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All the Latest Sport News All the Time

NORTHWESTERN HOLDS NAVY TO SCORELESS TIE

Great Lakes Eleven Excels University, but Misses Only Two Chances to Reach Goal.

Great Lakes, Ill., Oct. 26.—The Northwestern university foot ball team held the Great Lakes Naval Training station eleven to a scoreless tie in a game played on a slippery, soggy field at the station today. The contest was witnessed by thousands of bluejackets.

Although the ball was deep in Northwestern territory during the game the Navy had only two chances to score. "Paddy" Driscoll, a former star at Northwestern, attempted to register two field goals for the bluejackets. He fumbled the ball on his first chance in the second quarter and Northwestern kicked out of danger. Again in the third period he attempted another goal but his shot was low and his ball rolled over the line.

The slippery field ruined all chances for long runs, the players losing their footing before being tackled. The playing of Backman at tackle and Gleat at halfback was the feature of the game.

Play in Snowstorm.

St. Paul, Oct. 26.—The University of Minnesota triumphed over St. Thomas college here today, 25 to 7, in a foot ball game played in a snowstrom and on a muddy field. The slippery field proved a big handicap for the heavier St. Thomas eleven.

Today's game was transferred from Minneapolis and it was the first time in 21 years a Minnesota eleven had played in St. Paul.

Camp Grant Wins.

Madison, Wis., Oct. 25.—Camp Grant defeated the University of Wisconsin at football today, 7 to 0. Mansfield, right end for Camp Grant, made the lone touchdown, when he intercepted a poorly shot pass and dashed 40 yards without interference across the line in the fourth quarter.

Seesaw Ends in Draw.

Sedar Rapids, Oct. 26.—Coe college and Cornell eleven played a seesaw game to a scoreless tie here today before a crowd limited to S. A. T. C. members.

Sailors Defeat Students.

Urbana, Ill., Oct. 26.—The auxiliary naval reserve team from Municipal Pier, Chicago, defeated the University of Illinois football team today, 7 to 0, in a hard-fought game.

The navy football team scored shortly after the opening of the second half on a pass from Koester to Fromke, who ran 20 yards for a touchdown. Klein kicked goal.

Although beaten, Illinois fought hard throughout the game and in some instances outplayed the sailors.

Boy Who Had Given Up Won Game in World's Series

"One hot day in August, 1910, I strolled out on the government pier. I had no business out there, but I thought that the lake breeze would relieve me from the heat," says Tom Farley of Milwaukee.

"I saw an idle boy holding a fishing pole and waiting for a bite. I had seen him elsewhere and I knew him well.

"As president of a base ball league in Wisconsin I had often seen the boy in uniform. He impressed me then as a 'future great.' Although he was only 16 years old when I first saw him, something told me that he was a 'comer.'

"I was puzzled at not seeing his name in the box scores that summer and when I saw him on the pier I asked:

"Why are you not playing ball?"

"He looked at me and said: 'I can't hit; I can't catch a fly ball; I can't throw straight if I stop a grounder.'

"A season before that he was playing shortstop and his work was marvelous.

"I said to him: "This may be only a slump. If you stick to the game you will get back to form.'

"To this he replied: 'I have been playing such ball that I quit the club. I don't want to go near the ball park and I am so disgusted with myself that I don't want to see another game of ball. That's why I am fishing.'

"Thirty-two thousand people packed the South Side ball park in October, 1917, to see the first game of the World's Series between the Chicago White Sox and the New York Giants.

"When the score stood 1 to 1, a young man in a White Sox uniform drove the ball over the fence for a home run. It was a whale of a wallop and it won the game for the White Sox.

"While 32,000 people went wild with joy, I murmured to myself, 'On what a slender thread does destiny depend?'

"The young man who hit the ball for a home run and turned 32,000 fans into a wild and cheering mob was "Happy" Felsch, center fielder of the Chicago White Sox, world's champions of 1917, and he was the same idle boy that I talked to out on the government pier at Milwaukee in August, 1910."

