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BURKE MEN WERE IN THICK OF THE FIGHT.

Commanding Officers Commend Bravery of 30th Division in Breaking Hun Line — This Division Had 122 Burke Men.

Copies of general orders No. 33 by Maj-Gen. E. M. Lewis, commanding the famous 30th division, and general orders No. 2 from Brig-Gen. S. L. Faison, of the 60th infantry brigade of the division, in which these officers commend the men of the division for the part they played in breaking the great Hindenburg line at its most vital point on September 29 are of the greatest interest to every person who has relatives or friends in the "Old Hickory" division.

This division includes all the National guardsmen of Morganton and Burke county, more than 122 Burke men being in these units, together with a number of selected men who were afterwards transferred from Camp Jackson to Camp Sevier and placed in the division. The work of the boys of the 30th in breaking this strong line was highly commended by the London papers the morning of September 30, and the American papers everywhere have paid splendid tribute to these men.

The general orders are as follows: Headquarters 30th division, American expeditionary forces, France, October 1, 1918. General orders No. 33:

1. The division commander wishes to congratulate the 30th division upon the success of its first divisional action, and to express appreciation of the courage, fortitude and devotion displayed by its personnel.

2. To be given the task, in its initial effort, to play an important role in breaking through the Hindenburg line, the strongest defenses on the western front, was a great honor, and the fact that the break-through was actually made on the divisional front is ample evidence that the honor was not misplaced, and is a credit to the fighting efficiency of the division, of the command of which the undersigned has every reason to be proud.

3. The division retires temporarily for re-organization and well-earned rest, but with a feeling of satisfaction at a task well done and with augmented faith in itself.

4. There is deep and keen regret for the gallant comrades who have gloriously died, and an earnest intention of further perfection as a combat organization in order that the division may do to the fullest extent possible its share in bringing about the early success of the great cause in which they have fallen.

5. This order will be read to every organization at its first formation and be posted on bulletin boards.

E. M. LEWIS,
Maj-Gen. Commanding.

Headquarters 60th Infantry brigade, American expeditionary forces, October 3, 1918, general orders: No. 2:

1. The brigade general takes this means of congratulating the 60th Infantry brigade upon its splendid success in its encounter with the enemy on the 29th of September, and to express his sincere appreciation of the courage, fortitude and devotion displayed by all troops.

2. Breaking through the Hindenburg line, the strongest defense of the western front, is a great honor, and the brigade commander is truly proud of his command for the accomplishment of this feat; the utmost confidence was placed in the command before undertaking this important operation, and the great success attained has shown that this confidence was not misplaced. This signal victory has given the brigade a very high reputation for fighting efficiency and the brigade commander feels that every officer and man will continue to do his utmost to maintain this reputation—and in so doing he is rendering the highest service to his country.

3. The keenest regret is felt for our brave comrades who fell upon the field of honor; their death can be best avenged by a continuance of the good fight already begun, until the final victory is gained.

4. The second battalion 118th Infantry regiment and the Machine Gun company, 118th Infantry regiment, rendered able assistance to the brigade in stabilizing its line and holding positions gained, and full acknowledgement is made of their services.

5. This order will be read to every

BURKE WENT OVER IN WAR WORK DRIVE.

In the United War Work Campaign the County's Apportionment Was Over Subscribed.

Burke county's apportionment in the United War Work Campaign was \$6062 and to date \$6288 has been collected and reported. There will probably be further collections before the final report is made. Mr. A. M. Ingold, the county chairman, worked untiringly and faithfully and due to his efforts and the splendid assistance given him by the committees the work was so well done. The collectors worked enthusiastically and are due much praise.

The largest individual contribution was from Mr. A. M. Kistler, who gave \$500 personally and \$2000 in the name of the Burke Tannery—\$2500. Mr. Kistler always does his part and more in any of the patriotic and charitable calls that come. The help he gives always enables the county to make a much better showing and in this case made it possible for an over-subscription to be reported, when his contribution was over a third of the whole amount collected.

