

EX-HAWAII MAN WHO RUSHED BOCHES AT MESSINES TELLS OF GREAT DYNAMITING FEAT

"Regular Hades" is Corporal Hunter's Description of Cataclysmic Explosion That Destroyed Miles of Trenches and Hurlled Germans By the Hundreds Into the Air—Anzacs do Splendid Work in Charge That Consolidated Gains

"It was a great day and we enjoyed every minute of it," writes Corporal Hunter, a one-time Papaikou man, to Hilo friends, but now in Belgium, where he, on June 6 last, was in the thick of the attack on Messines after the great artificial earthquake was let off and thousands of the Teutons were blown skyward.

Hunter says that while thousands of Britishers and Belgians knew about the blast that was to change the face of the country, not a word leaked out and the Germans had no idea of what was going to happen. They anticipated an attack of some sort, but never dreamed that it would come from below.

"It was a great job, well carried out," continues Hunter, "and when I think of the miles of tunneling that had to be done and then the driving of cross shafts and the charging of these with high explosives, I sometimes think it's all a dream. But it is nothing of the sort and the evidence is apparent in our occupation of so much ground which was formerly in the hands of the Germans."

How It Was Done

"For a year or more expert miners from the coal fields of Australia, Wales, New Zealand and Belgium, worked and sweated as they drove these long tunnels in direction of the German fortified positions near Messines. The underground shafts were driven as straight as possible until they were directly under the casements and concrete forts of the Teutons. Then directly under each German position, vertical shafts about twenty feet long were dug. These were filled to the brim with high explosives and all connections were made so that at the appointed time the whole mine could be set off.

"We knew when the high blast was to be let off and you can bet none of us slept very soundly that night. We could not help but think of the explosion that was to come and about the instant charge of the infantry that had to be made after the German positions were wrecked. It would be no use to simply blow the Teutons to Hades, if we did not at once advance and take the positions 'vacated' by them and also the land immediately in the rear.

"Well, when the hour came for the button to be pressed that would send the mines off, you can bet your boots we were all on the job watching for the big fireworks and to see how much of the landscape was changed."

"The explosion exceeded all our expectations. There was a roar that almost deafened all of us and then into the air soared thousands of tons of earth, rock and cement. With that stuff went German soldiers, by the hundreds and they never came back—not so as you could notice it much when we passed over the wreck later on."

"The instant the earth had settled down again, the New Zealanders moved forward, with the Australians on their right. The first rush took them right up to the blown up sections. A few nerve-shattered Germans crawling out of the ruins and surrendered. The New Zealanders consolidated the position and awaited the next stage in the operations. A second body of Australians, on the left of the New Zealanders, had already made almost as much progress as the other bunch of men from the land of the kangaroo."

"The German prisoners expressed themselves as glad to be alive. They begged the Australians and New Zealanders to be merciful and seemed to be very surprised at the kind manner in which they were treated. They evidently had been filled up with stories that if they ever surrendered they would be treated as British prisoners and this was enough, evidently, to soothe them still!"

"One Australian officer with whom I had a talk, said that it was like looking down into the pit of hell from whence many tons of earth were hurled upwards with a rush of gas and flame and amid a monstrous uproar. He said that it was good to be in the fresh air again and explained that he

had been working underground for nearly two years in the dark shafts under the German lines.

"The tunnelers dug nineteen locks, stopping and a similar number of strongly computed armed enemy fortresses. Then, in the vertical shafts about twenty-five tons of explosives were placed. Everything was ready at the end of last winter. Since then and up till June 6 the German first line troops had been sleeping above a slumbering inferno. German Traitors

"I heard from another officer that the German commanders knew that they were certain to be defeated at Messines and their chief pre-occupation was to examine the guns without alarming the infantry. The latter were fooled in the end as the German commanders actually arranged a system of false signals for the guns, to which there was, of course, no response, as the guns were being hurried to the rear.

"The above beautiful piece of work on the part of the German commanders explained why we had to separate many German prisoners in their cages on the day after the battle. They were trying to choke one another and some were declaring that the others were guilty of the worst kind of treachery—that of having allowed their own men to be killed without a chance of a fight for their lives.

"I want to say that the manner in which the colonial troops are fighting in this war is wonderful. When there is real work to be done and work that means that there must be heavy casualties, the 'blanky' Australians, as they are called, the Canucks, the New Zealanders and the South Africans are there with what Americans call the 'punch,' and it is good to see it that way."

"Bravo U. S. A. I am looking forward to seeing American troops in action under their own flag soon and then God help Fritz. I feel sure that the Americans will be just another edition of the British colonials and that nothing will stop them once they get going. Aloha to all friends. I hope to return alive to Hawaii. If not, well, what does it matter after all? I will have done my bit for future generations and the cause of democracy, freedom and civilization."

