

With the Colors

FROM HUGH C. HULSE

Log Poles, March 16, 1919.
Dear Sister:—It is Sunday again and I have something to write you. I will tell you of the time when we went into the Verdun front.

We left Belfort in Alsace the night of September 23 and rode all night and most of the next day then unloaded and the next night marched to a little town that I don't know the name of but there were very few people there.

We were not allowed out in the streets in daylight except a few at a time.

We kept our packs rolled and expected to leave some time that day. A train of French auto trucks passed that morning going towards Verdun. There must have been several hundred of them and before night there were trucks on all the roads around there.

About 9 o'clock we got orders to move. We were given enough rations for two days (at least we had to make it last two days) and one hundred and twenty rounds more ammunition. We marched out of the town and up a hill. Once we stopped and the order came back to put out all cigarettes and not talking. A squadron of German planes swept by overhead. Their engines have a different hum than our own and it is very easy to distinguish them. We loaded our entire regiment on one of the truck trains—about 10 to 15 men to each truck. We expected the trucks to pull out anytime but when daylight came we were still in the same place.

Our ration cart came out from the town and brought us some breakfast. We stayed there all day expecting to go any minute. One of our officers told me there were three divisions waiting to move in as soon as we got the order.

It rained most of the day and that night we pitched our shelter tents beside the road but before midnight we got the order to move.

We rode until about daylight and the last hour of the ride we passed regiment after regiment of infantry marching towards the front.

We started at the foot of a hill

en trucks and wagons and dead horses and mules along both sides of the road. Some of them were still in the single file to get through. We stopped above the town and ate some of our hard tack and canned beef. We had had nothing to eat since the night before and not much sleep and had marched since daylight in the mud with about 90 pounds on our backs.

We went to work fixing the road that led from the town to the front lines. The Germans had been driven back about eight miles here and we were told that unless we got the artillery up we couldn't expect to hold it. We worked all day and part of the company was out all night. I worked with the company that afternoon and then went about two miles further towards the front to get some water. There was a good spring in the woods and that was all we could get without going back to the town. There was water everywhere in every shell hole but no one dared to drink any of that. Several places by the side of the road there were groups of wounded, both German and American. They were being taken out as fast as they could be. Some of them were able to sit up and some had walked in. All of these were taken out that night. The field artillery moved up in the night and all of the other wounded had to lay there in the woods for two days while the ammunition was going forward. The next night our wagons and horses got in, also our kitchen and we got a square meal again. Then one evening I heard something that no man in the company except myself had heard before and that in a somewhat different place. It was a Holt caterpillar tractor and it came crawling up the road pulling a six-inch rifle. There were others behind it and they kept coming until long into the night. I told some of the fellows we used those machines to plow with at home and I don't think many of them believed me. Some of them didn't think there was such a animal in America. We knew we would not be here much longer after that.

Our guns at the front kept pounding away night and day but we got very few shells from the German guns back as far as we were.

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ASH BROTHERS

ARMISTICE SAVED METZ

WAR HISTORY NOT REPTORIOUS MADE PUBLIC

Cornelius De Greeve Tells of Experiences in the Argonne and on the Meuse

"Just a day or two more and Metz, its owner town and all, would have been a heap of ruins," declares Cornelius De Greeve, one of La Grande's returning war veterans. "At 2 o'clock in the morning of November 11 orders were given out for every able-bodied man to be ready for action, and it was understood that the heavy field guns would be trained on the place where Prussianism was in undisputed triumph less than fifty years ago. But at 8 o'clock the orders were rescinded and the big bombardment did not come off and only a little later every gun was still."

"Don't you doubt that there would have been nothing left of Metz. We had the machinery to do the job and were anxious for it. The armistice came just in time to save Metz."

Mr. De Greeve, who was nineteen months in the service, was a member of the 228th field artillery of the famous Ninety-first. He was through practically all the heavy fighting in the Argonne and on the Meuse. He says that the hardest work was in the Argonne where for days but little advance could be made on account of the mud.

"The Huns were on the run all right," he says. "Our big difficulty was in keeping after them after we once got them going. The artillery would scarcely fire more than twenty rounds when orders would come to move forward, and this was the hard job in mud two feet deep. It sometimes took three heavy tractors to move one of the big guns. We had the French 55's, by all odds the most effective field pieces in the service. They had an accurate range anywhere from seven to twelve miles and all we needed, was the correct instructions from the observation men."

End Came Too Soon

It is the opinion of Mr. De Greeve that Germany was not sufficiently punished. "Within two months time," he says, "we would have put the larger portion of Germany in just the same condition that they inflicted on Belgium and France. Of course they were wise enough to see that it was no use to protect the struggle and they were willing to quit. It need be no surprise, in my opinion, if Germany is again fighting France before another twenty years rolls around. It would have been the means of more loss of life to go on, but not a great deal more either as far as the allies' losses were concerned. For I tell you that the whole German army was on the run as fast as they could get and they had no time for counter-attacks. They should have been made to know what war means and a few more weeks would have demonstrated it to them."

