

EVINCES THE SPIRIT OF DEVOTION TO DUTY

Walter Brooke Hunter, Jr., Maryland Guardsman on Border, Relates His Experiences.

Young Man of Prominent Family Whose Ancestors Served in Revolution and Later Wars.



WALTER BROOKE HUNTER, JR. Walter Brooke Hunter, Jr., a Hyattsville boy, who is with Company F of the 1st Maryland Infantry at Camp Ordway, Eagle Pass, Tex., has written interestingly to his father of the hardships of life on the border, but with a fine spirit of devotion to duty and real enjoyment of the life in the open.

He is of a well known family who have been long time residents of Maryland and Virginia. He is the elder son of Walter Brooke and Margaret Terrett Hunter. He is eighteen years of age and was born in Hyattsville, Md. He was a messenger boy in the document division of the government printing office when President Wilson called for the mobilization of the National Guard.

The guardsman is a grandson of the late Dr. John Hunter and Maj. George Hunter Terrett of Virginia. Dr. Hunter was a clerk in the post office department of the Confederate government when John H. Reagan of Texas was postmaster general. He also had military service under him during the civil war. He was well known in Washington, for after the war he was a confidential clerk to W. W. Corcoran until his death in 1883. Maj. Terrett served in the Mexican war and was afterward a colonel in the Confederate army.

John Chapman Hunter, who was in the revolutionary war and the war of 1812 and in later years a general of the Virginia militia, was the grandfather of young Hunter. Gen. Hunter's grave is on what was once known as the Contemplation farm, near Vienna, Va. He died in 1845, at the age of eighty-seven years. The grave bears a mark which was recently placed there by the daughters of the American Revolution.

Young Soldier's Letter. Young Hunter's letter is as follows: "We are having a little storm while I am writing this letter to you. It is not often that we have lightning here. We have had some big storms which we will long remember, and so we do not pay much attention to small storms now. The most severe storm that we have had since we arrived on the border was the one that struck the camp on Friday evening, the 18th. The wind commenced to blow and the rain began to pour about dark. It was about 8:30 o'clock on Saturday morning before the storm ceased. A number of the officers' tents on the hill, all the guardhouse tents, and nearly all the tents of the 4th Regiment were knocked down by the wind.

Our tent came down about midnight. We propped it up with sticks and a gun in the center. That only raised it about three feet. We were compelled to lie in the water during the night. Our clothes and blankets were thoroughly soaked. The water came in through the holes in the tent. We have frequently gotten wet when I went after frogs and muskrats in the swamps and lakes of Maryland, but this was the worst soaking experience of my life. When we left our tent the next morning the mud was everywhere. We have had a number of hard drills recently, but though they are somewhat tiring we must have them in order to become good soldiers. We have been on an eleven-mile march and carried the same equipment that we did at Laurel, only our side arms were filled with ammunition.

"We often have skirmish drills; march

about two miles and come back about 100 yards in double-quick time, and then fall down, take aim and snap our triggers. This is continued until our camp is reached.

Sometimes we engage the 5th Maryland Infantry in imaginary fights in trenches. The charges and retreats are instructive as well as exciting, and when the supposed enemy is defeated the victorious regiment is consequently happy.

We recently had a long march through a swamp thicket. I looked down and saw a big rattlesnake. Had I taken another step I would have trodden on it. I brought my gun down on the reptile so hard that cracked the stock. The snake opened its mouth very wide and started after me, rattling furiously. I banged it again and ended its life. The snake was large as any snake that has been killed in the camp. I know what kind of sound the rattlesnake makes now. It is very much like the noise that the locusts make at home.

"Scudding" Jack Rabbits. Jack rabbits are often seen scudding across the desert. They do not stop at the first bush they reach, but run till they are out of sight. They have long ears and a little longer tails than the rabbits which you see at home.

"This part of the country has many small risings that slope on one side and are upright on the other. They are nearly all alike and are flat on top. It would not be hard to get lost here.

The sunrises and sunsets that we see here are wonderfully beautiful. There are but few artists whose brushes could do justice to such brilliant and varied hues.

"One afternoon I saw an unusual number of butterflies. The air seemed to be filled with them. Their colors were exquisite, and I watched them fly about as they moved their soft and delicate wings.

"The band plays in the evening downtown and around the camp. Its music is so charming. The place is beginning to feel a little like home.

