

United Spanish War Veteran Recalls His 'Hard Tack' Days

By DAN WYANT
of the Register-Guard

Memories of the capture of Manila and of bitter jungle fighting with Filipino rebels were with a dwindling United Spanish War veteran today as he recalled the men who fought in the only 100 per cent volunteer army.

Here for their annual encampment, the veterans of the U.S.W.V.'s past commanders-in-chief, Harry E. Williams, of Portland, who offered to be spokesman for an inter-day afternoon.

AGE 78 YEARS

Williams, 78, one of the near-half-million American War veterans who took part in the Spanish War, said the age of the men who fought the far-flung battles of Spanish colonialism is now 78.

Williams had 90,000 members when national commander-in-chief in 1950-51. Just since then, he said, the number had fallen to 20,000.

Williams is a volunteer of Oregon and western states.

saw service in the Philippines. He joined up with the 1st North Dakota Volunteer Infantry Regiment which later helped capture Manila.

"President McKinley asked for 75,000 volunteers," Williams recalled, "and within two or three days they had two million. We had to fight to get into the Army. I wouldn't have got in myself if I didn't have some drag with the captain of the company."

HARD TACK MAN

Williams weighed 114 pounds when he enlisted.

"They gave me an old .45-90 single shot, black powder rifle that came out at the end of the Civil War. Boy, was it heavy. Then they put a 90-pound pack on my back and made a man out of me on bacon and hard tack."

Looking back on it now, Williams smiles.

"We were a ragmuffin outfit, yes sir, and we fought overseas for \$15.00 a month. They issued us Civil War blue uniforms for fighting in the tropics. There were no doctors, no medicine, no nothing.

"On one expedition into the jungle they told us we'd be gone

only three days and not to take anything extra. It was 39 days before we got back to Manila and for 14 days about all we had was bacon and hard tack.

"We foraged some," he added. "They had chickens over there kind of like our banties. They flew 75 feet into the air sometimes. We threw sticks or rocks at them to bring them down."

"When we came to a river we just waded across. By the time you'd marched half a mile you were bone dry again. It was that hot. We used water buffaloes, hitched to carts, for transportation. Those buffalo had to have water every two hours or they died. One time that happened so they hitched us to the carts and we were the buffalo."

Williams' hair is steel gray today, but he is still active and in good health. When he was national commander there was one stretch of 90 days when he and his wife were on the go every day.

"I stood around in hotel lobbies shaking hands, making speeches and things like that. The doctor said it should have killed a man my age. But I came out feeling fresher than ever."

One of his finest moments as national commander of the U.S.W.V. was a two-hour private interview with Gen. Douglas MacArthur whose father, Gen. Arthur MacArthur, was once Williams' commander.

KOREAN CRITIC

While national head of the U.S.W.V., Williams was outspoken in his criticism of the administration's handling of the Korean War.

"Boy, how I did blast them about firing MacArthur and murdering our boys in Korea," he said. "I was the first one to recommend from a public platform that we serve an ultimatum on Russia and Red China to get out of Korea or see an A-Bomb dropped on Moscow, Russia."

At the time, Williams just shrugged off the criticism he aroused for making that statement.

"Ye Gods, some of the biggest men in America are saying that same thing today: Give Russia an ultimatum and quit pussy-footing around," he concluded.



CASCADE LIONS CLUB members are shown here with a German shepherd dog who will be trained as a guide for the blind, and with his donor, Mrs. Helen Hansen. From left to right at rear: Gordon Robertson, club secretary; Charles L. Willey, chairman of the club's sight conservation committee; Mrs. Hansen; Robert Rhoads, club president; and Dr. B. W. Bond. Kneeling with Mark is William J. McCleod.

Spanish War Veterans Elect

A Portland man was elected commander Wednesday morning at the department convention of United Spanish War Veterans and ladies auxiliary in Eugene. Installation was held Wednesday afternoon, the last day of the convention.

New department encampment officers are:

Commander, O. F. Gullickson, Portland; senior vice commander, V. P. Bolan, Portland; junior vice commander, Ray L. Antrim, Aloha; trustee for three years, Carle Abrams, Salem; adjutant and quartermaster, Leslie R. Hale, Portland; inspector, H. S. Valkenberg, Portland; chief of staff, Frank R. Pendergrass, Portland; chaplain, A. A. Anderson, Newberg; judge advocate, Paul O. Urban, Corvallis; surgeon, Dr. E. W. Howard, Corvallis; patriotic instructor, Otto Heckle, Langlois; marshal, William R. Misener, Portland; historian, Arthur White, Junction City; graves registrar, M. H. Broughton, Hillsboro; chief musician, Edward Shea, Portland; senior color sergeant, Henry Cheney, Portland; junior color sergeant, E. D. Day, Milwaukie; personal aide, Alfred Harriman, Portland; sick committee, Frank Godfrey and G.G. Wise, both Portland.

