World War I still echoes at Pollak Library exhibit

Items provide tangible links to the “Great War,” including Orange County’s connection to it.

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Carl J. Grady was 26 when he was enlisted May 29, 1918, as a private in the U.S. Army. A simple farmer from Packwaukee, Wis., Grady impressed his superiors with his marksmanship during basic training at Camp Grant in Illinois.

That marksmanship would save lives.

Nearly 100 years ago, mere weeks before the end of the war, Grady and a group of soldiers were being targeted by a German sniper, who had already shot and killed one of their number.

Grady proclaimed to all the men there that he was going to kill the sniper who had killed his squadmate. His unit, less than sure of Grady’s chances, responded that it had been nice knowing him.

Before the sniper could kill anyone else, Grady crawled 1,400 yards on his belly across a plowed field, ducking in furrows to avoid being taken out by German machine guns. He made his way to a barn that seemed to be the sniper’s nest. Continue reading the original article [here](http://www.ocregister.com/articles/grady-632716-war-sniper.html).

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