

ALL AMERICA PROUD OF FIGHTING YANKS

Army Officer Pays Tribute to Men on Battle Front.

MEUSE POSITION IS VITAL

Captain Jack Hamilton Sees Men Transformed From Raw Recruits to Polished Soldiers.

BY CAPTAIN JACK HAMILTON.

(Captain Hamilton was in the British Ambulance service before America entered the war. Later he was commissioned an officer of United States Infantry and remained in that service until relieved for physical disability.)

The casualty list in the daily papers is bringing home to everyone the thought of how the boys of America have crowned themselves with glory during their short period of fighting. Hundreds of names appearing each day bring to me sad memories as I helped to train many of these officers and men, and had become very attached to many of them.

It seems but yesterday that they were streaming up the hill towards camp in answer to the call of the American flag in hand and in civilian clothes. In 18 hours a transformation had taken place and these young men had taken their first lessons in soldiering. In 21 days they had passed out of their recruit stage and were shown on the morning report as veterans.

Yanks Eager to Learn. What fine young men they were—no country in the world could produce such virile, keen, eager boys, hungry to learn—each one realizing that he was to return to his beloved America that he must learn all there was to learn in the art of warfare.

I have trained thousands of English, Irish, Scotch and Welsh troops, but I can safely assert that these glorious young Americans learned more of the art of fighting in three months than all the others did in nine months. I can still see them, tall, slender, clear-eyed, clean skin, young and full of "pep," eager to get at the Hun, and now many of them are lying under the turf by the banks of the Meuse in France.

Meuse Position Vital. The Meuse position was always regarded as a vital position, and General Foch realized that to advance down the Meuse would mean enormous sacrifices which he could not afford. But suddenly General Pershing offered to attempt what military critics thought was impossible with his young, untried army, and General Foch gave permission for the movement down the Meuse. Those who knew Pershing and who had trained the men under him had no doubt as to the result.

We knew that the Germans would fight like tigers in the hold of this important position. In October General Pershing gave the word, "Let's go," and then commenced a series of engagements which were of the fiercest and most bitter of the war.

Greatest Battle Is Success. Our young men had to fight their way through most difficult ground, with thick undergrowth, thickets, deep ravines in bad weather. They rushed against positions that would have shaken the nerves of the strongest veterans, but they never faltered. They fought—silently, grimly, and fiercely. They fought their way, inch by inch, until at the end of October they were in a position to deliver his knockout blow.

On November 11, he commenced his great artillery bombardment, and his troops advanced 26 miles in less than a week, a wonderful achievement which will go down in history as one of the greatest battles of the war, having the most important results. This success broke Ludendorff's nerve, and the armistice was signed on November 11.

American Proved His Worth. But for this General Pershing would have by this time been in a position to have annihilated the Hun army which was in front of him. Nothing in this war has been finer than the way in which the American Army was handled, but we can imagine the joy of General Pershing and his staff when he saw his army accomplish what he knew that the work done would bring glory and honor to the American Nation and that the American soldier had proved his worth, his superiority to the enemy, and that nothing on earth could restrain these big-eyed, tall, slender, American soldiers, silent, grim fighting lads of America.

Lieutenant Graham Glass Is Regimental Gas Officer.

Portland Boy Writes of Accomplishments of American Army in France.

UNTIL his father, Graham Glass, Sr., received a letter the first part of last week, Lieutenant Graham Glass had not been heard from since the first part of October.

Lieutenant Glass is overseas with Battery E of the 34th Field Artillery and recently was promoted to Regimental Gas Officer. Previous to the time he went overseas with the 91st Division from Camp Lewis, Lieutenant Glass spent some time in training in the School of Fire, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

"I have not had a chance to write to you for some time as we have been constantly on the move for the last 20 days," he writes. "We moved up near Verdun, where we went into a French village hidden in the woods. It was

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Just a few miles from the front and we had a great opportunity to see everything which was going on. The first afternoon we arrived, I saw a battle between 150 airplanes and saw a balloon brought down in flames. It was a great sight and only a few miles from where we were. I found out later that the balloon was observing fire for the artillery regiment of which Aubrey Waitak was member.

"We had an air raid the second night we were here, and then another some nights later. It is a peculiar sensation to hear the planes in the air at night and the bombs dropping close enough to rattle and shake the house. It did not seem enough to us to do any damage, but many of the anti-aircraft guns were firing and searchlights



Lieutenant Graham Glass, Portland Man, Who Receives Promotion to Regimental Gas Officer.

and rockets illuminated the entire sky.

