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## SADLER CHARLES BULK BATTERY A, 14th F. A. HAS THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Brocourt, France, Dec. 2.  
Editor Herald: Will write a few lines and let you know I am still receiving the paper. It sure makes a fellow feel good to receive news from his home town. We would give our month's pay for news sometimes. We haven't had very much mail the last two months. When we move we always have to wait for our mail two or three weeks.

But since the war is over we are getting tired of staying over here. I guess the people in Portland celebrated when they heard the war was over. The French people sure did celebrate, and sure are happy. But the German soldiers are the happiest because they don't have to fight the American soldiers any more or stand up against the American artillery barrage. I don't believe there is a human being able to live under one.

When we first came to France we went to the biggest artillery school over here. It was at Saumur, France, and that sure was a beautiful country. They call it God's country, and I believe it is. But the people are altogether different, so is their morale. But we manage to get along with them all right.

The trains here are altogether different than our trains. They call them wagons. They are about 10 to 15 feet long and have no springs.

Saumur was the best town we were in since we were in France. It was a good town for Americans. They had quite a line of American articles. We left there the last of May and went to the front. Our first show we were in was at the Toul sector in the Lorraine front. We were there about three weeks, then we left there for the Alsace front. That was a beautiful country. There were quite a few German people there. We sure filled up on cherries, they were ripe when we were there.

When we left the Alsace front we went to the Chateau Thierry front. That was the real front for excitement. The first night we got bombed was in the Belleau woods, and there was some excitement. The Germans started toward Paris, but didn't go very far until they met the Yanks. Then they turned about face and started towards Germany. Then we drove them until we got to the town of Fismes on the Vesle river, where the Germans put up a stiff resistance for a couple of weeks. Then we left for the Soissons sector. Our battery fired 1500 shells into the town of Juvisy. That was the front where they bomber us every night. Whenever we heard the Boches machines coming we could never sleep until they were gone. Their engines sound something like this: "I'm a hun, I'm a hun, I'm a hun," and that sound sure puts the creeps in a person. Then the next thing we would hear would be a loud report, then the ground would tremble. Some of them they drop are about two feet in diameter and about three and a half feet long. So you know what a hole a bomb that large will make.

Some of the holes you could put a Mount Scott street car in.

We left that front and went out for a rest. We were out five days and then we left for the Verdun front. That was the front that saw the fighting. Our sector there was the Argonne-Meuse. We pulled in on September 23. The guns went into position on the 24, and on September 26 the first show started. The Americans and French had 2400 big guns there—6-inch to 14-inch railroad guns—and 1000 75s, or about three-inch guns, and when they all commenced firing there was just one continual rumble. That barrage lasted 27 hours. We went about 14 miles. Then myself and two other boys got a pass to the rear. We went to Bar-le-luc. We started out at 1:30 p. m. and started catching trucks going to the rear. We were about two and a half miles from Bar-le-luc when there was an air raid signal. We got off the road and started for a field, but we no sooner got started than the machine guns started. Then the tracer bullets began to rain heavy and we got under the eaves of a building and stayed there a minute. We started to cross the road again when the shrapnel commenced coming down from the anti-aircraft guns and we sure wished we had our helmets that night. We stood there for awhile. The next thing we heard a hissing coming down from above. Then we hugged the ground with our bread baskets. Then we saw a flash, then the report when the first bomb exploded. It was just across the road. We raised about a foot off the ground every time one went off. But I don't want any more that close. There sure was some excitement for a while.

The next day we started back again. We got home about 7 o'clock. About 5:30 the next morning they dropped a few more ash cans around us. They were about 240s, that is, about a 10-inch shell. The first went over and exploded about 100 yards from us. The second one exploded about 25 feet from us. It threw steel, dirt and everything all over our tents. But the third one was the one that made us move. It hit about five feet from our tent. There were tents all around. But I guess God was for us that day—it was a dud. It buried itself in the ground but never exploded. So we got out of range of the firing. That was a very early first call that morning.

On November 1 the last battle for freedom started. The barrage started about 3 o'clock in the morning and was still going on that evening. That was the last play the Boches played with us. Then on November 11 at 11 o'clock the last shot was fired—and the boys went wild. The Yankees fought the last winning battle. We participated in all the good shows except the St. Mihiel drive.

