

COL. FINNEY'S OWN STORY OF THE 28TH

Commander of the Old Eighth Regiment Tells of Work Accomplished and Battles Won by Brave Pennsylvanians in France

[Colonel Maurice E. Finney's own story of the war activities of the world famous Keystone Division is concluded to-day.]

It was August 8 when we moved my headquarters to Fismes and I did all my work from there until the eighteenth, when we moved it back to St. Gemma. In the meantime our infantry crossed the Vesle at Fismes, taking Fismette; but not being supported by advance of troops on their flanks, were compelled to withdraw. I was in Fismes several times and crossed the river once when our troops held Fismette. About August 28 we launched an attack, supported by the Seventy-Seventh Division on our left and the Thirty-Ninth French Division on our right, crossed the Vesle and pushed the enemy back to the northern edge of plateau between the Vesle and the Aisne. I was in Fismes again after the first line crossed the Vesle and it was a wonderfully inspiring sight to follow the progress of the attack. There was a tremendous artillery barrage both from our guns and the Bosch and Fismes was being heavily shelled. Many of the Bosch shells were duds; i. e., failed to burst. The progress was slow and costly, and it was in this Fismette that my old Company G, of Carlisle, and Company H, of Pottsville, were cut off and severely handled, although they returned their own losses with interest compounded. In this sector we captured large stores of German ammunition, some cannon, and machine guns, that were used by our men in their advance. We lost many animals both from shell and gas, as there was a tendency to keep trains close to the first lines. My own work was

hard because I had my headquarters far away from the trains and had to use auto on roads to and from there. Our division was drawn out of this sector on September 8 and proceeded by marching to Epervy, my headquarters moving into the city of Epervy on September 9. Train Headquarters were billeted in a building that had been a convent before the war, but which had been more recently used as a military hospital. The building had been damaged by shells or air-bombs. Epervy was visited frequently by enemy bombing planes. I was billeted in the house of M. Moet, of Champagne fame, and the house, which I occupied alone, was the most magnificent I had seen in France up to this time. Had a whole suite of handsomely furnished rooms—second floor, upper left, three windows on enclosed card. I am sorry I do not have pictures of some of the statuary or paintings of the interior, or groups of statuary in the garden, which is immense. This gentleman evidently built a hospital and was a wealthy and much loved citizen. This was practically our first time out of the first line of the offensive since the July 14 and 15, when we started our offensive that drove the Hun back across the Marne at a time when the Hun was in a position to drive the Bosch back, but a serious problem to prevent his advance, or to take a risky view, stop him.

More than I should have mentioned, the Twenty-Eighth Division did more than its allotted task by not only doing these things (residents of Hondvillers were ordered to pack up and vacate one night we were in that town), but drove them back almost to the Aisne before we were taken out for need of rest and replacement of losses. The division was cited by the French and by G. H. Q.

At Epervy the men were placed in French camions and transported to the Argonne, where I took command of the animal drawn transport and started my first big overland trip. Trains consisted of 1,000 vehicles, 4,000 men and about 2,700 animals. The condition of the last after severe losses and intensive

campaign work was far from good. Many of the animals had been slightly gassed, or were debilitated from much night work, as it was necessary to take up all supplies at night on account of shelling of the roads. We started our march on the night of September 12-13 from Porte-a-Binsonne on the south bank of the Marne, to St. Martin-Pierre-Maison, where we stopped for the day, started next night, proceeding via Norme, Sommesous, Donmariva, to Fontaine-sur-Cooles, all in the rain, and stopping at last in the place. The following night we left Fontaine-sur-Cooles—Cooles, Maisens-en-Champagne—Loisey-sur-Marne, and camped the trains at the latter place, while with Lieutenant M. I. billeted at Maisens-en-Champagne and had a good night's rest. During the balance of the trip we slept and ate in the National in which we traveled. During the day (15) we motored to Vitry-le-Francois for dinner and had a very good one at a cafe. This night at the head of the trains was leaving Loisey-sur-Marne, the chief of staff (Colonel B.) drove up and handed me orders to make the march a forced one of nearly forty miles before seven the following morning. We made the march through Vitry-en-Perthois, Rancourt, Rivegny, Louppy, devant Chateau, where we parked the trains in the Bois-des-Annulles in the clearing inside. The last of the trains did not arrive, however, until near noon and the early morning rain made the going and parking difficult. Some of the best and sturdiest troops were brought up, and they launched a terrific counter attack. As a result of this counter attack, the division on our right, the Hun very dearly on our immediate front, as the sector of the Twenty-Eighth held, and our machine guns and artillery cut to pieces a whole Prussian Division. In holding even there we were forced to give up Apremont to straighten the lines and maintain touch with the divisions on our flanks. The attack continued and we retook Apremont and Chatel Chebery and the approaches to Grand Pre.

