

JOE GALE WRITES

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sition I stop and try to recall some of your teachings, and then I feel more confidence in myself.

By handling men I have found that it is the man who can do a hard job and smile that you can depend on. I don't know how I will ever repay you for the profitable instruction that I received at school. I went up to be qualified for the officers' training camp over here and passed, but owing to the signing of the armistice the camps will be discontinued. Nevertheless I came in to do what is asked of me and take what is given me. I have done almost every kind of work since joining the colors, and found it all very interesting. It kept my mind occupied.

I suppose you have heard considerable of the powerful new Liberty battle-plane. Well, I had an opportunity to go up in one with a very wild pilot, so you can imagine what kind of a ride I had in such a powerful plane. After we were up several hundred feet and I was busy enjoying the wonderful scenery below the pilot turned about and smiled and at the same moment nosed her for the ground. I was standing in the observer's seat, but it was no time before I found myself down in the cockpit, as the wind pressure was so great I could not stand up when it was headed for the ground. But when it was leveled out and we went at great speed over the country it was like riding on a large boat. I have been up in other ships, but none that compared with the Liberty plane. I will try and tell you of our life here in other letters, as we will have considerable more time to ourselves now.

I hear that the Spanish Influenza is doing much damage over there. We have heard of it and that is just about all. I hope you will conquer it at the school.

I have not heard from George Peters for some time. He may be on his way home, as a good many aero squadrons are leaving. From what the papers state, it will be only a matter of a short time before we will all be back. You understand that I am at the final field where the pilots complete their courses—mostly acrobatic and combat work.

I will not be able to write much longer, as it is time I was in bed. The weather is rainy and there is lots of mud. The French mud has that of Oregon badly beaten.

Give my best wishes to all.

REPORTER'S NOTES

By Allan Shepard

Last Thursday the carpenters repaired windows in Mitchell Hall.

Our blacksmiths have been busy of late repairing the school trash car.

The detail for the girls changed on January 6th and all are doing well in their new positions.

Elizabeth Reinville went to Portland recently for a few days' visit with her married sister.

After passing the holidays with the "home folks," Miss Ruth Brewer is again at O. A. C. pursuing her studies.

Mrs. Hauser filled Miss Skipton's place as dining room matron during the trip of the latter to Portland recently.

Mr. Ratzburg, Mr. Turner, and a lot of boys have had quite a time of it of late teaching the new lot of horses their names.

All of us are pleased to see the change in the weather. It is now much milder and the rain may assist health conditions.

Of late the tailors have been making nearly all the uniform trousers for the boys. This stands for a lot of work, as we've got a good big list of boys.

John Parr took his brother Robert home to Pendleton a few days ago. Robert had been seriously ill for some time. We are glad to note his improvement.

The senior class girls in domestic science made the cakes for the Y. M. and Y. W. party last week. The cakes were certainly a credit to the girls and their department.

In response to a telegram telling of illness in the family Robert Downie left early last week for his home in Tacoma. It is hoped the afflicted will improve and he will return to school soon.

On the evening of January 9th the Y. W. C. A. entertained the members of the Y. M. C. A. All sorts of interesting games, conversation, and delicious refreshments helped pass an evening all too swiftly.

The task of installing a new system of draft pipes has engaged the time and attention of the members of the engineering department of late. It is hoped that ere long everything will again be in "shipshape" in this important department.

After the spelling contest of last week Mrs. Risser treated the spellers and the various society officers to delicious refreshments. The luncheon was held in the domestic science department and the affair was memorable and enjoyable in every way.

Of late there has been a reorganization of our fire companies. George Thomas is captain of Company No. 1 and James Choat is captain of Company No. 2. This is an important matter and we are pleased to note that these companies have worthy and dependable captains.