"On the morning of the 11th we were going into a position south of Verdun, for an operation on Metz. It would have been a great fight, and the casualties would have been heavy, as Metz is about as well fortified as Verdun, and would have been defended to the last.

"During the week previous to this I had time to make a great many interesting observations, so I got one of the regimental machines, and every day drove as far into the lines as I could and then left the car in charge of the driver, and visited all kinds of batteries in action—both French and American, and went into the front lines where the infantry were attacking.

"The 51st Division has done great work, but the losses were very heavy. We are in the First American Army and are Corps Artillery. I have been promoted from Battery E, 24th Field Artillery, to Regimental Gas Officer, and have charge of all of the gas training.

"I saw Captain George Brazer, who is well known in Portland, a short time ago, and he told me an interesting experience his brother, who is in the Marines, had at Soissons, July 19, when he was badly wounded by a machine gun manned by two old men and a boy. Just before the Marines captured it, they noticed the boy throw up his hands to surrender, but the old men kept pumping the gun, and finally the boy, seeing that they were being surrounded by the Marines, picked up a revolver and shot both of the old men, and then surrendered himself. All three of them were chained to the gun.

"I wish you could see what the Americans have done over here. It is unbelievable, especially in the way of supplies and transportation. They have taken over railroads and docks and Americanized them, and the speed and spirit with which it is all accomplished is remarkable. The French people think we are wonderful, and are glad to do anything in their power to show their gratitude, and to make us welcome and comfortable. You grow more proud every day that you are an American, and I would not have missed the big show for anything on earth. It certainly makes one feel fine to realize that you are a part of the best army in the history of the world."

Cottage Grove Soldiers Safe.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—All Cottage Grove men and boys in France are thought to be safe, as several have been heard from recently and none report any casualties not already given to the public. It is in the case, not a member of the old Sixth Company has been lost. Former members of this company who have been heard from since the signing of the armistice are Charles E. Lacey and Wade LeRoy. Others who have written letters since November 11 are Roy DeLarraz and Albert Woodard.

FORMER OREGONIAN DIES IN SEATTLE.

SEATTLE, Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Funeral services were held here Friday afternoon for T. M. Morgan, vice-president and actuary of the Northern Life Insurance Company, of this city, who is survived by his widow, Amy Gray Morgan, and his brother, D. B. Morgan. Mr. Morgan was well known in Portland, having been a resident of that city some fifteen years before coming to Seattle with his brother to establish the company of which he was vice-president.

Mr. Morgan was a son of the late T. Morgan, of Cincinnati, O., and was born in Australia. At the age of 8 he returned to America and as a youth worked on a newspaper in Cincinnati. In 1887 he came to the Northwest and in 1889 and 1890 was an employee of The Oregonian.

Subsequently Mr. Morgan engaged in the insurance business and for 12 years was Coast manager for some of the leading casualty and life companies.

STRENUOUS IS WORK OF PORTLAND NURSE

Performance Is 15 Hours Daily, Writes Miss Morse.

CAMOUFLAGE IS PERFECT

Camp Is Located in Beautiful Valley in France—Good Food Declared Hard to Get.

An interesting account of conditions of food and mode of living in France has been received by Mrs. George Cellars in a letter from Miss Georgia Morse, an Army nurse with the Base Hospital 46, the University of Oregon unit, which left for France last summer. Miss Morse was a nurse at the Waverley Baby Home for four years and has a wide acquaintance in Portland. Her letter follows:

"We came over on one of the largest English liners, without a convoy, only taking six weeks to cross. The voyage was quite uneventful, as every precaution was taken for our safety. We slept continuously with life belts on—what sleeping we did, and traveled at night in total darkness. No lights were allowed in staterooms and not even cigars or flashlights on the decks. I was not the least bit sick, but I would not like to cross again under military sailings.

Food Declared Hard to Get. "We landed in Liverpool in July and had the pleasure of crossing England, the English Channel into France and nearly across France. We were met at 9 o'clock one night, after two days and nights of sitting up in a day coach, with only such rations issued to us as hardtack, canned salmon and beans by our own Oregon doctors and corps boys. I don't know which was the most pleasant—the boys to see us, or me to see our men. They had come three weeks before us and later treated us to a good steak dinner.

"It is very hard to get food anywhere in England. Ration cards are used. In France we can buy food in the restaurants at certain hours and then we have to take our white bread with us. "Our camp is in a wonderful location in a beautiful valley, with a river winding in and out. Surrounding the camp are hills covered with dense foliage, making a perfect camouflage for aircraft.

