



At Zero Hour

Of all the stories that have come from the western battle front, none perhaps, has given such a concise and enlightening account of the technical details of a "wave" attack, which official and unofficial reports mention in every dispatch, as the one published in the December number of Popular Mechanics Magazine under this head. But it gives much more than that. It is full of dramatic, not to say tragic, human interest anecdote.

The story was told to the anonymous writer by the sole survivor of one of the incidents related, and every word of it bears evidence of his truth. Indeed it is so lifelike that it might well be called a moving picture in words. The very first paragraph puts the reader right in the trenches with the actors. To quote:

"I counted four of them, and all I could see at any one time was about 80 yards of trench. The truth of it was that we all were near the border line of insanity from the suspense, and these four were weaker links that couldn't stand the stress. All along the line it was just the same, for every man knew it was coming, and yet did not know when. It stood for "zero hour," the moment one big attack was to start."

After relating some queer instances of mental aberration in the heat of battle, the story goes on:

"Somehow or other an incident like that brings home the hideous reality of war stronger to me than even the ear-breaking thunder of the heavy shells, for it emphasizes the strain that we all are having to bear. One sees every detail, while in the more active moments of conflict the mind is blessedly oblivious to most everything but the footing and the aim."

"And the worst of it is that these weak ones that go under often take others with them. Ches Wight finished himself and Carney, and I thought for two hours that I was gone, too. The three of us went over the top one night—Monday morning about three o'clock, to be exact—to determine whether or not the Germans had evacuated their first-line trench."

"Wight, Carney, and I crept out. Heavy clouds covered the whole sky, not even letting the glimmer of a star through, so the time was ideal for reconnoitering. We had covered about 40 of the 70 yards, and were beginning to hear gutturals now and then, when suddenly I smelled garlic—not garlic cooking but the stench that comes from the breath of a person who has been eating it."

"I touched Carney on the leg and he signaled to Wight, who was just beyond. That same instant we saw the Hun, a hulking shadow, creeping toward us and very near. The three of us put an end to his scouting duty quickly and without much noise. We just made sufficient, however, in choking him, to arouse the trench ahead of us. Stealthy sounds came up of many men scrambling to the edge."

"We could have no further doubt that the trench still was occupied, so Carney and I started back without more ado. We could not see Wight, but thought of course, that he was at the side of us. Just as we were 20 feet from home, however, we heard a blood-curdling yell be-

hind us. Out lined roughly against the lesser blackness of the sky came Wight, running and waving his arms.

"A commotion arose in our trench. As Wight charged on, our sentries, evidently mistaking him for the van of a German surprise attack, opened fire and brought him down. Carney and I both lost our heads for a second and started up. That was enough for Carney. He went down with four Canadian bullets through him. One shot cut through the skin on my arm just above the elbow, and it brought back sense to me. I dropped flat."

"For the next two hours I remained without moving, afraid to attempt to make the trench before the dawn guard was posted. I tried to call the attention of one of the earlier sentries, but to no avail. I knew that the barrels of 30 rifles and two machine guns were hanging over the edge, pointed in my general direction, waiting for more Germans."

"With the first streaks of dawn I gathered all my courage and called my captain by name, and then each of the officers in turn. Then I crawled in, to be met by a very suspicious sentry who had great difficulty in recognizing me."

"Three days later I found out that Wight had apparently gone daft upon overcoming the German we met out on the waste. He had stopped to search the body, and then had donned the helmet of our adversary, and started a charge all by himself—and in the direction of our trenches."

"The twist of psychology is hard to understand, perhaps, but it is common. Once in a big university football match I saw the captain lose his head in this manner, and forget which goal his own team was defending, but it always seems to border on the spooky to me."

Rembert

Preaching at Pleasant Hill every first Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Rev. M. B. Clift, pastor.

Mrs. Eilhu Coday is visiting her son, Hiram, plowing and sowing oats is the order of the day.

Will Grogen's visited at Frank Coday's Saturday night and at Eilhu Coday's Sunday.

Nancy Scott visited home folks Sunday.

Frank Branstetter's have all got the measles.

Hubert Rippee has the mumps. Louis Tate closed a successful term of school at Pleasant Hill Friday, the patrons went in and took dinner.

Lawson Rippee of Grovesprings is visiting his grandpa, Ruben Young.

Miss Dale Long returned home Sunday.

Will Randolph and wife went to Grovesprings Saturday to attend the funeral of his brother. CRAZY MADGE.

Macomb

Rev. M. F. Standifer filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Ralph Dake left Monday for Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Okla., after a few days' visit at home.

Eugene Doyel and wife are the proud parents of a new baby girl.

Rev. J. E. Nevels will preach at the Baptist church the first Saturday and Sunday in April. PENNY.

