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With the Colors

Wm. Volswinkler Writes

Writing from Loleta, Calif., Wm. Volswinkler, among other things, says:

Dear friends:
Will try and answer your most welcome letter that came some time ago. Have no excuse to make only there is not much to write about here. Hardly any thing happens.

I suppose you are still having winter up there. I have not seen any snow since I left there. I certainly do miss those old Grande Ronde breezes and snow storms. We have our share of rain though. It only rains seven days out of a week. We look more like fishermen than soldiers, running around in rubber coats and boots.

The country around here is a great country for dairying. Grass is green the year round. Very beautiful scenery too. The country is rolling. We are also right near the great red-wood forests, our nearest station is Lotus, which is about seven miles away. They have a small I. O. O. F. lodge there but have not had a chance to visit yet. Seems like it falls my lot to be on duty on their meeting night.

Just got back from San Francisco last Thursday. Went down as a witness on a military case. If you

ever go to Frisco you want to take in the Golden Gate park. It is certainly a great piece of work. Everything imaginable is found there. I have never been clear through it yet. Only been over about five miles of it.

"The old ocean sure is angry now. Waves are running very high. Lots of seals and whales around here at present. Hunting is fine; get the limit on ducks and quail every time we go out. Have lots of fun boat riding for awhile but the ocean is too rough now."

"I have gained about 25 pounds since I came into the service. I weigh 215 pounds now but I can still run a footrace yet."

Sincerely yours,
Wm. Volswinkler,
U. S. Radio Station, Loleta, Calif.

Two Letters from Otis Palmer.
Still in the Same Place, France,
January 26, 1918.

Dear Mother, Father and All:—
Four letters came in at once yesterday. I immediately hunted a warm spot in the sun and read yours of the 21, 26, 27 and 28, and four others that I received—one from Farrell Murray, who is in Waco, Texas.

That work I told you about was discontinued. Now we get intensive training. Nothing but pills and

cough syrup. Billeted always in a small town.

France is covered with sewers and what I think must be artesian wells. It is excellent; even the smallest towns have running water and sewers.

If Roy, Clark and I see each other it will be a miracle. I have yet to see a town in France in which there were not some soldiers. But he will make an effort to find us, I suppose. I have an idea where he will be when he gets settled.

Some of the people here have a plenty of what they want, but that in the U. S. is poverty. Others are actually poor. They are content to take things as they come and have no ambitions to get ahead. They are very thorough in their work, though. Why, their worst roads are much better than our best. When they put in a bridge or a dam it is there forever.

Say, you people don't know what real economy is. You would starve on what they eat here. One old man told me that he had never taken a drink of water in seven years; just red wine. Bread and cheese with wine makes a meal for them.

I am going to allot \$5 more a month when we leave for work. I think it isn't any good to me here. An egg sandwich with nothing on it is 20 cents, ham sandwiches also cost 20 cents.

Tell Mrs. Cleavinger that my shoes fit the socks; they are so big it don't make any difference which (foot) I put them on. Nothing from the Red Cross at all—just the lace hospitals get it.

9:30 p. m., and just off guard. Go on again at 3:00. Here is where wristlets and helmets come in handy for it still freezes in the evening.

I am glad you got the cablegram Christmas eve. That was when we intended you to get it. Was ours the first to get there? I just got to the office in time for work. They made one mistake in it before it reached you. "Getting mail" it should have read, instead of "sending mail."

Don't believe all you hear about subs. They are a fake, I think. We had the turkey just the same. The apples sent by the lumber folks got through but were frozen after they reached France. I got quite a few of them as the boys passed them around.

Cold water don't shrink wool, does it? They never use hot water here. Lots of the women wash in running creeks. Did the snow find us? Well I guess yes. Four days march through it is all.

Haven't seen Pershing yet. He is only 20 miles from us, though. We are located on one of the main roads and I'll bet there are 200 trucks, ambulances, officer's cars and motorcycles go past at 25 miles per hour every day.

Today I got on a wood detail. Went over ten miles for wood and then had to cut it down and load it. I like to go on these details and make a "bid" for a permanent job and get it. While coming back we had to help pull a French auto



"Tanked" Tommies

Yes, they're "Tanked Tommies"—but not the way you mean. The London word for the sort of "tanked" you mean is "groggy" or "nappy" or "muzzy." The Tommies in this picture are called "tanked" for the simple reason that they're housed in a tank—a big concrete tank which fell over on its side in a bombardment. This official British photograph shows the Tommies entering their strange billet.

off a tree where it had skidded. It turned completely around on the icy road and started back the way it was coming from. After getting it back on the road our team of mules got tangled up and started to run away. I grabbed one but the double trees were banging the other mule on the heels and across the fields we went. Finally they got to going too fast and I let go. One of the southern regiments who were drilling in a field caught them for us.