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S. L. FAISON,
Brigadier General,
U. S. A., Commanding.

In this connection also the following clipping from the Stars and Stripes, the official A. E. F. newspaper, will be interesting as the action noted was largely that of the 30th division. This is taken from a marked paper sent to homefolks by Plate Wilson of Morganton:

A week ago yesterday morning when the darkness melted away into a heavy fog that hid even the opposite bank of the narrow, breast-deep river Selle, hid even the railroad bank paralleling the stream behind which German machine gunners waited, and hid the bluff a kilometer away where the Germans for two days had been digging in, two American divisions that in nine days had fought their way 32 kilometers past the Hindenburg line found themselves at the zero hour of a new attack.

These divisions fighting with the Fourth British army two days before had come to an eager halt on the west bank of the Selle, south of Le Cateau, in front of the newly blasted walls of St. Martin Riviere and Molain.

Now artillery was massed in the hills behind them. There was a gun for every 25 yards. They poured down on the opposite valley a tremendous load of shrapnel and high explosive shells, and all night before the going over time the machine guns played on the misty slopes where the enemy lay.

When the zero hour came the dough-boys took the riverside towns of St. Martin and Molain in their first rush, and for 5 kilometers along the Selle marched into the fog, waded the river or crossed on bridges which the engineers threw down.

For hours there was fought in that blinding fog on the east slope of the valley of the Selle one of the strangest battles in which American soldiers in France have yet engaged.

In front of the dough-boys a battalion of tanks—Americans at the steering wheels and Americans at the guns—nosd into the drizzling cloud and lumbered on toward the enemy. In the fog they loomed large as locomotives, and their motors reared and chugged with the sound, intensified by the fog, terrifying above all other battle noises. Guided by compass and instinct, they lumbered on and over rough slopes, while the artillery barrage, lifting and rolling ahead on the time table, searched out the German lines and contributed terror of its own.

Then the inevitable happened. In the fog the tanks, the attacking dough-boys and the Germans became mixed in one confused mass, rushing back and forth on the lower slopes. All sense of direction was lost. The flare of the guns lit the dense mist until the whole slope seemed aflame. Almost by the law of gravity the prisoners began to filter to the edge of the river to be gathered in by the fresh oncoming waves of attackers. The prisoners began to come even before the main infantry attack was launched.

One tank, scorning to use a bridge for such a stream, plunged into the Selle at a ford near St. Martin Riviere.

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THE PRESIDENT TO BE ABSENT BUT SIX WEEKS

He Plans to Leave For Europe Next Week and Be Back in Washington During January.

President Wilson will sail for Europe next week to attend the opening of the peace conference and he expects to be back in Washington soon after the middle of January.

Plans for the President's trip are going steadily ahead, but beyond the original announcement that he would leave immediately after the convening of Congress on December 1, no details have been made public. However, it was said authoritatively that the President plans to be back on American soil within six weeks after the ship leaves this side.

There has been no indication when the peace conference will assemble, but the general belief is that it will convene immediately after the Christmas holidays. The President goes in advance to confer with the entente statesmen, and it is expected that the broad outline of the treaty will be framed beforehand with a view to its adoption soon after the conference meets.

Reports of censorship of the news of the peace conference were met with the statement that not only would there be no censorship, but that the American newspaper correspondents would be given all facilities possible for transmitting their dispatches.

May Extradite the Ex-German Emperor.

It is understood that the question of the extradition of the former German emperor is being considered by British law officers of the crown, who are working in close co-operation with the French authorities. Action in the premises was taken immediately after the flight of the former emperor to Holland.

The Evening News of London says it understands the law officers have concluded that the allies are entitled to demand the extradition of the former emperor, and that this decision applies also to individuals who have committed or given instructions for the commission of extraditable crimes. It is added that Holland takes the view that she has not the power to surrender such persons without the consent of Germany.

Grace Hospital Auxiliary of Red Cross.