Snores Will Be Heard in University Grandstand

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 26.—Peaceful snores instead of whining winds will vibrate through the huge concrete grandstands at the University of Chicago athletic field this fall and winter.

The stands have been taken over by the government and converted into barracks for the student officers in training at the university. Temporary stairs were constructed along the front of the stands to permit football fans to gain their seats, as all entrances from beneath have been boarded up.

Japs Play Football

JAPANESE WRESTLER HERE TO STUDY AMERICAN SPORTS.

South High Team Given Banquet by W. E. Reed In Fontenelle Hotel

The South High foot ball team was given a banquet by Mr. W. E. Reed Friday evening, October 25, at the Fontenelle hotel. The banquet was promised last year by Mr. Reed if the South High team would defeat Central High in foot ball.

Short, but interesting talks about the past and future games were given by each of the persons present. Twenty persons were present with Mr. Reed presiding as toastmaster. Those who attended are as follows:

James Etter.	Mr. Reed.
Mr. and Mrs. Patton.	Mr. and Mrs. Mairs.
Everett Chambers.	Mathias Volz.
Joe Sharnholtz.	Clarence Anderson.
Howard Dennis.	Charles Uvick.
James Webber.	Arthur Peterson.
Robert McNeil.	Jack Higgins.
Wallace Banner.	George Morris.
	Fay Card.

Absarokee Gun Club to Hold Liberty Bond Shoot

The Absarokee Gun Club will hold a $1,000 Liberty Bond shoot that will be a "shoot for shooters" on November 3 and 4, with Saturday November 2d, as practice day.

The program consists of 100 birds on practice day, optional sweeps, and 10 twenty bird events on the 3d and 4th. There will be a $50.00 Liberty bond as first money for the twenty regular events, purse to be divided Rose system, 4, 3, 2, 1 for other qualifying scores. Average money on the two regular days will run between $200 and $600, according to the number of entrants. In addition there will be eleven cash and merchandise prizes for high three day and daily averages, low average and long runs.

The Absarokee Gun Club have admittedly the finest shooting grounds in the West, with nothing but the sky as a background. Custer Battlefield can plainly be seen from the shooting grounds.

Nebraska Fullback to Be Called in Draft Soon

Lincoln, Oct. 26.—Ernest Hubka, fullback on the University of Nebraska foot ball eleven during the season of 1917 and member of the squad this fall, probably soon will be lost to the Cornhusker team. Hubka has been claimed by the draft and may go into the army with a November call, as a result of being placed in Class 1-A by his local board.

He was anxious to enlist in the Students' Army Training corps unit at the university and hoped to qualify for a chance at a commission, but the rules are such that no man of military age may be inducted into the S. A. T. C. if he is listed as an A-1 man in the draft.

Foot Ball Results.

At Annapolis: Navy 47; Newport Training School 7.

At Syracuse: Syracuse 13; Army Transport Corps 0.

At Carlisle: Dickinson 27; Harrisburg Academy 0.

At Middletown: Wesleyan 5; Amherst 0.

At Boston: Boston College 12; Camp Devens 0.

At Urbana: Illinois 0; Naval Reserve 7.

At Des Moines: Drake University 35; Des Moines 7.

At Cedar Rapids: Coe College 0; Cornell College 0.

At Great Lakes, Ill.: Great Lakes 0; Northwestern 0.

At St. Paul, Minn.: Minnesota 25; St. Thomas 7.

At Alliance, O.: Mount Union 19; Case 7.

At Oberlin, O.: Western Reserve 6; Oberlin 3.

At Camp Randall, Madison, Wis.: Camp Grant 7; University of Wisconsin 0.

At New Brunswick, N. J.: Rutgers 39; Leigh 0.

At Philadelphia: U. S. Marines, Philadelphia Navy Yard, 7; University of Pennsylvania 0.

