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## SECOND OREGON

### It Takes Part in the Hottest of the Fight.

#### FOUR OREGONIANS KILLED.

#### The Insurgents are Being Driven Steadily Back—Their Capital in Danger.

**Gunboats Shell Malabon.**  
MANILA, March 26.—The United States gunboat Helena and other gunboats have been shelling Malabon, about a mile northwest of Calocan, for several hours. The insurgents made a fierce resistance to the American advance up the railroad at Malabon. In addition to the fatal wounding of Colonel Egbert, several men of the Twenty-second infantry and several men of the Oregon and Kansas regiments were killed.

Evidently anticipating a bombardment by the fleet, a thousand rebels vacated Malabon last night, leaving a few to burn the town. General Wheaton's brigade, composed of the Second Oregon regiment and the Twenty-second and Twenty-third infantry, stretched out along the railroad from Calocan to the Tulahan river, was powerless to prevent the withdrawal, owing to the natural obstacles and to the strong opposition. A column of smoke at daybreak was the first intimation of the enemy's intention, but others followed at various points, all soon blending in a dense balloon-shaped cloud. The flames of the burning rice mills and large buildings could be plainly seen from Calocan, despite the strong sunlight.

#### Rebels Fire the Town.

By 11 o'clock in the morning the only building of importance not destroyed in the center of the town, was a large stone church, but even at noon fresh fires were started among the native huts in the outskirts of Malabon, although the general exodus took place much earlier. Many of the rebels took refuge in the suburbs, Navotas and Casag, or were driven inland by the shells of the Helena, Callao, Singdapan and Laguna de Bay.

In the meantime General Wheaton's brigade held the railroad to the river, but was unable either to repair the bridge, which had been destroyed by the enemy, or to advance, owing to the opposition and the hills on the other side.

The calculations of both General Hale and General Harrison Gray Otis, whose brigades constituted General MacArthur's division, were so much interfered with by the character of the country in front of both, and the enemy was able to take advantage of this, so that the operations against Novaliches and Polo were delayed, though the right wing of the division swung out, sweeping the enemy in a northwesterly direction.

General Wheaton's headquarters last night were a half mile south of the river on the railroad. The opposite bank was protected yesterday by blockhouses and intrenchments. Occasionally the artillery and infantry fired across the stream. Finally the engineers moved a construction train up to the bridge, the iron framework of which remained, and began to replace the floor.

#### Oregon Regiment Under Fire.

While this was going on the Second Oregon regiment crossed the river on the left and the Twenty-second on the right, with four companies of the Twenty-third infantry supporting the latter regiment. A rising clear ground stretched away a distance of half a mile to Malabon, situated on its crest. In front of the village were strong Filipino intrenchments, but no Filipinos were to be seen. Apparently, they had fled. The Twenty-second regiment approached diagonally, with General Wheaton and his staff close behind and scouts closely observing the ground.

When the Americans were within about 300 yards of the intrenchments the Filipinos suddenly volleys heavily. The Twenty-second, which was holding the center, suffered considerably, but with the Oregonians on the left and the Kansas on the right in the woods, the fighting was kept up for half an hour, the Twenty-second infantry advancing up the slope through the thick grass under the hottest fire.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The following list of casualties has just been given out at the war department:  
Manila, March 16—Adjutant-General, Washington: Casualties March 24, 25 and 26:  
Killed in Second Oregon—Company B, Private H. B. Adams; D, William W. Cook; L, Charles Herbert, Guy Millard.  
Wounded in Second Oregon—Company D, Sergeant Lee A. Morelock, foot, severe.  
Company D—Corporal A. L. Roberts, sprained ankle.  
Company B—Private William J. Armistage, arm, severe.  
Company C—Elmer Roberts, chest, severe.  
Company B—C. Chandler, jaw, severe;

George E. Snodgrass, thigh, moderate; Erwin Crawford, scalp, moderate; Earl Mount, shoulder, slight.  
Company D—First Sergeant James West, knee and hand, severe; Corporal William E. Searcy, buttock, severe.  
Company E—Privates John Davis, shoulder, severe; George Snyder, chest, severe; Jacob Smith, forehead, slight; First Lieutenant A. Brazee, forearm, severe.  
Company F—Private Charles Roeder forehead, severe.  
Company G—Geo. Spicer, severe; Albert Wordan, leg, severe; Edgar Samson, arm, moderate; Corporal C. Marcy, back, severe.  
Company H—Frank H. Thompson, face, severe.  
Company I—Corporal Rudolph Gantenbenn, leg, moderate.  
Company K—Privates Roy L. Antrim, thigh, slight; John Janzen, eye, severe; Emmet L. Jones, back, slight; William F. Schwartz, knee, slight.  
Company L—John Bailey, hand and arm, severe; William Allen, thigh, severe; Carlton Sanders, thigh, slight; Guy N. Sanders, neck and arm, severe; B. F. Bunseph, foot, slight.  
Company M—Corporal B. F. Burnett, shoulder, severe; Leon G. Holland, chest, severe; Privates C. D. Cooper, foot, severe; John Blosser, head and side, severe; Albert J. Caffif, forearm, severe.  
Company A—William Ungerman, thigh and scrotum, severe.  
Company D—J. C. Headless, arm, severe.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE BATTLE.

American Loss is 26 Dead and 150 Wounded.

