

THE SHAM BATTLE.

LAST SATURDAY'S FIGHT HAD TOO BANGUINARY AN ENDING.

An Officer Killed—Lieutenant Nelson of Company A Shot in the Back By One of His Own Men.

In its report of the doings at Camp Compton last week the ENTERPRISE noted that it was the intention of General Compton to have a sham battle on Saturday and as it had been generally advertised there was a big crowd present to witness the mimic fight, most of whom were well pleased with the way in which it was conducted.

The plan of the battle as arranged was for the Second regiment supported by the battery to appear upon the unsuspecting camp, which had no picket out other than the regular guard. The canons were taken out of the encampment soon after noon and shortly before three o'clock the heavy boom of one of this warned the camp that the enemy had approached the works and was even then hurling his shells into its midst. The call to arms was at once sounded and in a moment all was apparent confusion with troops hurrying to and fro to get in position to meet the foe.

In the sanguinary battle which was fought General Compton had command with Major Everett in charge of the First regiment and Major Telfer as Acting colonel and Capt. Sherman as Major of the second regiment which was making the attack. With the firing of the first gun from the battery the skirmish line of the second regiment was thrown out to deploy and discover the strength of the enemy. The first resistance which it met was from the reserve guard which was thrown out to ward the enemy to act as a skirmish line to hold the enemy in check till the companies could form and gain a desirable position. While the picket line was engaging the foe in a desultory way the main body of the First regiment left at the south and making a detour came upon and engaged the enemies' right, Company F being held in reserve. Soon imaginary bullets were flying in every direction and the rattle of musketry was heard all along the line. Although the attacked party was much the larger it twice retreated before the determined stand of the enemy till General Compton himself took the field to rally his forces when with a rush his brave men massed and stormed the enemy driving them over the hill and away from the guns which they had to surrender, but alas in that surrender there occurred an accident which immediately threw a gloom over the whole affair. This was the shooting of Lieutenant Nelson of Company A who while demanding the surrender of one of the pieces of ordnance received a wound in the back which resulted fatally the following day.

Lieutenant Charles E. Nelson who was wounded in Saturday's sham conflict at Camp Compton, died at 3:30 P. M. Sunday at the Good Samaritan Hospital. City Physician Wheeler held an autopsy on the body and found that the gunwad had entered the back just above the kidneys, made a hole a quarter of an inch in diameter and had fractured the two last lumbar vertebrae. Particles of the vertebrae were found in the abdominal cavity, which was filled with blood. The flesh was badly powderburnt. The intestines were not injured. When Dr. Wheeler discovered that the two lumbar vertebrae, which are among the heaviest bones of the body, were fractured, he decided that they had been struck by a bullet, and he made a two hours' search for the missile, which brought no result, and he was forced to abandon his theory.

Surgeon Macrum thinks that death was caused by the shock of the rifle discharged superinduced by the intense excitement under which the unfortunate officer must have been laboring at the time.

The exact particulars of the accident are hard to obtain but the following taken from the testimony at the inquest will show as near as possible how it happened.

AT THE INQUEST.

It was not a bullet that made Lieutenant Charles E. Nelson's death-wound last Saturday in the sham battle at Camp Compton. That fact was demonstrated to the satisfaction of all who heard the testimony at the inquest, begun Tuesday afternoon. Surgeon Macrum, of the First regiment, who dressed the wound fifteen minutes after it was received, swore that the hole was too ragged to have been made by a leaden ball, and Dr. Wheeler, who held an autopsy on the remains, produced a thin cardboard wad, which he found imbedded in the lumbar muscles, and which corresponded exactly with the wad used in the regulation blank cartridge fired by the guardsmen during the mock conflict. A bullet serves the purpose of wadding for a ball cartridge. Both surgeons were positive that the muzzle of the death-dealing rifle was within an inch or two of Nelson's back when it was fired, and that a bullet projected at such close range would have gone clear through the body. The identity of the man who fired the fatal shot remains to be established, and it remains a question whether it was fired accidentally, with criminal intent, or through criminal negligence. District Attorney Hume, representing the people and Major Perry, on behalf of the Oregon National Guard, labored patiently with the witnesses, to the end of having these mysteries cleared up. They met with sufficient success to warrant a prediction that the inquest will lead to complete enlightenment. Mr. Hume evidently started to work on the hypothesis that a ball cartridge had either inadvertently or willfully been placed among the blanks issued to the men before the fight began, but the testimony of several officers and the two surgeons compelled a desertion of that idea. The shrewd attorney's present plan is probably to concede that the death-dealing projectile was a wad from a blank cartridge, and then to ascertain why it was fired at so close range and by whom.

In its report of the inquest the Oregonian says: Upon the epauletted shoulders of Brigadier-General H. B. Compton, of Klamath Falls, Or., rests sole responsibility for the sham battle at Gladstone, in which Lieutenant C. E. Nelson received his death wound. It was securely fastened there last evening by several officers of the National Guard who testified at the adjourned inquest. They swore that there was a general feeling in camp against having the mock fight take place, and that the brigadier-general was well aware of its existence, but obstinately exercised his superior authority to carry out his fatal whim.

Another important point brought out in evidence was the statement that Nelson was shot by a man who was in the Salem company of the Second regiment. The identity of this person was not revealed by the testimony, but significance attaches to the fact that District Attorney Hume last evening notified a young fellow named Roach, who resides and is a student at the capital, to appear before the coroner this morning.

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C. W. GARSONG, Sheriff, Clackamas County, Or.  
By E. C. HACKETT, Deputy.  
Dated August 11, 1893.

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