At Easton, Pa.: Muhlenberg 7; Lafayette 0.

At Swarthmore, Pa.: Swarthmore 51; Ursinus 7.

At Urbana, Ill.: Illinois 0; Naval Reserve 7.

At New Brunswick, N. J.: Rutgers 39; Lehigh 0.

At Lafayette, Ind.—DePauw, 9; Camp Purdue, 7.

At Crawfordsville, Ind.—Wabash College, 21; Fort Harrison Engineers, 20.

At New York—Columbia, 7; Camp Merritt, 0.

At Philadelphia—United States Marines, 7; University of Pennsylvania, 0.

Aviator Makes New Record in Flight to Statue of Liberty

Belmont Park, N. Y., Oct. 26.—Sergeant Coombs, of Hazelhurst Field, Long Island, won the airplane flight to the Statute of Liberty and return at the army aviation carnival here today. Driving a Haviland plane with Liberty motors, he covered the 36 miles in 15 minutes, 30 seconds, which is said to establish a new record.

Seven machines, all of the De Haviland type, made the flight and finished with only 30 seconds time between the first and last competitors.

Club Owners Disapprove Semi-Professional Ball

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Several American League club owners do not approve of the proposed semi-professional week-end base ball league planned for next season, B. B. Johnson, president of the league, stated today. In communicating this to Johnson, they said they would not permit the use of their plants for such an organization.

PARSON WEDGE FOOLS DOCTORS WHO GAVE HIM UP

Given Up by Physicians, He Stages Comeback; to Fight for Welterweight Title of Border.

Many Omaha people will remember Rev. Frederick Wedge, who was formerly known as Kid Wedge, welterweight pugilist who quit the fighting game to enter the ministry. Wedge appeared here several times in the past and preached in a number of Nebraska churches after he quit the fight game. An interesting story of how he was given up by the doctors as having tuberculosis and how he beat the Grim Reaper by a big margin is told in a letter written by him from El Paso, Texas, where he is in an army camp.

Fools the Doctors.

When the war broke out he joined the colors and was sent to Camp Grant. While there he was taken sick and the physicians in the base hospital diagnosed his case as tuberculosis of the most malignant form, or what is known as quick consumption.

Today Wedge is again well and strong and just to prove that he is in first class condition he is going to take on Tommy Murphy, star of the welterweights at Fort Bliss, in the near future.

Tells of Comback.

Parson Wedge, in a letter written to a friend not long ago, tells of his fight with disease and how he won in the following words:

"El Paso, Tex.—When I left Camp Grant base hospital in March, the army physicians gave me from two to three months to live, pronouncing my case tuberculosis. I didn't consider this any time to die, in fact I wouldn't do such a thing when men are needed to knock out the kaiser.

"Through a system of physical culture and vitality building exercises I am now very much alive. I am to fight for the welterweight championship of the border at Fort Bliss and my opponent will be Tommy Murphy.

"Within the last two months I have fought two of the best men in the border army corps. Considering the fact that I am 39 years old, with one cylinder out of order and booked by competent medical authorities for the final count, I think I have staged a comeback.

"I expect to get back my old job, as boxing instructor at one of Uncle Sam's army camps and eventually go 'over there' to do my bit.

"If you know of any unfortunate cuss who thinks the tuberculosis bug is about to make him take the final count tell him to cheer up and write to me and I will gladly tell him freely how I cured myself in six months. Yours for a long life,

"PARSON WEDGE."

Working on Railroad.

At the present time Parson Wedge is breaking out of El Paso on a freight train. His hours of work keep him from taking the usual leg work each morning, so when the freight is going up the heavy grades, he calls for a timekeeper, drops off the train and runs for half a mile along the track. He runs a half and at the call of time, rests for three minutes and then runs another half.

"Omaha Is Dead," Say Business Men; Opening Of Club Offers Hope

"Marley was dead," were the words with which Dickens prefaced his great story the "Christmas Carol," but notwithstanding the apparent contradictions between the opening words and the real theme, Dickens told a wonderful story of life.

