

Killed Four Japs After Getting Hit

**Pvt. Harold Phillips
Convalesces at Topeka
From Serious Wounds**

TOPEKA, March 2.—Pvt. Harold F. Phillips, 23, Manchester, Kan., farm youth, was a member of the famed Americal division when a Jap sniper killed his buddy and left the Kansan to die in a Bougainville foxhole.

Phillips, shot through the abdomen and neck, told a Women's Army Corps interviewer yesterday at Winter General hospital where he is convalescing, that he "didn't just sit around and wait" for medical aid men.

"It was more than two hours before I was rescued, but in that time I had strength enough to kill the sniper who shot us and I accounted for four more Nips," he recounted.

"I guess I was in pretty tough shape when they got me to the aid station. They had to operate immediately which is the procedure if a man isn't strong enough to be evacuated safely for surgery far behind the lines."

The Kansan is getting along well now at Winter General and is able to walk about the hospital. His outfit is the 164th Infantry regiment which won commendation from the U. S. Marine command when it bolstered the leath-er-necks on Guadalcanal.

"Winter General doctors and nurses are hard pressed and they certainly need more hands here," he commented when told of the "Purple Heart" plan in Kansas to enlist WAC's as medical assistants for duty at this hospital.

Private Phillips is the son of Mrs. Bessie Phillips of Manches-ter.