

CAPTAIN OF BATTERY WRITES OF CONFLICT

James Gay's Letters Paint Vivid Pictures of Battle.

SHELLS BRING GRIM DEATH

Oregon Men "Even Up" And Huns Advance in Mass, and Score Piled Up Like Wood.

A page from some of the most desperate fighting on the western front is afforded by the letter of Captain James S. Gay, commander of battery B, 147th field artillery, who returned with his men last Tuesday and tarried in Portland en route to Camp Lewis.

Captain Gay, who received the croix de guerre, and the distinguished service medal, for gallantry in action, was with the law officers of Hamilton Johnston prior to enlistment, and the letter from France, written last January, describe some of the actions in which the battery participated.

"Our first baptism of fire was around June 1, when we entered the Toul sector," wrote Captain Gay. "This was a pretty warm reception, men and horses wearing gas masks and getting into position. In addition there was constant shrapnel fire, and we did not dare use lights, though it was pitch dark."

"7 Days in 'Death Valley'" "We next moved to Alsace, taking position near Trarbach le Haut. They found my number here, and dropped about 100 nice 150s and 210s on to us, all 'H. E.' Very merry party for about five hours."

"We had seven days in renowned 'death valley,' a little later, and rightly named. Our first casualties were here, Lieutenant Furstel was the first to go, followed by several of the men, every day thinning our ranks. Evacuated about 20 killed and wounded in a week. This was the hard part of the game, and what aroused the desire to kill."

Time and again the battery, was to be vouchsafed the chance to even the score, and of the deadly accuracy of their fire Captain Gay treats in another paragraph, describing a boche attack in massed formation.

Hun Dead Piled High.

"Believe me, we evened up," he wrote. "They started a nice little counter attack with massed infantry. We slipped over about 200 nice new 'obus explosive,' with time fuse, special adjustment, in about 10 minutes, as fast as we could shove 'em in. I guess 'Gott mit Uns' was the proper term, for we had them piled up like wood, only the piles were irregular and the pieces could hardly be called uniform in size or shape. Beautiful work, from an artillery standpoint. And that's the only way you can think and remain sane!"

Of the fighting in the Meuse-Arnonne sector, near Noutollas, where the boche batteries got the range and held it, Captain Gay said that it was the worst "hell hole" of their experience.

"We started, but they finished it," he continued. "They got onto us, about an hour after we started and in 15 minutes fighting the world was theirs. We started and they came along as we could. They killed three and knocked out 15 of the men."

Does Owa First-Aid.

"My hospital man gone, I had to do the first-aid myself. I had to go to many shells, ask the men to go into the position."

"In addition to this, one shell picked off eight of our men, and another by a 'long tom,' made another direct hit with nine killed and eight wounded. We made history for a few minutes. We were out of the line, and there were two direct hits right under the guns without losing a man, and there were three more direct hits on the side of me, as I was trying up a badly splintered leg. All I got out of it was a bunch of dirt."

How the mistake came to the battery was epitomized by one of the weary gunners, who observed, briefly: "Well, Cap, I guess we can get a few winks of sleep now, without those damned boches disturbing us."

Obituary.

BROWNSVILLE, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Funeral services were held here Wednesday at the Baptist church for Mrs. Mary Enger, Brownsville pioneer, aged 78. Interment took place at the Masonic cemetery, W. P. Elmore conducting the burial services. Two sons, John Enger of Portland and Charles Enger of Brownsville, are employees of the Southern Pacific company. John Enger, deceased husband of Mrs. Mary Enger, was also in the employ of the railroad, and was one of the pioneer Oregon road builders. Several railroad men from Portland attended the funeral.

One daughter, Mrs. Charles Miller of Monroe, also survives. Mrs. Enger was born in Christiania, Norway.

