

### CHATEAU-THIERRY BATTLE STORY GIVEN

Official Paper of the Third Division Published in Germany, Says Marines Were Not in Battle.

Under the heading "Chateau-Thierry Memorable in War's History," the "Watch on the Rhine," the official newspaper of the Third division of the American army published at Andernach, Germany, says that "neither the marines nor any part of the Second division ever fought at Chateau-Thierry and up until this time (May 31, 1918) the Seventh machine gun battalion of the Third division as the only American unit that ever fought there."

The story of Chateau-Thierry as published in "The Watch on the Rhine" follows: "Chateau-Thierry was the point of the farthest advance of the Germans in their third great offensive during the spring of 1918. The first great offensive was against the English west of St. Quentin, where the Germans advanced over a distance of 25 miles in five days. The second advance was against the British west of Armentieres, where the enemy advanced approximately twelve miles in three days. These two first offensives threatened the channel ports and were in a measure successful. Two sharp salients were thus created.

**America Enters War.** "In the third offensive, launched in the latter part of May, the Germans advanced from the Chemin des Dames with the intention of reaching the Aisne. The attack proved successful,

and they were able to advance across the Aisne, across the Vesle, and down to the Marne. The French lines had broken before a heavy attack, and it remained for American reserves to be thrown into the line to stem the tide of the advance of the enemy toward Paris.

"It was at this period in the great war that America entered. Chateau-Thierry will go down in the American history as being the place where our troops first met the enemy at a time when the result of the issue had such an important bearing upon the war.

"Up until this time there is a general impression among the American people that the marines, which compose one brigade of the Second division, accomplished the tremendous task of holding the enemy at Chateau-Thierry, particularly in the Belleau woods, but with the Second division in this defensive action was the 7th machine gun battalion, the motorized machine gun battalion of the Third division. This battalion held the bridges in the city of Chateau-Thierry from May 31, 1918, until the night of June 4, 1918, and repulsed the strong attacks of the Germans. Neither the marines nor any part of the Second division ever fought at Chateau-Thierry and up until this time the 7th machine gun battalion was the only American unit that ever fought there. During the third battle of the Marne, in July, 1918, the 4th infantry, Third division, held the eastern outskirts of the city, the French holding the city itself.

**Bridge Blown Up.** "The 7th machine gun battalion being motorized, traveled overland in small Ford trucks from its training area in the vicinity of Chateau Villain, and reached Chateau-Thierry late

Positions were immediately taken up in that historic city, part of which was already occupied by the enemy. After a thorough reconnaissance each company was given a mission. The general mission was to repulse any attempt of the enemy to advance on Chateau-Thierry by the bridges entering the city.

"About 1 o'clock in the morning of June 2d a detachment of this battalion was forced from its position on the north side of the river and fell back across the large bridge. In the meantime the enemy had formed in considerable strength on the north end of the bridge and attempted to enter into Chateau-Thierry. This bridge was then blown up and caused the immediate failure of the enemy attack.

**Marchard Makes Statement.** "General Marchard, commanding the 10th French Colonial division, made the following statement after the action.

"On May 31 the 7th machine gun battalion, U. S. A., had just arrived with its automobiles. It installed itself in a cantonment to the south of Chateau-Thierry.

"At 3:30 p. m. the enemy threatened to take Chateau-Thierry, attempting to flank the town on our left, where an opening had occurred.

"The unit was immediately thrown into Chateau-Thierry at the same time as a colonial infantry battalion which was in the same cantonment with it. "Immediately the American reinforced the entire bridge, especially its approaches. Their courage and skill as marksmen evoked the admiration of all.

"Crushed by our fire, the enemy hesitated and, as a result of counter-attacks, vigorously supported by the American machine guns, they were thrown beyond the edges of the town. "Chateau-Thierry remained entire-

ly in our hands. "On the first of June, toward 9 p. m., taking advantage of the darkness, the Boches stole forward toward the large bridge, in which direction they had penetrated through the western suburbs and along the banks of the Marne. In order to mask their movements, they made use of smoke bombs which made the aim of the machine guns very difficult.

