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**Letters From The Front**

(The following letter was received by Mrs. B. B. Nutter, formerly of La Grande, but now a resident of Pendleton, from her son, Earle, who is with the Embryo Aviation Corps, now stationed at South San Antonio, Texas.

**HOUSEWIVES! Here are Many Fine Table Suggestions for These Hot Days**

- Kellogg's Corn Flakes with Berries and Cream
- Cantaloupes and Watermelons
- Mrs. Williams Potato Chips
- Canned Roast Beef—Creamed Chicken
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- Home Grown Green Peas
- Summer Sausage, Boiled Ham, Corned Beef
- Bour's Special Blend Tea for Icing
- Stuffed, Green and Ripe Olives
- Post Toasties in 2 for 25c and 20c Packages
- New York Cream Brick and Tillamook Cheese
- Sunkist Lemons, Valencia Oranges
- Salad Dressings and Mayonnaise Dressings
- Roman Meal and Raisin Bread

Order Cream for your Berries with your Grocery Order

PHONE MAIN 80

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He has been made Sergeant Major Clerk.)

South San Antonio, Texas, Camp Kelley, June 26, 1917.—Dear Mother: I received your most welcome letter and was doubly glad to hear from you, for I know now that you are getting my letters. I have been here two weeks now and today is the first letter I have received from you. I have not got the package yet but I will in about an hour and then I will tell you all about it. I have two more packages of films and will send them to be developed and some of them will be interesting to you, I am sure. If Harold comes down here please let me know as soon as possible. Tell him to write to me.

I would sure like to be back up there for just long enough to go out and get myself a good mess of trout. Gee, wouldn't that be fine?

Oh mother I just went over and got your package and talk about tickled, why I never ate any candy in my life that tasted better, and I know if ever better candy was made it was my mother that made it. I gave a piece to the Sergeant Major and he smacked his lips and said, "Yum, yum. That remind me of home and mother." I am sure I will not be able to eat any of this (chew) for a month after eating that candy. Why you know it makes life swell to get things from you.

I must close now as I have been writing long enough, but tell Daddy and Harold my love. I am

Your loving son,  
**EARLE.**

(Letter to their friends in La Grande from Alvin E. Jacobson, Raymond Blystone and Earle Nutter, La Grande boys, who are at Camp Kelley, San Antonio, Texas, in the Aviation Section of the U. S. Army. The Observer hopes their friends here will answer the letter just as if they had each received one personally from the boys. Wouldn't you like to get a letter if you were away from home?)

The Army and Navy Young Men's Christian Association Headquarters, 124 East 28th St., New York, The Association Follows the Flag on Land and Sea. Public Correspondence Table at Camp Kelley, June 29, 1917.

—From the Boys in the Aviation Section of the United States Army at San Antonio, Texas, to our many friends in La Grande: We hope you will forgive us for not writing sooner but if you were here you would appreciate even this effort. For the Aviation Section is a new and enormous branch of the Army and our own Camp Kelley is also new and is in a state of construction and so we have our daily exercises known so well by us as fatigue. Including drills and instructions our time is sadly limited and after a day we are usually too tired to write so we put it off til another day and time flies fast and soon we are far behind our correspondence.

Camp Kelley contains about 6000 men, and we are very proud to say a fair majority are Oregon boys. About 2000 are in training and the remainder are to be assigned very soon. There are about 1000 officers or instructors and about 200 machines of the Curtis and L. W. F. tractor planes and one Battle plane. Military aviation is going on every hour of the day and great numbers of San Antonio people visit the hangars every day sight seeing. Often there are 25 or 30 machines up at a time and so far only two men have been killed and two were injured, and these were caused by accident. As soon as the squadrons are trained they will be sent to various points in U. S. and we hope Oregon gets one. They are composed of 200 men; 24 planes, 12

commissioned officers and all equipment of the American soldier. Raymond Blystone, former high school and La Grande boy and one of our members here is now in the 23 squadron and is attached to the crew of an L. W. F. school plane and looks forward to a fast promotion and appointment. Earle Nutter, former La Grande boy and well known there, is Orderly at the Headquarters and is yet unassigned. And last, myself, Alvin E. Jacobson, am so fortunate as to be a member and student on the L. W. F. 464 and I am looking forward for an appointment and promotion in my own squadron, the 31st.

We are all greatly satisfied with the service and all think it develops a man mentally, physically and morally. We hear from boys in other branches doing their bit for their country and we think of them as brothers all fighting for the same great cause.

We are yours respectfully,  
**A. E. JACOBSON,  
RAYMOND BLYSTONE,  
EARLE B. NUTTER.**

P. S. We get a lot of our news from the Observer which we receive quite often and always welcome its coming into camp.

(Letter to Mrs. Bertha M. Alford, of La Grande from her son Eugene E. Alford, age 18, who has enlisted in the Company of Instruction, Medical Corps, Fort Lawton, Wash.)

Fort Lawton, Wash., June 29, 1917.

—Dearest Folks: Well I received your "Family" letter this morning and Ruby's day before yesterday so will answer them all at once. We have inspection or "muster" tomorrow morning at 8:20 and I've been down shaving, washing my leggings and cleaning up my locker, shining my shoes, etc. You see if we are not presentable we won't get our pay, as this is an inspection given us just before every pay-day.