Tersely Told Town Tales

Munsey at Mirror news stand. F. A. Cole was in Springfield Tuesday.

J. C. Morris of Iola, Kas., has been visiting here.

F. M. Hart of Zenda was in Springfield Tuesday.

John W. McClellan of Eminence was here this week.

Chas. K. Samuel of Redfield, Kas., was here this week.

Cecil Brazeal's of Fordland were here during the week.

W. A. Black was in Norwood and Mountain Grove Friday.

John Shook of Marshfield visited at D. S. Cantrell's during the week.

L. E. Pennington, of Cold Springs was here Tuesday en to Ava.

Lowell Anderson, U. S. A., has been here on a furlough visiting friends.

G. C. McKee orders his address changed from Norwood to Victor, Col.

Mrs. E. J. Nichols' address is ordered changed from Mountain Grove to Kansas City.

New shipments of shoes and dry goods just received by G. W. Freeman & Son.—adv.

J. A. G. Reynolds of Ava was here this week. He also visited Norwood and Mountain Grove.

J. D. Reynolds is getting in the new spring line of all kinds of merchandise, at the bottom prices.—adv.

Ed Taylor who was in the U. S. aviation service has returned home having received an honorable discharge.

S. H. Robertson and Wilbur Johnson of Macomb were here yesterday, the latter to have something removed from his eye. He was hurt while sharpening the burs for his mill.

Walter Poleman, vice-president of the Western Tie and Timber Co. of St. Louis and A. T. Grunburg, of the Frisco timber department of St. Louis were here Monday on business with H. B. Paul.

An engine and pump have been installed at the iron mines near Norwood to handle the water situation. It is the intention of the men handling these projects to push the iron mining as fast as possible.

C. H. Jackson is spending much of his time near Mansfield these days. He believes Mansfield has great things coming from the mining boom and is doing his best to get on the ground floor. We believe you are on the right track ourselves, Charley.—Hartville Democrat.

Rev. A. C. Gayle, who was at Norwood Monday, brought back some specimens of iron ore found on the farm of Schneider & Hinote, three miles south of that town. J. M. Ellis and others have been prospecting there and quite a lot of ore has been found in sinking a shaft eight feet. Assays have shown over 50% iron ore.—Mountain Grove Journal.

G. W. Freeman has received from the treasurer at St. Louis of the war work council of the Y. M. C. A. a receipt for \$125, making \$434.75 that has been sent from here the school paying \$100 of this amount. Mr. Freeman, who is the treasurer of the local fund, would like to have all unpaid subscriptions paid just as soon as convenient, in order that he may make a final settlement.

Miss Lola Braswell and Mesdames Horace Paul, N. J. Craig, and W. M. Divan held a conservation and thrift meeting at Hartville Thursday afternoon, talks being made along the lines of chicken and garden clubs, thrift and conservation along all lines, not only in food, but in clothing, etc. Miss Braswell and Mrs. Paul were instrumental in forming a club in the Roy district, also speaking at Oak Ridge.

Ira E. Young came in yesterday on a furlough from Camp Doniphan, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, where he is a member of Battery D, 128th Field Artillery. He has gained 20 pounds during his five months of camp life and says all the boys are doing fine. He reports the health of the camp splendid and says they have plenty of good eating, and fine officers.

A Prayer

Our kind and loving Heavenly Father, we come before Thee this night to thank Thee for the many blessings and privileges that have been given us through the day just past, we thank Thee for sparing us through another day, and permitting us to enjoy the blessing therein, we feel and realize Heavenly Father that we are though subjects and that we are no more in thy sight than the pebbles of the beach, we realize O Heavenly Father that this life can be blotted and taken in the moment and twinkling of an eye.

We ask Thee, O Lord, to be with us through this night, guide and protect us from all earthly harm, we ask Thee O Heavenly Father to keep us from sin, to place our feet upon the firm foundation and direct us in the Christian way and strengthen us that we may not fall by the way-side, and may we work for Thy great cause,

Oh Lord bless each member of this home, bless the sick and afflicted, bless the widow and the orphans, bless the ones who are idling away their time in the depths of sin and show them the right way, bless every one, O Lord,

O Heavenly Father we again ask Thy mercy through this night, that we may be permitted to enjoy and serve Thee through another day, and may the dawn of the coming morrow bring forth blessings to us. Now Oh Lord take us, guide and forgive us of our sins and shortcomings that we may have committed through the day just passed,

O Lord we ask these blessings in the name of our Savior who bled, suffered and died upon the Cross that man may have everlasting life and sing Thy praise through the ceaseless ages of eternity where death and sorrows never come, and when Thou see fit to bring our life to a close go with us through the dark valley of death and finally save us in Heaven for Christ's sake,

Amen.
By Frank Ross, Radio Station Ft. Mills, Corregidor, P. I.

