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Personal Reminiscences of the Civil War 1861 to 1865.

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(Continued.)

On the 20th day of October 1862 I left my home, bound for Knoxville, Tenn. to enlist as a soldier of the Confederate States. We were to take the train at seven Mile Ford, Va., a distance of 30 miles from home, which trip we made on horseback, my father accompanying me to bring the horse back home. Mr. J. Smith and his brother whose home was in Mo. and who had seen service in Gen. Price's army met with us on the 21st, and we three took the train at 7 mile ford after dark on that day. At Bristol we changed cars from a first class coach to a dirty box car filled with sick and wounded soldiers, most of them of Stonewall Jackson's men, who were returning home to rest and recuperate. We arrived in Knoxville, the 22nd, where we spent the night. The now city of Knoxville was then a mere village on a bluff of Holston River a half mile from, and out of sight of the depot. On the 23rd we located our command where we found them encamped in a cedar brake two or three miles from Knoxville, under command of Lieutenant Colonel Huffman. The command consisted at that place of a hundred or two men, mostly recruits and convalescents who were resting up preparatory to joining the main command near Murfreesboro, Tenn. Mr. Smith presented me to the authorities as a recruit who wished to enlist, and without any preliminaries or questions except my name and whether I wished to furnish a horse or desired the government to furnish me; I was enlisted a private in Co. A. 3rd Ky. volunteers (cavalry.) Before the war Gen. John H. Morgan's home was in Lexington, Ky. and he and his men were Kentuckians who left home on account of their southern sympathies, except the two companies recruited by Capt. Gano of Texas. and he and most of his men were formerly Kentuckians. At my request I was furnished a horse, saddle, bridle, spurs, guns, and cartridge box I furnished my own haversack and knapsack which I took from home, with change of clothing, blankets, etc.

The officers had a tent but the men had no tents, our only protection from the weather was some cedar brush, arranged arbor fashion. For the first few days the weather was fine and wood and provisions plenty, and not having much to do I thought soldiering splendid, but my ideas were quickly reversed when I awoke one morning near the last of the month and found the ground covered with about a foot of snow, which came rolling into my bed uninvited when I raised the cover. I confess to being a little bit homesick then, but I nerved myself against it and soon rallied from it, but I could not help contrasting my sleeping apartments with my mother's nice feather bed that I was accustomed to sleeping on. Early in November we moved our camp to a neighborhood known as Deep Springs ten or twelve miles below Knoxville on the railroad running to Chattanooga, where we remained about three weeks. At this camp my father made me a visit and remained in camp one day and night with the "boys." He was well pleased with his treatment at the hands of the men and went back home better reconciled to his son's surroundings.

Late in November we broke up camp and started on the march.

The War is Not Over.

Not by a long shot!
It appears that the decisive battle of the war has been won; but just as Gettysburg was months and battles prior to peace so now months and battles lie yet ahead of us.

America will be fortunate if she shall not lose five times as many men in the war from now than she has up to now.

The Allies will be days—perhaps weeks fixing the terms of an armistice. Then Germany may require days—even weeks to consider those terms. All this time fighting will be going on. It will be winter, to be sure, but the war goes on regardless of weather—not so fiercely, but still on a great scale.

Then Germany may turn down the terms of the armistice. In which case the war will go on to the bitter end.

Under any circumstances the American people cannot afford to relax. We must continue to conserve food. It will be scarcer this winter than ever. We must continue to conserve fuel. It will be scarcer this winter than ever. We must continue to send men and ships and food and munitions to Europe. We must be ready to enforce peace if Germany will not accept peace. When the treaty comes to be signed we must have the greatest army and the most abundant supplies. We must make it impossible for Germany to have a hope.

There will be more bond issues. There will be more calls for sacrificial giving. The war is not over. The signing of an armistice will not mean that the war is over. Put it down for certain—if an armistice should be signed this week, America must continue on a war footing for at least six months. If peace should be declared tonight, we could not afford to let down until we had secured it in every possible way. We are dealing with an enemy that cannot be trusted. So long as the German snake has power to strike, America cannot afford to relax.—News and Observer.

to the main command. Our road was across Cumberland Mountains for 40 miles, and was a sparsely settled country where we could not get anything to eat or feed on; and the little we took with us was consumed the first day and night. On the morning of the third day we were safely across the mountains and into Clinch River Valley where we found plenty of food and forage and remained a day and night resting up. On arriving at headquarters we found our command at Stone's River bridge nine miles from Murfreesboro doing picket duty for Gen. Bragg's army.