**Bridge Is Destroyed.** "At the same time, the town underwent an extremely violent bombardment. The bombardment, moreover, had lasted two days.

"At the moment when the Germans arrived on the large bridge and believed themselves to be in possession of the same, a terrible explosion destroyed the entire central portion and threw into space some Boche corpses. Several Boches, who had already crossed, were captured on the south bank.

"The American machine guns held the south bank. They formed a protection for the withdrawal of the troops retiring from the northern section for the purpose of crossing the bridge prior to its destruction.

"Here again the courage of the Americans was beyond all praise. The colonials themselves, though accustomed to acts of bravery, were struck by the wonderful morale in the face of fire, the impassibility and the extraordinary sang-froid of their allies.

"In combat in the street and at night, where coolness is one of the principal military virtues, the Americans only could play this role. Their watchfulness never failed them and, with their machine guns playing upon the roads of entrance and the destroyed bridge and foot bridges, they prevented any repairs by the enemy.

**Losses Are Great.** "The losses of the Seventh machine gun battalion, U. S. A., had been heavy, but not out of proportion to the great services they rendered, nor to the bloody losses which they inflicted on the Boches.

"They will be relieved at the same time as the French troops, at the side of whom they fought (this evening). The French command, knowing their just pride, feared they would have humiliated these valiant troops if they had offered them rest sooner than their French companions in the fight.

"The episode of Chateau-Thierry will remain one of the very fine deeds of this war. It is a pleasure for all of us to certify that our valiant allies with us participated in this event—our bonds of affection and of confidence will be strengthened by the same pride which we share in common.

"At the present time the Germans without doubt severely tested, dare not remain in the northern part of Chateau-Thierry, which, however, we no longer occupy. The bullets which the American machine guns are sending do not give the Boche any taste to take up a residence there."

**Colors Are Decorated.** "The colors of the 7th machine gun battalion have been decorated with the Croix de Guerre with Palm, and the battalion was cited by Petain, the marshal of France, as follows:

"The 7th machine gun battalion barred to the enemy the passage of the Marne. In the course of violent combat, particularly the 31st day of May and the 1st of June, it disputed foot by foot with the Germans the northern outskirts of Chateau-Thierry, and covered itself with incomparable glory, thanks to its valor and to its skill, costing the enemy sanguinary losses.

"The Great General Headquarters, 24 November, 1918. Petain, The Marshal of France. Commander-in-chief of the French Armies of the East."

"The 7th machine gun battalion has, therefore, added a brilliant page to

the history of an already famous and historic place in France, and the members of this battalion can be proud of the fact that they prevented the crossing of the Marne, defeating the enemy at a most critical time in the history of this great war. When we read of this, the second battle of the Marne, and later of the third battle of the Marne, which took place in the middle of July, 1918, we record the valiant fighting by units of the Third division. Only two divisions of the American army ever fought on the Marne, namely: The Third division and units of the Twenty-eighth division, the latter units attached to the Third division and to the French during the third battle of the Marne."

### Church Directory

**Congregational.** Regular services will be held Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m. and Sunday school at 10 a. m. No evening service.

Meetings in the country as follows: Lismas school house at 3 p. m. Galpin chapel at 7:30 p. m. The following Sunday, services will be held at Vandalia at 3 p. m. and at Cherry Creek school house at 5 p. m. Every one is cordially invited. Frank E. Henry, Pastor.

**Lutheran.** I. O. O. F. Hall. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Pentecost Sunday. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Special music by the church choir. Norwegian services in Badger school house at 2 p. m. Norwegian and English services in Highland school house at 4 p. m. Business meeting after services at both places. English services north of Frazer Sunday, June 15, at 3 p. m. English services at Nashua on the same Sunday at 7:30 p. m. A. N. Livdahl, Pastor.

**Methodist.** "The People's Church" Sunday school will meet at 10 a. m. as usual for the study of the lesson. Children's Day exercises will be held at 11 a. m. A splendid program has been arranged of music, singing and recitations. Among other features there will be music by the "Darst Orchestra." All parents are especially urged to come out to this service. 2:30 p. m. Preaching service at the Brazil school house. 7:15 p. m. Epworth League. This is an interesting service for young people.