The End of the War

On October 9 our division came out of the line, being relieved by the Eighty-Second and day or so later the Seventy-Eighth relieved the Seventy-Seventh. Ten main roads from Clermont to Varennes had two large mine craters blown, which caused considerable trouble in the intensive traffic of supplies and ammunition, which we were forced to take over that one road. One of the craters was 40 feet deep and 100 feet across, so that it was necessary to build a new road around the hole until heavy timbered trestles could be built to carry the traffic. The fields were too soft to use, and all this caused much congestion; it took hours sometimes to make a trip to the trains in my car. Then too the road was frequently shelled, especially at night, and sometimes trucks were hit, which, of course, was another annoying thing. For some reason, our losses in the trains were less here than during the Marne drive, and our animals came out in better condition.

On the night of October 5, I received orders at midnight to consolidate the trains and move out, but it was impossible to move over assigned roads and another order was issued at 2:30 changing the routing so that some trains were moving on one road and some on another and to two different points. It took me all next day and night to collect my charges, which I finally succeeded in doing, however, at Brizeux, a town south of Les Islettes and Puteau, by October 11. Remained at Brizeux all night and started the trains over previously reconnoitered road via Waly, Autrecourt, Ipecourt, St. Andre, Deux-rouds, devant Bezuze, at which place we bivouacked in fields and I quartered in the Marie. On the following morning we proceeded via Chaumont-sur-Aisne to Pierrefitte without incident. I quartered with a French family, a daughter and daughter-in-law and had a most comfortable room and good night's rest, leaving on the morning of October 16 at 6 a. m. via Rupt devant St. Mihiel, Kervillat, Sarzeuil, Mezin, Pont-sur-Meuse, Boncourt, St. Julien, and parked the trains in fields along the road between the last two towns. Being ahead of the trains, I took advantage of my opportunity to run down to Commercy in my car and see headquarters of the Fifty-Sixth Brigade, which was then at Vignot. The officers, including myself, secured billets at Lerouville, where we comfortably quartered for the night, having released the trains at Boncourt before leaving and seeing the distribution of forage for the animals. It rained all the time and mud was over everything. The division was at once ordered into front positions and, on October 19, our headquarters moved to Novant. Town shelled by the Thirty-Sixth Division, although I had about the best. Damp, rain, mud. We stayed in Novant until October 28; in the meantime our P. C. was located at Evavrin, on the left of the Sixth Army Corps, Second Army now, and the Second Army is a part of the troops selected for occupation. Our division has had no press agents, but the service it has given to the country is shown not only by its areas of activity, but by the replacements to make up casualties as furnished by the Army. We have had 22,384 replacements, only three divisions having exceeded this, the Second, First and Third, in order named, and the following first line troops coming after us in order: Divisions, Thirty-Second, Fourth, Forty-Second, Fifth, Twenty-Sixth, Ninety-First and Fifth.

Swatara Township Graduates Big Class

Oberlin, Pa., May 5.—A large audience attended the transfer exercises of the eighth grade of Swatara township in the United Brethren Church at Oberlin last Friday. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns.

