

RELENTLESS LAW TAKES WAR HERO

Wounds and Service Fail to
Save ex-Convict.

PORTLAND BOY LOSES ALL

Joseph C. Hirte Makes Good in
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ciety Is Held Against Him.

After serving overseas with a Canadian expedition, suffering from wounds, shell shock and gas, Joseph C. Hirte, convict from Walla Walla, thinking he had been released from parole, found himself again in the clutches of the law upon his return to America and is again confined in the Washington Penitentiary, awaiting a hearing as to his case.

Hirte, officially known as convict No. 6171, forged some checks in Portland, but the district attorney permitted the case to be dismissed when Hirte joined the Canadian forces. The Washington authorities were less considerate, even after his service in the army.

After his service abroad he was sent back to Victoria, B. C., where he met and married an old sweetheart; they adopted a child and he was an army man who was killed in battle and settled down to enjoy life when he was seized as a parole violator.

His Girl Wife Missing.

He is certain the girl he married is dead, for she was about to become a mother when he was taken back to prison.

Telegram, June 26, 1918.

Warden of State Penitentiary, Walla Walla—J. C. Hirte, released from Walla Walla, January, 1917, indicted here for forgery. Do you want to revoke his parole? If so, how much time will he serve?

EARL F. BERNARD.

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W. H. Evans, district attorney, Portland—We prefer that you prosecute Hirte here. We probably will claim him on expiration at Salem.

HENRY DRUM.

Warden Washington state penitentiary.

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Mr. Joseph C. Hirte, private Canadian army—Dear friend, I suppose you are anxious to hear from me. Well, I passed all O. K. in every recruiting office. Don't think I am a long I will stay here, as I train here for a while. I like it fine, and I am as ever your friend.

JOSEPH C. HIRTE.

P. S.—If you see mother tell her I am all O. K. I wrote to her Monday.

September 26, 1918.

Mr. Joseph C. Hirte, private Canadian army—Dear friend, I am certainly well pleased to know that you are in the service and have the opportunity which I know you will not overlook to make good and clear up past records. Mr. Bernard, of the district attorney's office, has agreed to discontinue his action against you without any come-back, that when you have finished your service you will be at liberty to return to Portland, to a clear record and a clean slate.

I do wish that you would write me occasionally, letting me know how you are getting along, what your service is and what your real thoughts and life are.

Everything, I am yours very truly.

E. L. FRALEY.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, State of Oregon versus J. C. Hirte, defendant.

Court Dismisses Case.

The above entitled action coming on to be heard on the motion of Deputy District Attorney Bernard for a dismissal of said action; and it appearing to the court that the defendant in the said action was heretofore released on his own recognizance on the condition that he should enlist in the Canadian army, or if unsuccessful in so enlisting, should surrender himself to this court; and it further appearing to the court that said defendant enlisted in the Canadian army and is now serving in said army;

Now, therefore, it is ordered that the above entitled cause be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Done in open court this 4th day of December, 1918.

ROBERT TUCKER, Judge.

Walla, Walla, February 26, 1920.

Dear friend Ed—You know when my mother and I was in your office on my last night in Portland, you told mother and I that when I returned from war that I would be a free man, and, Ed, you told me when I was in the county jail that you had permission from Warden Drum that I could join the army. You also wrote and told me in Canada that my debt that I owed to society in the past had been paid for with compound interest and that I was a free man to come and go as I pleased; well, Ed, that was a lie, and I can tell you it is pretty hard for me to do more time, but that is what I am doing at the present time.

Ed, I made head in Canada. I got married, and I was saving my money. I asked for a deportation out of Canada myself, as I was put in a return hospital with epileptic fits after I got back, the doctors were going to

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keep me six months to see if I was all right or not. The officers told me when I left Canada that I could come back to Canada whenever I wanted, as I had served on that side in war, and I was welcome to come back. Now, when you please bring those sixty dollars pay coming to me yet from Canada, also one thousand dollars bonus coming to me from the Dominion government. Ed, I saved this money to make good to you and that other money in Portland. Ed, I trusted you like a brother, so please come and make matters right. If you can, the prison board sits some time in April. But I expect to see you before then.

March 9, 1920.

Mr. Joseph C. Hirte, Walla Walla. Dear friend Hirte, your letter received and I was certainly sorry to learn that they had taken you back to Walla Walla.

I will write to the governor as soon as I get some additional information, also would be glad to have your war-den give me all the facts in his possession, if he will, as to why you are held at Walla Walla, that is, as to whether or not your return there was necessitated because of some offense committed after your return from the army.

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Dear Sir—I would respectfully ask details of Joseph C. Hirte, at present incarcerated in your penitentiary.

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Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your letter of March 9 concerning the case of Charles Joseph Hirte, our No. 6171, who was returned to this institution as a parole violator January 10, 1920.

The facts of Hirte's case are about as follows:

On January 4, 1916, he was released from this institution on parole, and violated same on January 29, 1918, by committing a number of forgeries, which he admits he did in the city of Portland. Hirte makes absolutely no denial as to his guilt in the city of Portland. He did express a desire, however, if he violated the laws of the state of Oregon, for him to be tried and convicted there, and we would file a detainer against him at the expiration of his time there for the purpose of returning him to this institution, and if for any reason he was released, inasmuch as there was no question as to his guilt, he having admitted that he was guilty, it was our desire to return him before he was released from custody in the city of Portland.

Parole Violation Charged.

We had no official or authentic information that he had joined the Canadian army, hence we sent a number of escape notices for apprehension. Later on we were advised that he was to be deported from Canada. We at once asked the immigration authorities to hold him for us as a fugitive from this institution. I might say further that up to the time of his return to this institution as a parole violator, we did not know that he had been in the Canadian army.

It would occur to us that it would have been a quite natural and proper thing to have done if you had gotten him into the Canadian army, to have first communicated with us and given us an opportunity to take the matter up with the prison board rather than to have gotten him into the army without our knowledge. The fact of his joining the Canadian army would not in any way affect his having violated his parole from this institution prior to the time that he joined the army.

Trusting this answers your inquiry, I am very truly yours,

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WALLA WALLA, Wash.

Dear Friend Ed: I received your welcome letter all O. K. and was glad to hear from you. You asked me for the details of my case. Well, I will explain them to you. I sailed with the 290th and 25th Regt., S. C. E. F. for Siberia December 26, 1918, landing in

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Comrade's Child Adopted.

We took a little girl in our home as the father was killed at the front and whose mother had died. Ed she was a little sunbeam to us. They were the happiest days of my life. I went to work for the Ledulla Gas Engine and Cream Separator company. I was with them until I was taken down sick and was sent to the Victoria Soldiers' Mental hospital at New Westminster, B. C. I was there for weeks as I went crazy altogether. I was transferred back to Victoria and put in the asylum, and when I got all right again I asked the doctors to let me out, but they said that I would have to stay there at least six months more as they wanted to be sure that I was all right before they turned me loose.

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