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Many Killed at Mealtime on
Hundred-Hour Hill.

HUN PLANES FLY OVERHEAD

Star Shell Signals Dropped Where
Smoke Is Seen Rising and Then
Come Shells.

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THIRTY-SEVENTH ARTICLE.
There is not space to describe in detail each of the 250 deaths or fatal wounds that happened during the Hundred Hours, but the details of a few more that were of uncommon pathos or of unusual circumstance will now be given.

Paul Hill of Everett, Wash., was mess sergeant of company B of the 361st, and was a wonderful one. "He was one of the best I ever met," said his lieutenant. His lieutenant was Gustav H. Appelmann of Boise, who will be remembered as a University of Idaho pitcher.

While the men lay on Hundred Hour hill, they needed and wanted hot food, and a number of kitchens were moved into the Bois de Clerges. Fritz used to shell for these kitchens, especially around mealtime, when he thought men might be standing in line with mess kits. The kitchens were about a third of a mile back of Hundred Hour hill.

Company B kitchen was the one brought up to feed the entire first battalion of the 361st, and Sergeant Hill and three cooks were doing the work. The men were coming back twice a day, in relays, for meals. The Hun had control of the air on that part of the front at that time, and his planes flew over the woods, dropping star shell signals where they saw smoke rise from the kitchens. Then would come shells. One did upset Sergeant Hill's outfit, but the outfit was righted again.

Fatal Shell Finally Comes.
Then about 4:30 P. M. on October 3, one fell right beside the kitchen. Hill, struck in the side, was fearfully torn and died at kitchen field hospital No. 3. Two of the three cooks were also wounded.

The third cook, Alexander Rose, also of Everett, was partially covered. He crawled out, dug a pit for protection and remained to cook hot meals for the entire battalion, using a new detail. For no matter who dies, the men must have supper. Rose was recommended for the distinguished service cross.

On his way to this kitchen for supper on the same afternoon, Sergeant Ernest R. Kroetz and Private William F. Bare of company B were hit by a shell. Kroetz, an Everett man too, was one of the most expert automatic riflemen in the division. Bare was from Sumas, Wash. Both were killed instantly.

As a result Lieutenant Appelmann prohibited any more of his men from going back to the kitchen.

But the loss of hot supper by some of the men was as nothing to the barrage that the Germans sent over that evening. It began at 5:04 P. M., and 30 minutes after the killing of Hill, Bare and Kroetz and other 361st men, for 45 minutes the men huddled down in their pits, in which several were killed by shells that fell in with them. Just as the barrage began, Private Fred Daniels of Horse Creek, Wyo., was standing beside a pit getting tobacco from Sergeant Frank McDonald of Seattle. Daniels flopped as the shelling started but in a few moments lost both legs just over the ankles. He was pulled into the shellhole and given first aid, then in the shelling four men started back with him to a station. He had complained that his feet felt heavy. When the station was reached, the men found it, too, blown up and a medic there with a leg off, so medic and Daniels were carried together back to regimental P. C. Daniels soon died.

Shots Come Close Together.
In the 5:04 barrage, Private Swan Palmgren of Seattle was struck about 6:15. He put his hand on his wounded side. In about two minutes another shell came and killed him. Private Nick Chichillas of company H, in a nearby pit, was struck in the air before the explosion. The nose went into and on through Chichillas' groin. Sergeant Allen Passenger of Nov. 4, Reble, 255, Seattle, sent him back on a stretcher, but

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WOMEN BACKING THE SOLDIER BOYS

When the history of the war has been written, the work done by the women at home will impress itself upon this nation as few ever realize. Literally, millions of women left their homes and took up war activities into which women had never before been called and many more at home devoted long hours at work in knitting and preparing surgical dressings for the boys "over there." Some may have worked at the expense of health and are now suffering from headaches, backache, dragging-down pains or some derangement. It should be remembered that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for more than forty years has been restoring such women to health and strength and is now recognized as a standard remedy.—Adv.

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he died at the hospital of the 361st.

Chichillas was a Vallejo boy. This heavy barrage was thought to mean something, and the 1st battalion was told to get ready for a German attack. A skirmish line was formed in the shellholes and pits. Lieutenant Louis B. Jansen of company D went up over Hundred-Hour Hill to see what was doing and failed to come back. Private Thomas Smyth of Skamokawa, Wash., was beside him when a fragment struck the lieutenant dead at the edge of the thicket beyond the top of Hundred-Hour Hill.

