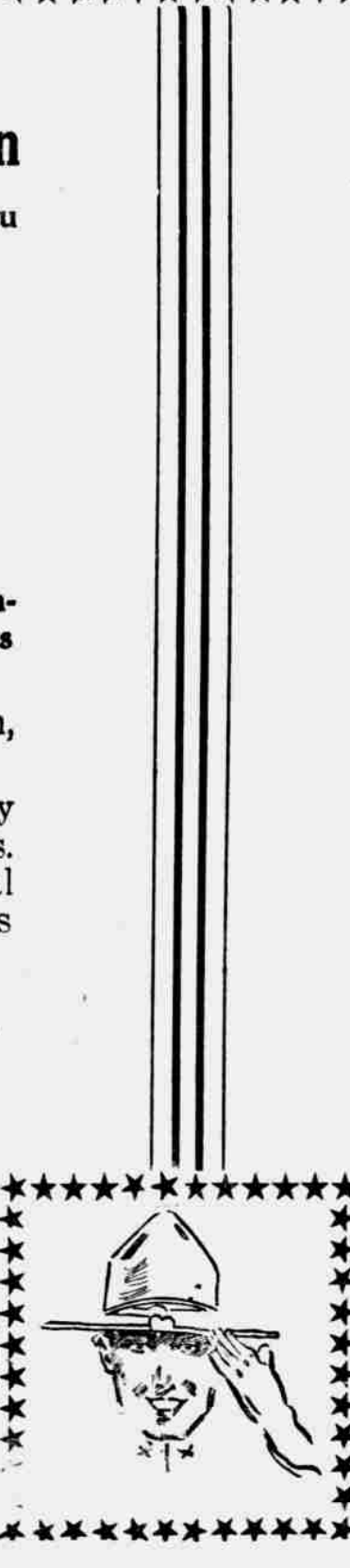
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