If Dickens were alive and in Omaha at the present time he would doubtless say "Omaha is dead, dead as a door nail" for that is all one hears on every hand. The merchant tries to be optimistic, put on a smile, but admits that "business is dead." Go into the hotel and a sort of melancholy smile is to be seen hovering about the face of the manager in a vain effort to conceal a forlorn hope and he replies "business is dead."

The real estate man says "business is dead," and when the doctor attempts to cheer you up by saying that business is "just fine" the undertaker shuts him off with a flat denial and says business is 'Dead."

Last of all the social world is wondering what is to be done to relieve the monotony of the "quiet hour." The theatres are all closed, parties are called off, the Ak-sar-ben ball was omitted this year and the common wail is "no where to go."

But there is one little ray of hope in the not distant future, the grand opening of the Athletic club, and the ladies cannot be made to believe but that the ban on all social gatherings will be lifted by that time. The work of the mechanics just about all done and the decorators proceeding as rapidly as they can to get the building in readiness.

It is a little difficult to say just when the decorators will complete their work, but it will not be long. There are still a few memberships to be had, but the supply is limited. If you want one, get it now.

Drake Wins From Des Moines In Sea of Mud, 35 to 7 Score

Des Moines, Oct. 26.—Playing in a sea of mud and a cold drizzling rain, Drake university easily downed the Des Moines college eleven here today, 35 to 7. The losers did not make first down once, their touchdown coming when end Buchanan intercepted a Drake forward pass and ran 75 yards to the goal line. Drake was light but fast and used every variety of play. Only members of the S. A. T. C. saw the game.

Chicago Furnishes Season's First Foot Ball Fatality

Chicago, Oct. 26.—The first football fatality of the season in Chicago was reported today when William P. Ryan, 21 years old, died of injuries suffered in a game played October 6.

CHANCES GOOD FOR SIOUX CITY-OMAHA GAME

Officials Do Not Think That Quarantine Will Affect the Game to Be Played November 2.

After a month of inactivitiy because of the "flu," Central High's grid warriors will again hit the war path and will journey to Sioux City after the scalp of the Iowa eleven. The locals expect to triumph over the Sioux tribe, since the latter are reported as rather weak.

Although the game is scheduled for November 2, the date the state guarantine will expire, local officials are confident that the team will be allowed to leave the state and Sioux City chiefs are also confident that no opposition will be raised to the contest.

Sioux City has been forced to cancel part of its schedule because of the epidemic. Sioux Falls, Omaha's next opponent, was on Sioux City's schedule for yesterday. McPherson of Sioux City is the only player of either squad who was on the sick list.

Won Both Games.

Sioux City has played two games this season and won them both. The Lemars eleven was disposed of with a 14-0 score and the Hawarden, Ia., aggregation with a field goal. Only two vets are on the Iowa lineup, but it is strengthened by Bert E. Fenega, the new coach, who has a brilliant athletic record behind him. He was a stellar member of the Yankton college team while attending that school, and his coaching shows 21 victories and only two defeats. Under his leadership the state normal school at Aberdeen won the state championships of both Dakotas, scoring 190 points and allowing only 9.

"We are not planning on cleaning up the world this year. In fact, we will feel mighty lucky to break even," stated the Sioux City mentor in a letter to The Bee. "We hope to give Omaha an interesting session, though."

Spencer, end, and Barnett, center, are the Sioux City vets. Younger, Day, Sawyer, Taber and Foster of last season's second string are now regulars. The team is the lightest in years, averaging 145 pounds.

The Purple and White squad discontinued practice Monday, but will renew it tomorrow. A week ago Saturday a good showing was made against the Creighton squad in a practice game. Shafer is still bothered by an injured shoulder and Pollard is hampered by a lame leg. Lyton Ayers will fill the hole if either of these men should be forced to stay under their blankets Saturday.