The following pupils received certificates and the majority will attend high school next year:

Oberlin—Edith Bachman, Ellen Dolan, Mabel Holan, Irene Brown, Ola Brown, Silvia Brumbaugh, Lester Foltz, Edgar Frantz, Paul Frantz, Morris Brumbaugh, Ruth Henning, Edna Hocker, Addison Holmes, Verna Jones, Paul Keller, Mary Alice Kerr, Steve Kerkich, Alfred Kuhnert, Anna Langie, James Quick, Christian Rupp, Mildred Staub, John Staweski, Beulah Wise.

Enbaut—Catherine Baker, Berdella Baker, Charles Boyer, Paul Cuddy, Helen Gray, Peter Haupt-

Democrats to Rally at Penn-Harris Hotel

At a meeting of Democratic workers in the Penn-Harris Hotel on May 15, John H. Wilson, Democratic Congressman-elect from the Butler-Westmoreland district, will be the principal speaker. Other speakers will be Fred L. Morgenthaler, Harry B. Saussaman, Robert Stucker, G. A. Geisel, Samuel H. Lane, George D. Herbert and J. Dresse Pannell. The dinner will replace the annual Jefferson Day dinner of the Central Democratic Club. Arrangements are in charge of J. Dress Pannell and Arthur C. Young.

Rabbi Wise to Speak Here Thursday Evening

"The Peace Conference and the Jewish Question" will be the subject of Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of the Free Synagogue of New York City, at a meeting in the Board of Trade Auditorium on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. This meeting has been arranged under the auspices of the Zionist Organization of America, of which Joseph Claster is president in this city. Rabbi Wise has just returned from the Peace Conference where he went in the interest of the rehabilitation of Palestine.

MOOSE BAND TO PLAY

The Moose band of Lodge 107, of this city, has volunteered its services to provide several free band concerts in Reservoir Park during the summer. The band numbers forty pieces and is under the direction of J. L. Splenker. J. F. L. Quigley, manager and secretary of the band.

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Poor Rations

Outside of the dinner in Vitry-en-Francois, I lived on bread and canned sardines, and aside from the one night at Maisens-en-Champagne, slept in the auto with cat naps during the night movements, as the day was always fully taken up with looking after forage and shaping the troops for march. During the first night's marching we covered about 100 kilometers. Sixty kilometers on the one night march and it rained practically during the entire night. During the return to Nettancourt, the Division Headquarters was moved to Les Islettes (about September 22), and our infantry took over the sector north of the Clermont-Les Islettes road in the Argonne Forest to the Aire River. This had been a quiet sector for three years, but we had scarcely arrived before artillery of all caliber began to roll up each night and to disappear in the woods and this kept up for days; the visibility was poor and this helped us in getting guns and troops forward. These guns went right up to the infantry and into firing position. Ammunition continued to roll forward to advanced dumps and we surmised that this quiet sector was soon to pass into another class, and in the light of what happened, our surmise was correct. On the morning of September 25, the artillery along our whole front laid down a terrific barrage from 2:30 a. m. to 6:30 a. m., at which hour our infantry went over the top. This was the most terrific cannonade I have ever heard. The infantry went ahead behind the barrage and took the hill, Le Mort Homme, and the celebrated Hill 204 of Verdun fame, also Grand and petit Boueilles, Varennes, Montblainville and La Forge. The Seventy-Seventh Division was on our left, the Thirty-Fifth on our right and the Ninety-Second came up in our rear. I was in Les Islettes with my outfit and the Hun threw twenty-six 150's into the town in the afternoon. One of them passed just clear of my billet and entered the X. M.

To STOP CHILD LABOR

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Intention of the Internal Revenue Bureau to enforce the child labor tax provision of the revenue law despite the action of the North Carolina Federal District Court in declaring the measure unconstitutional, is indicated by announcement that 20 women agents have been employed to issue age certificates to children in communities where local age records are not adequate. The women will continue at their work pending a final decision of the Supreme Court to which the case probably will be appealed.

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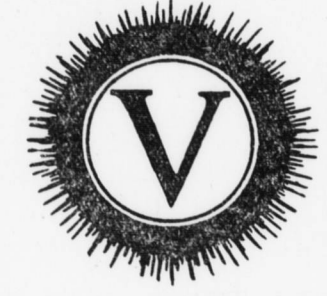
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