

## ALL GAVE SOME; SOME GAVE ALL

This week's veteran is Freddy Temperly.

Everyone knew him as Freddy the mailman. He carried the mail in Assumption for twenty-eight years. In the summer a group of 4-5 children following him on his rounds. Those kids who are now adults remember him as being friendly and willing to talk to them. They enjoyed their time with him, and he did not seem to mind their presence. Their image of him is Freddy carrying a big leather pouch of mail. Freddy loved to dance, and he was very good dancer. He never missed a dance in town. He was raised by his grandparents, Clarence and Celia Cox. He died on December 3, 1981, after a brief illness.

October 16, 1942, Fred enlisted in the Army at Peoria, Illinois. He was trained at Camp Adair, Oregon. Camp Adair was a United States Army division training center north of Corvallis, Oregon, operating from 1942 to 1946. Freddy was trained to be an Army First Scout. Scouts operate out ahead of the main fighting group making contact with the enemy so as to give the commander in the field information on the strength and placement of the enemy. Scouting is very dangerous duty.

Stationed in the Pacific during WW II, Freddie was part of two important battles in the Philippines, Leyte and Okinawa. The invasion at Leyte Harbor marked the return of the United States to the Philippines after being driven from that nation by the Japanese at the beginning of WW II. The famous picture of General Douglas MacArthur wading ashore was taken at Leyte. During the Battle of Leyte, October 20-December 31, 1944, Freddy was wounded and sent to Saipan to heal.

After recuperating from his wounds, he returned to his unit on January 1, 1945, in time for the Battle of Okinawa, early April to mid-June, 1945. Again Freddy was wounded on May 12, 1945. This time he was flown to Hawaii for recovery. He was discharged November 8, 1945.

Freddie's medals included: two Purple Hearts, Bronze Star, Victory Medal WW II, Philippine Liberation Medal with two stars, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with two stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Arrowhead, and Good Conduct.

Thank you, PFC Garold Fred Temperly, for what you gave for us.