

NEBRASKA'S OWN HOME, ARE GREAT "SHOCK TROOPS"

Trained Under General Wood and First Men of New Army to Reach Germany.

(Continued from Page Four.) and Inor to east of Autreville. It was a great achievement. Armistice Ends Advance. The Germans apparently had not dreamed that a crossing would be effected at this point and woke up on the morning of November 11 to find advance patrols of the 89th division pushing into the smaller German outposts on the east side of the Meuse. The advance would have been continued but the war had ended.

During the Argonne-Meuse drive, the 89th made an average advance of 26 kilometers, the extreme depth for a single advance being 31 kilometers. The towns were Remonville, Barricourt, Nourt, Tally, Le-Champy Haut, Le Champy Bas, Beaucourt, Beaufort, Cesse, Luzu, Laneuville, Pouilly, Autreville and Stenay. Two thousand seven hundred and seventy-four German officers and men were captured as well as 400

rifles, 360 machine guns, 24 77-inch guns, 12 3-inch pieces and numerous other salvage from the German. The casualties suffered were as follows: Officers killed 29 Officers wounded 105 Men killed 771 Men wounded 2,944 Men missing 189 The 164th field artillery, left behind at Camp Funston when the start was made for France, joined the division in Belgium in late November and continued on into Germany and used in connection in the Argonne-Meuse offensive. The 57th and 58th field artillery were detached and used in connection with advances made by the westerners.

As "shock" troops, as organizers, as trench fighters who held various important sectors, the men of the 89th repeatedly paid their "all" and won frequent commendation from the commander-in-chief down to the smallest divisional commander who had them in hand. The 355th infantry, Nebraska's own, received special commendation in a general order, No. 82, issued from divisional headquarters. The order, issued after the advance in St. Mihiel in the Lucy sector, reads: "Report of the battalion commander, First battalion, 354th infantry, and the inspectors of the Eighth French army, recently submitted to the divisional commander, invites attention to the courage and fortitude of the First battalion, 354th infantry and the First battalion, 355th infantry, on the night of August 7-8, during the gas attack by the Germans on the center regimental zones of the Lucy sector. This attack was made during the

period of the relief of the 82d division by the 89th division. In most instances it was the first night the troops had been in the line; in practically every instance it was the first time the personnel had been under fire. "The orders in force at the time required troops of the advanced post position to hold that position to the death unless withdrawal was ordered by the army commander. This order was faithfully carried out in spite of the intensity of the attack and the helplessness of the troops to retaliate. It was an example of courage and steadfastness deserving the highest praise and the spirit of the troops was further indicated by the fact that they requested to remain in the line and finish their tour of duty when relief was proposed.

"The divisional commander commends the officers and men of those battalions. "This order will be read at the first assembly of each organization after its receipt. "By command of Major General Wright. "C. E. KILBOURNE, Colonel, General Staff, Chief of Staff. Other commendations and citations, dealing with the division as a unit, were received by General Wright. Though too numerous to print in full they commend the courage, valor and stamina of the 89th repeatedly. Men Were Born Fighters. The soldiers of the middle west asserted a coolness and initiative at all times that marked them as born fighters. Extracts from captured German intelligence orders a few days after their first appearance in trenches in the Toul sector, marked them as troops to be reckoned with. In interesting table of itemized casualties prepared at divisional headquarters in Germany before the unit's departure to the United States, develops some interesting facts. The table follows: The casualties from September 18th to October 9th when the line was held after the Mt. Mihiel offensive were 1,483 and greater than the casualties during the St. Mihiel offensive, which were 1,008.

The casualties August 7-8, the first night in the line in the St. Mihiel sector during the heavy shelling and gas attack when the orders were "For every unit to hold their posts until the death" total 623 against 1,008 for the St. Mihiel offensive. The casualties from October 19 to October 22 in attacking and mopping up the Bois de Bathaneville, which was reported cleared of the enemy except for a few machine gun nests, total 442, against 1,646 casualties in the final phase of the Argonne-Meuse offensive. The casualties for 20 hours from November 10 to 11 o'clock November 11, when the Meuse was crossed, total 363, against 1,646 for the final phase of the Meuse-Argonne offensive. The casualties in holding the line in the Bois de Bathaneville from October 22 to November 1 were 557 and those for holding the line along the River Meuse from November 6 to November 10 were 571 against 1,646 for the final phase of the Argonne offensive. Itemized Casualty Summary. An itemized summary of the cas-

Not in Vain!

