

Walter McClure Carves First Notch in Pistol Handle.

Interesting Letter From Noted Athlete and Warrior Tells of Battles Which Put Waterloo and Gettysburg in Skirmish Class.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, March 9.—(Special.)—Captain Walter McClure, whose ability as a distance runner while member of the university track team won for him the right to be one of America's representatives to the Stockholm Olympic games in 1912, has carved the first notch on his pistol handle in his service against the Boche. He is now in France with the 26th Infantry and has been under fire in the first line trenches twice. McClure's first Hun was with a raiding party in the Ypres salient and he took the experience in a letter to Karl W. Osthaus, secretary to President Campbell. "I also visited Ypres, walked out where No Man's Land was 75 yards wide and succeeded in carving notch on my pistol handle while there," he wrote. "I'm not particularly proud of this feat. I have only mentioned it once here but it was a raiding party and all of us had to see busy. I had no desire to be taken prisoner and see Berlin while on bread-and-water diet." McClure's letter follows:

"I guess I've been rather neglectful lately, but all have suffered equally. Right now I am more or less at peace with the world. Had a fine letter from Kent Wilson (another university student) yesterday. He is near here, but I don't know the town. Will try my best to see him.

"The Colonel has placed me in command of a new company just formed. I now have 120 Swedes, Irishmen, Indians, etc., all green to the grass, but mighty willing. Ficked out O'Mara, formerly light-weight champ of the Pacific Coast, as my man 'Friday' and consigned the latter to the grimaces in Astoria, so you see I feel more at home. These men are the first ones I've seen in over a year that I could talk intelligently to about God's country.

"Spiker," 18th Engineers' Paper, Is Interesting.

Boxer Carl Martin Showing Frenchmen "How It's Done in U. S."

STANTON, Or., March 9.—(Special.)—A recent edition of the Spiker, sent by Glenn W. Porter, Company E, 18th Engineers, from France, contains many items that may be of interest to Oregonian readers. Among them are the following:

"Carl Martin, F's doughy boxer, is showing 'em in the big city of — how fighting is done. He has fought a few rounds with an unnamed adversary on one occasion and has given exhibitions of his punch-punching for the edification of his pocketbook.

"The coaching skill of Gil Doble, the wizard of coaches, has been carried far across the seas and is distinctly noticeable in the charge that both D and F companies have displayed in the games which they have played.

"The Spiker is the little 8-page paper published by the men of the 18th Engineers somewhere in France and it brings full of news and views, humor and special news of home.

Federal Arsenal Guarded by Electrified Wires.

Maynard H. Herrin Writes of Military Life at Rock Island.

THE majority of the second ordnance class from the University of Oregon are in training at Rock Island arsenal with the expectation that they will leave about the middle of March for France. This class, numbering 12, took their early training at the university and were sent to Rock Island arsenal for intensive training preparatory to work with the expeditionary forces.

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"The Y. M. C. A. has surely is a wonderful place," he says. "It has three large rooms and one small one, containing a gymnasium, reading-room, writing-room and a canteen.

"We are learning quite a bit about the French language, and what we know surely comes in handy, when we have an opportunity to use it. The other day several of us went into a restaurant where you eat what you want to give you and not what you may want to order. The first course was a salad, the next, small cooked wine, and then bread and goats' butter. Then we had tripe, French fried potatoes, salad, and for the last course we had an apple. The apples were here as dried up and small.

"I am writing this in the Y. M. C. A. hut and a girl is singing. She has a very good voice. We have been entertained by several celebrities, among them Julia Marlowe's husband.

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