Gen. John H. Morgan's command when he first entered the Confederate service was small but he soon attracted attention by his successful adventures and kept recruiting his forces, and when Capt. Gano joined him with his two Texas companies. Morgan was commissioned a Major General and had command of a division consisting of two brigades. Gano's men were consolidated with them and known as companies A & B third Ky Cavalry and Capt. Gano was made Colonel of the regiment. We remained in camp at this place, about a month during which time we had a little scrap with a squad of Yankees at Hartsville, Tenn., the particulars of which I propose to tell in my next communication.

(To be continued.)

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Letters From the Boys in France.

Corporal L. M. Bingham, of Battery E. 113th F. A., A. E. F., in writing to his sister, says:

"I know you will be surprised to learn that I am in a Base Hospital and have been for two weeks, but am getting along well. I am going to be sent to Rest Camp soon, and am sure to like as it will give me a chance to see more of the country over here. I have been through a part of England, Scotland, Ireland and am now in France. Everything is fine except the conditions due to this war. I think I like England the best of all, as that country is simply beautiful. The French people are great and after all they have gone through still have that wonderful spirit you have always hear about. And they would do anything for the American soldiers. They think we have done wonders for them, and I suppose we have helped and are helping a little. If the American people could only see these French, some without homes, some having lost members of their families and suffering all kinds of things, I think they would appreciate them all the more.

"We sure have the bloody Hun on the run and none of us think the war will last much longer. It is only a short time before we will be on German soil. Of course the life in the trenches is hard, but it could be worse, I suppose. I would not have missed the game for anything, even though I am in a hospital, and having a few pains. All the boys think the same way.

"Well, don't worry about me, as, perhaps, by the time you get this letter, I'll be on the firing line again. Will write again in a day or so. LUTHER."

Private Chas. P. Dougherty, Battery F, 317, Field Artillery, A. E. F., writes The Democrat from somewhere in France:

"I am somewhere in France. I am getting along fine. All the boys who came over with me are gaily and getting along all right. We have an American Y. M. C. here where I am. The house is nearly full of American boys. There is quite a number of American ladies over here, and they are ladies, too. We boys are glad to have them over here. Some of the boys have gripe but they are getting along well with it. "The Frenchmen are all good to us, but we cannot understand much of what they say; if we could we boys could have a better time with them. It isn't worth while for any one to try to send anything to eat to France, as we have plenty to eat without all that trouble. Arthur Dishman is getting on "fine and dandy." He is about two miles from where I stay.

"I want all the good people to remember to pray to God for me and all the other boys will return home and that the war will soon close.

"Everything is going our way and I hope it will not be long until we get the Kaiser cained. C. P. D.

Charles M Bingham, 6th Inf. A. E. F., France, in writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bingham, of Amantha, writes, in part:

"Dear homefolks: I received your letter yesterday and was glad to hear from you. I hear from you often now, and want you to keep on writing. I have just come out of battle, and we sure did lick the Huns like everything—just simply wiped them out. I came out without a single scratch, but many of the boys

were wounded. I sure do like over here, and am glad I came—we all are. What do you think of the war? We don't think it will last much longer. I see Frank very often, and he is looking fine. We are both getting along nicely, so don't worry about us. I hope all of you are well and that I'll hear from you again soon. Give everybody love and write me often. CHARLES."

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Private Don Shull, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull, of Valle Crucis, now in the service of Uncle Sam at Camp Dix, New Jersey, is spending a 15-days furlough with parents and friends in Watauga. He was in the village Friday, looking in the best of health, and said that up to the time of the breaking out of the influenza in camp, he was enjoying the service very much. He says health conditions are rapidly improving in camp and he hopes the worst is over. Glad to see the handsome young soldier at home again.

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