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The Fight on Little Round Top

Valor of the Twentieth Maine at Gettysburg.

By FRANK H. SWEET



Colonel Joshua L. Chamberlain In Civil War Days.

How Colonel Chamberlain Won the Medal of Honor.

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THE war council of Federal generals the night before the second day's battle of Gettysburg became necessarily a frantic pretention of scanning the unknown. Outside on the lengthening ridges and between the abrupt hillsides of that intricate battlefield lay the encampments of the two hostile armies, ominous and solemn. There were few campfires. At times could be heard the voice of a sentry challenging or the drawn out clatter of a horseman on the stone pavement of the cemetery. Daybreak found cautious General Meade still listening to the reports of his division commanders, to their stories of misfortune and plans for strengthening the line of battle.

The unexpected was certain to befall both officers and men, and they must be ready to perform miracles if need be. An instance of this kind was the fight of the Twentieth Maine on Little Round Top, in token of which the colonel of the regiment, Joshua L. Chamberlain, for his daring heroism received the medal of honor.

Little Round Top had escaped the vigilance of the Federal commanders. This was the smaller of two rough hills, strewn with bowlders and bare, slippery rocks, rising sharply from a wooded swamp, behind which stretched the Confederate battle line. At the foot of Little Round Top a body of Union troops had been posted.

It was now afternoon. Lee's attack was expected momentarily, and every man was waiting intently, with his eyes fixed upon the open space that separated the two armies. Just at this time, by a fortunate chance, it occurred to General Meade to order General Warren to ride over the field in the direction of the Round Tops. Warren did so, and when he came to the foot of Little Round Top he left his horse and climbed to the summit. What was his surprise to find at this point only one soldier, an officer of the signal corps! He no sooner looked about him than it became instantly clear to him that the top of this hill was in reality the key to the whole position. His astonishment gave place to consternation.

With his glass he noted the thickly wooded ridge beyond the swamp.

"Captain," he said, "fire a shot into those woods."

The captain of the rifle battery did so, and a simultaneous flash of musket barrel and bayonet revealed to the northern general the presence of a long line of the enemy far outflanking the position of the Union troops. The fact thrilled him. It was most appalling. A strong force should have been entrenched long ago on this hill. Perhaps even now it was not too late. He rushed off a messenger to General Meade with a penciled word to send General Warren at least a division to hold the position at Little Round Top.

On the summit where the signal officer was stationed the musket balls were beginning to fly. He folded up his flag and was going to leave, but at this moment Warren came back and induced him to keep the flag waving.

"It may puzzle those people," he

said, meaning the enemy, "and may keep them back for a few minutes."

The moments of suspense came suddenly to an end with the arrival of Vincent's brigade and Hazlett's battery of rifled cannon, Fifth artillery.

"The young battery lieutenant spoke, 'General, what is the matter?'"

"The dence is to pay!" was the reply. "I hope you can hold out until the infantry gets into position."

"I guess I can," answered Lieutenant Hazlett. As a matter of fact, he stayed there until he was killed.

The veteran Chamberlain, now in his eightieth year, thus describes the action from this point:

"Warren started our brigade (Vincent's) before he sent Hazlett's battery to Little Round Top. My column passed Hazlett getting his guns up by hand and handspike to the summit of Little Round Top. The Twentieth Maine was placed on the extreme left of the Union army. The attack, beginning on the right of our brigade, rolled rapidly upon my front. The assault was first from the Fourth and Fifth Texas, joined by the Fourth Alabama and next by the Forty-seventh and finally by the Fifteenth Alabama.

"My regiment had already been cut down by the casualties of the service, so that only 368 muskets were in line. We first fought without seeing the extent of the opposing force, which was constantly increasing. Then the two flanking regiments (Fifteenth and Forty-seventh Alabama), preparing a 'turning attack,' were met by a change of front. I sent also a strong company out on that flank to strike this attack in flank."

No sooner had Colonel Chamberlain's little force reached the portion of the hillside assigned to it than it was engaged by the Fourth Alabama. Soon it saw a dense mass of Confederates coming toward its left, for two strong regiments of the enemy, containing a thousand men, had been ordered to turn the Union flank at exactly that position. Discerning in a flash the grave peril of his command, the Maine colonel sent out a company to engage this force and ordered five companies to swing back until they formed a line at a right angle to the

rest. At this instant the Alabamians attacked them on front and flank, opening with a murderous fire. There were five successive charges by this force.

Colonel Chamberlain with drawn sword moved up and down his lines. The bullets whizzed incessantly past him. His men were constantly groaning and falling on every side. Outnumbered more than three to one, their position was terrible, and it was apparently a hopeless one. Yet with dripping faces the men loaded and fired their muskets, displaying the cool expertness of true veterans.

Colonel Chamberlain thought only of one thing—that the position he held was of great importance in the battle. Retreat might mean the destruction of an entire corps. There was no hope that supports would be sent him in season to save the position. He was resolved never to yield, though it seemed that in a few minutes not a man would be left alive.

Colonel Chamberlain thus describes what followed:

"Seeing the desperate situation, I had ordered my men to use the cartridges of the fallen friend or foe. When they had fired their last cartridge into the faces of a rallying force I resolved to make a countercharge with the bayonet and so instructed my officers on the wheeling flank, on whom the brunt was to fall. Returning to my center, I was about to order the movement when Lieutenant Melcher, commanding the now salient center company, came up and asked if he might not rush forward and rescue some of our wounded before the oncoming enemy should trample them underfoot. I admired his tenderness and courage and answered: 'Yes, sir; I will give you a chance. I am about to order a charge.' I went forward to our colors and shouted 'Bayonet!' adding 'Forward!' But no mortal could hear this, the roar of fire and shouts of my men drowning all words.

"We made a sickle sweep, a great right wheel, with our whole line, astonishing the enemy into surrender or wild retreat. We cleared the whole valley between Little Round Top and brought back 400 prisoners. I had lost half my men on the center and a third of the entire regiment on the line. The company I had sent out on our left not being at first in the charging line, it was made by scarcely more than 200 men. We later advanced in midnight blackness, clambering the rough sides of Great Round Top, beyond which the remnants of Hood's division had retreated, and with the aid of two regiments held the position."

The heroic leader of this remarkable action, besides receiving the medal of honor for his work at Gettysburg, was made a brigadier general on the field in a later engagement by General Grant, and in 1865 General Chamberlain was brevetted a major general "for conspicuous gallantry in action." At the ceremony of the actual surrender of the arms and colors of Lee's army at Appomattox Chamberlain was designated to command.

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Dr. Stephenson was regimental surgeon of the Fourteenth Illinois volunteer infantry during its three years of service in the west. His rank was that of major. He was born in Wayne county, Ill., in 1822 and died in 1871. Dr. Stephenson grew up in Sangamon county and lived

Memorial

many years in Springfield. It was while residing in that city shortly after the close of the war that he conceived the idea of an organization of veterans and worked out the ritual. The first G. A. R. meeting was held April 6, 1866, in Decatur, Ill.

The founder of the order met many reverses in life and died a disappointed man. It was not until after his death that the Grand Army grew to such magnificent proportions. Dr. Stephenson devoted much time and thought to the order, to the neglect of his own medical practice and the consequent impoverishment of his family. He was a generous, cheerful man, with an abiding confidence in the ultimate realization of his dreams, though he did not live to witness the nation wide growth of the G. A. R.

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