

ROUGH RIDER TALES.

STIRRING AND GALLANT DEEDS AS DESCRIBED BY EDWARD MARSHALL.

A Trooper's Devotion to His Wounded Captain—Hospital Corps Men Under Fire—Brave Son of a Brave General—Captain O'Neill's Death.

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The story of the rough riders as it comes from the lips and pen of Edward Marshall, the war correspondent who went in with the front line at Las Guasimas. At first thought it might seem that Marshall's conduct in the battle was foolhardy; that, not being a fighting man, he was not called upon to expose his life in the way he did. The terrible fate which was the penalty of his daring has led to comments upon his action.

Ma' Hall's own story is that he had not intended to go into battle that day nor any day. He witnessed the bombardment of Daiquiri and saw the havoc made by shells, the killing of Spaniards and Cubans, and felt that it was a duty he owed to his family to take proper care of himself and assume no needless risk. No battle was expected at Las Guasimas, and for some reason the staff of the paper represented by Marshall was short handed just at the time the troopers marched forward to look for the enemy. Wishing to have his paper served as well as others whose men were at the front, Marshall took it upon himself to go as far as the next man, whether soldier or correspondent. Therefore he kept pace with the foremost, saw all of the fighting and was among the very last on that part of the field to catch a Mauser bullet.

This is Marshall's story of the first wounded officer he saw that day. Says he: "I had gone to the left with Colonel Wood and F and D troops. The first wounded officer I saw was Captain James H. McClintock of B troop. He was leaning propped against a tree on the backbone of a hill which was as clearly defined as the buttress of a cathedral. Two bullets had met in the lower left leg, and I have never seen a man suffer such pain as he did. He seemed to be very cheerful and was carefully explaining to Lieutenant Nichols that the place was altogether too hot for any man to stay in who was not obliged to. I shook hands with him, got his name and address, as I did of the other wounded, and asked him if there was anything I could do for him. 'Not a thing,' said he, 'except get out.' Since then the captain has told me about one of his troopers who, after McClintock had been forced to lie down by exhaustion, came and lay close beside him. He talked cheerfully to him and tried to keep his spirits up.

"You'd better get out of this," said McClintock. "It's too hot."

"Don't worry, captain," the trooper replied. "I'm between you and the firing line."

McClintock, touched as he was by the man's devotion, still wanted him to get away. He urged him to leave him. The man refused. Finally McClintock said: *

"I am your captain, and I order you to go. You are doing no good to any one but me here. This is no place for a well man. I order you."

"The man had to tell, 'I ain't no well man,' he slowly admitted. 'I'm shot.'

"Where?" asked McClintock.

"Oh, it's only a scratch!"

"They lay there in silence for a long time. The firing began to come from the left. The soldier worked his way painfully around until he was again between McClintock and the line of fire. McClintock was too weak from loss of blood even to speak. Then a hospital man came and lifted McClintock to carry him back.

"Take him back, too," McClintock managed to articulate.

"No use," said the hospital man. "He's dead."

Writing on death and suffering at Las Guasimas, Marshall tells of the heroism of hospital men. He says:

"It would be unfair to omit from this chapter a paragraph about the superb work of the surgeons. Surgeon Church especially distinguished himself. Before I was shot I saw him running along with his surgeon's packet on the very firing line and attending promptly to all the wounded he could find without paying the least attention to his own safety as he did so. In one case, where the firing was so hot that every man in the neighborhood was lying flat on his face to avoid it, Church knelt at the side of a wounded man and made himself a shining mark for Spanish bullets without hesitation."

"And here I have an opportunity of paying slight tribute to one of the bravest men I ever knew. His name is George W. Burgess. Burgess was with Troop D and enlisted at Oklahoma. No one detailed him to do first aid duty during the battle of Las Guasimas nor any other time. He has the quiet blue eyes and the thin straight lips of the gentleman desperado whom Bret Harte wrote about. Before I fell in the long grass I saw Burgess standing up when others were lying down and others running along the firing line, with his brown, red crossed first aid pouch

Sometimes he would stop and take a shot at the Spaniards just to make war realistic, he said, but most of the time he was busy with men who had been wounded and were lying in dangerous places.