MANILA, March 26, 8:15 A. M.—Twenty-six dead and 150 wounded in a hospital is the latest statement of the American losses in the engagement with the Filipinos. Today's fighting furnished a specimen of the difficulties with which the Americans have to contend. The Filipinos never, except at Malabon, permitted their opponents to get within several hundred yards of them. They would fire a few volleys from their cover and then scuttle back to another cover, repeating these tactics for miles. Many of the trenches had gullies and connecting paths through the cane and brush, enabling them to retreat unseen.

The problem the Americans have to face is to drive or lure the insurgents to fight in force.

The trenches seem thinly manned, except in the vicinity of Malabon.

The Americans, fighting a hidden foe, suffered greater loss in proportion than did the enemy. The loss of the Filipinos had formerly been estimated from the number of bodies found scattered in the swamp and through the brush. A larger percentage of the enemy's wounded died than of the Americans, many of them perishing from neglect, the Americans naturally attending their own men first.

The wounded, after treatment in the field hospitals, were brought to the hospital by train. Several trips were made from Calocan to the city. The first load to start for the city was composed largely of bandaged soldiers, who shouted: "Give them hell, boys."

The gunboat Helena and two army boats command Malabon, but the authorities desire to avoid smashing the town, where there is much valuable property belonging to foreigners, and where are located warehouses of most of the Manila firms.

The report of the surrender of the town of Polo is erroneous.

#### Preparations for the Advance.

MANILA, March 25, 3:45 P. M.—The American advance began at an early hour this morning. Elaborate preparations were made for the movement. General Wheaton's brigade was placed in the rear, and those of Generals Harrison Gray Otis and Hall were massed behind that of General Hale. Under the cover of darkness, General Otis' and General Hale's brigades left their trenches and advanced close up to the enemy's line without being detected. General Wheaton's and General Hall's brigades occupying the vacated positions.

At 4 o'clock the American troops breakfasted, and the Filipinos noticing the camp fires, their bulgers called to arms. At daylight General Otis' and General Hall's brigades advanced from La Loma church straight through the rebel lines, cutting the enemy's force in two. Upon this occasion the rebels adopted the American tactics of holding their fire until the attackers were about 1000 yards distant. The rebels also continued their fire longer than usual. The Americans fired volleys with terrific effect, and then rushed forward cheering and carrying everything before them. Once through, General MacArthur's division was swung through the line, driving the rebels away on all sides.

#### Movements of Wheaton's Brigade.

General Wheaton's brigade, in accordance with instructions, remained in the trenches. Before joining in the movement at noon, General Wheaton's troops

developed a strong opposition between Malabon and the river Talighan.

The brigades commanded by General Harrison Gray Otis and General Hale advanced on Novaliches and Polo, strongly entrenched towns. In the meantime, General Hall's brigade swept the country clear to the waterworks and the foothills of Singon, capturing San Francisco del Monte and Marquina.

5:55 P. M.—Late in the afternoon the Montana regiment and the Third artillery had crossed the Talighan river, going in a northwesterly direction toward Polo, and General MacArthur, with the remainder of General Otis' and General Hale's brigades, were moving along south of the river in a position to attack either Novaliches, or Polo, being within two miles of Novaliches, and five miles from Polo. General Hall's brigade moved to Balac, protecting General Hale's right, meeting with strong opposition. The Oregon regiment and part of the Utah battery held the extreme left.

The entrenchments nearest to Malabon suffered the most severe attacks, including a crossfire from the insurgents massed at Malabon.

#### Fight at a Blockhouse.

The Montana regiment, near Balantao, came upon a blockhouse disguised as a leper hospital, across the river, after marching through the jungle. Four men were killed and 17 wounded.

General MacArthur's artillery was hampered by the thickness of the jungle. General MacArthur's and General Hale's staffs were frequently under a galling fire, and upon one occasion all of the officers excepting the generals dismounted, being overcome by the heat. There were many prostrations during the day.

The loss of the enemy was heavier than during any previous engagement.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A dispatch to the Herald from Manila, dated Tuesday says:  
The gunboat Laguna de Bay attacked the insurgents at Bulacan. Three American were wounded. MacArthur's division has crossed the Marilao river, and is advancing northward.

The insurgents attacked the Americans last evening at Marilao, but were repulsed with severe loss. Our loss was five killed and fourteen wounded.

Later Garcia, a native general, came down from Dagupan by train, with 1000 riflemen and 4000 bolomen and took positions at Marilao. A river was between the American and the insurgent forces.

The South Dakota volunteers and the Third artillery, acting as infantry, were thrown forward. The South Dakotas charged brilliantly across an open space on the east of the railway to the edge of some woods. They lost 10 killed and 11 wounded, including three lieutenants.

The third artillery on the right of the railroad charged and lost nine wounded, two mortally.

On the left, the insurgents' trench, east of the river, made a stubborn resistance.

Lieutenant Critchlow, with two guns of the Utah battery, and lieutenant Davis with a navy colt gun, forced 30 insurgents in a long trench on the opposite side of the river to surrender at the close quarters of 100 yards. The rest of the insurgents got out with severe loss.

Ninety dead insurgents were counted.

#### "OTIS."

This and the press dispatches satisfied the officials that the strategical movement of entrapping the insurgents between our lines had not proved as successful as designed, and that the move had now shifted to a retreat by Aguinaldo's forces and a pursuit by our troops.

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