

CAPT. O'NEILL'S BODY FOUND

The mystery which has hung over the location of the grave of Captain "Bucky" O'Neill of the Rough Riders was solved through the wonderful memory of Chaplain Henry W. Brown, who served with the Rough Riders in the Santiago campaign. The war department, after making a half dozen fruitless attempts to locate the grave of Captain O'Neill, decided to send Chaplain Brown on that mission. Those who went with him tell the story of how he found the body in less than two hours. When the boat reached Santiago, Chaplain Brown, a brother of Captain O'Neill, and some others, took a carriage for San Juan hill. The chaplain directed the movements of the driver. He ran his eye over the surrounding country, and, with unerring judgment, located again the points in the battlefield where each movement of his regiment occurred. At last he turned the carriage into a side trail by means of which a little clearing was reached. Chaplain Brown got out, cast his eye contemplatively around the ground for a few moments and said to his comrades, "Dig there, and you will find the canteen which we buried with the body of Captain O'Neill." Sure enough, hardly had the spades turned up two shovelfuls of the soil before a rusty and weather-beaten canteen came to view. In it were the papers identifying the body of Captain O'Neill, as they had been placed by Chaplain Brown nearly eight months ago. Further excavation revealed the body of Captain O'Neill in a good state of preservation. The body was placed in a coffin and was returned to the United States on the transport Crook.