

HOLD THE FORT.

Origin of the Popular Hymn.

"Hold the Fort, for I am coming," did not have a pious setting. "I am short a cheek boy" and one ear, but am able to whip all Hell yet," was the signal Service message sent by Gen. Sherman in response to which Gen. Sherman said: "Hold fast, for I am coming."

These messages were exchanged on the afternoon of Oct. 4, 1864, during the terrible battle at Allatoona Pass, a critical period in the war of the rebellion.

Robert J. Walker, of Osceola Mills, who is still living, and who served through the war in the Signal Service, received Gen. Sherman's message and handed it to Gen. Sherman, who said: "I knew Sherman would hold Allatoona."

A. D. Frankenberg, a veteran of Fayette County, was the man who signalled the run of telegrams used at Allatoona Pass to hold on until Gen. Sherman arrived. He recently presented the flag to Gen. Stewart at Harrisburg, where it is now on exhibition.

The Signal Service was invaluable to the army. Comrade Walker has presented the press with the run of telegrams used at the battle of Allatoona Pass, which will illustrate the nature and value of the service. These are now published for the first time.

Comrade Walker says, referring to the opening of the battle of Allatoona Pass: "At this time it happened that the two officers in charge of the station at Allatoona, Lieuts. W. W. Allen and I. C. Worley, were away, the former attending to business at Chattanooga, and the latter on a 30 days' leave of absence. Lieut. J. Q. Adams was temporarily in charge of the station. Allen's flagmen were J. W. McKenzie, E. C. McKenzie, R. O. McGinty, J. C. McGinty, B. F. Bretz, and L. H. Fulton. Worley's men were A. D. Perry, Enoch Canell, J. C. Fuller, J. C. Bartlett, Chas. Gardner and W. F. Fay. The officers on Kennesaw were Lieut. C. H. Fish, with Lieut. J. H. Connelly, of the Army of the Cumberland. These officers were joined Oct. 6, by Lieut. T. B. Kelly, as the amount of work required was greater than two men could perform."

"On the 2d the officers on Kennesaw reported to the General in command the movements of the enemy on the railroad between Kennesaw and Big Shanty. Kennesaw was the key-station with and thru which all other communications. As early as Oct. 1 Lieut. Fish had noticed campfires in the vicinity of Lost Mountain, and on the 2d he discovered a large camp there. On the afternoon of that day he saw a column of the enemy's cavalry on the railroad and at once reported this fact to Gen. McArthur at Marietta. That officer was not at first convinced of the identity of the force discovered, but after a visit to the station his doubts were removed."

battle will give the best answer to that question.

Lieut. Shifty's Report.

"Headquarters Signal Detachment, Fifteenth Corps, Little River, Ga., Oct. 28, 1864. "Lieutenant: I have the honor to make the following report of duties performed by myself and the detachment under my command during the five days ending Oct. 5, 1864."

"During Oct. 2 and 3 I was in camp at Point, Ga., making out reports and preparing to march. On the 4th I started from camp with the Fifteenth Corps, taking with me the men belonging with my own party and ordering those of Lieut. Adams' party to Reserve Camp at Atlanta. Marched 20 miles and bivouacked at 11 p. m. On the 5th we marched eight miles and encamped, when I went to Marietta to assist in getting signal communication between the Headquarters of Gen. Sherman and Howard. During those two days I reconnoitered, when necessary, and occasionally did the duties of Aid to Gen. Osterhaus."

"During the five days Lieut. Wickrick was on special duty bringing men and stores from Chattanooga to Atlanta, and was detained by a railroad accident. Accompanying you will find his report."

"Lieut. Fish took charge of Signal Station on Kennesaw Mountain Oct. 1, and reported quiet that day and the 2d. Having seen indications of the enemy on Oct. 3, he kept a good look-out with a telescope, and discovered a large camp of the enemy near Lost Mountain, also infantry and cavalry moving, and in the evening he discovered rebel cavalry on the railroad near Big Shanty, which fact he reported to the proper authorities. That evening all of our forces in his front were withdrawn, and he thus left outside our lines and near the enemy. Fearing an attack, he made preparations for a vigorous defence, and also to destroy all public property he could not carry away. In case he should be compelled to leave, he bravely stood at his post and by a judicious display of his small force kept the enemy away."

"Oct. 4 he watched and reported the movement of the enemy, and passed many messages, among which was information to Allatoona of the movements of the enemy against that place and orders from Gen. Sherman to hold out, in consequence of which the garrison was reinforced and enabled on the following day to successfully resist the assaults of the enemy and save our large store of supplies."

"Oct. 5 Gen. Sherman was on the mountain all day and Lieut. Fish sent many important messages for him to seven different stations, with which he communicated that day. The message in the morning that Gen. Corse had arrived at Allatoona with reinforcements, and in the evening after the battle that they still held out gave the General much pleasure, and he remarked they were worth a million dollars to him. Accompanying I send Lieut. Fish's report with a copy of many important messages sent by him appended."