Mr. De Greeve has been a resident of this locality the past four or five years. He is a native of Amsterdam, but had taken out citizenship papers before he entered the service. He appears to be as well pleased to return to La Grande as any native born soldier could be and he says that this is the only country worth fighting for. "If the call should come I am ready to go back and do it all over again, I would have for the front tomorrow, if necessary."

Assignment of two steel steamships from San Francisco to carry flour out of Portland for the Atlantic coast for orders, was announced Thursday by C. D. Kennedy, head of the Portland branch of the division of operations of the Emergency Fleet corporation.

NOW IS THE TIME

to think about your car. The Standard Auto Repair shop, corner Adams and Fir, is doing very satisfactory work. ED CYR, Prop. 2-1-16

Expert tire repairs at Godfrey service station. A. E. Kelly. 4-8-1

County News

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with friends in Perry Saturday night and Sunday.

JOSEPH

The relief meetings which have been in progress for the last few weeks under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Jay, closed last Sunday evening. According to those in charge they were a success.

G. A. Adams of La Grande was in town last Friday on business.

Following several months of discussion as to what Joseph should do in regard to the proposition of either building a new school building or repairing the wrecked one, a special election was held last Saturday afternoon to decide this important question. Three propositions were on the ballot. The first suggested that the school board should be authorized to bond the district for \$20,000 to build a new building; the second, that the \$20,000 be raised by taxation to provide a new building. The count on the measures was as follows: Proposition No. 1, for 15 against 1; proposition No. 2, for 54 against 2; proposition No. 3, for 17 against 52. As the winning proposition (No. 2) carried, plans will now be considered for rebuilding, and work will probably be started in a short time. Bonds were sold to E. L. Devereaux and company for \$20,026, plus accrued interest.

G. S. Cantwell of the United States Geological survey, passed through Joseph the first of the week, after spending twelve days at the head of Lake Wallawa, gathering material for the use of government experts in compiling the report of the survey for the Blue mountains section. This report will be a part of a set of books, covering the whole country. During the twelve days spent in this vicinity Mr. Cantwell obtained an even hundred five specimens, including many varieties of amphibians, gophers, chipmunks and birds of all kinds.

A. E. Clawson, present superintendent of the Lostine schools, and a graduate of the Indian State university, has been elected to superintend the Joseph schools of learning next year. His wife has also been engaged as primary teacher. Applications for other positions are being considered by the school board. Among the members of the present faculty who have already been signed up for the coming year are: Miss Helen Schmitt, Florence W. Day, Alta Spaulding, Mildred Dean and Max Wilson.

Last Friday evening the Masonic hall was the scene of a lively and well attended meeting of the Joseph Commercial club. The meeting was called by Chairman T. H. Morelock for the purpose of receiving F. D. McCully's report on the Portland good roads meeting and to consider other matters of importance. In his report, Mr. McCully stated, among other things, that Wallawa county is in about as good a condition to finance the good roads proposition as any county in the state. This is due to the national forests that lay within the county boundaries. The state highway commission has agreed that three-quarters of a million dollars may be spent on Wallawa county roads if the people want it, the money to be furnished by the county, state and United States. June 3rd has been set as the time for the taxpayers to vote on this question.

For several years the various towns of the valley have attempted to start a bond, and they have—but a start is about as far as it went. Lately the idea of one bond for two towns was formulated, and the result is a Joseph-Epworth bond, better known as the Wallawa county bond.

Next Sunday evening the Epworth league will be led by Mrs. M. Forney of the high school faculty. A good meeting is expected. Young folks are invited to attend. The time is 7 p. m. and the place the auditorium of the M. E. church.

H. J. Rockenberry of Portland, the district teacher in point of service in the state, was in town the last of the week looking over the country. Mr. Rockenberry has taught fifty terms of school and in his own words, is "still young."

Mrs. Annie Bethel, who lives near Enterprise, came up the last of the week to visit her mother, Mrs. J. R. Bird.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Davis of O. K. Gulch died on the 19th of this month and was buried at Wallawa. The child was three months old. Mr. Davis was formerly a student in the local school. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have young friends here who sympathize with them in their sorrow.

Jack Wells and Oliver Clarke, two of the local boys who went to France to fight the Hun, returned this week. Henry Haylen is quite ill with an attack of his side.

John Linder, recently home from France, gave a splendid talk on his war experiences at the Nazareth church last Sunday afternoon.

Steve Hodge is very ill at his home in Joseph. Rheumatism is the fundamental cause of his illness.

ALICE

Marion, Sergeant Clarence Wells who has just returned from overseas, Mr. and Mrs. James Moss gave one of the most enjoyable dinner parties of the week at their pleasant country home at Albion.