GASTON, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—The funeral of Hazel Mamie Thomas, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Thomas, was held here Thursday at the Congregational church. Rev. H. L. Bates officiating. The church was crowded. The following high school girls acted as honorary pallbearers: Georgetta Hayes, Ethel Bates, Leah Wright, Ada Hall, Mary Jackson and Pauline Elliott. Miss Thomas died suddenly at the Hillsboro hospital following an operation for appendicitis. She was born in Yamhill county 19 years ago. She was to have been married in June to Guy Shroy of Eugene. She leaves, besides her father and mother, two sisters, Maude and Violet, and three brothers, Ray, Willis and Howard. Her brother, Ray, is in the radio service of the United States navy and is at present at Honolulu. He will not get news of her death until late in June.

Edward Benoit, formerly of Portland, died Wednesday at Aberdeen, Wash., of injuries suffered in that city Tuesday. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Maxine and Maud Benoit, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Benoit, 3220 Forty-second street southeast. He was 30 years old. Funeral services will be held today at Centralia, Wash.

ALBANY, Or., May 31.—Mrs. Caroline I. Garman, who died in Portland and was buried here, was a sister of Mrs. C. C. McCormick of this city. Mrs. Leonard Jones, whose husband is with the Western Union Telegraph company, is a daughter. Mr. Wiseman left a husband and four children.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 31.—(Special.)—The death of Mrs. Alabama Seed occurred today at the family residence here. The deceased was 84 years of age and is survived by a son, J. A. Seed. Mrs. Seed's death was due to the infirmities attending her advanced years.

James Wiseman Sr., a resident of Portland for the past 19 years, died May 30. He was born in Scotland March 2, 1846 and came to America 47

years ago. He first settled in Canada and later in Iowa, where he resided 29 years. Mr. Wiseman is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Margaret Jones and Mrs. Marion Baxter, and three sons, James Jr., Lester, and Henry E. Wiseman, all of Portland. Mr. Wiseman was a real estate dealer.

SALEM, Or., May 31.—Wilton Leroy Simeral, who died here Sunday, was a native of Iowa, 64 years of age. His family crossed the plains in 1884, stopping at Boise, Idaho, but soon removing to Pendleton and thence to Marion county in 1886. He married Emma C. Anderson in 1876 and she still lives on the farm in the Waldo hills where they began life together. Mr. Simeral held many public positions and for 12 years



Captain James S. Gay, Portland man who commanded Battery B, 147th field artillery, winning croix de guerre and distinguished service medal.

was head farmer and steward of the Oregon state training school. For nine years he was chief marshal of the Oregon state fair.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 31.—Mrs. W. H. Wilson of Drain, aged 88, a pioneer of the early 40s, died suddenly at her home Tuesday. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom are living. Mrs. Maybelle Wilson-Church of this city is a granddaughter.

MELROSE, Or., May 31.—William Calhoun, a resident of this county since 1865, died at his home near here Tuesday after a lingering illness. He leaves a brother, Adrian, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Denn.

ROSEBURG, Or., May 31.—E. H. McKinley, a resident of Edenboro, aged 70, was found dead in his home Tuesday by his daughter, who had just arrived from Colorado on a visit. Death is thought to have been due to the excitement of his daughter's arrival.

COVE, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—Lafayette Brazillie, deputy assessor of Cove precinct, the past six years, who died May 28, was buried in Cove cemetery Thursday. He was born in Joliet, Ill., in 1853. He came to Cove in 1903 and resided here until his death, a highly respected citizen. Survivors are Mrs. Brazillie, three daughters and two sons. The elder son lately returned from army service.

REED WOMAN GETS LEAVE

Elizabeth Reed to Study at Columbia University.

Leave of absence has been granted Miss Elizabeth Reed, director of the Reed college commons and dwelling halls since the opening in 1918. She plans to take up advanced study at the teachers' college of Columbia university, New York, in institutional management, and a course for dean of women.

Miss Reed is well known in the city for her work in food conservation during the war. She conducted a series of lectures and demonstrations at the lecture and frank auditorium last winter on the saving of wheat and sugar. During her six years' stay at the college Miss Reed took an interest in the welfare of the community. She was given in the social room last evening. She was presented with a typewriter by dormitory students.

