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

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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.

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.

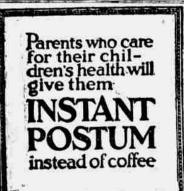
4. First national army division to participate in a major operation.

5. First national army division to enter Germany. Veterans of three battle fronts, | killed, 5,678 wounded and only 58

hazardous crossing of the Meuse river under fire, 1,400 soldiers of home.

the first order.

After the St. Mihiel offensive, combat. General Winn regained be one of the "enemy's best shock" mand. divisions—one to be reckoned with in the fighting later. And the men held that record without the least for Long Island, N. Y., May 22.



including four offensives and the missing is proof of this. Division Organized in 1918. the 355th infantry, the 354th infan-try and 341st machine gun battalion, Nebraska's contribution to the Leonard Wood. Drafted men from 89th National army division, return all parts of Missouri, Kansas, South to be welcomed by the folks at Dakota. Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Nebraska began arriv-

Commended and "mentioned in ing as urly as September 6, 1917. orders" 18 times, three of which Original officers were selected from were formal citations by Gen. John the 14th Provisional Training regi-J. Pershing, Maj. Gen. C. P. Sum- ment stationed at Fort Riley, Kan. meral, Fifth American Army corps While General Wood was in commander, and Maj. Gen. W. M. France on an inspection tour of Wright, divisional commander dur- the front, where he was wounded, in ing the division's 88 days on the November, 1917, Brig. Gen. Frank battleline under fire, the "fighting L. Winn assumed command, later farmers" have more than proven being succeeded by Maj. Gen. W. their worth as "shock" troops of M. Wright, just before the troops entered the battle area for active

September 18, in which the western- command on November 15, the date ers took a pivotal part, a report of the division moved on into Ger-German intelligence officers was many with the army of occupation captured which declared the 89th to and is coming home still in com-

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bit of nervousness. Their record 1918, arriving at Camp Mills, May of 5,061 German officers and men 25. On June 2, various detachments captured and casualties of 1,266 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 e Harve, France, across the Engish channel was accomplished in

days of active service follows: Division Reaches Training Area. The command at once repaired and attacking in the St. Mihiel and a marine officer.

to the Rimacourt-St. Blin-Prez sous Argonne-Meuse offensives, 88 days, la Fouche-Trampot training area, of which 65 days were continuous, the soldiers arriving June 30, 1918. In reserve under shell fire fiv In reserve under shell fire five Here they remained until August 5, days. when the division was assigned to Moving from sector to another 16 kilometers to the north of the er, 72 cannon, 10 minenwerferes, 95 manders reorganized and placed on

the First American army. Fourth five days.

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We'll Bring Our Heroes Home

Arr by R. M. STELTS

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From that time on until November The record of the 89th division fol- preparation for the attack in the attack. 15, three days after the signing of lows: the armistice, the division maintain- Captured officers, 192; captured

ed itself for 98 days in positions of men, 4,869; artillery pieces, 127; ma-the greatest peril. The first days at chine guns, 455; kilometers ad-top" for their first taste of real fight-Toul were spent in patrolling, recon- vanced, 38; number of days in line, ing, operating in a sector extending noitering in enemy positions, many 88. This record, compared with that west of and including Flirey. prisoners and identifications being aptured uightly from the Huns. The of the First, Second and 42d divi- advance continued 20 days, the divicasualties were slight and the Ger- sions, crack "shock" troops of the sion having gone an average dismans soon came to know them as American line forces, is highly comcareful, daring fighters of the most plimentary considering the number treme depth of 21 kilometers, an

of days the division spent in front- excellent record for raw troops. pronounced type. line positions. Laissoned with ma-Brief Summary of Record. rines of the Second division in line work. A brief summary of the battle reccrossing the Meuse river, Novem- six towns were taken including the

ord of the division during its 98 ber 14, the division drew a highly complimentary statement from Ma-

Held Sixteen Kilometer Front.

grenades, clothing, blankets and Prior to September 11, the divi-sion held a front of approximately officers and men were taken prison-the Flirey sector, which its com-Prior to September 11, the divi-Metz road, in the Toul sector, from machine guns and 1,000 rifles were a fighting basis. Later the division west of Bouconville to east of continued Several large locomotives relieved the 42d "Rainbow" division

Exact Casualities Were.

On the morning of the twelith, the Officers killed16 Men killed 281 Men wounded2,040 from Limey west to two kilometers - 29 Men missing..... The Five commendations, two from Passaga, commander of General the 32d French division, operating in the same sector, and another from President Woodrow Wilson, com plimenting the First army of which practically inexperienced in front During the operation the 89th was a part on its successful advance, were received by General Wright immediately at the close of important German stronghold at Thiacourt. The towns taken were the offensive. During this action Under shellfire 93 days. In front lines, patroling, holding mander of the Second regular army, and Xammes. nd Nammes. Besides enormous quantities of ar-prisoners, 443 guns and liberated 240 square miles of French territory-a

tillery and small arms ammunition, notable achievement. Immediately at the end of the St.

American division in the Limey sec- abreast of the Second regulars a tor. Large tracts of French soil the north edge of the Bois.

were gained and held in patrolling. The advance lasted five days. It and asserting a powerful defensive, that time the 89th advanced west to On October 9, the division was re- the Meuse river, the line extending lieved by the 37th American division and ordered to the Argonne-Meuse ordered to the Argonne-Meuse front. Positions were taken in the vivinity of Bois de Bathaneville. I'm days later the 89th moved on nto the Argonne-Meuse line as a American army, relieving the 32d di- patrolled nightly and preparations part of the Fifth army corps, First cision along the Sommerance-Romange road. The attack on Bois de Bathaneville was begun at once and the town cleared before November

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For this the division was cited. Advanced For Five Days.

Preparations for America's great river. Parts of the Second regulars ance, the attack of the entire crossed in collaboration with the erican army in the Argonne- 89th regiments. At 11 o'clock on Meuse which reduced the positions the morning of November 11, Genof the crown prince's armies and eral Wright reported to the corps caused the German debacle and end- commander that his men were holdthe war, had been going apace, ing the line on the east side of the On November 1 the great attack be- Meuse extending east from Stenay The 89th was in position (Continued on Page Five, Column One.) gan.

site Pouilly. Here the men experienced the hardest of fighting, for the Germans were making a las stand. From November 5 to 10, the river and towns opposite were 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

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St. Mihiel offensive, September 12.

On September 6, Maj. Gen and a number of railway cars were

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