We are getting our second issue of cloths now. Have to turn in a worn-out article for every new one. Am enclosing a picture of me taken the other day. Poor paper and not very plain, but how do you like the helmet? Will send others as soon as developed.

Am still feeling good but mighty sleepy. It is away past my bed time so will quit for now. Don't send any more Palm Olive soap; make it Lays. Too much cold water washing.

Yours,
OTIS W. PALMER.
Same Place in France,
Feb. 2, 1918.

Dear Parents and Grandparents:—
Letters of Dec. 10, 26 and Jan. 7 just in tonight.
It sure tickles me to know how

Co. M got skullduggered onto the boats. We knew a week before we left camp that we would go on the boats.

Say I wasn't sick; just stayed in bed on general principles. Could have been up all the time. Anyway if we are real sick we are not allowed to tell. I am perfectly well now.

No, I don't need any jelly. We get a little here and I don't have any place to keep it. Candy is always welcome, though.

We are in the barber shop or "skinner's" room discussing ancient history. We discuss everything. One of the towns near here was built by Caesar.

Don't think I will die over here but you never can tell. We talk and kid each other about dying and getting killed until we never think anything about it.

Received the package of spruce gum, socks, etc. Guess that I have received all the packages you have sent me. Received newspapers and magazines, too.

I should say you folks did do you bit in that dance. Glad it was a success, as we are getting the benefit of it already. The club room is a thing of the past. You can hardly realize how unsettled army life is. Nothing but personal pictures are mailable and they must

be taken against a stone wall. We can get them developed here.

We are going to have a big smoker Saturday night, using the company funds. Will tell about it next time. Tonight the boys are having a regular old hoe-down in the kitchen. Sure some fun. We have a professional dance caller in the company and he calls. Some of the fellows have white aprons on and are girls. Harps furnish the music. Talk about times, we are sure having them. We are not taking life very seriously—yet.

Had apple pie for supper—a whole quarter and they were large ones, too. Am going after wood again tomorrow. Never have seen time go so fast as it does over here. A week goes by without my knowing it.

The worst curse a Frenchman can call anything is "Boche." I saw a Frenchman kill a pig this afternoon (and if I could have cursed in French I would have called him all there is in the vocabulary.) He beat it with a small club, trying to get it to lie down so he could stick it. He kept calling it "Boche" all the time he was killing it.

Was on guard again last night and did not get much sleep, so will quit as I can hardly hold my head up.

From your son and grandson,
OTIS W. PALMER.

MAIL AND TRAIN SCHEDULES

TRAIN SCHEDULE

West Bound Arrives
No. 5—To Portland... 9:55 p. m.
No. 19—To Portland... 12:30 a. m.
No. 17—To Portland... 9:00 a. m.
East Bound
No. 4—To Chicago... 5:40 a. m.
No. 6—To Salt Lake... 11:25 a. m.
No. 18—To Chicago... 8:25 p. m.

JOSEPH BRANCH

No. 32—Daily Daily—No. 31
8:00 AM Lv. LaGrande Ar. 5:20 PM
8:40 AM... Imbler... 4:50 PM
9:45 AM... Elgin... 4:25 PM
10:00 AM... Vincent... 3:25 PM
10:55 AM... Wallawa... 2:35 PM
11:20 AM... Lostine... 2:15 PM
11:50 AM... Enterprise... 1:50 PM
12:10 PM... Ar. Joseph Lv. 1:30 PM
By the above change trains arrive and depart about an hour earlier than they have been.

DEPARTURE OF MAIL

Leaves office for train No. 17 (West bound) ... 8:25 a. m.
Leaves office for Train No. 32 (To Joseph) ... 8:25 a. m.
Leaves Office for Train No. 6 (East bound) ... 10:55 a. m.
Leaves Office for Train No. 18 (East bound) ... 7:55 p. m.
Leaves Office for Train No. 5 (West bound) ... 9:10 p. m.
Leaves Office for Train No. 4 (East bound) ... 9:10 p. m.
All mails as nearly as possible should be dropped in the postoffice prior to the hours listed above in order to avoid congestion at the depot boxes. The only mail necessary to take to the depot is that to be posted after 9:10 p. m.
The co-operation of the public is solicited in connection with this matter. E. E. BRAGG, Postmaster

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