Department auxiliary officers: president, Dora Pendergrass, Portland; senior vice president, Millie Schwietering, Eugene; junior vice president, Hazel Anderson, Medford; chaplain, Iva Mae Hardesty, Oregon City; patriotic instructor, Natalie Williams, Portland; historian, Elizabeth Hoffman, McMinnville; conductor, Teresa Reed, Portland; assistant conductor, Margaret Sinclair, Eugene; guard, Faie Ziegler, Portland; assistant guard, Hattie Bush, Portland.

The group has not decided on a place to meet next year. Bend invited the department convention but the final decision was left to the council of administration.

Police Officer Asks \$26,599 Car-Cycle Wreck Causes Law Suit

Warren C. Wiley, a Eugene police officer, filed a \$26,599 damage suit in circuit court Tuesday for injuries suffered in September, 1952 when his motorcycle collided with a car at 13th and Willamette Sts.

The complaint said the defendant, Mary K. Brown, was "careless and negligent" in "failing to stop (her car) to permit an emergency vehicle, giving audible siren, to pass."

Wiley, patrolling the streets on a motorcycle, was answering a call on an injury accident in West Eugene at the time of the accident, the complaint said.

The defendant "suddenly and negligently" turned to the left diagonally across the street in front of the motorcycle and collided with it, according to the complaint.

At the time of the accident, Wiley was heading west on 13th Ave. and approaching the Willamette St. intersection. The motorist was driving a short distance ahead of the motorcycle just before the accident occurred.

Wiley is asking \$25,000 general damages and \$1,599.22 special damages.

BLONDIE



By Chic Young



WEATHER



RISING TEMPERATURE FIRE WEATHER

PORTLAND (AP)—Lower humidities Thursday. Central and south-west Oregon—Fair with rising temperatures and lower humidities Thursday.

U.S. Weather Forecast:

Eugene and vicinity: Partly cloudy Wednesday night, becoming sunny Thursday; warmer afternoons expected. Temperatures: High Wednesday, 74 degrees; low, Thursday morning, 52; high Thursday, 78.

Local statistics: Highest temperature Tuesday, 63; low Wednesday, 49; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, trace; total for month, .19 inch; normal for month, .26 inch; stage of river at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, 2.5 feet; barometer at 10:30 a.m., 30.29, steady; humidity 50 per cent; wind at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, N-11; prevailing Tuesday, W-8.3.

Sunrise and sunset (PST): Thursday, 4:50 a.m. and 7:47 p.m.; Friday, 4:51 a.m. and 7:46 p.m.

TEMPERATURES BY ASSOCIATED PRESS

24 hours to 4:30 a.m. Wednesday

Baker	71	42	T
Bend	64	30	—
Klamath Falls	70	40	—
Lakeview	77	39	—
Medford	75	31	—
Newport	57	50	42
North Bend	65	52	T
Ontario	60	49	—
Pendleton	72	52	—
Portland Airport	60	53	84
Roseburg	66	50	T
Salem	63	48	—
Seaside	70	41	—
Chicago	98	68	—
Denver	91	67	—
Eureka	80	54	—
Los Angeles	83	68	—
New York	91	—	—
Red Bluff	94	68	—
San Francisco	67	51	—
Seattle	82	52	—
Spokane	67	44	—

Vietnamese Silent As Firing Ceases

SAIGON, Indochina (AP)—Signing of the armistice Wednesday in Indochina's long war aroused mixed feelings of anger and relief among the French and Vietnamese in Viet Nam's capital.

But there were no demonstrations and mass expressions of rejoicing or sadness as it became known the guns which began blazing in 1946 were to be ordered silent at last.

A spokesman for Premier Ngo Dinh Diem's government termed the agreement to divide Indochina's richest and most populous state with the Communists "disastrous for the Vietnamese people."

"You didn't want to become involved so there was nothing else to do. After all, you fought only three years in Korea and gave up, so you cannot blame us for wanting peace after eight."

EMERGENCY SESSION

Premier Diem called his cabinet into emergency session to study the Geneva agreement.

The spokesman for his government termed the agreement inadequate.

"We protest against the agreement reached by the conference in which the representative of the Vietnamese government was not permitted to participate," he declared.

The spokesman emphasized that the conference in its closing hours had ignored Vietnamese Foreign Minister Tran Van Do's last-minute proposal that the United Nations take over all of Viet Nam until nationwide elections could be held.

Announcement of the cease-fire signing was heard by Indochinese listening to their radios before going to work.

But the Vietnamese went about their daily chores with seeming indifference. No one stopped on the street to discuss what had been expected for weeks.

Police Praise Radar Gadget

Motorists travelling on arterials through Eugene are mostly driving within designated speed limits, thanks to the city's new radar system.

That was the report issued by the Eugene police department Wednesday. Radar traffic control was instituted here a few days ago, and police cars and highways have been marked to indicate that radar is being used.

The system is an electronics device which permits police to determine speed of moving objects with a minimum of error.