"We have plenty to eat. Our food is good and well cooked, and those who find fault with it should devote more time and energy to a better purpose. Capt. Greager and Lieut. Lyon and Painter are excellent soldiers, and kind and considerate officers. The corporal in my tent is A. L. Brooks, a grandson of the late Thomas R. Brooks of Kentucky. On the left of us is Company E from Elkton, and on the other side is Company G from Maryland.

"There are some beautiful and attractive houses in Eagle Pass, in which wealthy people reside. But far away are some huts which are made of sticks and propped with poles. These denote poverty, for their occupants find it hard to make a living. There are stores in the town which carry goods for the rich and there are those which cater to the means of people who are less fortunate. In the fashionable stores there can be purchased beautiful silks of very fine texture and color. There are also stores where they have such soft shades in their dress goods. I have bought a few articles of the Spanish descent generally buy expensive goods with fancy bands. At a recent auction sale which I attended I heard the articles called by a Mexican name in the Spanish language. It was very amusing and had I simply heard the things mentioned and seen them I would not have known what they were by their descriptions.

"There is a place in Eagle Pass where almost anything that existed in this part of the world can be bought in a remarkable state of preservation. For a small outlay of money you can have your choice of wonderful creatures that flew, walked, crawled or swam. They can be found in this 'old Curiosity Shop'—stuffed, skinned or pickled. I have sent home by express the skin of a wild boar and am having a horned toad stuffed to be sent home.

"I would like to see Mexico before I return to Maryland. The pictures that I have seen of it in the 'movies' have led me to believe that it is a great country in some places. When I look across the river I have only a view of some fields and trees, a number of houses and a few factories. Mexico is not a joke, but a big country, with a big army and plenty of men to guard it along the Rio Grande.

"As a matter of course, I miss you all at home, but still I am glad that I was sent down here. I am grateful to Uncle Sam for letting me serve him on the border, for the knowledge and experience that I have thus gained will be useful to me in the future."

SMALL FARMS—Containing from 5 to 10 acres; within 1 mile of station, at Herndon, Va.; at auction, Monday, September 4, 10:30 a. m.; terms, 1/3 cash, balance 1, 2 and 3 years. Sale conducted by Atlantic Coast Realty Co.; home office, Petersburg, Va.

GOLD CUP BOAT RACES

Miss Minneapolis Wins First Three-Mile Heat, With Peter Pan VII in Second Place.

DETROIT, Mich., September 2.—Miss Minneapolis, regarded by many as the fastest hydro-aeroplanes in the world, this afternoon won the first heat of the gold cup power boat races here. Her average for the thirty-mile race, which was made in six five-mile laps, was 45.55 miles an hour. Her time for the heat was 44:41. In the first heat she attained a speed of 51.2 miles an hour.

Peter Pan VII, Columbia Yacht Club, New York, was second; Miss Detroit, the defender, third; Hawkeye of the Lake George Club, fourth, and Baby Marold of the Detroit Boat Club, fifth. Miss Hamtramck, another Detroit diver, came in trouble early in the race and dropped out. Under the point system of determining the winner, which gives each boat a point for its entry, a point for finishing and a point for each contender behind it when it crosses the line, the winner today received seven points, Peter Pan VII got 6; Miss Detroit, 5; Hawkeye, 4 and Baby Marold, 3.

White Miss Minneapolis led at the finish of each lap, the performance of Peter Pan VII furnished the thrill of the race. She finished the first lap in sixth place. In the second lap she was nearly two miles behind the leader. She went to second place during the fourth time around and finished the heat only 14 seconds behind Miss Minneapolis. Hawkeye and Miss Detroit were nearly two miles behind the first two boats at the finish.

Three Dead in Trolley Car Panic. SAVANNAH, Ga., September 2.—The death list from last night's street car panic was increased to three today when Mrs. E. V. Holliday died in a hospital of concussion of the brain.

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Deaths Reported.

The following deaths have been reported to the health department within the last twenty-four hours: Theresa E. Williamson, 66 years, 1201 Q street northwest. John W. Seeders, 61 years, 708 7th street southwest. Marie Ellen, 43 years, National Homeopathic Hospital. John Miller, 4 months, 2300 K street northwest. Mary Jane Taitavull, 1 day, 308 7th street southwest. Rebecca Green, 58 years, 108 Q street southwest. Adelaide Wilson, 7 years, Children's Hospital. William A. Dorsey, 16 years, 3233 Prospect avenue northwest. Gertrude Russell, 17 years, 1228 27th street northwest. William H. Johnson, 1 year, 421 N street northwest. Chasney Fields, 47 years, 2 Pomeroy road southeast. Susan H. Lee, 52 years, Washington Asylum. Susie E. Robinson, 59 years, 622 Delaware avenue southwest. Louise Tweety, 62 years, 488 L street southwest. Mamie Jones, 39 years, 480 Cow alley southwest. Francis E. Reed, 5 months, 2604 K street northwest.