Smyth, himself, had both legs shattered by the same shell and died after much suffering on October 3 at Mobile hospital 2. Corporal Joseph A. Wallace of Battleground, Wash., carried Smyth in on his back and laid him in a fox-hole till a stretcher could come.

Expected Shell Arrives.

The kitchen of Company K, 361st, was near that of Company B and that afternoon had rice, stewed tomatoes, bread and butter and coffee for men—a great treat for the men from the pits on Hundred Hour hill. Lieutenant James D. McKay of Portland was scout officer and had come back to regimental P. C. for some orders. The kitchen of Company K was in front of P. C. As the lieutenant passed the kitchen, he smelled the good food and stopped. Other men were congratulating, and Lieutenant McKay told them to scatter lest a lucky shell get a great many. Corporal Sidney Wright of Sumas, Wash., was near the front of the kitchen, having just brought down a detail of 25 or 30 for feeding. As the rice, tomatoes and coffee were not quite ready, he had sent the detail back 100 yards or so to spread out for safety, remaining at the kitchen himself. This was five minutes before Lieutenant McKay came along.

"Well, I'm pretty hungry, lieutenant," said the corporal smilingly, explaining his presence. Crash! came the noise of a nearby shell.

"Are you still hungry, lieutenant?" asked Sergeant Ralph Crossman, laughing, for they all liked Lieutenant McKay.

Almost with the end of his sentence came the shell that did all the mischief. It struck the shoulder and neck of Corporal Wright, and under his ribs, the last fragment going clear through. Wright never spoke. Cook Earl E. Morrison was struck in the temple, the fragment emerging at the back of his head; neither did he make a sound. Crossman heard the shell coming and fell, escaping. Cook Frederick P. Theubet of Ferndale, Wash., also dropped and escaped. The lieutenant himself got a five-inch cut across the left thigh, a cut across the top of the right leg, one through the right arm, one in an ear, one in the left chest, and one in a shoulder. He is now at Camp Lewis hospital nearly well from these wounds.

Y. M. C. A. Gift Saves Many.
A gift from the Y. M. C. A. saved a good many lives that time. The "Y" had sent up a box of tobacco and cookies and gum, and Theubet, Crossman and Morrison were sorting the stuff. This had delayed the supper. Wright and Morrison were covered up by a shelter half, and the detail was called in and fed just the same.

Any death of a good soldier is sad, but there are deaths that make a man stop and think awfully hard about fate or providence or fore-ordination or things like that. The deaths of Corporal Herbert H. Adams and Private Clarence B. Freese were of the kind that bring thought. Adams came from 1346 East Channel street, Stockton, Cal., and Freese from Dixon, Cal. Both were in headquarters company of the 361st. Adams was a mailman, and not knowing the companies would soon be relieved, he insisted on going up front for the letters he thought had been written. This was early October 4, 5:30 A. M., before breakfast. A few men not on the front line perhaps did not know Adams was going, and he was shot in the chest by a shell. Freese was with him, and he was shot in the chest by a shell. Freese was shot in the chest by a shell. Freese was shot in the chest by a shell.

Boys Hide in Foxhole.
They reached the battalion P. C. just behind Baulny woods, and found it was being shelled. Both hid in a foxhole three feet wide and three feet deep. Into the hole came a shell. They were both old men in the company and their comrades hated to look at them. And in two hours the battalion was relieved.

Two University of Washington officers also lost their lives during the Hundred Hours. Lieutenant J. J. E. Carlson, a fearless officer who had won the admiration of his captain and of the men, had gone up to the front line on a reconnaissance mission. He was shot in the chest by a shell. He was shot in the chest by a shell. He was shot in the chest by a shell.

Kreutz's Presentation Fulfilled.
At about this same spot five days before, Lieutenant Joseph G. Kreutz of Tacoma had fallen. He had been told to support the left flank with machine guns during the projected assault of the 39th. He went forward and took a position with two of his guns. At 1 P. M. the Germans made an attack on the left flank of the 31st and Kreutz, who was also in the machine gun company of the 361st, rushed up his other three guns to resist. Three of his guns were shot out of commission and he was shot in the leg. After his platoon had repulsed the German attack, he turned the remaining two guns to a sergeant and went back for aid.

A few feet on the way a shell cut him in two in the middle. Kreutz had a presentation that he would die. He was buried with Private William W. Smith of Eureka, Mont., a company runner killed soon after him.

(Tomorrow, the relief of the 31st and the march to the rear will be told.)

