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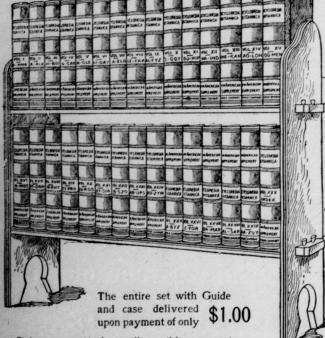
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"In an entertaining chat about some of the experiences which he and some of his comrades passed through in the campaign in Luzon, Captain H. J. Wat-son, of the Tenth regiment, while at the Hotel Walton last evening, alluded

regiment and served with distinction throughout the campaign in Jazon, both against the Spanish and the insurgents. He started out as captain of Company B, but for part of the time during the illness of Captain J. A. Loar, in the campaign of La Loma, he was in command of Company E. AN EYE WITNESS.

"'I have a vivid recollection of the happenings on the day Colonel Barnett was hit,' said Captain Watson, as he sat taiking to some friends. 'We were engaged in a preliminary move of an advance from Lalomas by the Second brigads of the Second division of the Eighth army corps, which included the troops from Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Nebraska. We were formed the line of bettle with our left. formed in line of battle with our left



Of the Fighting Tenth. near Caloocan. With our column stretching out for about 5,000 yards ve were making a swinging movement we were making a swinging movement, with the line as the radius of a semi-circle. We had been driving the in-surgents all day, from 5 o'clock in the morning, and had engagements every little while. At first we found the country in good condition, but as we progressed it became very rugged, and the tropical growth thickened and re-tarded our progress considerably. We at last found ourselves in quite a river, in Manila province, we again ensuperintending the disposition of the First battalion of the Tenth Pennsylvania. He was then temporarily in command of Company F. While the firing was on I noticed Colonel Barnett put his hand to his breast. I asked him if he was hit. He did not answer me at once, but, removing a

Testament from his breast pocket, he found that it had been penetrated by a Mauser bullet, which, it was afterward disclosed, had been diverted from its course, and striking Colonel Barnett's silver watch was probably again deflected, so that he had a most for-Testament been in his pocket Colonel Barnett would have received a serious if not fatal wound. When he was hit I was within a few feet of him. After making an examination and finding no serious results from the shot he again

experienced by our men while under AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER. "'What is your opinion of Colonel Barnett's qualifications as an execu-ive officer?' was asked of Captain

s but one of the many narrow escapes

after some deliberation, "I think there can be no question of his entire fitness for any position requiring execu-tive ability. He is a man who has demonstrated his coolness under ad-verse conditions, and his courage is unquestioned. My experience has taught me that before he ever made taught me that before he ever made a move he carefully considered all points of detail, and having once de-termined his course, his subsequent ac-tions were logical and effective. We had frequent opportunities to gauge his executive ability while he filled the executive ability while he filled the position of military commander of the district of Cavite. In this district is located the old Spanish naval station and which is now used and operated by our naval forces. The city of Cavite adoins this station. Lieutenant Colonel Barnett was in command of this district during the illness of the late Colonel Hawkins, who was at the time confined to the hospital at Corregidor. Besides the Tenth Pennsylvania there was assigned to this dis-

vania there was assigned to this dis-trict under Lieutenant Colonel Barr-nett two batteries of the California heavy artillery and the First Wyoming " 'Colonel Barnett displayed conspic uous ability as an executive officer in his management of the affairs of this district, which, including the city and adjoining territory, had a population composed almost entirely of natives. He maintained and directed an almost perfect system of sanitary conditions nder very adverse circumstances. Th

town was carefully policed, all the sown was carefully policed, all the streets were thoroughly swept and cleaned every morning, and the in-habitants were compelled to keep their premises in a healthful condition. Colonel Barnett directed that all the garbage and other refuse be taken in the bay, thus removing one of the greatest menaces to the health of the community. Under our control we had from 1,000 to 1,200 insurgent prisners, and his treatment of these cap-ives was considerate and charitable tives was considerate and charitable. When beri beri broke out among the prisoners, through Major Neff, our senior surgeon, a hospital for these peculiar cases was established upon Sangley Point, thus removing them completely from the troops and the inhabitants of the district city.

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his untiring and unceasing labors in the cause of the regiment Colonel Bar-nett has carned the regard and grati-tude of his comrades."

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a pea-and there will be a wholesome fear and soft coal in that boy as long dynamite fall 800 feet down a shaft and never wink, and I've seen an Indian drop a half cartridge from his hand to his boot and not a grease spot did the poor fellow leave behind. At

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"A cartridge of dynamite is pretty

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er. "I have seen a powder salesman

throw a cartridge of dynamite into the

and the stuff just burned like lard.

Next day I saw a cart boy repeat the

dictory as a Woman.

ground he sort of half caught it, and the deadly thing. Then he missed it He made one last effort and stuck ou his foot to break the fall against the

ike a boiler blowing off steam. It accidents happen about which yo dynamite—one by placing the car-tridges on a steam boiler or within safe distance of a fire; the other by immersing them in pails of hot water. As the atter method draws out considerable tridges, and therefore weakens them ore risky thawing by an open fire. "I once saw an experienced powder man thaw a dozen cartridges by an open fire, though, as the sequel will show, he completely lost his head when suddenly confronted with an unusual emergency. He had placed the cartridges within a foot of an open wood fire and had seated himself nea by to await developments when one of the cartridges caught fire.

chances are a thousand to one that othing very startling would have happened, for it is concussion and not fire that explodes dynamite. Instead, he rushed forward, picked up the burning stick by one end, and holding it upward like a candle began to blow and blow until he was black in the face. nip his fingers, and then in his exitement he threw the cartridge to the on it with his heels as if he were killing a snake; and, by thunder! he stamped out the burning cartridge and ived to tell about it! The cart boys called him 'Angel' after that, because by rights he ought to be an angel now. "One day a professor from Steven quarry and asked me to perform a certain experiment for him. We printed with dynamite direct from a newspaper on to a block of iron. The professor said the experiment proved most interesting, as he had discovered among other things that dynamite works downward and not upward, like black powder. Our way of proving hat in a quarry is to lay a stick dynamite on top of a bowlder. After

"But the professor had his own no of iron six inches in diameter and three inches thick. Then he took a newspaper from his pocket and spread one sheet over the face of the block. I placed half a stick of dynamite on top and covered it with a little heap of sand and touched her off. You would hardly believe the result, but ou can see the block on exhibition in a glass case in the Stevens institute library, and you can read on it dis-tinctly—of course, the type appears

backward-the printing of that part of the paper which covered the block at the time of the explosion. "But the professor had another wrinkle up his sleeve. He picked an wrinkle up his sleeve. He picked an ordinary oak leaf and spread it over the face of a second block. I prepared a charge similar to the first, and this time the ribs of the leaf and even its outlines appeared distinctly pressed into the iron surface. According to the professor, the action of the dynamite was so quick that the ribs of the leaf had not time to burst apart. Its outlines appeared distinctly press-ed into the iron surface. According to the professor, the action of the dynamite was so quick that the ribs of the leaf had not time to burst apart before they were impressed on the iron. In the case of the newspaper the printed letters were harder than the surrounding white of the paper, therefore the impression. "The professor's third block is not on exhibition for the reason that we never found a piece of it larger than a clove -and that reminds me, what do you say?" The reporter said "Yes."—Chi-

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