Births Reported.

The following births have been reported to the health department within the last twenty-four hours: Pinchney A. and Grace C. Wood, boy. William F. and George C. Snyder, girl. Gilbert and Mary Simonds, boy. William E. and Florence Robertson, girl. Arthur A. and Tressa Miller, girl. Frank A. and Mary E. McDermod, girl. Charles E. and Annie C. Lickweg, boy. Bradley T. and Martha Johnson, boy. Thomas T. and Eleanor W. Helferman, girl. William E. and Sarah H. Gaines, girl. Charles C. and Lula M. Fletcher, girl. Patrick E. and Edson M. Byrns, girl. Charles W. and Louise Bragg, girl. Clarence H. and Mary E. Berry, girl. Charles H. and Sarah A. Bras, boy. Allen and Dora Lynch, girl.

AMERICAN AMBULANCE CORPS SHORT OF MEN

Volunteer Organization Serving With French Army Seeking Recruits to Fill Ranks.

The American Volunteer Motor Ambulance Corps, which has been working with the French army since the beginning of the European war, needs more men, according to an appeal issued through Eliot Norton of 2 Rector street, New York city, who has received a cablegram to that effect from his brother, Richard Norton, who is in command of the corps. For the past eighteen months the corps has been doing all the ambulance work of the French army divisions. The essential requirements for volunteers, according to Mr. Norton, are that they should be good Americans, in sound health and capable of withstanding hardships and doing hard and trying work in connection with wounded men with kindness and without complaint. Volunteers also should be

good tempered and capable of getting along well with other men of all kinds and conditions. A final requirement is that they should be able to drive a motor car well. Lately the corps especially mentioned the distinction of being received in the general army orders for "the constant devotion to duty of its members and because it has rendered the very greatest service to the army division of which it is attached in succoring the wounded in the best possible manner. The men attached to the corps usually are college graduates between the ages of twenty-five and fifty years of age. PROVIDES FOR GUARANTEES. New Rule Relating to Contracts for Repairs to Streets. Under the appropriation for repair of streets in the current District act is a new provision regarding guarantees by contractors, enacted at the request of the Commissioners, which, it is believed, may lead to a reduction in the cost of work of this character. Under the former system contractors were required to give bond and a cash retent also was required. The Commissioners decided that it was not necessary to require a double safeguard that contractors would be complied with, and, accordingly, recommended to Congress that

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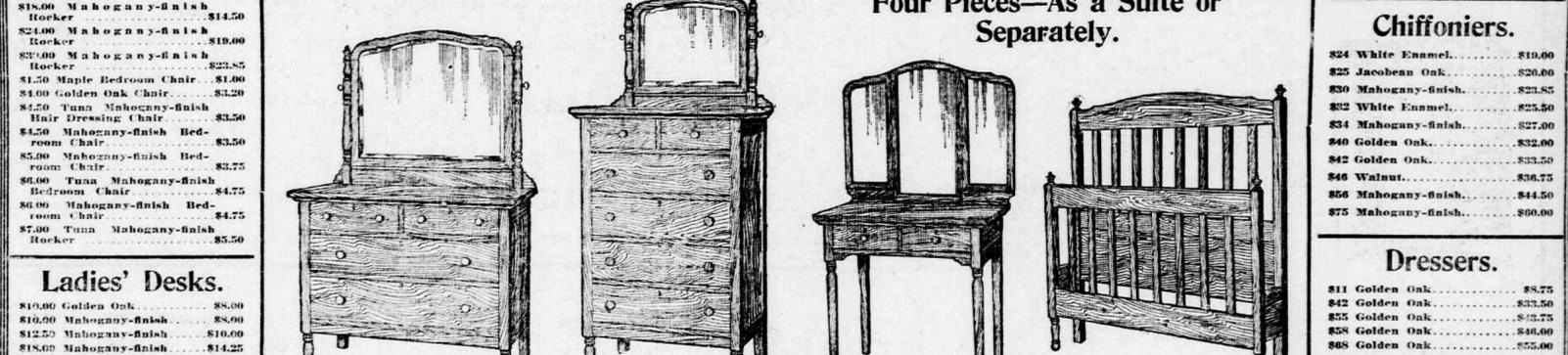
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