School Notes

Rev. T. B. Ritzinger was a visitor at school Wednesday morning. He gave an interesting little talk at assembly.

The girls of the Glee club sang at assembly Wednesday.

Lois Brown entered school in the first grade Monday.

A good many students are planning to make special efforts to raise a garden. A good many also expect to get settings of eggs from the Mountain Grove station. The eggs are given to the students, (or anyone else I suppose.) They are required to keep an account and submit report in the fall. This is an excellent opportunity.

Following is a condensed report for the month just ended: Enrollment, boys 77, girls, 105; total 182; average daily attendance 191.5; number attending every day 62; number absent 5 or more days 31; tardies 93.

Note this last item! 93 tardies. Who is to blame? Principally a few students. Not the majority by any means, for only a few students are making all the tardies. Some of these make as many as three or four tardies a piece each week. Why can't you, students, get to school on time these long days? Parents, could you not see to it that your children get started in plenty of time to get here? Let's lower the tardies by at least half this month.

It should be mentioned that the pupils of room 3 made only 4 tardies during the month just ended.

Following is a list of those students whose grades were lowered on account of inexcused absence or tardy during the quarter: Hazel Burney, Lockie Craig, Mary Alcorn, John Rabey, Susie Reiger, Wallace Morgan, Cecil Avery, Esther Stout, Beulah Avery, Burnette Brazeal, Albert Smith, Gladys Fuson, Ray Liggett, Persea Rippee, Wayne Stone, Fred Rabey, Dewey Davis, Lala Ashworth, Julia Schafer.

Part of the honor roll for this quarter is as follows: H. S.—Mary Alcorn, Hazel Burney,

For Relief Work

In response to a request from Herbert C. Hoover, now National Food Administrator, but still acting as chairman of the committee for the relief of Belgium Henry P. Davison has designated the week of March 18th to the 25th for the collection of refugee garments and warm worn clothing. The entire machinery of the Red Cross has been placed at the disposal of the Belgium Commission in order to secure a minimum of five thousand tons of clothing for the destitute people of Belgium and France. Every Red Cross chapter is urged to assist in the collection of the material. The donations will be shipped at once to the Atlantic seaboard and sent overseas for prompt distributions.

Garments of all sorts are badly needed as are also shoes, blankets and bedding. As many of the local committees which formerly helped to supply the needs of the destitute Belgium and French people have been disbanded. It has become imperative for the Red Cross to undertake this necessary and humane service. Mr. Hoover and Mr. Davison appeal to the generous American people to give freely of their surplus stock of clothing in order that the sufferings of these stricken people may be minimized. Articles of any kind which can be spared will be greatly appreciated.

The work will be under the auspices of the Red Cross who are not doing their regular sewing this week but are devoting their time to the collection of the clothing which is being placed in the rooms formerly occupied by Mrs. James Coday's millinery parlors preparatory for shipment Monday to Binghamton, N. Y.

Mrs. W. M. Divan who is in charge of the room reports the appointment of the following committees for the work:

Township—Mesdames A. J. Wilder, J. W. Brentlinger, J. A. Riley, S. W. Hopper, J. L. Dennis.

M. E. church—Mesdames R. M. Rogers, D. W. Hoover, Miss Bertha Miller

C. P. church—Mesdames C. L. Beach, M. Riley, J. B. Freeman

Baptist church—Mesdames W. B. Fullington, T. P. Ritzington, P. W. Newton, Hardin Rippee.

Christian church—Miss Queen Chapman, Mesdames J. C. Carter and M. E. Stephens.

Editor Hammond made a trip last week to the Mansfield lead and zinc district just to find out what was going on up there and to get some geological information. It would take a whole page to tell of the vast mines of mineral located there and what they are doing, but we want to say to you that there is no doubt but that the Mansfield district will out rival Joplin or Miami. The folks up there claim that they have the Mother of the largest lead and zinc district in the world.—Hunter Southeast Missourian.

The Mansfield Mirror last week appeared in a 24-page industrial edition, all home print, which must have impressed many readers with the allurements of the Ozarks in that region as a land of health and happiness. The Mirror asserts that the Mansfield district is the mother of all lead and zinc districts of Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas, and wants to tell the story ore and ore.—Kansas City

C. O. Brown and wife of Excelsior Springs visited at the home of her brother, J. H. Atkisson, during the week.

I. T. Alfred's and M. F. Dugan's have moved here from Putman, Okla.

Grace Craig, Lockie Craig, Cosella Christy, Ellison Gaines, Opal Day, Madge Jones, Pearl Newton, Myrtle Newton, John Newton, Huldia Rippee, Amon Young, Room 4, Thelma McCrite, Ullis Cantrell, Ogden Riley, Pauline Craig.

The rest of the honor roll will be given next week.

