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CLETUS HOLT HAS MANY EXPERIENCES

Private W. Cletus Holt of this city arrived from France and is recuperating at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Holt of Thomas, from wounds received in pursuit of his duties overseas.

Private Holt modestly produced a copy of a recommendation signed by Capt. Tweedy and First Lieutenant Williams of his Co. to Gen. Pershing, citing him for bravery in action on three different occasions, Sept. 25, Oct. 2 and again Oct. 3d when he was severely wounded, later being gassed, causing him to lose his speech which he regained after a major operation in New York City March 5th.

He narrates the following:

Was called to service June 24, 1918,

reporting to Camp Lewis, where he received his first ideas and impressions of army life as well as the shots in the arm, which were hardly forgotten when he and 124 other men from his company were transferred to the 40th division at Camp Kearney. After a few days of intensive training in Sunny California the 40th division was ordered to Camp Mills, Long Island, — incidentally the hottest place between Needles, Ariz., and the tropics, — where overseas equipment replaced cotton khaki and Aug. 7 found his company on board the City of Bombay and well on their way to France.

Private Holt does not say much of his trip overseas. Aside from icebergs and submarines the trip was uneventful. When asked about the food on the boat he remarked that that was another story, adding that he was unable to find food in Oregon to compare with it. He is of the opinion the rations were leftovers from the Boer War, as the City of Bombay

was an English ship.

August 25 his company landed at Tilbury Docks on the Thames river some 50 miles north of London, from where they went to Southampton, spending one night in a rest camp which all soldiers know is not a rest camp at all.

The morning of the 27th found them across the English Channel and at Le Havre, France. From here they went to Nerondes, getting their first experience of sidedoor pullmans, so popular in France and so carefully marked 40 Hommes, or 8 Chevaux, meaning 40 men or eight horses. From here they hiked to Sancerques, a distance of about 25 miles, where the 40th division was billeted in barns for 20 days.

Shortly after arriving in France the 40th division was made a depot brigade and Sept. 20 Private Holt and 70 comrades were transferred to the 77th division, America's first national army composed of drafted men. Pri-

vate Holt was assigned to Co. D of the 305th infantry and saw his first action Sept. 25th when his company went over the top and across No Man's Land, and was over the top from that on.

His experiences vary from sleeping in German dugouts under German blankets to walking outposts and from having his pack riddled by machinegun bullets to being surrounded by enemy infantry for three days. The latter was on Hill 705 in the Argonne forest when the enemy attacked from both flanks and closed in behind, taking the runners prisoners and cutting all lines of communication.

Unless you have heard the steady rum-zum-zum of the Boche airplanes or seen a dozen lights converge upon a plane and watched the flash of bursting shrapnel or seen the darkest night turn broad daylight, you cannot realize the situation of these 2,000 men who were finally driven from the position by heavy artillery

fire, only to retake the position some 30 minutes later, which was held until relieved. From this position Private Holt's company took front-line trenches less than 150 feet from the Boche lines. What took place here he does not relate but it is safe to say the Americans were not inactive.

Private Holt speaks highly of the work done by the Red Cross and Salvation Army and of his treatment in hospitals. He was in hospitals at Meuses, Savenay and Brest, from which port he embarked, sailing on the President Grant Feb. 7, arriving in Hoboken Feb. 26th. After sightseeing in the metropolis of the United States for three weeks he started West and was not satisfied until he had crossed the Columbia river into Oregon.

Piggie "Polka-Dot" Gets Billie's Goat

Billie Rhodes, the mirthful little

star who is appearing at the Globe tonight is very fond of animals, but "Polka Dot," the pet pig which stars with her in "The Lamb and the Lion" her latest production, has got her goat," as she expresses it.

"You see its like this," said the dark eyed little star, "In 'The Lamb and the Lion' I have to feed 'Polka Dot' out of a baby bottle, and that little animal loves milk better than any baby I ever saw."

"The other day the little rascal butted in on a scene where he had no right at all, and jumped right into the top of one of the big boots I wear, and there he stuck, head foremost with his hind legs and curly tail wig-wagging from the top near my knee."

"Of course, it frightened me out of several years growth and broke up the scene, besides ruining a perfectly good stocking. 'Polka Dot' was after that milk bottle and concluded I was hiding it in my boot."