"Burgess made his red cross an excuse for placing himself in extraordinary dangers. He was the first man to come to me, and I can remember distinctly how the volleys sounded as they swept over my face, and I know that I, who was lying down, shrank and shivered as they shrieked their devilish little songs, while Burgess stood there, calm and quiet, and told me softly and sympathetically that he was extremely sorry for me. He added, with something of contempt, that it was a blanked shame that I was only a correspondent. Then he started on a run for another wounded man who was nearer to the front and probably lying under a hotter fire than I was. Not two minutes had elapsed before he came back to me and asked if I didn't want to be carried into the shade. It seemed to me that as long as I had a Mauser bullet in me it would be nice to die respectfully of my wounds under the shade of a tree that I could see as I lay, instead of staying out there in the blistering long grass and dying of sunstroke. So I told Burgess I should be very glad to be taken into the shade. He took me there and dropped me in the shade as if I had been hot potato, and, muttering wild western oaths, he sped desperately to the front, which had advanced many yards."

A rough rider whose fortitude under pain is described by Marshall is Sergeant Basil Ricketts. Sergeant Ricketts is the son of the gallant veteran, General Ricketts, who was wounded at Bull Run and with stoic nerve bore up under the most terrible tortures in order to save a leg which the surgeons insisted must be amputated. The general's wife, it will be remembered, followed



"IF HE COULD ONLY SEE YOU NOW!"

her wounded husband to Libby and by careful nursing brought him through, and then devoted her life to caring for the wounded. Says Marshall:

"Basil Ricketts took his wound as the son of such parents might be expected to take a wound. One of the sergeants of the rough riders had served under General Ricketts and was the first man to come up with Basil after he had been shot.

"I'm hit," said Ricketts.

"The old sergeant leaned over him and said that he was taking it calmly."

"God Almighty!" said the sergeant. "Wouldn't the general be tickled if he could see you now?"

The death of the gallant Captain "Bucky" O'Neill has been touched upon by many writers of San Juan Hill, but Marshall is the first to give the story of a competent eyewitness. From the lips of O'Neill's first sergeant he quotes as follows:

"Captain O'Neill directed us to march at intervals of 12 feet. There will be fewer of you hurt," he said. We went north and then down into the sunken road. It was terribly hot down there, but it was much worse when we got into the open field. Bullets from the blockhouse and from the trenches swept down upon us constantly. We came to a barbed wire fence. It looked as if it were going to stop us, because for some reason none of us who reached it first had wire nippers, but we beat it down with the butts of our carbines and scrambled over the prostrate wires.

"Then we lay down and fired, but O'Neill stood up straight and told us not to get rattled, but to fire steady and kill a Spaniard every time we shot. Then we made rush. Troop K came up behind us, and we lay down again to fire, but Captain O'Neill walked cheerfully up and down the line, talking to us. Lieutenant Kane cried out: 'Get down, O'Neill! There's no use exposing yourself in that way.'

Captain O'Neill turned and laughed and said:

"Aw-w! The Spanish bullet has not been melded that can hit me."

"And then one hit him in the mouth and killed him."

The wounding of Major Brodie is described in Marshall's book by words from General Wood. Said the general:

"Brodie hadn't the least idea he could be hit by a mere Spaniard. I shall never forget his expression of amazement and anger as he hopped down the hill on one foot, with the other held in the air, before he fell. He came toward me shouting:

"Great Scott, colonel! They've hit me!"

"It was plain that he considered the wound an unwarrantable liberty."

Taken all in all, Marshall's studies of battlefield incidents and phenomena are masterly, what might be expected from a trained observer who kept cool and went in with the fighters. Marshall not only went in with the fighters, but took the soldiers' punishment with the sublime fortitude he describes in others. Not only that, he will be a heroic sufferer for life. The Mauser cut away part of the spine and one leg has been amputated below the knee in order to relieve him of the burden of a dead member.

GEORGE L. KILMER.

SOUTH NORFOLK.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Mrs. E. D. Perry is on the sick list.

Miss Martha Deminsky is on the sick list.

Mrs. G. H. Glass of Oakdale is visiting with her husband.

Chas. Hyde is making some improvements on his house.

Mr. Higginbotham visited relatives between trains Sunday.

Mrs. Wille of Naleigh is visiting her mother, Mrs. Lee Hubert.

Brakeman King has quit the railroad and expects to leave Norfolk.

F. J. Smith, switchman in the F. E. yards, left Tuesday for his home in Chicago, Ill.

Theo. Douglass and M. Sutherland of Missouri Valley were Junction visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. LaVill has returned from Sioux Falls, and her mother accompanied her home for a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollingsworth have returned from York, where they have been visiting friends and relatives.

S. L. Breed returned Monday from an extended visit in Winona, Minn., Missouri Valley and other points in Iowa.

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