We saw our part of the war and did our bit, which it wasn't any fun to do. And Oregon can be proud of its field artillery—they are as good as any artillery over here and there aren't any batteries that can beat

## LOCAL RED CROSS IS TURNING OUT WORK

The local Red Cross auxiliary is still meeting in the Lents school sewing room, every Thursday from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. While the attendance is not as large as it should be, yet the workers are turning out an abundance of garments and knitting.

Since the end of the war a great many people do not seem to understand that the need for hospital garments, etc., which are furnished principally by the American Red Cross, is just as great as ever, and cannot stop just because peace has come. Some of our boys who were so badly wounded "over there" will have to remain in hospitals for months to come.

The work the auxiliary is doing at present is making convalescent garments.

The auxiliary has several elderly ladies who scarcely, if ever, miss a meeting, and they are justly proud of them. Two of these ladies, Mrs. Seeley, of Ninety-fourth street, and Mrs. Judd, of Eighty-fourth street, are over 80 years of age. Mrs. Seeley pieced a quilt top and donated it to the Red Cross, and several others donated the money to get cotton and lining, and went to Mrs. Seeley's home and quilted it. The quilt is for sale and is on exhibition in the Yott building, corner of Ninety-second street and Foster road. Grandma Judd is never absent, and the auxiliary ladies would feel lost if she failed to come.

Lents auxiliary was organized in June, 1917, and to date has made the following articles: 57 pillows, 41 slips, 28 tray cloths, 10 hot water bags, 11 ice bags, 14 bed sox, 105 handkerchiefs, 97 napkins, 60 tea towels, 8 knit squares, 12 substitutes for handkerchiefs, 78 bed shirts, 60 operating caps, 36 surgeons' aprons, 50 tape shirts, 22 T bandages, 99 body bands, 52 skull bands, 21 packages gun wipes, 120 arm slings, 124 shoulder wraps, 13 sheets, 109 pajama suits, 30 convalescent robes, 10 refugee shirts, 50 pinafores, 50 comfort kits, 40 girls' dresses, 26 bed jackets, 202 French kits, 117 pairs sox, 21 pairs wristlets, 73 sweaters, 4 scarfs, 9 helmets, 358 pieces.

Many packages of clean cloths for surgical work and also garments donated for Belgian and French refugees were handled by the local auxiliary, making a total of over 2000 articles.

## STAG PARTY HELD BY LENTS YOUNG MEN

A few of the Lents young single-footers held a stag party last Friday evening at the home of Donald McNeil, on Foster road. Those who took part in the midnight festivities were Reuben Morterud, Milton Katzky, Alfred Nygaard, Clarence O'Neil, and Donald and Gordon McNeil. A dandy good time was had by the boys.

them. We are waiting for our orders to go home now. I guess it will be three or four months before we return. But it will seem like that many years. We will sure be happy when we get back to Paradise again. Do not send the paper any more until I get back, for I guess we will be in the states about the same time this letter reaches you.

Yours truly,  
SADDLER CHAS. BULK,  
Bat. A, 147 F. A.,  
American E. F.

## YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS CHURCH

The ministerial association of Oregon yearly meeting of the Friends church will meet with the local church on Ninety-second street for a conference January 28, 29 and 30. This is the first time in the history of the local church that it has entertained this gathering.

Oregon yearly meeting territory includes the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Many important and interesting questions will be discussed by some of the ablest ministers in the denomination. The meetings will be open to the public and the services on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, January 28 and 29, will be especially interesting and inspiring. It is hoped the entire membership and the regular attendants as well will make arrangements to sit through the entire conference.

The opening session will be on Tuesday evening, January 28, and the closing session on Thursday afternoon, January 30.

Closely following the conference, on February 2 the local church will commence a series of evangelistic meetings with Rev. Harry Hays as evangelist. These meetings have been looked forward to for some time.

## LENTS GRANGE TO MEET ON SATURDAY

All newly-elected officers of Lents Grange are urged to be present next Saturday, January 11, for installation. The first and second degrees will be given at the morning session beginning at 10:30 a. m. The usual Grange dinner will be served at noon and the officers will be installed in the afternoon. Jack Welbus, past master of Russellville Grange, will be installing officer.

## COLONEL ROOSEVELT



Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt, who died unexpectedly at his home in Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sunday night.

## JOSEPH WOLFENDEN DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Joseph Wolfenden died at his residence on Fifty-eighth avenue Tuesday of influenza. Mrs. Wolfenden is also confined to her home with the same disease, and Mr. Wolfenden's mother and sister, Mrs. W. E. Whitman, are so low at the latter's home on Fifty-third avenue that they have not been told of his death.

