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★ DEFENSIVE SECTOR ★



SGT. HENRY N. GUNTHER

AEF CO. A, 313 INF, 79 DIV

JUNE 6, 1895

NOV. 11, 1918

HIGHLY DECORATED FOR EXCEPTIONAL BRAVERY AND HEROIC
ACTION THAT RESULTED IN HIS DEATH ONE MINUTE BEFORE
THE ARMISTICE.

“Gunther brooded a great deal over his recent reduction in rank and became obsessed with a determination to make good before his officers and fellow soldiers.”

(From Dan Rodricks’ article *The Sad, Senseless End of Henry Gunther*, November 11, 2008, at baltimoresun.org)

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Hebrews 11:32-40 (ESV): “And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— 33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight....”

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“...35 Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—...”

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“...38 of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.”

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some Riches worth the loss of life... and the loss of life...
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John 6:40 (ESV): “For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

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Hebrews 1:3 (ESV): “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.”

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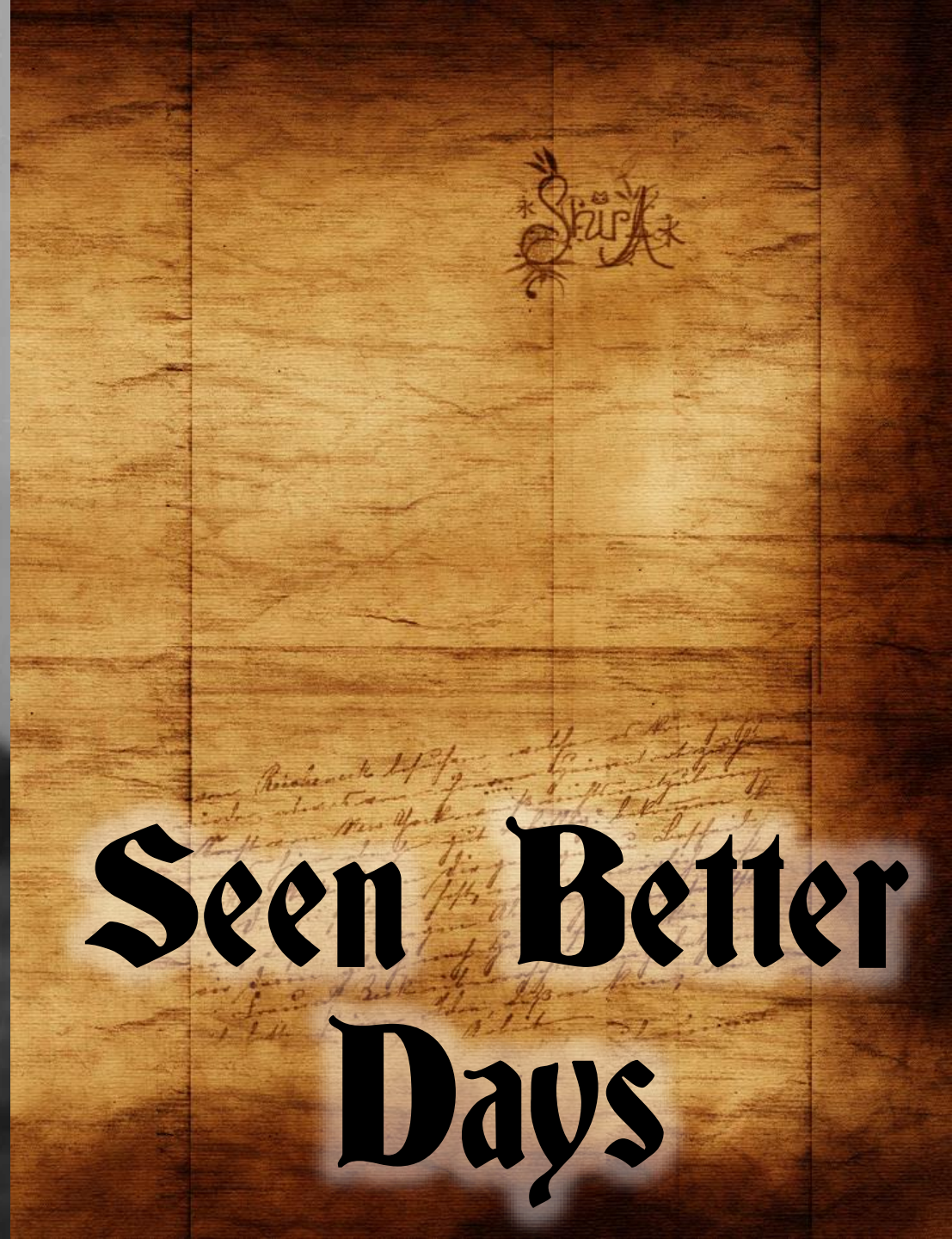
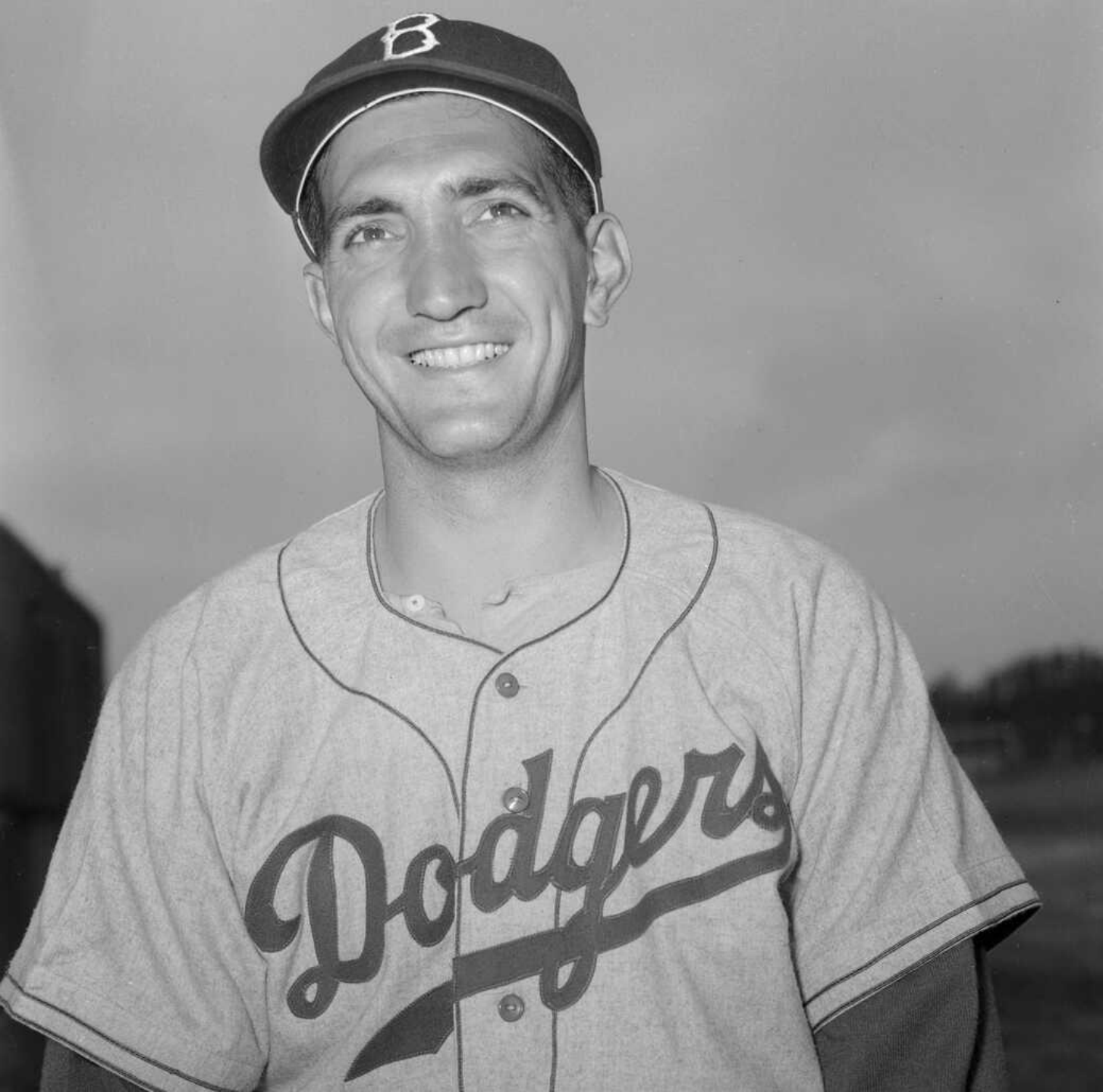
**GOD DIDN'T
MAKE YOU
JUST TO
BREAK YOU.**



Main Point



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*some Richmonds left for...
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that... New York...*

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“Why me? Why did this have to happen to me?”

(Ralph Branca, as requoted in Mike Lupica’s article *Bobby Thomson’s Home Run off Ralph Branca – The Shot Heart ‘Round the World – Will Live Forever*, April 17, 2010, at nydailynews.com)

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**“God gave you this cross to bear because
you’re strong enough to bear it.”**

(Father Paul Rawley, as requoted in Mike Lupica’s article
*Bobby Thomson’s Home Run off Ralph Branca – The Shot Heart
‘Round the World – Will Live Forever*, April 17, 2010, at
nydailynews.com)

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**Ephesians 2:4-7 (ESV): “God, being rich in mercy,
because of the great love with which he loved us, 5
even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us
alive together with Christ—by grace you have been
saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us
with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so
that in the coming ages he might
show the immeasurable riches
of his grace in kindness toward
us in Christ Jesus.”**

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Hebrews 12:1-3 (ESV): “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.”

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Application

Galatians 4:4-9 (ESV): “When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God....”

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“...8 Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?”

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NEXT WEEK:
HEBREWS 12:3-17



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