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## ITALIAN ARMY ATTAINS GREATEST VICTORY

PRACTICALLY SINGLEHANDED WITH BUT SLIGHT HELP FROM ALLIES THE ITALIANS DEFEAT TWO MILLION OF ENEMY

FREE 3,000 SQUARE MILES IN 10 DAYS

(By Henry Wood)

With the French armies afield Nov 5.—The moment the Austrian armistice became effective the Italian and allied armies in the ten days battle had attained the great military victory in the world's history.

When the battle opened over one million bayonets with an auxiliary million in the rear opposed them.

The victory was obtained by the Italians practically single-handed only five Anglo-French divisions and one American regiment aided.

During the ten days the Italians and allies captured over three hundred thousand prisoners and five thousand guns as well as liberating three thousand square miles of territory and thousand of villages.

## COUNCIL IN ENTIRE ACCORD ON ARMISTICE

(By United Press)

Paris, Nov 5.—The interallied Diplomatic Council at Versailles terminated its work yesterday.

All the members are in entire agreement concerning armistice terms to be presented to Germany.

## SUFFS MAY PICKET SENATE

(By Associated News Service)

Washington Nov 5.—A Washington judge has decided that the suffragettes have a legal right to enter the Capitol park and picket the entrance to the Senate.

## ERNEST HYMAN DIED A HERO

After saving his captain by shooting a Boche who was in the act of throwing a grenade, and later, when overpowered, he shot four others of the enemy, Ernest Hyman leaves a record of bravery that will go down in history.

The above information came from his sergeant who wrote here that Mrs. Hyman might know how bravely her boy died. His letter, in part, was as follows:

"Ernest Hyman was No 1 gunner in my gun team and was at the gun when he was put out. He always did his work well. He saved one of our officers lives as the Jerry was fixing to throw a hand grenade at the officer. He cut him down with his forty five."

"He also killed four others the same night with his pistol all of whom were machine gunners. He was a very good soldier and thought well of in his company."

The sergeant, a Franklinton man, became acquainted with Ernest Hyman through the latter lending him the Commonwealth to read.

## BOLSHEVIKI ASK FOR TERMS

(By United Press)

Copenhagen Nov 5.—The Russian-Bolsheviki government has sent a note to the allies asking for peace negotiations, according to reports received here.

## AMERICANS TO OCCUPY TRIESTE

Amsterdam Nov 5.—The American fleet will soon occupy Trieste according to reports received from Paris.

## TELEGRAPHERS QUIT NOV. 14

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 5.—Unless the federal railroad administration grants their demands for wage increase and better working conditions approximately eighteen thousand telegraphers, station agents and train dispatchers of the southeastern district the order of railway telegraphers is that they will sever their connections with railroads at eight a. m. Thursday morning, November 14.

This is the substance of the ultimatum telegraphed Director General McAdoo it was learned today.

## GREAT VOTE BEING POLLED

Washington Nov 5.—Early reports from political headquarters shows American voters are turning out early and in great numbers for one of the most spirited elections in the nations history.

Both democrats and republicans are confident of victory.

The local voting was a mediocre affair very little interest being evinced by any one.

At noon today only 150 votes had been cast out of a possible 400 which shows the people are not interested there being no contest.

Tonight however the wires will be busy with more important news of country wide returns which will show the trend of public opinion on the present administrations standing with the people of the country.

The Commonwealth will give these returns as they come in and same will be posted outside this office.

Raleigh N. C. Nov 5.—Early this morning voting throughout the state points to thirty thousand majority for the democrats with a solid delegation in congress and Senator Simmons leading the ticket.

## 29 N. C. MEN IN CASUALTIES

Washington, Nov. 5.—Of the 1,308 total casualties made public in the two lists issued by the war department today North Carolina contributed twenty nine of her sons among them Ernest Hyman of Palmyra, who is today officially given out as killed in action and Sergeant Charles G. Rossman, of Enfield, died of disease.

In addition to the brave local men, who are known here the following comprise the list of state men.

**KILLED IN ACTION**  
Sergt. William R. Martin, of North Charlotte and Privates Swann R. Y. of Revere and Henry W. Johnson, of Graham.