Coach Mulligan's faith in Campbell, the new quarter, seems to be justified, as his choice for the pilot position has been guiding the team like a veteran. Peters and Konecky at ends are gaining perfection at the passing game and Shafer continues to rip holes in the opposing line.

JOE STECHER ASPIRES TO BECOME BOXER.

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Joe Stecher, the wrestler of "scissors hold" fame, who is stationed at the Great Lakes naval training station, has designs on the heavyweight crown held by Jess Willard. For some time Stecher has been watching the work of Ritchie Mitchell, the western lightweight who is boxing instructor at the naval station, and he likes Mitchell's style so much that he wants to take up the sport. Wrestlers, as a rule, make poor boxers. Many fans will remember the attempt of the late Frank Gotch to become a champion boxer. Gotch, although of the ideal build for a fighter was knocked out in a few rounds of his first and only fight.

SOUTH DAKOTA AND CREIGHTON WILL PLAY NOV. 2

Five Veterans on Coyote Squad Will Make Creighton Hustle to Beat the Dakota Team.

Vermillion, S. D., Oct. 26.—(Special)—The football season at the University of South Dakota opens November 2, when the Coyotes play Creighton University of Omaha. As a part of the military schedule by which members of the Students' Army Training corps are being trained for the service, football games have been played on the Coyote campus since October 1, when the S. A. T. C. arrived. The intercollegiate games scheduled earlier in the season were cancled when the War department ruled that S. A. T. C. members would not be excused from drill for over-night athletic trips. The University was forced to abandon its games with Notre Dame, Minnesota and other old-time rivals.

Captain Lee Heck, '20, who is serving his third year on the varsity, has five veterans on his team. The other members of the 1917 squad are in military service. The five are: Harold Collins, '21, Ward Ellis, '19, Edwin Livingston, '20, Carl Hey, '19, Cyrus Lynch, '21. Fifty men who signed up for football when they were inducted have been out for practice. These men are excused from special detail duties.

The new coach is John W. Stewart who has trained championship teams for Sioux City (Iowa) High school. He takes the place of Blaine McKusick, new athletic director at Missouri Military school, Mexico, Mo. Coach Stewart is a graduate of Geneva College, and was on the varsity at the University of Pittsburgh. He attended the training camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, this summer and is directing athletics for all the 250 men drilling at the University. "The fact tha our football men are the first to be recommended for officers' training," said Coach Stewart, "indicates the value of the sport but has reduced football material to the high school order. Every school in South Dakota is suffering in the same way."

Will Not Play eNbraska-Northwestern Game Here

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 26.—The proposed transfer of the Nebraska-Northwestern football game, dated for November 23, from Lincoln to Omaha, where it was offered to the Red Cross authorities, provided that organization would assume the $4,000 guarantee to Northwestern and transportation expenses of the Nebraska team, has been abandoned because of the refusal of the Red Cross to deal with the Northwestern management on any financial basis other than a guarantee of traveling expenses.

Following this action of the Red Cross, Prof. R. D. Scott, director of athletics at Nebraska, wrote the Northwestern authorities suggesting that the $4,000 guarantee for a game in Lincoln be cut at least in half. According to Prof. Scott, the game may be cancelled, if the Evanston school does not agree to those terms, as the War department has now practically taken hold of the game and has put a ban on expensive trips and big financial rewards.

NAVAL RESERVE MAY COME HERE IN AEROPLANES

Arrangements Under Way to Bring Chicago Team to Omaha in Two Caproni Airplanes.

If the arrangements now under way are completed the Chicago Naval Reserve football team, which is scheduled to play the Fort Omaha team here on November 2, will make the trip from the Windy City in two Caproni airplanes, each of which will carry 15 passengers.

There are two of these planes available in Chicago engaged in carrying tests, and it is thought that the trip will furnish valuable experience for the pilots as well as adding much interest to the game here. Officials in charge say the 500-mile flight can be made in less than 10 hours.