Strenuous Work Done. "Our base is one of several here and we consider ourselves so much more fortunate than some of the units which remained in England, or even at the coast. We have been near enough to the line of activity to have made it quite interesting at times. Up to the last week or 10 days we did not take time to eat or sleep, for we were working 14 or 15 hours a day.

"Conditions over here have not been as pleasant as some of the people in the United States might think. Our quarters are boarded-up barracks with paraffin on wire screens for windows. The cracks let in plenty of air through the floor, walls and ceilings. We have no running water and no sewerage. The weather has been cold, even in August. Wood and coal are both scarce, as is water, which we can use only when we have permission.

Influenza's Work Deadly. "Food is fair. No fruits except dried prunes, apricots and apples; no desserts; butter once a day; no fresh milk; brown sugar, and all vegetables canned, even potatoes, so when you are sacrificing in the States and the collection basket is passed for those overseas, remember that it is no party Uncle Sam has invited us to attend. There are thousands of us over here to feed. The French boys have been at war so long they are left to attend to the crops and the old men and the women, so you see everything we need must be sent in from the United States. We have had considerable sickness. One nurse died and three had to be returned. This Spanish influenza certainly has done its deadly work over here.

"I am so glad that I could come over and be of service and the boys do so appreciate the American nurses."

Obituary.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Mary Fishback, wife of Thomas L. Fishback, of Adna, was held this week. The deceased was 72 years of age. The death is reported at Napavine of Mrs. Maggie Butler, a well-known resident of that place. She was 61 years of age. Mrs. Louisa Walsh died Wednesday at the family home on Craig Hill, where they had lived for many years. She was 70 years of age. Her husband, Louis Walsh, survives her; also three sons—Albert, Louis and Frank Walsh.

Funeral services for Miss May Kelley were held Tuesday morning from

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St. Patrick's Church, Interment was in the Mount Calvary Cemetery. Mrs. Kelley died at the family residence, 645 Overton street, her death being due to Spanish influenza. She was 25 years of age and was born in this city, the daughter of Mrs. Annie Kelley, who survives her. For 10 years Miss Kelley was employed by the Broughton & Wiggins Humber Company. For the past two years she had been with the Max Houser Grain Company.

INFLUENZA, which developed into pneumonia resulted in the death of Miss Eva May Roach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Roach, 351 Twelfth street, yesterday morning. Funeral services will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the Portland Crematorium, with Christian Science leaders in charge of the ceremony. Miss Roach is survived by her parents, a brother and a sister, George H. Roach and Miss Grace A. Roach, all of Portland.

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SAM GENS PASSES. Eugene, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Sam Gens, well-known merchant of this city, died here this morning at the age of 46 years. Influenza was the cause of death. Mr. Gens was born in Russia. His wife and three children are suffering from influenza. Both Mrs. Gens and her youngest son are in critical condition. The body of Mr. Gens will be sent to Portland Sunday morning for burial in the Jewish cemetery in that city.

POLAND STRIPPED BY HUNS

INDUSTRIAL PLANTS ROBBED AND DISMANTLED. Nearly Two Billion Dollars Needed to Repair Damage Done During German Occupation.

WARSAW, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Poland was stripped of all materials and machinery during the German occupation which ended November 11. All food and all telephone wires were removed by the Germans. All industrial plants were robbed and dismantled. Discussing the economic situation in Poland, Stanislaw Larowski, director of the Commercial Bank of Warsaw, said to the correspondent today:

"It will take nearly \$2,000,000,000 to repair the damage done during our occupation and to put us on our feet properly, and to develop our great natural resources. "At the present time the economic situation is confused because Russian rubles, Austrian crowns and German marks are in circulation."

1000 Fail to Return Questionnaires. About 1000 men who have failed to return their questionnaires, failed to appear for physical examination, or are

otherwise delinquent under the rules of their local boards, are liable to prosecution by United States District Attorney R. E. Hancy. These are men of the selective draft. The delinquents can be classed as deserters and treated accordingly. Those found guilty can

be sentenced to one year imprisonment.

Mrs. Daniel Guggenheim, of New York, is probably entitled to the woman's championship in the sale of liberty loan bonds. Her total sales for the four loans aggregated \$8,000,000.

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The list is quite a long one. To describe each instrument would consume too much space. We suggest that you call and see them and test them, or write for catalogues. Suffice it to mention as a sample a medium-size dark mahogany \$450 Decker upright; a piano that has seen use but has been well taken care of and which is now priced at only \$170. A medium-sized Marshall & Wendell upright in modern walnut case is only \$200, and a Singer can be had as it now is for only \$125, or carefully re-polished and re-regulated for \$125.

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