## LENTS BOYS IN THE SERVICE IN BELGIUM



Four Lents boys are included in the above picture, namely, "Curly" Forbes, Fay Rayburn, Frank Rayburn and Paul Lent. Bert Moss, of Gresham, who is well known in Lents, is also in the group. They are members of the 363rd Ambulance Company, 316th Sanitary Train, attached to the famous 91st Division from Camp Lewis, which has been through some severe fighting both in France and Belgium. The division was in Belgium when the armistice was signed, where this picture was taken. The unit is now en route home, and that the Lents boys will receive a rousing welcome goes without saying. In the original photograph holes can be seen in the side of the ambulance made by shrapnel. Two German helmets, trophies of battle, hang on the side of the car.

## AUTOMOBILE SIGNAL IS INVENTED HERE

An auto signal, mirror and spotlight combined, called a mir-rir-lite, has been invented and is being put on the market by A. W. Johnson, of 4839 Eighty-seventh street. The device consists of a hollow rod about 12 inches long which is clamped on the windshield at right angles to the car, on the outer end of which is mounted a mirror and signal. The spotlight is mounted on the end of the rod next to the car.

The driver can see traffic behind him in the mirror while driving, then when desiring to turn he merely turns a small switch and the signal is brought into position in place of the mirror, and the driver of the machine following is warned of the impending change in direction of the first machine. The signal has an electric light inside, is enclosed with red glass and has the word "Turn" in large letters.

The spotlight and signal are lighted from the magneto of Fords and from the batteries of other cars. The device is compact and very neat in appearance.

Mr. Johnson has a temporary machine shop fitted up in his garage but intends to move to larger quarters down town. He has orders for large numbers of the signals and has about 1500 manufactured ready to be assembled. The signal will be sold to wholesalers only and will retail for \$10, making the complete mirror, signal and spotlight little more expensive than spotlights alone of other makes.

## PROFESSOR O'MEALY'S FAMILY IS RECOVERING

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Pressnall, of Brighton, Ore., parents of Mrs. B. A. O'Mealy, are at the O'Mealy home at 3810 Seventy-sixth street. They came up to assist in caring for their daughter and family in their illness. Five of the O'Mealy children were confined to their beds at one time suffering from influenza. Mrs. O'Mealy is just recovering from a serious illness which began with tonsillitis but finally developed into a serious case of quinsy. Her throat was lanced twice without securing relief for her, but finally the gathering broke. All the members of the family are well out of danger at present and Prof. O'Mealy, who is a teacher in the High School of Commerce, resumed his duties Monday.

Alice Carr, of 6116 Ninety-first street, is reported sick with influenza.

## A SCHOOL OF METHODS TO BE HELD JAN. 14-18

At the last meeting of the executive committee of the Multnomah County Sunday School association, final arrangements were completed for putting on the school of methods to be held in the White Temple January 14-18, inclusive. The afternoon sessions will begin at 3 and the evening sessions at 7:30. Prominent pastors and local Sunday school workers will be assisted by Harold F. Humbert, general secretary of the Oregon State Sunday School association; Walter Moore and J. H. Matthews, general secretaries of the Western Washington Sunday School association, and Mrs. E. C. Napp, of Spokane. Mr. Napp is general secretary of the Inland Empire association. The four-day school of methods is a new departure in this county, taking the place of the annual county convention which has been held formerly. The plan has been very successful in other cities and much good is expected to be derived from the series here by those interested in any feature of the Sunday school work, as the program is a very comprehensive one, covering the whole field of Sunday school endeavor.

## BOY CLAIMED HE WAS KIDNAPPED

A lost boy, Dick Jacobson, was picked up on Buckley avenue last Friday afternoon and turned over to Deputy Sheriff E. M. Calkins at Gilbert station.

The boy claimed he had been blindfolded and kidnapped by two men on leaving the Alberta public library the day before, and had no recollection of where he had been taken or where he had spent the night.

He was about 14 years old, appeared to be honest and intelligent, and Mr. Calkins is inclined to believe he told the truth. The boy's parents live on East Tenth street between Knott and Beech, and his father came after him when notified of his whereabouts.

## HOWE RECOVERING FROM PNEUMONIA

John Howe, formerly postmaster at Lents Station but now in the postal service down town, is recovering from a very serious attack of pneumonia. It was thought the first of the week that he could not live, but he is now considered out of danger.

Bert Hollenbeck, of Newberg, was transacting business and greeting old friends in Lents last week.