C. of C. in Charge.

The Chamber of Commerce civilian committee, in charge of the game and of the others in the series, is composed of E. Buckingham, J. T. Wachob, Arthur Guiou, Wallace Lyman, Harvey Milliken, H. A. Tukey, C. C. George, Joe Wright, Jr., J. W. Welch, H. W. Pierpont, Howard Goulding, C. E. Black, Dean Smith, Charles L. Sykes, H. O. Wilhelm, W. B. Cheek, W. A. Fraser, George Brandeis, L. C. Nash, Charles Garvey, John W. Gamble, W. A. Rourke, Gould Dietz, Roy T. Byrne and Charles R. Docherty.

Fort Omaha Have Five Games.

The Fort Omaha team have a stiff schedule of five games ahead of them of which the Naval Reserve game here on November 2 will be the first. The other four games will be with the St. Paul Aviation Mechanics in St. Paul, November 10; Camp Grant in Omaha, November 16; Medical Officers Training Corps of Fort Riley in Kansas City, November 23, and Camp Dodge in Omaha, November 30.

The Fort Omaha boys are planning a big parade and exhibition of military maneuvers later in the week, the program of which will be announced in a day or so. Between halves of the November 2 game with Chicago the aviators stationed here will give exhibition flights over the ball park, and on Friday of this week two planes will fly over Omaha, and drop advertising matter.

The lineup of the Fort Omaha team for Saturday's game at Rourke Park is as follows:

Left end	Faulk
Left tackle	Froelich
Left guard	Anderson
Center	Doyle
Right guard	Philpott
Right tackle	Whistler
Right end	Beck
Quarterback	Littleton
Left half	Andt
Right half	Deeds
Fullback	King

The subs are Koheler of Northwestern, an all-western half-back, and Johnson of Morningside, who played under Paw Paw.

The Chicago team is an exceptionally strong one. It defeated Chicago university two weeks ago, played Notre Dame Saturday, October 19, and Urbana yesterday.

Martin Delaney Has a New Style of Javelin to Submit

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Revision of the present style of construction of the standard javelin, used in all champion games, will be proposed at the annual meeting of the National A. A. U. at Philadelphia on November 18 by Martin A. Delaney, physical director of the Chicago Athletic association, an authority on the subject.

The steel nose on the javelin as now constructed is easily broken, and Mr. Delaney will submit a design of his own for adoption. His plan is to extend the steel covering a few inches up the pole from the metal tip. This brace, he believes, will prevent the loss of many javelins, the wood for which is more difficult to obtain as the better grade of wood is in sharp demand for airplane building.

"The present javelin is entirely too frail and too easily broken," Mr. Delaney said, "Sometimes as many as three or four are broken in practice trials. I am convinced my design will stop this waste."

Brains and Nerve First Requisites for an Officer

Cleveland, Oct. 26.—Brains and nerves are the chief perquisites of an officer in the American army, according to William Wambsganss, a former Cleveland infielder, now attending a training camp at Camp Gordon, Georgia.

"I am glad Uncle Sam grabbed me when he did," said Wamby, who came here on a 10-day furlough to see his new baby daughter. "Training at Camp Gordon for a commission is harder work than playing base ball, but it is worth it and I have been promised a chance with a regiment going to France soon if I win my commission.

"One of our officers who has been in France says that to be a successful officer a man must have 5 per cent brains and 95 per cent nerve. I am sure I can qualify as far as the nerve is concerned."

American League Umpire To Work in Shipyards

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 26.—"Brick" Owens, the American league umpire, who is going to work in an eastern shipyard, advised President Ban Johnson that he accepted the position for patriotic reasons and not for an opportunity to be mixed up in base ball.

"I am going to work in a shipyard that hasn't a base ball league," Owens wrote. "I am seeking an essential occupation and do not care for any more base ball until the war is over."

