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Letters From The Front

(Letters from Gorton Eastman, of Benicia Arsenal, to his folks and sister.)

Benicia Arsenal, Calif., June 20, 1917.—Dear Folks: I believe I have received a letter from everyone in the family so I guess I have missed none. I also received the box from Lorette, and the last letter from Marguerite. Mother asked where my keys were to my trunk. Well I put them in the small pocket of my pants when I sent my suit home. It has been some hot here the last week. Yesterday it was 95 in the shade and 120 in the sun. But the heat does not bother me much. Yesterday we were stacking some sugar and flour and canned goods and I have goods. I have on a flannel shirt that is quite heavy and of course I sweat but I take a cold shower bath every night after supper and I do not mind

the heat. At night it is not hot. I sleep on the second floor and I have a blanket and one sheet over me. I raise the window to the top and get plenty of air. The only trouble I have is in getting use to drinking warm soft water. You see all the water that we drink here is all rain water.

Last Sunday for dinner we had oyster stew, roast beef, green peas, potatoes, dumplings, bread and butter, good coffee and milk, apple pie and jelly tarts. Now that is some meal and we have meals about that good three times a day. So no wonder I have gained two pounds.

About the first week that I was here the Sergeant said he was sure that I could pass the examination for Sergeant clerk. He said that there was no use drawing a private's pay when I could be drawing a Sergeant's pay. So I wrote a letter which was approved by the commanding officer. I am enclosing a carbon copy of it. Of course it will be about nine months or a year before the examination is held. So I might as well get the best out of this enlistment if I have to stay here for three or four years. Of course there is a possibility of not

passing the examination, but I will try.

I received a letter from Lionel R. this morning. He said it was some hot down there. He is on the boundary line between California and Mexico. I guess I will be here for some time. I got through with my work in a hurry. You see I am faster on the machine than anyone that they have had here before. One man used to do the typewriting and another used to do the filing, but now I do both and have plenty of time to spare. The other fellows did their typewriting with two fingers. A little education sure does go a long way.

It is getting along about quitting time so I will have to straighten up my desk and get ready for supper.

With lots of love to all,

GORTON.

Office of the Quartermaster, Benicia Arsenal, Calif., June 13, 1917.

From: Pvt. Richard G. Eastman, Q. M. C.

To: The Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D. C.

Subject: Supply of books.

1. If consistent with the policy of the War Department, it is requested that I be supplied with one copy each of the Army Regulations and Quartermaster Corps Manual.
2. It is my intention to prepare myself for the examination for Sgt., Clerk, Q. M. C. and these books are required for this purpose.

I have made my first little jump. I don't know as I will ever be Commander and Chief but I hope by next year to be sergeant.

You asked me if I needed anything. I get shirts and socks and underclothing and everything like that issued to me, and I am here at the store so I get everything in the line of towels at cost and other things that I need I buy so I am getting along fine and don't need anything.

I got a pass the other day and went over to San Francisco with another fellow who is working here in the office. I met a couple of fellows over there who went to school at Pocatello. One of them was captain of the football team two years ago. One belonged to the army and one to the navy. We went to a couple of good shows and came back Sunday night. San Francisco is a pretty good town. It does not get very hot there. You see the breeze from the ocean blows and it is cool.

Well I guess this is about all the news I can think of down in this part of the country so I will close for now.

With lots of love to all,

Your brother,

GORTON.

(Letters to Mrs. A. S. Bradway from her two sons, one who is at the Bremerton Navy Yard and the other in the Hawaiian Islands.)

Bremerton, Washington, U. S. Navy, July 7, 1917.—Dear Mother: How is everybody at home? I am feeling pretty good today. This having the measles is a sort of a (here he comes and there he goes) sort of an affair, five minutes after I had discovered them—the measles—I was in quarantine. The doctor informed me that I would stay there for 10 days. I wish they hadn't come for another ten days at least, don't you? However they shot me off to the hospital and here I am. My temperature was 103 for a night and a day but is normal now.

For the first three meals they would not give me anything but a glass of milk at a meal. That was enough though.

I went to Tacoma to see the races the Fourth. They averaged about 90 per for 150 miles. The track is made of two-by-fours stood on edge with half inch spaces between them, and is two miles in circumference.

Hoping this finds everybody well.

Your son,

WILLIE.

riders change horses every two miles while they are running.

When I am not on duty I can get a mounted pass and ride all over the island and get a good idea of the island. Well that is about all the news now. I am still in quarantine but will be out before a letter can get here from the states.

The climate averages about 90 degrees and it rains every day. Believe me! it rains when it rains to, but it only lasts about ten minutes.

I am well and very busy so goodbye for the present.

Your loving son,

LEE.

City News

Exercise is like advice and vacations: Something we all approve but seldom take.—Old Man Sage.

THE SAMMIES ARE TO BE GIVEN CANDY

Portland, Ore., July 14.—(United Press)—The Sammies will eat candy. Portland firms today submitted bids on large quantities of candies, sending their offers to the quartermasters' corps at Seattle. Chocolate, lemon drops and stick candies are specified.

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