GIVES EXPLANATION OF TERRITORY'S SURPLUS

The territorial surplus of \$794,000 mentioned in the Star-Bulletin, is subject to an explanation, says Deputy Auditor G. W. King. The finance committees of both houses knew of this estimate having been made, and it was included in the appropriations made. The regular appropriation bill of 1915 was \$3,058,775, while the regular appropriation bill of 1917 was \$3,588,235, which fully provided for the estimated surplus.

The estimated income of the territory for the period of 1917-1919 was given at \$3,500,000, surplus \$794,000, total available \$4,294,000. The total appropriations for 1917-1919 as they stand July 1, 1917, amount to \$4,626,291.46, so that if all of these were used before June 30, 1919, there would be a deficit. But as some will not be used, and as others are for special roads and other purposes which will be repaid by the sale of public lands, the chances are that the end of June, 1919, will see the territory about even."

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ARRANGE NEW PLANS RELATIVE TO PAYING HAWAII COUNTY EMPLOYEES

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence.)
HILO, July 28.—A movement behind which is arrayed the local financial institutions, is on foot which will put the paying of all county employes on the county treasurer. The manner in which this is done at present, is considered by the heads of the various banks to offer an element of risk which, in some instances, has actually occurred.

The bankers have therefore placed before the supervisors for consideration at their next meeting, a plan that they feel sure will prove acceptable to that body and at the same time greatly help out the situation, as well as eliminate entirely the risk of loss. The plan changes the present system of paying off, inasmuch as it would imply mean that the banks would deal only with the treasurer in the transaction, the latter giving a check against the county, and receiving his money, would then proceed to personally pay off the employes throughout the island. This will entail a certain amount of extra work in the treasurer's department, but will simplify the transaction inasmuch as there will be less handling of checks.

The change as proposed by the banks is not so much the question of wishing to avoid the necessary work at present attached to the system as it is a matter of safety. The losses are not in any case so very large as to seriously affect the banks, but nevertheless, a constant drain on the safety vault of even small amounts, eventually amounts to a sum that represents considerable in the long run. Banks having branch institutions in different parts of the island would, under the proposed plan, be able to accommodate the county in furnishing funds for the respective districts, and in view of the fact that Chairman Kaunaha has expressed himself in favor of the new plan, it is practically an assured fact that the change will be adopted.

At various times since the establishment of county government here, there have been minor complaints of irregularities in connection with payrolls, etc., and with the system whereby the treasurer or some responsible deputy personally pays the men, getting their genuine signature to the payroll, it is thought that no possibility for any amount of extra work in the treasurer's department, but will simplify the transaction inasmuch as there will be less handling of checks.

HILO IS VISITED BY EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

Hilo was visited last Saturday evening shortly after eight o'clock by one of the severest earthquakes that has been experienced here for many years. The theaters were jammed with people and as the houses began to creak and sway, the crowds sat in perfect order, no attempt being made to stampede. The first intimation that an earthquake was on, came in the way of a long tremble, which increased until it shook buildings to their very foundations, subsiding in the same manner in which it had come, says the Hawaii Post.

At twenty minutes past two Sunday morning, a second shock came, and whether it was through the thoughts of the one in the early part of the night, or whether the second one was more severe, there were many who ran half asleep from their houses. In Pucoco, the shock was felt more severely, in one instance a bookcase being danced across the floor, while in another home, crockery was smashed. Word comes from Laupahoehoe that a stone weighing a ton or more, and many smaller ones, had been loosened and thrown into the road between the railway station and the town proper.

Following the second shock, came a lighter one, being a sort of a cradle swinging movement.

ARCHITECT GOODHUE RETURNING ON MAUI

Bertram G. Goodhue, the architect who designed the layout of the San Diego exposition, and other great projects arrived in Honolulu today on the Maui. He is bringing his family with him.

To make plans with reference to future development and buildings, Goodhue has been engaged by the Oahu college in conjunction with Kamehameha schools, Mid-Pacific Institute and Central Union church.

GASOLINE SUPPLY NOT LIKELY TO BE SHORT

That the supply of gasoline will not be affected by the shortage of oil tankers which has led all local oil agencies to sell crude oil only on local contracts, is the report received from the management of the Standard and Associated Oil companies.

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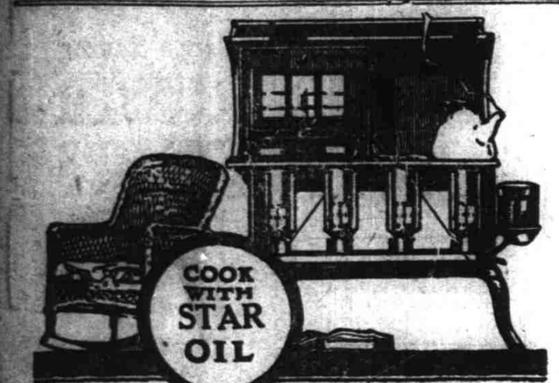
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