Mr. Sinnott Reaches Capital.
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Port Townsend Folk Ask Aid in
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Directors of the Portland Chamber of Commerce received some gratifying messages at their regular weekly meeting yesterday. A. J. Rhodes, president of the Seattle chamber of commerce, warmly thanked the Portland body for its services in helping to bring the members of the house naval affairs committee to the Pacific coast ports.

Senator McNary assured the directors of his active support of the chamber's recommendation of assistance to the Klamath Indians' tribal council to secure funds from the Indian bureau to improve farms on the Klamath reservation for betterments in stock raising.

Lieutenant-Colonel Wallace D. Wells sent for the information of the directors the regulations and rates posted at Nantes, France, where he has been in command.

A letter of thanks came from the Oregon Land Settlement commission for aid in solving the problems of working out a practical land settlement plan, and for financial support of the passage of recent legislation that created the state body.

L. B. Hastings, mayor of Port Townsend, Wash., and E. E. Carlson, that place, were in conference with chamber officials yesterday. The influence of the Portland body was sought in the interest of railroad development by which the Northern Pacific will serve that section.

President H. L. Corbett, of the Chamber of Commerce, will be the industrial conference to be held at Pebble Beach Lodge, Monterey, May 16, 17 and 18, and the shippers' conference at Monterey May 18. W. J. Burns, resident partner of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., who is in San Francisco, has also been asked to attend for the local body.

INFANTRY HEAD IS NAMED
Harry Keeney Elected Captain of Eugene Organization.

EUGENE, Or., May 14.—(Special).—Harry G. Keeney was the unanimous choice of the members of the new company of infantry of the Oregon National Guard of this city for captain at the election held in the Armory last night.

Captain Keeney is a veteran of the world war, having served 21 months in the new army, first as a lieutenant of the coast artillery, later being transferred to the infantry branch. He was discharged from the service a few weeks ago.

Major W. G. White, who conducted the election last night, announced that Dr. A. O. Waller of this city, also a veteran of the late war, has been commissioned as lieutenant in the medical corps of the state troops.

'PIONEER' STATUE IN PLACE
Formal Unveiling Ceremonies to Be Held at Eugene May 22.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, May 14.—(Special).—The statue, "The Pioneer," the gift to the university of J. N. Teal of Portland in memory of the Oregon pioneer, was placed on its foundation rock on the campus yesterday. Unveiling ceremonies will be held Thursday, May 22. The occasion will be a formal one and elaborate plans are being made. Mr. Teal will make the presentation address and a response will be made on behalf of the university. R. A. Booth of Eugene and A. Philmister Proctor, the sculptor of the statue, are also scheduled to speak. The statue portrays in bronze a pioneer, walking with gun slung across one shoulder and a whip in his hand. His beard is long and with his broad-brimmed hat he appears a typical pioneer. Mr. Proctor searched a long time for

a type to use as a model for such a statue as he has just finished. The idea for the model came to him by chance at a ranch in eastern Oregon, 200 miles from a railroad, when a rugged, sturdy-looking hunter and trapper, with long, flowing hair and whiskers, appeared one day.

BERRY GROWING PROMOTED
Lower Columbia River Farmers Hold Convention at Astoria.

ASTORIA, Or., May 14.—(Special).—The first of a proposed series of farmers' conventions was held at the chamber of commerce rooms here today, when scores of farmers from the various sections of the lower river district met as the guests of merchants of the city. The special object of the gathering was to promote interest in berry growing with a view of supplying a large berry cannery that is projected here.

Talks were made by C. C. Chapman and J. F. Langer of Portland, John Paver of California, and Professor L. C. Lewis of the Oregon Agricultural college.

The agricultural committee of the chamber will make contracts with the various farmers for planting a specified number of acres to berries this year and organize an association for marketing the crop.

COWLITZ GOES OVER TOP
Kelso District Oversubscribes Its Quota of \$86,000.

KELO, Wash., May 14.—(Special).—L. N. Plamondon of Woodland, chairman of the victory loan drive, has announced that Cowlitz county is over the top, largely through oversubscription in the Kelso district, where \$96,700 worth of bonds were taken by 425 purchasers. This district had a quota of \$86,000.

The Woodland district subscribed its quota of \$21,500 before the drive opened. Kalama fell a few hundred dollars short of reaching its quota of \$23,500. Castle Rock purchased \$34,500 worth of bonds on a quota of \$43,000.

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