"Lieut. Shellabarger was away on leave of absence, and consequently I have no report from him. During the five days Lieut. Adams was on Signal Station at Allatoona, in charge of the enlisted men belonging to the party of Lieuts. Worley and Allen, and performing the duties of that station. Oct. 3 and 4, he received and sent a number of important messages in regard to the movements of the enemy and telegraph, etc."

"Oct. 5 the enemy made the attack on Allatoona, and as the point occupied by a signal station by him became untenable, on account of the enemy's fire, he repaired to one of the forts with his flag, from which he sent a message during the engagement. When the battle became general he watched the movements of the enemy and directed the fire of our artillery, and at the same time directed the men under his charge to repair to the rifle-pits, and procure arms from wounded men and use them, which they all did, one man firing as high as 99 rounds."

"I have not yet received Lieut. Adams' report, but will forward it to you upon its arrival."

"I am satisfied with the actions of the officers and men of my detachment, believing that all did their duty properly."

"I am very respectfully your obedient servant—Wm. A. Shifty, First Lieutenant, Commanding Detachment, Fifteenth Corps."

The Messages.

"The messages transmitted to and from Kennesaw subsequent to the message ordering Corse from Rome to Allatoona are herewith appended: "Oct. 4; 2 p. m. "Commanding Officer, Allatoona: Sherman is moving in force. Hold out!—Gen. Vandever."

"Oct. 5. "Gen. Corse is here with one brigade. Where is Gen. Sherman?"

"Oct. 5. "We are all right so far. Gen. Corse is wounded. Where is Gen. Sherman?"

"Tell Allatoona hold on. Gen. Sherman says he is working hard for you.—Gen. Vandever."

"Allatoona: How is Corse? What news?—Dayton, A. A. G."

"Capt. L. M. Dayton: I am short a cheek and one ear, but able to whip all Hell yet. A force reported moving on Kingston gives me some anxiety. Where is Sherman?—Corse, Brigadier-General Commanding."

"Gen. Corse: Am reconnoitering toward Burnt Hickory and Lost Mountain. Are you badly hurt? If all is right at Allatoona, I want you back at Rome.—Sherman."

"Kennesaw Mountain, "Oct. 6; 4:10 p. m. "Corse: Saw your battery. Am here all right. Have sent you assistance. Am sorry you are hurt. General is mindful of you.—Dayton."

"Kennesaw Mountain, "Oct. 6; 5:30 p. m. "Gen. Cox, Pine Top: Sir: All right at Allatoona. Have a brigade ready to go there tomorrow early.—W. T. Sherman, Major General."

"Kennesaw Mountain, "Oct. 6; 6:45 p. m. "Corse: Am just in. Am very sorry at your wounds, but all is right with you. If possible, keep the enemy off your line, and let me know at once what force you have, and what is at Kingston and Rome. Also send some account of your fight. Hood has retreated to Dallas.—Sherman."

"Kennesaw Mountain, "Oct. 6; 9:20 p. m. "Corse: Let the Rome force return at once to Rome and protect the road.—Sherman."

"Oct. 6; 10 p. m. "Sherman: Dispatch of this a. m. received and instructions obeyed. Perfectly quiet here. New lines are done. Our position very strong. Can we do anything to help you. Can safely send out a brigade to destroy bridges.—Sherman."

"Kennesaw Mountain, "Oct. 7; 12:15 a. m. "Corse: I will send brigade up to you in the morning.—Sherman."

Relics of Chancellorsville.

Editor National Tribune: On the old Chancellor farm, which is in the rear of the Wilderness Church, and the place where the Union forces were surprised by Jackson, I have a pair of Spring gold plate with three artificial teeth which belonged to some soldier of either army, and I wish you would please advise them in your paper, and if the owner is still living, or if anyone knows who they belonged to, I wish them to write me. We have several other relics. Among them is a belt buckle with U. S. on the front and on the under side the name W. H. Smith, Brooklyn, in small printed letters. If alive is still alive I wish he would write, or anyone who knew him.—John C. Kuhn, Brock Roads, Spotsylvania County, Va."

WOMAN SERVED AS SOLDIER.

Followed Husband Thru Civil War. In Many Important Engagements. (Greensburg Correspondence Indianapolis News.)

Mrs. Elizabeth Finnan, aged 88 years, is dead after a lingering illness. This simple statement would not arouse special interest, but behind it lies the story of a woman's devotion to the man of her choice and of her sacrifice to the country of her adoption.

The story of Elizabeth Cain Finnan is one of the most remarkable in the history of the war of the rebellion. Offering her services at Sandusky, O., when her husband enlisted, she was taken to Cincinnati, where she was accepted as laundress for the 81st Ohio, and from that day at the beginning of the war until the regiment was mustered out at Columbus, O., in September, 1864, she was never absent from her post of duty at any time.