Talk about some schedule this week! We've been on a hike every day but two and "they've rained." You see we start in at 6:15 and work till 4 every day. Start drilling at 7:30 and take an hour for drill and an hour for lecture, alternating every other hour till 11:45. This week the afternoon schedule was hikes, and last week was tent drill. I had some pictures taken last week of Fuzz, (he is my tent mate) and myself. This week we started out on hikes and on Monday we marched eight miles from 1 to 3:30. You know there are some business men out here from town who are training to get to go to Presidio to train for officers. Well they acted sort smart to us as most of us are kind of kids (you know just H. S. or college fellows.) Well the first four miles they made it fine, for we led them and just took it easy, singing and whistling all the way. We stopped and pitched our tents and took a little rest. They got ahead of us during this and as they passed they yelled out something about us "kids" going back home. We promptly retaliated by dubbing them "The men boy scouts."

Well when we started back they took up the lead and at a good gait too. After we had gone about three miles the lieutenant (who is a fine fellow, just a young Dr.) thought we might have some fun so he let us commence to push them. Well before we got to the Fort "the men boy scouts" were dropping by the roadside from sheer exhaustion. It won't do for (soft business) men to try and rub anything on us "kids" though for we're all able to do them up on a good hike. The next day they made an ambush on us and they could have shot us to pieces if it had been real. I don't know about me as I was in the rear and think I should have been "rearer" than that if it had been real. We planned an ambush on them the next day but that failed as they anticipated it and sent out scouts ahead. We did capture their advance guard though and had a great time over it. We certainly had a nice hike today. We went down to the beach, marched up it for about a half a mile and then over to the locks, over by Ballard, a suburb of Seattle. The lieutenant got us permission to go through under the locks. Believe me it's great. You go down underneath the locks and under the water. On entering and starting down you go down circular stairs for about 70 feet (makes a fellow think Washington is still wet.) Coming out it is a whole lot different. You have to go up a straight ladder for 70 feet. Before you get to this ladder you have to go through under a cement tunnel for about 150 feet. Some of the fellows were so near all in on reaching the top that they had to be helped out, but none of the Wallows fellows minded it a bit. (Resolved, that pitching hay doesn't hurt any one in the army.) We marched back to the Fort and signed the payroll. Well we had our examinations yesterday and I got 90 per cent. Tubby, Harold, Ralph C., Lawrence and Bue were the others of the W. H. S. bunch who made it so I've got lots of good company. Well I've met a girl and she's an awful nice girl. Also she has a very good friend by the name of "Bertha Alford." Isn't that funny? You know they've been crazy over this Red Cross campaign here as they had \$300,000 to raise. Well last Sunday night they had a big parade and there were among the Red Cross nurses "war brides," girls who were dressed in "marriage clothes." They were to choose a soldier to march with. Well I got chosen and am glad of it now, although I didn't like the parade as it made a fellow feel sort of funny. There were automo-

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biles with graves on them, dead wagons, blind soldiers and everything else to gain the sympathies of the civilian, but which made the soldiers rather wiggly in the region of the spinal column. The girl's name is Betty M.—She lives at Alki Beach about eight miles from the Fort and about an hour's ride. I don't mind the distance much as French goes with her sister; so we're together. I'm invited out Sunday for dinner, also the Fourth. Her mother is certainly an awful nice lady, but suffers from rheumatism. It seems awful good to know somebody. Do you know that was the first house I've been in since that night in Portland when we were invited over to dinner that night at Mrs. Peterson's. I don't know how I will act when it comes to eating. Probably will yell out, "shoot the Murphy," or "pass the slum" (soldier's name for stew.) Nobody knows, but the time will come. Will tell you about it next time. Heaven forbid that I will not forget my preliminary training at home. Well folks you are probably surprised at the length of this letter but really I've run out of news. I am going to get my picture taken the 5th and will send some. Must close now and go to bed. So good-bye with lots and lots of love.

Son, brother and grandson,  
**EUGENE E. A.**

P. S. Say will you send me about three of my white shirts and some cuff buttons right away. A new law says that on Sunday we have to wear a white collar. No need to send collars as we have regular uniform collars. Right away please. **E. E. A.**

**MORE THAN 3,500,000 MOTOR CARS IN U. S.**

Increase of 43 Per Cent Last Year Over 1915—Gross Revenues from Registrations and Licenses \$25,865,369.75.

Washington, D. C., July 10.—(Special)—In 1916 there were 1,067,332 more motor cars registered in the United States than in 1915. This was an increase of 43 per cent. The gross total of registered cars, including commercial cars, was 3,512,996; the number of motorcycles registered was 250,820. The several states collected in registration and license fees, including those of chauffeurs and operators, a total gross revenue of \$25,865,369.75.

Of this amount 92 per cent, or \$23,910,811, was applied directly to construction, improvement, or maintenance of the public roads in 43 states, according to figures compiled by the Office of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture, in Circular 73, "Automobile Registrations, Licenses and Revenues in the United States, 1916."

The figures for 1916 correspond very closely with the annual percentage increase of motor-car registration of the last three years. This yearly increase has averaged 40 per cent in the number of cars and 50 per cent in revenues.

When viewed over a period of years, the increase in motor-car registration and gross revenue has been remarkable. In 1906 the total state registrations were approximately 48,000 cars, on account of which the several states collected in fees and licenses a total

gross revenue of about \$190,000. Only a small part of this was applied to road work. In 1916 the \$25,865,369.75 collected formed nearly 9 per cent of the total rural road and bridge revenues of the states.

Recent years have shown an increasing tendency to put the spending of the motor-car revenues directly in the hands of the state highway departments. Of the total amount applied to road work in 1916, 70 per cent, or \$16,411,527, was expended more or less directly under the control or supervision of state highway departments. Only 13 states did not exercise any direct control over the expending of the net automobile revenues.

Mrs. Sylvia Hill and Mrs. Dale are visiting at the home of Ensign Childers this week. Mrs. Dale will speak in the Salvation Army hall tonight and tomorrow night.

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