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## FOREWORD

The object of this volume is to establish a permanent record of that company, best known as Field Hospital 364, from the beginning until—who can say? Army orders state that 364 expired in the Spring of 1919; but the spirit of the organization and friendships formed therein will last as long as the men.

The editors have done their best to portray the personal as well as the historical events; but it is to be regretted that the information regarding individuals was, of necessity, drawn from the memories of the authors, and does not do justice to the members of 364.

The compilation of this volume has been an honor and privilege rather than a task, as it has enabled us to visualize old times and record them for our comrades.

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## SUMMARY

- June 4, 1917—Company fully recruited.  
July 15, 1917—Departure for Camp Lewis.  
June 27, 1918—Entrained for the East.  
July 12, 1918—Sailed on the Olympic.  
July 19, 1918—Arrived Southampton.  
July 21, 1918—Arrived Cherbourg.  
July 27, 1918—Arrived St. Nazaire.  
August 28, 1918—Arrived Montigny-le Roi.  
Sept. 10-13, 1918—Reserve for St. Mihiel Drive.  
Sept. 20, 1918—In the Forest de Hease.  
Sept. 26-Oct. 4—Argonne Drive.  
Oct. 17—Entrained at Revigny.  
Oct. 19—Arrived Elverdinghe, Belgium.  
Nov. 1-4—Lgs. Scheldt Drive.  
Dec. 28—Left Proven for France.  
Jan. 3 (1)—Arrived de Glaye.  
March 24—Arrived Montoir-St. Nazaire.  
April 8—Sailed on "Virginian."  
April 20—Docked Hoboken; Train to Camp Upton.  
May 9—Last of 364 mustered out.

(The Oregonian, July 16, 1917)

## HOSPITAL UNIT STARTS TO WAR

Portland Company, First to Be Called, Entrains  
for Camp at American Lake.

### ATHLETES AMONG NUMBER

Eighty Men and Five Officers Are in Organization—  
Women to Meet Tuesday to Arrange for  
Delicacies to Members.

First among the field hospital units of the Pacific Coast to be called into service, the Portland Field Hospital, Medical Department of the Enlisted Reserve Corps, U. S. A., entrained at the Union Depot late last night for American Lake and the rigors of the training camp.

The unit, which already is declared by experts to be in fine fettle, is composed of 80 enlisted men and five officers. The officers are Lieutenant J. Guy Strom, in command; Lieutenant Spiro Sargentich, Lieutenant Mount and Lieutenant Wetherbee. The latter two preceded the company to American Lake.

Some hundreds of friends and relatives watched the men as they fell into line for roll call, rather smartly for all their briefness of training and gave ringing answers of "Here!" At least a third of the unit are men of six feet and more in height, and all were of the clean-cut type of American youth.

Many of the enlisted men left business and profession, established in this city, to join the service, and nearly all members of this unit are well known.

Walter A. Hummel, a member of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club, is an athlete of National repute, and holds the 440-yard hurdle record for senior and junior, won at the Amateur Athletic Union games in Newark, N. J., last September.

"Bill" Holden was a rock of strength in the University of Oregon football team, and for the last three years has been with the "Winged M." Brewer A. Billie captained the Oregon Agricultural College football squad, which defeated the Michigan Agricultural College team in 1915. Joseph Luckey was an interscholastic star a few years ago. E. R. Holt is a Multnomah athlete. Joseph Lambert, a member of the Portland Golf Club, was a strong participant in the recent Northwest tournament at Waverly links. John Wilhelm, of Portland Academy and the University of Oregon, is champion golfer of the Eugene Country Club.

### DENTAL SCHOOL GRADUATE ENLISTS

Alfred Schilt, a recent graduate from the North Pacific Dental College, was a sensational football player in the Portland Interscholastic League a few