Clarence Wells is a nephew of Mrs. McGowan and he and his wife, Mrs. J. J. Wells, are expected to arrive in the city on Monday to supper with his aunt and her family.

CATTLE COMING FOR BIG SALE

TOWNLEY AND DELAY SHIPMENTS ALREADY HERE

Visiting Stockmen Will Be Entertained by Ad. Club at Dinner Thursday Evening

(By P. H. Spillman, Co. agriculturist)

On Thursday, May 1st, the first consignment sale of pure bred Shorthorns will be held at 10 a. m. at the Fair Grounds in La Grande. When this sale was first announced there was considerable speculation as to whether it was a go or just talk among the people in this county. We must remember, however, that the breeder of pure bred livestock in this section when he once determines to do a thing he will do his part to make it a success. Our breeders are offering in this sale animals which they had not contemplated offering for sale in a number of cases. They realize, however, that they have an opportunity at the present time to establish a permanent spring sale at La Grande, and there will also be a fall sale held each year. The time of the spring sale however, will be early in season in future years, probably in February or March. The fall sales will undoubtedly be held the latter part of October.

Prizes to Be Awarded

Before being sold all the cattle entered in the sale will be passed upon by some competent judge, and there will be \$200 in premiums distributed among the winners. The placing of the cattle will be interesting and instructive. The sale will be under the management of Mr. Frank Brown Northwest Representative of the American Shorthorn Breeders Assn. Mr. Brown is a breeder of Shorthorns and lives at Carlton, Oregon. He has a national reputation as a Shorthorn judge and has recently acted as a judge at the Chicago International and was asked to judge the Shorthorns at the Argentine show at Buenos Aires, which is one of the largest cattle shows held in the world, but at the time the offer was made he could not accept. Col. Harry C. Crank of New Potosi, Idaho, will be the auctioneer. Col. Crank has cried numerous Shorthorn sales throughout the northwest, and is well known to Shorthorn men.

Our friend Tom Johnson who has been taking a very active interest in and encouraging the sale feels quite optimistic about it, being of the opinion that it will be quite a success.

Andrew Blokland, our well-known breeder of Hereford cattle is also much interested in this sale, and is doing all he can to make it a success. In fact, stockmen in general, whether they are breeders of this particular class of stock or not, are doing their part to make this sale a success for they realize that the more good stock we have within the county, regardless of breed, the more benefit they will derive from the same.

The cattle are arriving in La Grande at this time. One carload consigned by W. J. Townley and one by G. W. Delay, both of Hot Lake, are already on the ground. Others will probably arrive shortly.

Sale Accommodations

If the weather is favorable the sale will be held out-of-doors. If otherwise, it will be held at the old exhibit hall at the Fair Grounds. Every effort will be made to have accommodations for those present.

The Union County Ad Club will entertain the visiting stockmen at the Foley at 7:00 p. m. sharp after the sale, at which time the members of the Ad Club and the local and visiting stockmen will become better acquainted and discuss the happenings of the day.

"aunts, uncles and cousins by the dozens" began arriving and the guest of honor found himself a reception committee of one to meet and greet each new arriving delegation.

With the arrival of the last cousin supper was announced. It was not a formal meal. There were so many questions to be asked and answered everyone talked at once.

No one who has not been a member of a big family can know just what a jolly good time such a union can be. After supper the young folks gathered around the piano in the good old-fashioned way, singing the popular war songs, drifting from them to negro melodies, and from force of habit closing with the "Star-Spangled Banner." France is a long, long way away and Clarence, like the rest of our returned soldier boys, thinks there is no place quite so good as the old home town and no people quite so good as your own home folks. Those present besides the host and hostess and the guest of honor were:

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Clay Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wallinger and sons Tom, Jr. and Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wallinger, son Virgil and daughter Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Will Adler and daughter Genevieve, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fuller, Miss Bertha Wallinger, Miss Clara Gundra, Irwin Moss, Harold Wallinger, also two soldier friends in uniform, Arbee Thomas and Ralph Wells.

TELOCAST

Heard a Holbrook who recently bought a Ford car, are well pleased with their purchase.

The contract for the new \$6000 school house was awarded to Contractor A. J. Anderson of this place. The building will start immediately and is to be finished in the summer of 1920.

"EDITH CAVELL" The woman the Germans shot. Star, Saturday and Sunday.

LETTERS UNCALLED FOR
Lot of letters remaining uncalled for in the La Grande post office for the week ending April 25.

Gentlemen
C. F. Arkinson,
B. H. Baxter,
Sam Campbell, (2)
R. A. Fisher,
G. O. Hall,
L. M. Harris,
G. C. Kopp,
W. J. Kelly, (3)
Charley F. Schultz,
R. J. Walker.

Ladies
Mrs. Clara Dotson,
Mrs. Maggie M. Farris,
Mrs. C. S. Hanger,
Mrs. A. McDonald,
Miss Blanche Peterson,
Hattie E. Stein.

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County Ad Club at Arcade Theatre May 6th