

PIGEON WAR HERO DIES

Blackie, Wounded in Pacific,
Ends Career at Ft. Monmouth

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—One of the outstanding carrier pigeon heroes of World War II died today at the Signal Corps pigeon breeding and training center at Fort Monmouth, where he had been living in retirement.

The bird was officially listed as Blackie Halligan. During the height of the campaign on Guadalcanal Blackie returned from a mission badly wounded by Japanese flak but carrying a message from a 164th Infantry Patrol that resulted in the extermination of 300 enemy troops. Blackie, with a long list of other successful missions in the southwest Pacific, was cited by Gen. Alexander Patch, American division commander, and later decorated.