A Memorial Service for Soldiers

Those who have gone were young. They are now immortal. They left us, while here, the full record of their joy in life and youth. May we not take to our sorrowing hearts a little of their joy in that immortal life and youth to which they have gone? Every mother who laid her precious priceless gift upon her country's altar may, as the star in her service flag has turned to gold, bear her new burden with a solemn pride that her gift was found worthy, and that, of all the ways of attaining immortality, her boy's way was best. The memorial for our boys who have gone before must be as immortal as the souls of those who made the supreme sacrifice. It must represent everlasting life, not death. It must represent joy not sorrow. The memorial must be as adequate as the gift laid on the altar has been perfect. It must be the constant, forward, upward march of a bettered humanity. As in our daily life hereafter it must crystallize forever the ideals the boys fought and died for—a life of ALL, through the participating sacrificial co-operation of ALL, for the welfare of ALL. —GEORGE W. GERWIG.

On November 24, the division advanced into Germany through Belgium and Luxembourg as a part of the Third American army. Seventh corps. The area occupied measured at extreme points, 37 miles wide and 68 miles long, including four Kreise, namely: Prum, Biltburg, Trierland and Saarburg with the Luxembourg border, 60 miles long, on the west. This was the largest area allotted to an American division. Other Interesting Facts. Division foot ball team champions of the American expeditionary forces, having defeated all teams in army of occupation. First American army and the Service of Supply. Final game played with 30th division at Paris, score being 14 to 6. Sleeve insignia, "Black W." in a "Black Circle" designed in August, 1918, by Col. John H. Lee, chief-of-staff, now being worn by all officers and men. Maintained at Camp Funston, one of best officers' training camps in United States. Also established in Germany educational schools, covering primary, educational, trades and professions' needs. The schools were classified as follows: Primary school, Liberal Arts, Agricultural, Engineering and Trade schools. The division comes from the middle west and its insignia indicates its western origin and all-round efficiency; inverted, it indicates the middle part of the name, on its side it indicates "Sigma," the symbol of summation, i. e., co-ordination or signal effort. Moreover, the circle

is that geometrical figure which can come to stability in any position, yet move rapidly in answer to a charge of forces. In the lower part of the "W" is placed the color of the branch of the service. "Efficiency Is Fatal," Says Ohio Coroner Cincinnati, O.—Coroner A. C. Bauer, who has gone to his country place on Chesapeake Bay for a rest, gives this parting shot: "Efficiency is killing as many people as automobiles are, but not in so a spectacular manner of efficiency properly carried out should be a lifesaver. It is designed to secure the maximum amount of results with the maximum of wasted effort. But as the craze has it now it produces the maximum amount of result, with a corresponding amount of wear and tear on the nervous systems of its victims." Got Medal Over There; Got Baby Over Here Washington—Over in France he got the medal of the Legion of Honor. But here in America he got the true reward. When Major George K. Shuler, of the Third Battalion, Sixth United States Marines, the man who captured the pinnacle of Blanc Mont Ridge, stepped from the train here he was greeted by a 20 months old girl who looked upon her father for the first time. The baby was born shortly after Major Shuler sailed for France in 1917.

TRENCH HELMETS OF GAY DESIGN ARE FAVORITES

89th Division Handy With Paint Brush, Results Show.

(By Union Pacific Press Bureau.) When the Nebraska boys of the 89th division reached Omaha one of the noticeable things about them was the number of gaily camouflaged trench helmets. Not all of them are decorated, for it is not officially ordered. However, many of the men who were handy with a brush, or could coax someone into doing it for them, have their "Carriage derbies" striped and spotted in the most approved style of the camouflours. No particular design is followed almost every man who has decorated his helmet having his own individual ideas as to the colors and layout. The result is an individualism only noted elsewhere in the A. E. F. among the armen who painted wierd designs on their plates. the people who read them. Bee Want Ads pay big profits to

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Shelling and gas attack of night of August 7 and 8, 1918, 623	
Holding of line, August 8 to September 12, 310	
St. Mihiel offensive, Sept. 12 to 18, 1,483	
Holding the line, Sept. 18 to Oct. 9, 1,483	
Attacking and mopping up Bois de Bathaneville, Oct. 19 to 22, 442	
Holding the line, Oct. 22 to Nov. 1, in the Bois de Bathaneville, 557	
Final phase, Argonne-Meuse offensive, November 1 to November 6, 1,646	
Holding the line along the River Meuse, November 6 to November 10, 571	
Crossing the River Meuse, night of November 10 and 11, 362	
Total, 7,002	

Recapitulations.


Killed, 1,206	
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Wounded, 5,678	
Missing, 58	

"Never in a 'rest' area" has long been one of the division's slogans throughout its front line service. While other "shock" troops enjoyed a rest frequently in a quiet sector or behind the lines, the 89th never had such a pleasure. Three times corps commanders of the division refused to be relieved when they saw it would tax the strength of other units or cause them to miss some of the real fighting. Once in the St. Mihiel and twice in the Argonne-Meuse this occurred. Decorations numbering 181 have been awarded soldiers of the 89th by American, French and Belgian commanders. The apportionment is as follows: Congressional medal of honor, 8 Distinguished service crosses, 104 Belgian war crosses, 2 Distinguished service medals, 2 Croix de Guerre, 55

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