**DIED OF WOUNDS**  
Privates—Melvin E. Rineheart, of Clyde, Chester N. Bullard, of Whiteville and President T. Mahala, of Ashland.

**DIED OF DISEASE**  
Privates—Godfrey Cromartie, of Whiteville Joseph Hollingsworth, of Raeford, John Caulder, of Laurel Hill and Martin Gregory of Bartlet.

**WOUNDED SEVERELY**  
Lieutenants—Lacy L. Shamburger, of Briscoe and Philip P. Green, of Thomasville.

Privates—Cicero McCausley of Hubert; Benjamin R. Salter, of Merritt; Hubert Banks, of Clayton and Thomas Wilson of Forsythe County.

**WOUNDED TO A DEGREE UNDETERMINED**  
Lieutenant—Harvey H. McCormick, of Charlotte.

Privates—Edgar C. Holt, of Wood Dale; and Clarence J. Walsh, of Monroe.

**WOUNDED SLIGHTLY**  
Lieutenant Murray H. Grant, of Wilmington.

Corporals—Richard C. Hinson, of Norwood, and Dennis L. Hardy, of Everett.

Privates—James L. Young, of Mooresville; Thomas S. Howell, of Gastonia; Walter M. Bray, of Rockingham John W. Hammond of Roberdeal and Fred Ledford of Busiek.

The total losses show that 124 were killed in action; 75 died of wounds; 5 died from accident; 108 died of disease; 210 wounded severely; 257 wounded to a degree undetermined; 484 wounded slightly; 44 missing in action and one prisoner.

## ALLIES CONTINUE MAKING HEADWAY

FORCES OF ALL ALLIED ARMS ARE ENTHUSIASTICALLY PUSHING BACK THE ENEMY IN NUMBER REGION ON WEST FRONT

## SAMMIES ADVANCE DESPITE RESISTANCE

(By Frank J. Taylor) (United Press Staff Correspondent)

Nov 5.—2:00 P. M.—The Americans gained six kilometers (three and three quarters miles) against heavy resistance in a sudden lunge along the Meuse yesterday.

They captured Beaumont Cessa and Jaulny forest and completed the occupation of Laneuville.

American engineers threw pontoons across the Meuse at several points under heavy shell fire.

Paris, Nov. 5.—The French first army launched an attack on a forty mile line against the great elbow on the west front this morning, extending from Peron river southeast to the Aisne. At the same time the French forces pushed forward between the Peron and a junction with the British line at the Sambre, extending the attacking front to a width of fifty five miles.

Repeated successes of our troops forced the enemy to a new withdrawal on several parts of the front.

Unceasingly pursuing his rearwards which are charged to protect his retreat and delay our advance our troops with everlasting ardor are tightly maintaining contact.

In the region northeast of Guise we occupied Berenes sur Sambre liberating two hundred civilians.

London Nov 5.—The Americans are continuing their progress between the Aisne and the Meuse advancing about three miles on a front of about twenty miles as indicated in an American communication to hand this morning.

Most important was the command of Stenay, the principal point of egress for the Germans in their retreat south of the Ardennes, which has been definitely

closed by the capture of Laneuville just across the Meuse from Stenay. Beaumont heights are occupied by the Americans and the lines were carried to Grandes Armoises, ten miles directly south of Sedan.

Thirty German airplanes have been destroyed.

With the American first army, Nov 5.—Driving ahead in the face of increasing resistance the first army has closed the famous Stenay Gap and is now within ten miles of the Southern foothills of the Ardennes.

At Beaumont the Americans can look across from the heights south of that village into German territory, eleven miles distant.

London Nov 5.—Le Quesnay, an important town eight miles southeast of Valenciennes, was captured yesterday by the British, together with its garrison of a thousand men, reports Field Marshal Haig.

The British thus have seized this sharp salient which had been created by yesterday's advance.

## GERMANS ADOPT RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING WAR

Copenhagen Nov 5.—A great demonstration was held Sunday at the Bismark monument Berlin in favor of the continuation of the war, according to the Berliner Tageblatt.

Resolutions were adopted against accepting a humiliating peace.

**COTTON MARKET**

This being elections day the exchanges are all closed and no cotton market can be given.

