

"Come on, we are ready, stupid English."

It is still a mystery to me how they obtained this knowledge. There had been no raids or prisoners taken, so it must have been the work of spies in our own lines.

Three or four days before the big push we tried to shatter Fritz's nerves by faint attacks, and partially succeeded as the official reports of July 1 show.

Although we were constantly bombarding their lines day and night, still we fooled the Germans several times. This was accomplished by throwing an intense barrage into his lines—then using smoke shells we would put a curtain of white smoke across No Man's Land, completely obstructing his view of our trenches, and would raise our curtain of fire as if in an actual attack. All down our trenches the men would shout and cheer, and Fritz would turn loose with machine-gun, rifle, and shrapnel fire, thinking we were coming over.

After three or four of these dummy attacks his nerves must have been near the breaking point.

On June 24, 1916, at 9:40 in the morning our guns opened up, and hell was let loose. The din was terrific, a constant boom-boom-boom in your ear.

At night the sky was a red glare. Our bombardment had lasted about two hours when Fritz started replying. Although we were sending over ten shells to his one, our casualties were heavy. There was a constant stream of stretchers coming out of the communication trenches and burial parties were a common sight.

In the dugouts the noise of the guns almost hurt. You had the same sensation as when riding on the subway you enter the tube under the river going to Brooklyn—a sort of pressure on the ear drums, and the ground constantly trembling.

The roads behind the trenches were very dangerous because Boche shrapnel was constantly bursting over them. We avoided these dangerous spots by crossing through open fields.

The destruction in the German lines was awful and I really felt sorry for them because I realized how they must be creaking it.

From our front-line trench, every now and again, we could hear sharp whistle blasts in the German trenches. These blasts were the signals for stretcher bearers, and meant the wounding or killing of some German in the service of his fatherland.

Atwell and I had a tough time of it, patrolling the different trenches at night, but after awhile got used to it.

My old outfit, the machine gun company, was stationed in huge elephant dugouts about four hundred yards behind the front-line trench—they were in reserve. Occasionally I would stop in their dugout and have a confab with my former mates. Although we tried to be jolly, still, there was a lurking feeling of impending disaster. Each man was wondering, if, after the slogan, "Over the top with the best of luck," had been sounded, would he still be alive or would he be lying "somewhere in France." In an old dilapidated house, the walls of which were scarred with machine-gun bullets, No. 3 section of the machine gun company had its quarters. The company's cooks prepared the meals in this billet. On the fifth evening of the bombardment a German eight-inch shell registered a direct hit on the billet and wiped out ten men who were asleep in the supposedly bomb-proof cellar. They were buried the next day and I attended the funeral.

Continued next week

The regular monthly meeting of the Grange is scheduled to be held next Saturday evening, the change from the day time being made for summer convenience. However, the first meeting night conflicted with another important date and the Grange has been invited to attend the lecture by Dr. Powers on "Why Japan is in the War" to be held in the Normal chapel at 8:30. The Grange will meet as scheduled and proceed in a body to the chapel. Such are the plans. A little time will be found to arrange for Sunday afternoon picnics which proved a successful innovation last year.

A. N. Poole who has given up work in the ship yards of Portland is busy this week installing a new cylinder in the laundry at the Normal.

Col Oscar Zook, recently selected for military purposes by Uncle Sam, is back once more in his accustomed haunts. The army is not for him the examiners say. The minimum of height accepted is 5ft. 3in. and Oscar is only 5 ft. 2in. so he had to give way to some taller rival.

Fred E. Young has been elected to succeed the late W. S. Kurre as city treasurer of Independence.

Mrs. Ide, recently of Philadelphia, reports the East to be in a highly prosperous condition with prospects for bumper crops. On the journey west she was impressed with the greenness and freshness of the farm lands of the East, the first evidence of dryness being met with in Montana.

Dr. Bowersox is now occupying his office in the drug store where he can keep an eye on both ends of the establishment at one time.

D. M. Hampton was a visitor in Sheridan Sunday.

Last Sunday Mr. Laurie Radabaugh, recently from Canada, together with his mother, Mrs. J. G. Radabaugh, and sister Hazel, motored from Eugene to spend the day with Miss Mamie Radabaugh.

J. J. Jones and family who have been living in the Chas. Jackson house since last fall, stored their household effects in the house and left Wednesday for Portland, traveling by auto. They will probably visit the seashore and other points in Oregon and Washington but have not made definite plans for the future.

The glorious Fourth passed off without unusual incident and locally it was all that sanity could ask for. No fireworks, few fire crackers, the only thing the small boy had to rely on for noise making purposes being repeater cap pistols. It was a case of go out of town for the celebration spirit and some sought the crowds and some the solitudes. Rickreall and King's Valley both attracted Monmouth people, but there were plenty to stay at home.

Miss Pearl Walker of Bandon arrived last week for a visit with Mrs. H. C. Ostien.