The police report Wednesday indicated that from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday a radar check was made at the south entrance to Eugene on Highway 99. During that hour and a half, 12 drivers were stopped for exceeding the 35 miles-per-hour speed limit there.

A few days before warning signs were posted to indicate radar was being used, police in a preliminary radar check at the south entrance were finding more vehicles entering the city in violation of the speed limit than they could handle.

"The average speed there is now within the designated speed of 35 miles per hour," at least during this time of evening, police concluded.

Police Continuing McKenzie Investigation

Oregon state police Wednesday continued investigation of a burglary Monday night at the McKenzie Bridge Cafe at McKenzie Bridge.

Owner Fred Harrison Wohlhab reported to police that 12 cartons of cigarettes, a leather jacket, several cartons of candy and gum, and baked hams and pies were stolen.

Entry to the cafe was gained through a back door.

Sun to Shine On Thursday

Ol' Sol will cease his flirtatious neglect of the Emerald Empire Thursday and stay on the job all day, according to Wednesday's forecast by the Eugene Weather Bureau station.

A trace of precipitation measured at the Mahlon Sweet Airport station Tuesday night may have convinced the big beamer that his summer reign was threatened here with another of different spelling.

Whatever the motivation, the weatherman got advance notice that the sun was coming out Wednesday afternoon with intentions of chasing clouds from skies—for at least 24 hours. Tuesday's cool 63-degree temperature maximum was expected to be followed with a Wednesday high of 74 and a balmy 78 on Thursday.

Blind Receive Shepherd Pup

A three-month-old registered German shepherd pup, was given to the Cascade Lions Club Tuesday for training as a guide dog for the blind.

The pup was shipped by express the day to San Rafael, where it will be trained by the Guide Dogs for the Blind organization devoted to making life easier for those Americans who cannot see.

VITAL STATISTICS

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ervin L. Keener, 49, Myrtle Wood, Ala., and Bernice R. Breece, 43, Ogden, Utah.

Bob E. Dudley, 19, 1551 E. Main, Springfield, and Shariene S. Hughes, 17, Port Orchard, Wash.

Jack M. Parkhurst, 21, and Marjorie J. Woosley, 20, both of Florence.

BIRTHS

AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL
(July 17, 1954)

BURR—Mr. and Mrs. Bert A. Burr, Box 37, Creswell, a daughter.

COUCH—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Couch, 2896 Cheshire St., Eugene, a son.

ERICKSON—Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Erickson, Blue River, a son.

FISK—Mr. and Mrs. William R. Fisk, 254 1 St., Springfield, a daughter.

KING—Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. King, 1090 N. St., Springfield, a daughter.

MEAKINS—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Meakins, 418 8th St., Springfield, a son.

PASCHELKE—Mr. and Mrs. Leo Paschelke, Star Rt., Marcola, a son.

SEAVEY—Mr. and Mrs. William H. Seavey, Rt. 5, Box 321, Eugene, a daughter.

(July 18, 1954)

ALLEN—Mr. and Mrs. Milton S. Allen, Noti, a daughter.

CHANCE—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Chance, Leaburg, a son.

CROWSON—Mr. and Mrs. Edmond E. Crowson, Rt. 2, Junction City, a daughter.

KRIGER—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde J. Kriger, 1171 F St., Springfield, a daughter.

NESS—Mr. and Mrs. Neil H. Ness, 4255 River Rd., Eugene, a son.

WILLIAMS—Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Williams, 1512 Columbia St., Eugene, a son.

DEATHS

BESTER—Katherine Bester, 81, of 730 1st St., Springfield, died July 20, at Twilight Acres Nursing Home. Funeral services will be Thursday at 4 p.m. at Bartholomew-Buell Chapel with concluding services at Rest Haven Memorial Park.

CAMERON—Angus D. Cameron, 74, of 172 N. Grand St., Eugene, died July 19, 1954. Funeral services will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church Friday at 9 a.m. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Recitation of the Rosary will be Thursday at 8 p.m. at Police-Larsen Chapel.

CONN—Frank E. Conn, 78, Monroe, died July 20, 1954. Funeral services will be Monday at Steffy Funeral Home, Montezuma, Iowa.

NEWS BRIEFS

A SWIM PARTY and watermelon feed for high school teenagers will be held at Willamalane Pool in Springfield Friday night instead of Saturday night as previously announced.

EUGENE REBEKAH Lodge No. 55 will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the lodge hall. Mrs. Charles E. Crosson will be chairman of the refreshments committee.

OBSEDIANS will make a trip to the Rebel Rock Trail area on the South Fork of the McKenzie River Sunday, leaving the city-county park blocks at 6 a.m. Registrations are being taken at Hendershot's Sports Store.

SPRINGFIELD Public Library will open at 10 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. each Saturday through the rest of July and August. On other days, hours will be 2 to 9 p.m. as heretofore.

WILLAMALANE Coin Club will meet Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. at Springfield.

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