Owens was one of the umpires in the world's series. His home is in Kansas City, Mo.

Vivid Pen Pictures of Fighting by the American Boys in Foch's Big Drive

Washington, Oct. 26.—To advance seven miles against a hurricane of German fire, machine gun bullets and big shells, is not all glory and exhilaration even for a United States marine. This is disclosed in a series of vivid pen pictures of the tremendous fighting in which these American boys participated on the Marne salient, written by Maj. Robert L. Denig og the marines to his wife in Philadelphia.

Major Denig and his battalion took part in the great allied counter-attack on the Marne salient, July 18, that started the Hun backward toward Germany and began the disintegration of the German western front. In that fight the marines covered themselves with glory but at a terrible cost in killed and wounded. The major's letter affords an opportunity to see the fight through the eyes of a man who took part in it.

"To picture a fight," he writes, "mix up a lot of hungry, dirty, tired and bloody men with dust, noise and smoke. Forget the clean swords, prancing horses and flapping flags. At night, a gas-filled woods, falling trees and bright, blinding flashes—you can't see your neighbor—that is war. In the rear it is all confusion. The general told me, "Hurry to such a place, all goes well, we are advancing!" His staff miles away, all clean—one was shaving, another eating hot cakes—we had not had a hot bite for two days. As I reached my jumping off place wounded men, killed men, horses blown to bits—the contrast!"

Sleep in Pouring Rain.

After describing the beginning of the advance of the marines to the fighting line, Major Denig continues:

"We were finally, after twelve hours' ride, dumped in a big field and after a few hours' rest, started our march. It was hot as hades and we had had nothing to eat since the day before. We at last entered a forest; troops seemed to converge on it from all points. We marched some six miles in the forest, a finer one I have never seen. Deer would scamper ahead. We could have eaten one raw. At ten that night, without food, we lay down in a pouring rain to sleep. Troops of all kinds passed us in the night—a shadowy stream, over 500,000 men. Some French officers told us they had never seen such concentration since Verdun, if then.

"The next day, the 18th of July, we marched ahead through a jam of troops, trucks, etc., and came at last to a ration camp where we fell to and ate our heads off for the first time in nearly two days. When we left there, the men had bread stuck to their bayonets. I lugged a ham. All were loaded down.

Great Drive Was On.

"Here I passed one of Wass' lieutenants with his hand wounded. He was pleased as punch and told us the drive was on, the first we knew of it. I then passed a few men of Hunt's (Capt. Leroy T. Hunt, Gilroy, Cal.) company bringing prisoners to the rear. They had a colonel and his staff. They were well dressed, clean and polished, but mighty glum looking.

"We finally stopped at the far end of the forest near a dressing station where Holcomb (Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Holcomb, of Washington) again took command. This station had been a big, fine stone farm house but was now a complete ruin—wounded and dead lay all about. The lines had gone on ahead. Had a fine aero battle right over us. Late in the afternoon we advanced again. Our route lay over an open field covered with dead.

"We lay down on a hillside for the night near some captured German guns, and until dark I watched the cavalry—some 4,000, come up and take positions.

"At 3:30 the next morning Sitz (Captain Walter H. Sitz of Davenport, Ia.) woke me up and said we were to attack. The regiment was soon under way and we picked our way under cover of a gas infested valley to a town where we got our final instructions and left our packs. I wished Sumner (Allen M. Sumner of Washington) good luck and parted.

"We formed up in a sunken road on two sides of a valley that was perpendicular to the enemy's front; Hughes (Lt. Col. John A. Hughes, of Philadelphia), right, Holcomb left, Sibley (Lt. Col. Burton W. Sibley of Essex Junction, Vt.), support. We now began to get a few wounded; one man with ashen face came charging to the rear with shell shock. He shook all over, foamed at the mouth, could not speak. I put him under a tent and he acted as if he had a fit.

Picture Never to Be Forgotten.

