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Letters From The Front

The following letter is from Lee Bradley, Field Artillery, at Schofield Barracks, Honolulu to his parents:

Dear Mother and Father—I received your letter several days ago but had neither the time or material to answer it, as we were out on maneuvers.

The next day the real maneuvers started. We broke camp and marched nine miles to Kawiala Bay where we fired on moving targets 4000 yards out to sea, forming a barrage fire as they were supposed to be infantry attempting to land.

our horses. We took swimming as that only takes half the time and is much easier. It was 9:30 before we were ready for chow which we ate in our swimming suits.

Wednesday we spent the same as Tuesday except that we were assisted by the Ninth Field Artillery (motor 6-in. guns) and the Fourth Cavalry.

Friday we marched to Hanula Bay and fired for record and old F came out winner again easily. We have lost 23 men during the last month, but the B. C. hangs onto his four gunners like a Kanaka to a pot of poi.

On this day occurred my first run-away. We had unlimbered and were taking the horses to the rear when I accidentally ran over a hornets nest. They stung the team in several places and did not forget me.

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The Government pays for all crops destroyed in maneuvers and we do not harm very many.

Friday we pitched camp early in the afternoon and had it all "doped" out that we were going to have a good night's rest. It seemed as if I had just fallen asleep when I heard an unearthly noise and discovered that the bugler was sounding reveille.

lead driver on No. 1 piece is something of a singer and he struck up, "It's Carnival Time in Honolulu." The entire regiment took it up and we made up in volume what we lacked in harmony.

"Just before the battle Mother, We were eating 'slum' and beans, If we lose this battle Mother, Please don't blame it on the beans."

I was the only recruit to drive a lead team during this maneuver and the only recruit to drive a team in a gun section. I say recruit because although I am ranked as a private, I have had only 47 days of actual service with the battery.

Good-bys, with lots of love, LEE.

P. S.—I can't agree with you when you say that you wish that I was in the La Grande Hospital Unit. They are all right, but if you had seen the Ninth Hospital Company carry men who had been marked wounded two miles to a hospital over a rough hill with the temperature at 120 degrees, you would not wish me the hard luck to belong to a pill rollers' unit.

They pick out men in each battery and mark them wounded and then give the pill rollers a chance for exercise. LEE.

The following letter has been received by Mrs. A. S. Bradley from her son W. A. Bradley who is on Ship Saratoga, San Francisco: U. S. Saratoga, Aug. 29, 1917.

Dear Mother: Received your letter of the 20th and "All's Well." I sent mother a basket made of an armidillo skin, a lucky penny for Clarence and a pen for father. I received the Observer O. K. also the note book.

You will probably get another package if I get liberty again. I don't think I will, though, not here, that is pretty certain, said pkg. will come from some where else on the surface of the globe.

About that car business. I always understood that automobile bushings were made of bronze, the fact is, I'm pretty sure they aren't made of either brass or cast iron, as brass wears too quick and cast iron crumbles when it gets hot. The house is correct about that car business. You have got along without one so far you can stand it for a year or so longer.

I made out an allotment of 30 bones per, to be delivered directly to the home treasury under Uncle Sam's private and personal seal, so don't think that I have been lost at sea or something else has happened to me when you get the first payment.

Don't worry yourself about my hard bumps. I take them as they come, and forget them. It would do the rest of the family good to get some of them. Along with my bumps I am learning things that every body needs to know, men at least, and it wouldn't hurt the women to know some of them either.

The aeroplanes which you speak of were so thick at San Diego that we didn't pay much more attention to them than we would to a flock of birds, no more than you would, at least.

I sure would have liked to have seen Dad when he arrived at his destination, or better still, about the time the rain storm hit him. It sure would have been interesting. It would have been better than that to see Dad and Hanlen riding the radiator of a road rat.

You say that "It is sure a nice place to lay around and rest and sleep, cool and lots of water." That describes a battleship exactly, on Sunday especially. The fact is, water is all you can see sometimes.

The Navy contributes \$30.00 The Army contributes 15.00 The Home Guards contribute .55.00

General funds equals \$100.00 This kindof arithmetic appeals to you first rate, eh what?

I don't suppose there is much hunting in the valley this year, judging from your reports there isn't any.

Hanlen is right as far as he went, but he couldn't tell absolutely whether I was machinist mate or not, ask him what other ratings are shown the same way, by the same marks I mean.

