

VICTORIOUS STAND AT MARNE RELATED

General McAlexander Tells How His Men Turned Tide.

FLANKS LEFT EXPOSED

Ex-Commandant at O. A. C. Declares He Disobeyed Orders to Put Troops on Marne Banks.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 18.—Brigadier-General U. G. McAlexander, ex-commandant at the Oregon Agricultural college, four times decorated and more numerous cited, who commanded the Thirty-eighth United States infantry at the second battle of the Marne, before members of the National Press club Friday night described the record of that celebrated regiment which won for it the cherished sobriquet "The Rock of the Marne."

To the American enlisted man he gave the honor and the meed of praise, because his men stood, while others on every amazement fell back. Only the imprints of the points of the star remained on his uniform to show the rank to which he had risen when he came to the Oregon Agricultural college in 1906 as captain had attained during that time the rank of major, the regular establishment having replaced the general insignia.

Across his breast, however, three and a half rows of ribbons and two gold wound stripes spoke for his part in the great defensive action—a part played on the Marne and later in the Argonne, which way as it has caused it to be said that of the three American military geniuses developed by the war, he was one. Ribbons of the United States distinguished service cross, the French croix de guerre with two palms one of which is significant of his service in the French legion of honor and an Italian citation, had their places among the decorations on his left breast. Of these he didn't speak. His steel blue eyes flashed and his chin snapped decisive English, however, when he related that on the night of the Thirty-eighth when it more than met the Germans on midnight, July 14, 1918, he was in command of the great offensive launched by the enemy.

Graphic Description Given.

General McAlexander's description was graphic. With his large wall maps he showed the formation of his own organization, a single regiment destined before the engagement was over to fight nine German regiments. He told of the American soldier's facility of matching his wits against the booby to which he was ordered to march to fight nine German regiments. He told of the American soldier's facility of matching his wits against the booby to which he was ordered to march to fight nine German regiments.

General McAlexander apologized for the one thing he boasted about, "There is one thing we boast about," he said. "That is that we visualized things so thoroughly that the Germans had nothing to surprise us with. Where mustard gas fell we knew they wouldn't come where tear gas and phosgene fell we could figure the time until they would try it."

General McAlexander dealt in the permissible retorts courteous which passed between the superior and subordinate commanding officers. "We had been told to maintain an elastic defense along the river, but you can simply say 'damn an elastic defense.' If there was any place we could stop them it was at the river, and they couldn't get through an unfordable river if American gunners lined the bank, watching literally every foot of that water in our sector. The 38th gunners were there."

"I recalled during the days of preparation that years ago when I was lieutenant, I read Von Moltke's 'Problems' and one of the problems he discussed was how to cross a river. That was the one thing I remembered that night, and I disobeyed orders and took up positions along the river. The booby didn't cross in our sector."

Railhead Is Guarded.

It held a neck of valuable ground the apex of which was an American railroad supply base, while others on each side were forced to retire, the French to the right having begun to pull out within an hour or two after the bombardment started and the 30th and other American troops on the left gradually retiring later, until the French had Germans in the front, to the right and to the left of them, and at one stage to the back of them. By shifting reserves, counter attacks were carried out even when in the ordinary course of events, allied orders threatened to lay a barrage which would have been fatal. After four grueling days and nights and the German JG was up, the 38th crossed and practically annihilated two Grenadier regiments and other units distinguished itself in such a manner that it was cited as a regiment, this citation accounting for one of the palms which General McAlexander wears upon his croix de guerre. Another palm which he wore was called the "Rock of the Marne."

Albany Reports Potatoes Frozen.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Reports from various sections of the county indicate that large quantities of potatoes were frozen during the recent record-breaking zero weather. Some farmers have suffered rather heavy losses in this respect.

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War Work Is Reviewed.

Not only in his war work has President Foster shown his interest in public affairs. He was the second president of the Oregon Social Hygiene society, an organization which has been nationally recognized for its wisdom and sanity and results.

Board Issues Statement.

The statement of the board of trustees concerning the change in administrative organization is as follows: The trustees of Reed institute announce an important change in the management of Reed college. Heretofore the affairs of the college have been managed by a board of five trustees named in the will of Mrs. Simon G. Reed, and their successors.

PRESIDENT FOSTER QUILTS

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Wolverton, W. M. Ladd, W. F. Olds and James B. Kerr. In taking action for the increase in administrative membership and the creation of the board of regents the trustees declare that the usefulness of the college will be enhanced by the step.

ROBBER'S WIFE IS MUTE

MRS. CLARK, OFFERED LIBERTY, WON'T TELL ON HUSBAND.

Woman Brought From Portland Is Held at Spokane While Officers Seek Her Husband.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Although promised her liberty if she would divulge the whereabouts of her husband, Leta Clark, alias Beth Hartman, aged 29, wife of Chester Clark, alias Leo Hartman, who is alleged to have robbed the Union Park bank last Saturday, refused to make any statement concerning him today.

Lumber Plant Destroyed.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The destruction by fire of the Columbia Lumber company at Hansenville, 16 miles southeast of this city, is reported today. Only a few minor articles were saved from the building.

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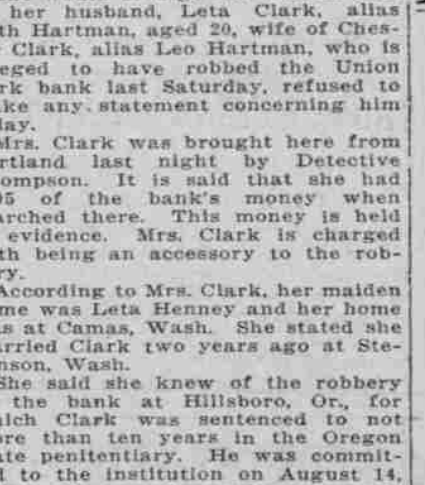
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