"At 8:30 we jumped off with a line of tanks in the lead. For two "kilos" the four lines of marines were as straight as a die, and their advance over, the open plain in the bright sunlight was a picture I shall never forget. The fire got hotter and hotter, men fell, bullets sung, shells whizzed-banged and the dust of battle got thick. Overton (Lt. John W. Overton of Nashville), was hit by a big piece of shell and fell. I heard he was hit in the heart, so his death was without pain. He was buried that night.

"A man near me was cut in two. Others when hit would stand, it seemed, an hour, then fall in a heap. I yelled to Wilmer (Capt. Pere Wilmer of Centerville, Md.), that each gun in the barrage worked from right to left, then a rabbit ran ahead and I watched him wondering if he would get hit. Good rabbit—it took my mind off the carnage. You think of all kinds of things.

"About 60 Germans jumped up out of a trench and tried to surrender, but their machine guns opened up, we fired back; they ran and our left company after them. That made a gap that had to be filled, so Sibley advanced one of his to do the job. Then a shell hit in a machine gun crew of ours and cleaned it out completely.

Lieutenant's Trousers Blown Off.

"At 10:30 we dug in—the attack just died out. I found a hole or old trench and when I was flat on my back I got some protection. Holcomb was next to me; Wilmer some way off. We then tried to get reports. Two companies we never could get in touch with. Lloyd (Major Egbert T. Lloyd of Philadelphia), came in and reported he was holding some trenches near a mill with six men. Cates (Lt. Clifton B. Cates of Tiptonville, Tenn.), with his trousers blown off, said he had 16 men of various companies. Another officer on the right reported he had and could see some 40 men, all told. That, with the headquarters, was all we could find out about the battalion of nearly 800. Of the 20 company officers who went in, three came out, and one, Cates, was slightly wounded.

"From then on to about 8 p. m., life was a chance and mighty uncomfortable. It was hot as a furnace, no water, and they had our range to a "T." Three men lying in a shallow trench near me were blown to bits.

"I went to the left of the line and found eight wounded men in a shell hole. We thought they were killed, but they were not hit. You could hear men calling for help in the wheat fields. Their cries would get weaker and weaker and die out. The German planes were thick in the air; they were in groups of from three to 20. They would look us over and then we would get a pounding. One of our planes got shot down; he fell about 1,000 feet, like an arrow, and hit in the field back of us. The tank exploded and nothing was left.

"We had a machine gun officer with us and at 6 a runner came up and reported that Sumner was killed. He commanded the machine gun company with us. Hughes' headquarters were all shot up. Turner (Capt. Arthur H. Turner of Wilkesbarre, Pa.) lost a leg.

Gathering Up the Wounded.

"Well, we just lay there all through the hot afternoon. It was great—a shell would land near by and you would bounce in your hole. As twilight came, we sent out water parties for the relief of the wounded. Then, we wondered if we would get relieved. At 9 o'clock we got a message congratulating us, and saying the Algerians would take over at midnight. We then began to collect our wounded. A man who had been blinded wanted me to hold his hand. Another, wounded in the back, wanted his head patted, and so it went; one man got up on his hands and knees; I asked him what he wanted. He said, "look at the full moon," then fell dead. I had him buried, and all the rest I could find. All the time bullets sung and we prayed that shelling would not start again while we had our wounded on top.

"The Algerians came up at midnight and we pushed out. They went over at daybreak and got all shot up. We made the relief under German flares and the light from a burning town.

"We are now back in a town for some rest and to lick our wounds As I rode down the battalion where once companies 250 strong used to march, now you see 50 men with a kid second lieutenant in command; one company commander is not yet 21.

"In the first fight 103 of the men in the company that I brought over were killed or wounded. The second fight must have about cleaned out the old crowd.

"We advanced 10 kilometers, with prisoners and guns, and the bells rang in New York for the victory, while well-dressed girls and white-shirted men, no doubt, drank our health in many a lobster palace."