TEACHERS' UNION DEBATED

Matter Discussed but No Action Taken at Principals' Meeting.

Though the matter of unionizing was discussed, members of the Principals' association of the Portland public schools failed to take any action on the subject at the annual meeting held yesterday morning in the courthouse. The following officers were elected: W. A. Dickson, Ockley Green school, president; A. A. Campbell, Rose City Park, vice president; Charles A. Frye, Glencoe, secretary; E. T. Paiking, Kennedy, treasurer; members of the executive committee, in addition to the officers, H. M. Sherwood of Stephens and Charles H. Boyd of Highland.

CURED HER FITS.

Mrs. Paul Gram, residing at 916 Fourth street, Milwaukie, Wis., recently gave out the following statement: "I had suffered with fits (epilepsy) for over 14 years. Doctors and medicine did me no good. It seemed that I was beyond all hope of relief, when at last I secured a preparation that cured me sound and well. Over 10 years have passed and the attacks have not returned. I wish every one who suffers from this terrible disease would write R. P. N. Lepso, 113 Island avenue, Milwaukie, Wis., and ask for a bottle of the same kind of medicine which he gave me. He has generously promised to send it postpaid, free to any one who writes him."—Adv.

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OREGON CITY, Or., May 31.—(Special.)—So far as is known, William Knight of Canby, ex-sheriff of Clackamas county, has the distinction of holding the position of school clerk longer than any man in the United States. Mr. Knight has served the Canby school district for 49 years, and is still with the job and giving satisfaction, although he celebrated his 50th birthday anniversary April 17, when a family reunion was held. The time Mr. Knight has not served as clerk he was director for several years, and the time he did not serve as either while residing in Oregon City when he was serving his two terms of sheriff. He was elected sheriff of Clackamas county in 1884, and served two years, much to the satisfaction of the people of the county. After the expiration of his second term he returned to Canby. He has been justice of the peace for Canby for many years, and is still qualifying for that position.



William Knight, Canby school clerk for 49 years.

He was born in 1839 by ex team with his father, settling first at Willapa, Wash., and remained there for two years, then at Butteville, Marion county, and after residing there for three years moved to what is now Canby. At that time there were but three little houses at Canby, while the remainder was nothing but a forest. This was in 1868, and Mr. Knight took up a pre-emption claim of 145 acres, the home now located on a part of this claim.

In 1875 Mr. Knight married Miss Martha Elizabeth Birtch of Marquam. To this union the following children were born: Mrs. Bertha E. Lee of Canby, Miss Josie Knight of Canby, Arthur Knight of Portland, Mrs. Martha Vera Bradt of Aurora, Mrs. May Vest Clark of Molalla, all of whom were present at the reunion, as were also the following grandchildren: Martha Frances Bradt, Arthur Malcolm Clark

and Miss Lorraine Lee. John Knight, the only living brother of Mr. Knight, who also came across the plains in 1863, was in attendance, but Mrs. Mary Birtch, a sister, residing in Cottage Grove, was unable to attend. John of Portland and William Knight are sons of the first marriage of their father, and Mrs. Birtch is of the second marriage. There were 10 children of the first marriage of Joseph and Sarah Knight, and five in the second marriage of Joseph Knight. Only three of the children remain out of 15.

Attending the anniversary were: Mrs. Adam Knight Sr., mother of Postmaster Adam Knight of Canby and who is 82 years of age; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Knight, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bair, Miss Anna Knight of Canby, Mr. and Mrs. John Knight of Portland, Miss Anna K. Knight of Portland, Miss Catherine Bertholder of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Knight Jr., Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lee and Miss Lorraine Lee of Canby, Mr. and Mrs. G. Clark of Molalla, Mike Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. John Eld of Canby, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bradt and daughter, Frances Bradt, of Aurora, Mr. and Mrs. H. McCutcheon, Mrs. Guy Will, August Will, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Knight of Portland, Miss Edna A. Knight, Mrs. Clyde Evans, Theodore Eld, Gerald Bair, Malford Knight, Fern Knight, Arthur M. Clark.

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