Only two students made two or more tardies each since last issue. They are Hazel Burney and Jack Craig.

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Fairland Valley

Most everyone in this vicinity are making garden and planting potatoes.

J. R. Deckard, of Hartville visited Wednesday with his parents, G. W. Deckard and wife.

Mrs. Verla Blankenship left Monday for Springfield, where she met her husband, who has been at Camp Funston, but was then being moved to another camp.

Fred Renkauf left last week for Iowa to spend the summer.

Charley Kelly was a Mansfield visitor Saturday.

Miss Frances Rutherford is sick with the mumps.

IVANHOE.

Left-Overs

Singing at Antioch Sunday night was well attended.

Lyle Wells returned from Illinois Saturday.

Barney Wyatt's moved on Rev. Null's farm last week.

N. J. Hall has sold his farm and intends to give possession immediately. We regret to lose these estimable people from our neighborhood but wish them success in their future home.

L. J. Rushing and wife were in Seymour Saturday.

Everett Rushing has the mumps.

G. W. Mackey's visited F. D. Howard's Sunday.

Mrs. R. T. Nelson and Mrs. F. W. Thompson made a business trip to Otto Simmons' Saturday.

Misses Mary and Alta King, Nellie Ippock and Sadie Murrell were dinner guests of Aleth Borders Sunday.

PEGGY SHORT.

Wayside Gleanings

Sunday school at the Macomb Methodist church every Sunday. Such fine weather as we are having.

Farmers are plowing and sowing oats.

Just two more weeks of school at Macomb.

Mr. Dake's gave a party Friday evening for their son Ralph who is home on a furlough. Those present report having a very enjoyable time.

Miss Hazel Greenwood entertained the Gleaner Sunday School class at her home Thursday evening. She proved herself a very good hostess and those present report having an enjoyable time.

The Christian Endeavor Society met at the Baptist Church Sunday night. There was also preaching at the church. The Society will meet at the Methodist church next Sunday night and Rev. H. J. Fenwick of Mtn. Grove also preaches in the morning and evening.

George Shores and Miss Alva Frye, and Virgil Royal and Miss Ruby Frye were united in marriage at the Ashworth home Sunday afternoon. Then they returned to the Frye home, Misses Alva and Ruby Frye, both daughters of John Frye, have many friends. George Shores and Virgil Royal are well thought of and the many friends join in wishing both couples joy and happiness.

J. E. Greenwood had the misfortune to get two of his fingers on his right hand broken.

SOMEBODY ELSE.

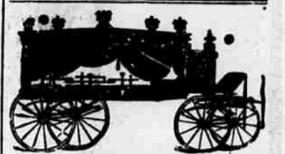
Pleasant Flat

This seems like spring had come in earnest; we notice there is enough green grass or rye to color things considerably.

Everybody come out to Sunday school at the Thorp at 10:30 every Sunday. Next Sunday is Rev. F. J. Light's regular appointment.

Leonard and Sheridan Williams are helping R. Imhoff pick rocks. Ralph Harris received a cocoon from Hawaii that resembles a squash in shape. It measures 29 and 20 1/2 inches and is very different to the ones we see in he states.

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Norwood Department

Mesdames Key and Musick of Mountain Grove were here Friday.

The body of Mollie Hammock arrived Saturday night from Tipton, California, accompanied by the husband and three children. The remains were taken to the residence of her brother, Dr. L. T. Van Noy. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church Sunday at 2:00 o'clock p. m., conducted by Rev. G. Chadwell, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Thomas cemetery north of town.

Robert Purdie, wife and son, Bert, returned from California Saturday and state that they will reside for the present on their farm north of town.

Wm. Reynolds, of Texas was here last week looking over the country with W. S. Elrod.

W. S. Elrod, J. M. Little, B. F. Nall and J. P. Newton, were in Springfield last week.

R. L. Calhoun was in Mountain Grove Monday.

John A. Dennis of Mansfield has moved into the Dr. L. T. Van Noy property.

The Citizens Bank of Norwood expects to be open for business soon. The vault and plastering is completed and fixtures are being installed this week.

T. R. Dean of Mansfield is now proprietor of the Cottengim Hotel. Mr. Cottengim has moved to her farm east of town.

A. L. Pope, Dr. J. B. Little, W. E. Long and others were in Hartville Monday.

Isadore Oesterle made a trip to Dunn Saturday.

Garden making is the order of the day.

Rev. Hooten of Springfield filled his appointment at the Christian church Sunday.

Mr. Stalte, of Rosedale, Kansas, has traded for the Davis 40 acres three miles northeast of town and moved there this week.

W. L. Jarrett's were in Hartville last week attending the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Gideon.

C. H. Jackson of Hartville was in town Friday.

Isaac Elrod of Macomb is able to be out again.