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HEROES ON THE BORDER BACK FROM THE FRONT

The following article, clipped from Twelfth Cavalry Standard, was received from Sgt. Charlie Hill, Troop A, 12th Cav., Columbus, N. Mex. Sgt. Hill is a son of W. L. Hill of Sparta, and is known to many in Eagle Valley, having been employed by Clarence Wallace prior to enlisting.

DURKEE'S SURVEY.
Nothing but the bleak, barren sands and mountains to give them cheer. Nothing but the moon and stars at night to talk with. Mail once or twice a week. They have not seen a bright light, or a trolley car, nor a decent American woman (the joy of their hopes) for twelve, fifteen or twenty months. They have not been inside a home, nor heard the soft tone of music, nor the melody of a sweet woman's heavenly voice. There is no excitement of roaring cannon, no flights of bursting bombs in the air. Every day is like their yesterday, and the tomorrow holds no charms. These are men who hold back the sly bandits of Mexico when all is quiet. These are men who are forced to remain in the service, who have beaten paths along eighteen hundred miles of barren lands, while the cantonments are being demobilized and the men are returning to their homes with warm welcomes from their fathers, their mothers, sisters, brothers and friends. These are the men who will continue to make life safe along the border for \$30 a month, while the business industries are giving every advantage to men who are returning from the demobilized forces of America.

We did not know they were on the border—we did not read about them. We did not know they were the first to answer the call to arms to down the huns. Yet they did all of this and were assigned to the task of guarding our Mexican frontier from the Gulf to the Pacific Ocean, while the others who went "over there" are returning and being mustered out of service. To the Mexican he stood as a wall upon which was written the notice: "You stay on your side of this line and behave yourselves." If they were not there we might have sought some dugout to escape the attacking, invading army from the southwest.

These are men who are forced to remain down there, miles and miles from civilization, thinking of home and mother. Uncrowned heroes are they—but they have served and are serving their country. His one thought at nights must be of mother, all wrinkled and gray, sitting by the fireside thinking of her lonely boy down on the border. Can he ever return to the old home where things have changed so much; where no one but mother will be anxious to

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Elmer E. Simonis arrived home Sunday, being the first of our Eagle Valley boys to return who had been in actual battle. He landed in New York on March 2 and was mustered out at Camp Lewis on April 3rd.

Elmer entered service on June 24th last year, and on August 24th landed in France as a member of the 40th Division. On October 5th was transferred to Co. L, 322nd Inf., 81st Division, (termed the Wild Cats, and three days later was on the battle front at Vosague Woods.

This was officially termed a "quiet sector" but was under continuous shell fire from the huns. Elmer was here for twelve days, receiving a slight wound on his right cheek on his first night in the trenches. He was afterwards out on two night patrols but got through unharmed, although on the first one he said that he had a very close call. The men, about eighty in number, were marching in squad formation when the enemy discovered them and all but eighteen were either killed or wounded.

One night while standing guard he heard some boches cutting the barb wire entanglements, he threw some hand grenades to them and the results proved entirely satisfactory. On another night while on guard he had the satisfaction of capturing two hun prisoners.

Elmer says that the hardships endured by the men at the front were terrible. For ten days and nights out of the twelve he never had an opportunity to lie down; and added to this was the shortage of rations. Some days but one meal was served, others two, occasionally three, and on some days none.

After the armistice was signed Elmer was stationed for six weeks at the convalescent center at St. Agny. Here he said the conditions were most deplorable. In order to secure their rations (which oftentimes consisted of a lone hunk of bread, and occasionally blue with mould at that), the men were compelled to stand in line from one to three hours in mud shoe-top deep and often in pouring rain. Providing a man was able and willing, he was allowed to repeat the operation three times daily—but Elmer said that he often went twenty-four hours without eating rather than undergo the ordeal.

Elmer is loud in his praise of the service rendered by the Red Cross, Salvation Army and the Knights of Columbus, but has nothing to say for any other organization.

Mrs. Katherine M. Robinson, died in Baker on Tuesday evening, aged 94 years. Mrs. Robinson was the mother of Mrs. P. T. Wyatt of Eagle Valley and was quite well known in this section. She was also the grandmother of Miss Opal Robinson.

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Will Vote to Bond County for Road Improvement.

Around two hundred and fifty representative men from all parts of the county held a mass meeting at Baker on last Thursday evening for the purpose of taking some action in regard to a good roads program. Several Eagle Valley citizens were in attendance.

After a general discussion, in which the matter of bonding the county to carry on road improvement, Representative A. A. Smith made a motion that the meeting go on record as being in favor of a \$50,000 bond issue. The motion was seconded by Senator Strayer and D. M. Cartmill, and a rising vote showed the convention to be unanimously in favor of such procedure. The matter will be put up to the people for their approval or rejection at the election to be held in June.

Ed Blue arrived home Tuesday after serving in the aero department of the U. S. Navy since in November, 1917. Ed was stationed at Wexford, Ireland, but got to pay a short visit to Brest, France, before embarking for the good old U. S. A.

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