8 p. m. Evening worship. By special invitation of the graduating class of the Glasgow high school, the pastor will preach the baccalaureat sermon at this hour. The special music and singing for this service will be in charge of Miss Hazel Powell. See program elsewhere in paper. Extra seating will be provided and the general public is cordially invited to be present.

Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. R. H. Stone, Pastor.

**Baptist.** Sunday, June 8th: Children Day program, beginning at 10:30, takes morning service hour. Evening service, 8 o'clock. Topic, "The Modern Jonah." Special music by the choir. The following Children's Day program will be given at 11 o'clock: Instrumental music. Scripture Response. Song—"Garlands of Peace" ... School Prayer. Song—"Gloria Patri" Scripture Reading. Greetings ... By the Superintendent. Recitations—"These Knights of Ours" ... Mazel Hughes "Stand up for Your Colors" ... Stella Jacobs Song—"Live in the Hope of Tomorrow" ... School Recitation—"Which Are You" ... Sarah Gillespie Song—"Carry the News of Jesus" ... Primary Recitation—"Mistress Merryface" ... Beatrice Mix Class Exercises—"The Best for Jesus" ... Second Primary "What We Can Do" ... First Primary Music—"Children of Tomorrow" ... Intermediate Recitations—"I Wish You Good Luck" ... Marian Brown "The Knocker" ... Walter Davidson Song ... Edith Davidson Song ... Nadine Snyder Song—"As We Labor in His Name" ... School Address ... Mr. Kjellman Music ... Choir Emblematic Piece—"In the Folds of the Flag" ... Rev. Wilson Song—"Flag of Our Land" ... School Salute to the Flag. "Star Spangled Banner." Benediction. Everybody Welcome.

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.** In the District Court of the State of Montana, in and for the County of Hill. The Havre National Bank, a Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Mary E. Ling White and C. B. Ling, Defendants. To be sold at Sheriff's sale on the 14th day of June, 1919, at 2:00 o'clock p. m., of said day, at the front door of the Court House in the county of Valley, state of Montana, at Glasgow, Montana, the following property: Southeast quarter (SE 1/4); south half of the northeast quarter (S 1/2 NE 1/4) and lots numbered one (1) and two (2) of section one (1), and southwest quarter of the northwest quarter (SW 1/4 NW 1/4) section five (5), township twenty-seven (27) north of range forty-two (42) east, Montana meridian, and the east half of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter (E 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4) of section twelve (12), township twenty-six (26) north of range forty-three (43) east, Montana meridian. Dated this 23rd day of May, 1919. C. W. POWELL, Sheriff. H. S. Kline and C. B. Elwell, Attorneys for Plaintiff, Havre, Montana. May 23-30-Jun 6-13

**SHERIFF'S SALE.** Lewis-Wedum Company, a Corporation, Plaintiff, vs. William Squier, Defendant. To be sold at Sheriff's sale at the front (north) door of the courthouse in Glasgow, Valley county, Montana, on the 21st day of June, 1919, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day, the following described property: Southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section three; west half of the northeast quarter; southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section ten, township thirty, north of range forty east Montana meridian, according to the official plat of the survey thereof returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor-General. Said land being located in Valley county, Montana. C. W. POWELL, Sheriff. By H. H. Seeley, Deputy.

### Farmers Take Notice

Applications for State Hail Insurance must be filed in your county assessor's office on or before June 20th. A reduction of 10c per acre will be allowed by the State Board of Hail Insurance where any crop is destroyed by any other means than hail. Request for such reduction must be made by July 20, in case of spring grain, and by July 1st in case of winter grain. No cash payment or bankable paper is required of land owners or homesteaders or tenants having owner's consent and the premium is not collected until tax paying time. The maximum rate is 10 per cent. Payment for hail losses will be made by state warrant as soon after the hail season closes as the losses can be computed. The warrants will draw 4 per cent interest. If you desire application blanks or additional information call on or write the assessor of your county. STATE BOARD OF HAIL INSURANCE.

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