Received a letter from Lee. He seems to be all O. K. and hoping for a change of scenery soon. One of the advantage of the Nays is that you

UNCLE SAM COCKS HIS BIG GUNS FOR THE BOCHES

The censor permits publication of this picture, but will allow no particulars or names. The photograph shows Uncle Sam's men at an unnamed camp somewhere in New York getting ready for their Pig Push in France. They are learning to handle one of the monster new siege guns, the destructive powers of which are a war department secret. It is not a loaf of bread that the Sammies are

ramming into the breech of the gun. It is a bag of raw silk, filled with small crumbs of powder. When the gun is fired the bag is entirely consumed, so that it does not foul the gun.



never stay any place long enough for it to get dull.

There is a Dutch cruiser lying close to us. I have met some of their men ashore, they usually travel in twos or threes with an accompanying chatter like a Chinese laundry. On the whole they don't compare very good with us. Their captain came aboard to pay us an official visit. He wore enough gold braid to start a mint.

We also had an English boat here for a while. They looked like they were ready for anything, at any time. Well, I've just about written myself out, now so I will close with love for all,

W.

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After suffering with terrible pains in his back and around his kidneys for eight years, and after having tried several doctors and different medicines, Alvis Souers, Ade, Ind., writes: "Foley Kidney Pills were recommended to me and the first bottle removed the pain. After taking three bottles the bloating was all gone and has never bothered me since." When relief can be had so quickly why not banish backache, rheumatic pains, stiff

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Competition Is Keen In Funeral Business

Spokane, Wash., Sept 6—Competition for funeral business has resulted in cut rates in Spokane. Undertakers apparently find the death rate so low that they feel obliged to offer inducements for people to be buried. One enterprising mortician calls at

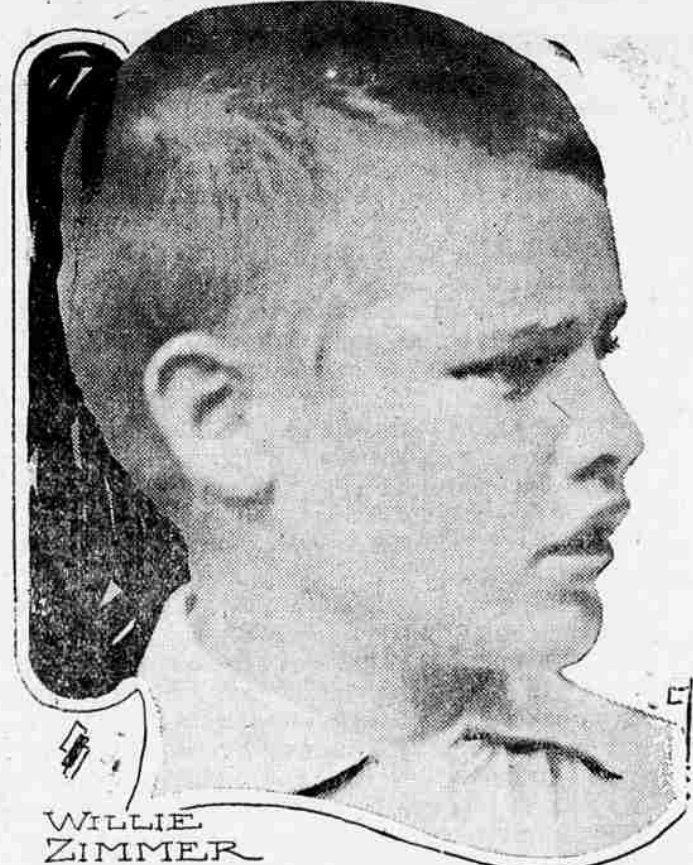
tention to his wares in the following lines:

"Our parlors are free. Use of our 7-passenger limousine included in all cases. Lady assistant at your service. You can depend upon receiving prompt and courteous attention."

Then follows a schedule of prices: Black, cloth-covered casket, trimmed, \$25 Use of auto hearse 10 Use of 7-passenger limousine 6 Care of remains, conducting funeral, etc. 10 \$55

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"WORST BOY IN UNITED STATES" WHO KILLED MOTHER FLEES FROM REFORM SCHOOL



WILLIE ZIMMER

Willie Zimmer has run away from the Louisiana reform school. Shall he be hanged or given another chance? The fourteen-year-old New Orleans boy who was saved from the gallows, after shooting his mother to death a year and more ago, by thousands of petitions from all over the country, seems to be trying to throw away the chance to make good given him. He was called "America's worst boy." Unless he is found in a few days he will be hunted down as another murderer.

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