The following rural meetings of the Grace Hospital auxiliary of the Red Cross will be held as follows:

Friday, Nov. 29, Red Cross meeting on the Laurel road.

Sunday, Dec. 1, Sunday school on the Laurel road.

Monday, Dec. 2, meeting on Enola road.

Wednesday, Dec. 4, meeting at St. Mary's, Quaker Meadows.

Thursday, Dec. 5, meeting on the Dysartsville road.

Friday, Dec. 6, meeting at the Yellow Gap.

Monday, Dec. 9, meeting at St. Michaels'. The meeting will be held on Friday, Dec. 15, if the weather or roads are bad on the above date.

Junior Order Box Supper at Hildebran.

The Hildebran council of the Junior Order had a most enjoyable and successful box supper last Saturday evening, the amount realized from the sale of the boxes, \$120.65, to be used for the benefit of the council. This council, which is one of the most progressive in the district, has 31 members and is continually adding to its membership. It is a most representative body of men, composed of manufacturers, farmers and merchants of that section. Mr. F. P. Cook is counselor and Mr. O. M. Yoder recording secretary.

Mr. Williamson to Spencer.

Rev. E. E. Williamson, who has served the Methodist church here for the past four years, returned Monday from conference and left Wednesday for Spencer, his new appointment. Many friends here regret that the conference time limit required that Mr. Williamson move this year, but their best wishes follow him to his new work.

Rev. A. C. Swofford, former pastor of the Morganton circuit, contracted influenza while attending the Methodist conference at Charlotte last week and is in a hospital there, reported to be critically ill.

SCHOOL WILL REOPEN ON NEXT MONDAY.

After Suspension For Eight Weeks School Work Will Be Resumed—Saturday Work.

The Morganton graded schools will re-open on next Monday after being suspended for eight weeks on account of the epidemic of Spanish influenza. Every precaution so far as possible will be taken to care for the health of the children. Children who have colds or sore throats should not be sent to school and in the event they do go the teachers will send them home immediately. The compulsory attendance law will be disregarded for the present and there is neither desire nor intention to enforce the law so long as the present conditions continue. The schools will continue for three weeks and adjourn December 21st for one week only.

A number of the schools of the State are expecting to make up lost time caused by the influenza epidemic by having schools continue on Saturdays. The Morganton schools have decided to follow this policy and it is sincerely hoped that the patrons of the schools will co-operate with the teachers in making this arrangement satisfactory. With a large per cent of the pupils out on Saturday the work will be valueless.

With the loss of two months in the very beginning of the year schools will be handicapped. It is not possible to make up all this time, as the first of June is the natural season for closing schools. The people generally are not in favor of having the children go to school later than that date. But if every one will put forth an effort to do the most work in the limited time the school year will not be a total failure. It is amazing how much real work can be crowded into a single term. If instead of considering the year a failure everyone should determine to make it a success, it will be a success. A spirit of this kind will have a vast deal of weight.

One serious objection to having school on Saturday is that the boys are needed at home on Saturdays to sweep the yards and cut the wood. We wonder how many boys use Saturdays in this way? A few minutes in the mornings and a few hours in the afternoons will take care of the woodpiles. But really, how many boys spend all Saturdays in real work?

In ordinary times Saturdays are not considered school days. But these are more than ordinary times. The situation should be faced as it is, not as it might have been.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

By Governor T. W. Bickett.

There has always been danger that our annual Thanksgiving Day might become a mere formality observed at the behest of the State.

But this year our hearts forerun all proclamations, and the grace of gratitude attunes our souls for the universal anthem of praise on Thanksgiving Day.

We are grateful that we did not go to war in anger or in haste, but soberly, reverently, in the fear of God, and in love of humanity.

We are grateful for the miracle were given eyes to see a righteous cause, and ears to hear a holy call to arms.

We are grateful for the miracle wrought in the transportation of our soldiers through perilous seas and in their delivery on the battle front in time to save the civilization of the world.

Court Called Off.