# Charlie Dunn Writes of His Experiences

A human interest letter from the battle front has been received from Charles L. Dunn by his mother extracts from which are sure to interest those friends who know him and our readers in general.

"My last was written just before we struck and I used a shoe sole for a desk. I didn't know whether I would ever write again.

"You get the war news and know more than I do for a fellow knows only what goes on right around him when he is in a battle.

"The night we went to the attack was just about the darkest I ever saw. Each man kept his hand on the man in front to keep from getting lost and even then we had a time of it. The line kept breaking as some fellow would fall in a ditch, tree or barbed wire and rain—the bottom sure fell out and I had no rain coat. I was sure one wet, cold, muddy 'soldat'.

"The barrage we put over was

the heaviest I ever saw, or heard and I have heard quite a few. The first gun that spoke at one A. M. was about twenty feet from me and it like to have scared me out of action. I thought the biggest shell in Germany had struck right at my feet and I thought I must be dead and not know it.

"Those trenches were dark and muddy and we worked our way through them to the front line. We stumbled and slipped and ran over each other in the dark and a fellow poked a machine gun with a lump of mud in the cover right in my eyes, but eyes were no good in such darkness anyway.

"Then we got in action and added all the noise we could to the hell that was raging all around. By daylight the doughboys were over in the Boche trenches with rifle and bayonet, and the supporting waves swarming out of the trenches and spreading across 'No man's land'."

"Just before my company went over I was put on a detail to car-

ry ammunition back to a dump. When we returned the company had gone so we went over on our own to catch em. What had been Boche trenches were mostly shell holes then and believe me I sure would have hated to have been there when our shells were lighting in them.

"Then we began running across dead Germans. Some killed by shells and some by the bayonets. Nearly all the dead I saw were kids 18 to 20. After a while we struck a road down which the prisoners and wounded were being brought so we followed it.

"The most pathetic sight I ever saw were the people who had been liberated by our advance. They had been held captives in their towns for four years and God only knows what they had suffered. They were simply wild with joy and were laughing, crying, cheering us Yanks all at the same time. I saw one old woman walking to the rear with a big husky dough-

boy. She was holding his hand

like it was her hope of salvation and he was grinning and blushing while the wounded and others gazed him.

"We hiked till night without eating our outfit and lay down to sleep from utter exhaustion on the wet floor of a shack we found. We were up at light and on our way and after hiking about a 'thousand' miles more we found the company in the front line resting.

"Just as we reported the Boches started a counter attack and those M. G.'s started cracking away. It didn't amount to much and lasted no time.

"I had to go and get sick then just as if I wasn't having enough trouble anyway. I sure was glad when we were relieved for I was one puny citizen about then. I wouldn't ask for relief but decided to try and stick it out and managed to make it.

"At one place we halted the Huns started shelling us and every body began to 'dig in'. I start-

ed but I was so sick and weak I quit and decided to take a chance on top. I found a spot that didn't have more than a 'million' roots and rocks in it and curled up and went to sleep. After my company was relieved I reported sick and went to the hospital for a while. I was soon all to the merry and will join the outfit any day now.

"You just can't beat the Yank spirit. The night we went to the attack was one of the worst I ever saw, rain, cold and mud and we all knew what we were going into and nobody could tell who could answer 'here' next night, but all the men were laughing, talking and joking as if they were in their own home town. You would never have known they were going into 'the valley of death' and the 'Mouth of Hell'. It seems impossible that men can be that way yet they are. Sometimes as the shell's whistle over and around and you don't know what second you are going to 'get it' you

laugh and joke the fellows around and they do the same. How we do it I don't understand, but it is done all over 'this man's army' every day."

"I was certainly tickled with one guy in my squad (a Tar Heel too.) We were holding a section of the front line one afternoon with nothing between us and the Hun but atmosphere, and this boy pulls off his shirt and starts a cootie hunt. He found oodles of them and the way he talked to them was a caution. He kept the whole squad laughing with his cooties.

"There is one thing about cooties. They sure will stick to you through thick and thin. No matter how dirty, or wet, or depraved, or broke you get the cooties won't desert you—they clingeth closer than a brother.

"All the news we get is good news and it can't come too good to suit me. War is all that Sherman said it was when the weather is fine, but in winter over here— you are going to 'get it' you Wow, oh boy!"