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Medals for the Marine



SERGEANT RICHARD MATHENEY IS BACK FROM KOREA, NOW... WITH THREE MEDALS TO ATTEST TO HIS FOURTEEN MONTHS OF COMBAT SERVICE...



The Navy Cross...



The enemy launched a 15 minute probing attack last April 23, and Sgt. Matheney's company caught it on the chin...



The main attack began about two hours later...



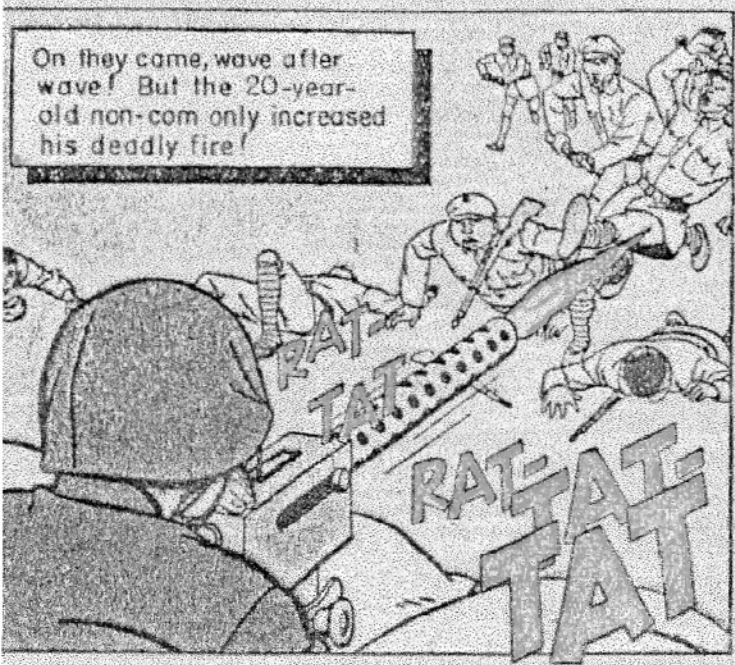
SERGEANT!
YOU'RE
HIT!

I KNOW... LEMME
GET TO THAT
MACHINE GUN!



TH' ELEVENTH COMPANY IS
FALLIN' BACK... BUT A
COUPLE OF YOU HAVE
GOT TO COVER US...

I'LL STAY...
ALONG WITH
YOU. YOU AIN'T
BEEN SHOT YET!



On they came, wave after wave! But the 20-year-old non-com only increased his deadly fire!

RAT
TAT
RAT
TAT
TAT



In all, thirty of the enemy fell to Sgt. Mathenev's machine gun...

HOLY SMOKE! I
COULD TOUGH HIM
... IF I WANTED TO!

BRRRT



That ended the attack, for that night on orders, the sergeant fell back to the new line...

WELL, MATHENEV,
HERE WE GO
AGAIN...

THIS MUST BE THE IMPOSSIBLE
THEY TALK ABOUT. IT'S TAKIN'
US A LITTLE LONGER!



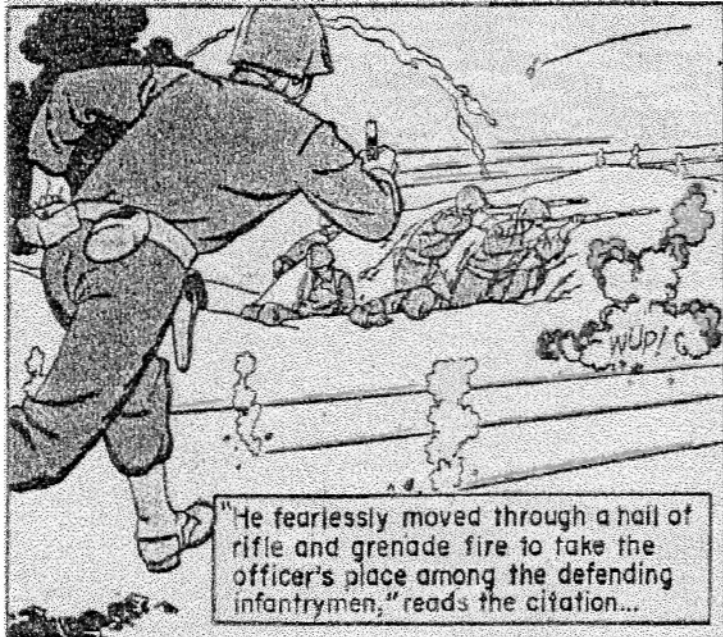
The Silver Star...

In another action, Mathenev was with a forward observer team when...



THEY KILLED TH' LIEUTENANT!
TH' DIRTY!!

THAT MEANS I
TAKE OVER...



"He fearlessly moved through a hail of rifle and grenade fire to take the officer's place among the defending infantrymen," reads the citation...

Then he directed the artillery fire to within sixty yards of his own lines!

LEFT TWO MILS.
DOWN FIVE.
FIRE THREE
ROUNDS FOR
EFFECT!



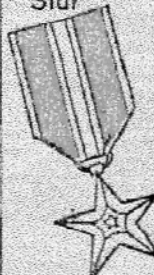
Later, disregarding his own safety, the sergeant gathered grenades from wounded men, and...

THAT'S TH' WAY,
SERGEANT! NOW
TRY THROVIN'
A CURVE!

LEAVE HIM BE! HE'S
DOIN' ALL RIGHT WITH
HIS FAST BALL!



The Bronze
Star



Matheny volunteered to carry ammunition to a hard-pressed rifle and machine gun position...

BOY, IT'S DARK! WHY
DON'T YOU ASK THE
ARTILLERY FOR SOME
ILLUMINATION?

WE DID...
BUT THEY
COULDN'T
REACH US!



WITHOUT LIGHT,
THEM GOOKS CAN
CRAWL RIGHT IN
ON TOP OF US!

YEAH... WAIT!
I THINK I HAVE
AN IDEA!



BRIGHT AS
DAY! WHAT'S
MATHENEY
DOIN'?

HE'S SETTIN' OFF TRIP
FLARES... AND LOOK AT THOSE
GOOKS OUT THERE! JUST LIKE
DUCKS IN A SHOOTIN'
GALLERY!