P. D. Quisenberry is hardening up his muscles in preparation for military life by doing farm work for Jasper Thompson.

Prof. W. S. Brown of the Oregon Agricultural College gave a demonstration in summer pruning at the Monmouth Orchards on Monday. He gave special attention to instruction relative to the growing and care of the Italian prune orchard.

In common with the move which has extended all over the country the list of eligible soldiers has been gone over recently in Polk county and reclassified, many men who were in deferred classes, having been put in class one. As it stands now the Polk county class one list comprises 27 per cent of all registrants and as the average in the nation is 28.6 per cent it will be noted that the proportion is about the normal.

D. C. Walker came down from Buell for a brief visit one day during the past week.

The evening band concert on the Normal campus on the Fourth of July attracted many people to Monmouth; music being by the Polk County Patriotic Band. Attorney B. F. Swope of Independence appeared in a brief patriotic address.

Ross Nelson returned Monday after sojourning in California for two weeks where in company with Clark Hembree he has been basking in the sunshine of the Sacramento valley where good times are rampant. "They're hitting her on high down there," he says, "and spelling prosperity with a big P." Ross will be heading South again soon.—Post.

Editor Clyde Ecker of the Independence Post was a visitor in Monmouth Saturday.

Mr. McNeil, contractor of Albany, is in the city at present doing some work on the Normal Chapel.

Record of Polk in 2nd Red Cross Drive

Herewith is report of receipts of Second Red Cross War Fund Drive for Polk County, as given us by County Chairman, A. B. Starbuck.

As many of these reports were not segregated according to Districts, we are giving totals received from each Captain, making a grand total of \$14,225.48, divided as follows:

C. V. Johnson, Captain, Airlie, Montgomery, Mc Timmons, Lewisville. \$529.07

T. B. Stone, Capt., Buell, Harmony, Gooseneck, Fern. \$361.43

J. R. Loy, Capt., Buena Vista, Hopville. \$255.75

G. H. Ball, Capt., Ballaton, Red Prairie, Broadmead \$291.51

F. C. Ewing, Capt., Brush College, Popcorn, Mountain View. \$346.00.

I. L. Patterson, Capt., Rola. \$129.00.

W. H. Beard, Capt., Falls City, Oakhurst, Black Rock, Guthrie, Bridgeport, W. V. Camp. \$2075.37.

C. W. Barrick, Capt., Independence, Parker, Highland, Oak Point. \$1745.25.

E. M. Jourdan, Capt., McCoy, Bethel. \$355.00.

A. Parker, Capt., Monmouth, Cochran, Mistletoe, Sunny Slope, Antioch, Elkins. \$16,00.00.

V. J. Love, Capt., Pedee, Fir Grove, Cherry Grove Wild Wood, Siletz lumber Co. \$386.68.

H. J. Elliott, Capt., Perrydale, Enterprise, Concord. \$501.80.

A. R. Cadle, Capt., Rickreall, Greenwood, Oak Grove, Crowley. \$605.95.

C. L. Gilson, Capt., Smithfield, Polk Station, \$94.00.

W. L. Soehren, Capt., Orchard, Salt Creek, Upper S. C. Pioneer, \$374.50.

Jno. Simkins, Capt., Spg. Valley, Lone Star, Zena, Lincoln, \$332.82.

J. J. Thurston, Capt. Suver, Fair View, Valley View, \$370.03

J. T. Worth, Capt., Gold Creek, Valley Jctn., Grand Ronde, \$22,405.85.

W. B. Gerth, West Salem, \$1,26.85.

W. L. Soehren, Dallas, N. Dallas Liberty, Oakdale, Orchard View, \$3492.07.

Home Service Work

The Home Service Section of the Red Cross becomes more and more efficient as those in need of its service learn of its object. "An American Commander at the front and a leading Military Surgeon in Paris both stated that the Red Cross could do nothing more important from a Military standpoint than to maintain the welfare of the homes of our fighting men."

"Any worry about the condition of his dependents tends to put a soldier into a condition where he is subject to shell-shock. A soldier that is untouched by a bullet or shell, may, from shell-shock return to his trench in such a nervous condition as to require hospital treatment and a long rest. The best insurance against this by-product of modern warfare, the physicians say, is for a man to go "Over the Top" or meet a charge in a buoyant, untroubled frame of mind in which his whole concern is the grim business at hand."

"There can be no more certain means of steadying his morale than to give him assurance that whatever may happen to his folks at home, the Home Service Section of the Red Cross may be depended upon to act promptly, sympathetically and adequately to maintain comfort and peace of mind of those he left

behind." During the month of June 211 families were given aid by the Wilamette Home Service Section, 154


by information only, 57 were aided in a more substantial manner. Their head quarters are at 125 N. Liberty St., Salem Oregon.

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" Airlie 8:30, a m and 3:45, p m, Arrives Monmouth 9:05 a m and 4:13 p m	
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Trains out of Monmouth	
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