On account of the influenza epidemic the December term of Burke Superior Court has been called off. It is probable that no court will be held until March.

Judge Webb will be here on Wednesday, December 4th, to hear motions only. No jury cases will be tried and no jurors will attend.

Unless the lords of vast estates in the South can quickly come to the senses and hammer out a plan of practical, generous statesmanship, one of the country is likely to be left a lurch for long years to come. In Georgia alone 1100 landlords own more than 2 million idle acres, and a large delegation of these men were in attendance upon the important congress that was in session at the doors. Or presumably so.

"M. P." on a soldier's sleeve means military police, not mother's pet. If you don't believe it, start something

TOWNSHIP AGRICULTURAL ADVISERS FOR COUNTY.

Farmers Who Will Advise With County Agent in Regard to Farmer-Soldiers' Return.

The following farmers have been appointed township Agricultural Advisers for this county:

Linville—J. T. McGimsey.
Upper Creek—J. A. Fleming.
Silver Creek—J. M. Harbison.
Morganton—J. F. Abee.
Upper Fork—J. T. Bumgarner.
Lower Fork—George Hilderbran.
Icard—Henderson Berry.
Lovelady—J. E. Coulter.
Smokey Creek—Cameron Smith.
Lower Creek—J. V. Powell.
Quaker Meadows—J. D. Alexander.
Jonas Ridge—G. H. Barrier.

It is desired that these farmers secure the foreign address of each farmer boy in his township who is now in the army, not in the camps, but in foreign service. We want the names of the boys who were at work on the farms when they entered the service, and will work on the farm if they are released from the army. It is not certain that all the soldiers for whom we expect to ask release will be discharged from the army, but we expect to make an effort to get the release of as many as possible in order that we may have sufficient farm labor to carry on the farming of the country. We have a great undertaking if we produce food enough for our own people, and still have enough to feed the people of Europe, and prevent the spread of Bolshevism which is even now a greater menace to the world than autocracy. This information is wanted by the 20th of December, and I call upon all the people of the county to lend a hand in ascertaining the following information: The name and rank of the soldier, his complete foreign address, the name of the camp where he was trained, whether he worked on the farm before going to the army, and whether he will work on the farm if he is released. The parents or guardian, wife or other relatives should at once inform the township advisers of these facts. It is not expected that the township advisers get out over the townships and find out about these men, but their relatives must furnish them the information. Please attend to this immediately. The soldiers may not have worked on their home farms. The boy who worked as a farm laborer may be just as useful as the one who worked on his father's farm. What is wanted is the names of the farmer boys now in foreign service. All the boys in camps will soon be at home. Some of the boys in foreign service will soon be at home, but we need, and must have, more farm labor, and we are going to ask for the release of farmer boys. This information must be in my hands not later than Dec. 20, 1918. E. L. PERKINS, Co. Agt.

Remember Grace Hospital.

At this Thanksgiving time it is fitting that we remember a home institution which is doing a work of inestimable value in the community. We have been giving to the various war work calls and it is well to direct our attention to giving of our means and substance to the worthy work which is being carried on at Grace Hospital. No case has ever been turned away from this hospital because of a lack of money and a vast amount of charitable work is done each year. Gifts of money or provisions would be most acceptable. At this harvest time of the year many should be able to spare something from their store to help make the burden easier for those who are directing the institution. Make a Thanksgiving gift to Grace Hospital.

Baptist Convention Postponed.

Since setting and printing on another page an article concerning the Baptist State Convention, we have learned that the convention has been postponed on account of influenza. The convention date will be announced later.

Two Morganton Boys Missing in Action.

Telegrams have been received by relatives here announcing that Lewis Beach and Derr Duckworth were missing in action. The hope is held out that they are safe and that good news will yet come from them.

There are about 270,000 women working on the farms in Great Britain and 13,000 as volunteer workers in the Food Production department.

APPOINTMENTS OF METHODIST PREACHERS FOR YEAR

Where the Preachers Were Sent For Work—Rev. C. M. Pickens Comes to Morganton.