Altho she went in the first place as a laundress, that post was soon abolished, and the husband was informed by Gen. Dodge that his wife must leave the regiment. Gen. John A. Logan had observed the attachment between the husband and wife and interfered in their behalf. Mrs. Finnan was permitted to remain, and a little "A" tent was furnished for her. She drew the Government rations the same as any soldier, and much of the time wore male attire.

In times of danger she carried a musket just as the soldiers did, and in all respects shared the rough life of the men about her. Often she marched 50 miles a day, and her courage and endurance were equal to that of the soldiers themselves.

A list of the battles in which she took part reads almost like a record of the engagements of the war of the rebellion. She was at the battles of Corinth, Pocahontas, Huntsville, Ala.; Harrisburg, Mo.; Pultusk, Tenn.; Fort Donelson and Chattanooga, Tenn.; Snake Creek Gap, Kingston, Sillioh and others. After every battle Mrs. Finnan offered her services in the field hospital. Whenever and whenever needed she was at hand, and neither Surgeon nor soldier ever called in vain for her aid. At the battle of Lookout Mountain she was able to perform some service for Gen. Grant, who later took occasion to single her out for praise.

My Daddy Was a Sojer.

(By Will F. Stephens, Penn Grove, Cal.)

My daddy was a sojer, And fought against the wrong, "Bravely and defiantly." As they say in the song. My dad says 'tis a gallant thing To do a sojer, but 'Tis awful when the bullets sing And snubbers slash and cut.

If I was Mr. Uncle Sam Or his next best friend I wouldn't let them really fight, But make them jest put out. My daddy says 'twould be as well, And he knows best, I guess, If war was less like brimming hell And more parade and dress.

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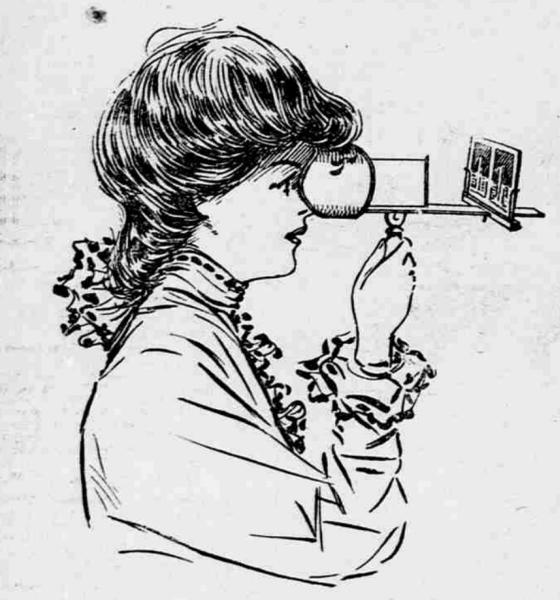
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Colonel was William G. Murray, who was killed at Winchester and succeeded by Col. Samuel M. Bowman, who was discharged, and Lieut. Col. George Zinn was in command when the regiment was mustered out. The regiment belonged to Humphrey's Division, Third Corps, Army of the Potomac, and lost 125 killed and 99 died from disease.—Editor National Tribune.

Another Epitaph for Wlro. Lewis Slagle, Co. D, 91st Ohio, La-farge, Wis., sends the following epitaph for old Wlro: "Old Wlro is dead, (which is all very well; His soul is all under ground, But his soul is in —"

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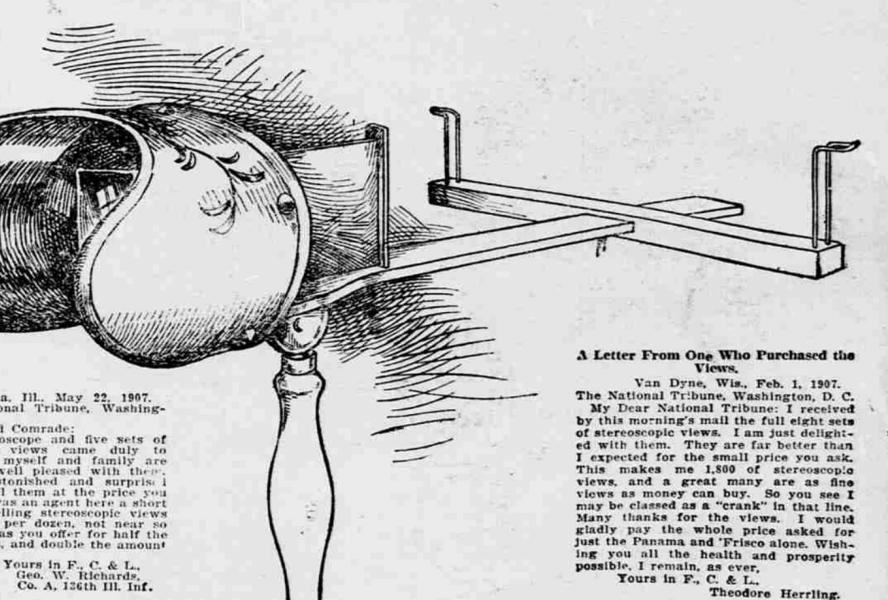
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