

Portland, Oregon,

May 11th, 1920.

Army & Navy Club of America,  
18 Gramercy Park,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sirs:-

In reply to your favor of March 27th, I gladly send you herewith an accurate record of the life and service of my son, Lt. Albert M. Clostermann.

He was born at Leadville, Colo. July 2nd, 1896. After completing his grammar school course at Denver, Colo., we removed to Portland, Oregon, where he graduated from Washington High School 1914. Soon afterwards entering the employ of the U. S. National Bank, of this city. While in this position, he became a member of the Oregon National Guard January 27th, 1916. May 28th, 1916, he was made Sgt. of the newly established Machine Gun Company, with which he took part in the demonstration on the Mexican border. Returning, he was commended to the first officer's training camp at the Presidio, San Francisco, where he was commissioned 2nd Lt. Inf. Off. Res. Corps; August 15th, 1917 being assigned to Co. E. 362nd Inf. Camp Lewis, Wash. (91st Division.)

In July, 1918, he landed with his regiment in France. On the 26th of September, he went into battle for the first time in the Hesse Forest east of Verdun. They fought (especially in the battle of Gesnes September 29th) magnificently to October 4th, when the division came out. In this first battle after Captain and 1st Lt. got wounded, Albert was the only officer left with the camp, and was commanding throughout the remainder of the Argonne drive.

After 3 days rest, his regiment was called out again and fought until October 13th, joining the division again October 15th near Bar le Due. October 17th they entrained for Belgium. From October 17, to 29th, they remained back of the Belgium front. On October 31st, they attacked again near Waereghen, and it was in this battle that the fatal shell struck him, killing him almost instantly. Just a day before his promotion to 1st Lt. for gallantry in action came through.

If there should be any more details you would like to know, I am most heartily at your service.

Most respectfully yours,

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