The list of appointments of preachers for the ensuing year as read by Bishop Darlington before adjournment of the Western North Carolina conference follows:

Marion District.
Parker Holmes, Presiding Elder.
Bakersville—A. L. Lucas.
Bald Creek—J. B. Mitchell.
Broad River—D. S. Richardson.
Burnsville—J. P. Hornbuckle.
Cliffside—A. J. Burrus.
Connelly Springs—M. B. Clegg.
Enola—To be supplied.
Forest City—W. L. Dawson.
Henrietta-Caroleen—W. R. Shelton.
Marion Station—W. L. Hutchins.
Marion Circuit—M. G. Ervin.
Marion Mills—J. B. Folger.
McDowell—J. A. Fry.
Micaville—W. J. Hackney.
Mill Spring—R. L. Shelton.
Morganton Station—C. M. Pickens.
Morganton Circuit—R. F. Mock.
Old Fort—N. M. Modlin.
Rutherfordton—T. C. Jordan.
Spruce Pine—J. P. Morris.
Spinedale—J. B. Carpenter.
Table Rock—J. B. Taber.
Thermal City—M. W. Heckard.
Professor in Rutherford College—J. A. Walker.
Student Trinity College—T. F. Higgins.
Student Weaver College—S. P. Mauldin.
Army Y. M. C. A. Work—E. O. Smithdeal.

Charlotte District.

H. K. Boyer, Presiding Elder.
Ansonville—A. R. Bell.
Charlotte-Belmont Park—A. L. Aycock.
Brevard Street—L. T. Cordell.
Calvary—A. R. Surratt.
Chadwick—R. L. Forbis.
Dilworth—L. B. Abernethy.
Hawthorne Lane—T. F. Marr, W. L. Nicholson, supernumerary.
Seversville—B. F. Hargett.
Spencer Memorial—C. M. Campbell.
Trinity—J. W. Moore.
Tryon Street—Z. E. Barnhardt.
Hickory Grove—K. H. Kennington.
Lilesville—W. S. Cherry.
Marshville—Seymour Taylor.
Matthews—J. E. McSwain.
Monroe-Central—H. H. Jordan.
North Monroe—J. R. Warren, supply.

Morven—S. T. Barber.
Pineville—W. F. Elliott.
Polkton—L. H. Griffith.
Prospect—M. A. Osborne.
Thrift—B. F. Fincher.
Unionville—T. J. Huggins.
Wadesboro—C. S. Kirkpatrick.
Waxhaw—E. Myers.
Weddington—E. P. Stabler.
Missionary to Japan—S. A. Stewart.
Missionary to Japan—N. S. Ogburn.

Salisbury District.

J. C. Rowe, Presiding Elder.
Albemarle-Central—R. S. Howie, C. M. Gentry, supernumerary.
First Street—W. F. Stanford.
Albemarle Circuit—H. F. Starr, supply.
Badin—J. E. B. Houser.
Bethel and Loves—R. F. Huneycutt.

China Grove—W. S. Hales.
Concord-Central—Z. Paris.
Eppworth-Center—M. H. Vesta.
Kerr Street—J. W. Strider.
Forest Hill—R. M. Taylor.
Westford-Harmony—A. P. Brantley.

Concord Circuit—P. L. Shore.
Cottonville and Oakboro—J. C. Brown, supply.
Gold Hill—E. M. Avett.
Kannapolis Station—G. W. Vick.
Kannapolis Circuit—J. S. Gibbs.
Mt. Pleasant—B. Wilson.
New London—S. E. Richardson.
Norwood-Randall—J. A. Bowles.
Salisbury Circuit—E. Y. Yates.
Salisbury-First Church—J. E. Abernethy.

Park Avenue—A. S. Raper.
South Main—P. W. Tucker.
Salisbury Circuit—R. C. Kirk.
Spencer-Central—E. E. Williamson, G. A. B. Holderby, Jr., preacher.

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