

PRINEVILLE BOYS ARE IN CRACK REGIMENT

WERE IN SQUADS THAT WERE REVIEWED BY THE PRES.

ALWAYS READY TO GO OVER TOP

Oren Jones, Ralph Sylvester and Ora Doering are in this Regiment Stationed at Camp Meade

Oren Jones, Ralph Sylvester and Ora Doering are members of Company L, 63rd Regiment, and were among those selected to be reviewed by the president. The following account of this regiment was published in a New York newspaper:

One regiment in Camp Meade is being pointed out by competent military critics as the best in the United States at this time, possibly as good as any in France today. It is the Sixty-third Infantry. "Flu" has not made a dent in this organization. The enrollment of 1,000 or more recruits has not lowered its effectiveness. Here is an outfit ready to go right over the top tomorrow and meet any regiment the Kaiser has in his army. It is easy to explain this. To begin with the last proposition first—that of the newly-enrolled recruits. These are men who were carefully picked. Men of recent drafts not up to the requirements for a fighting organization were held in the Depot Brigade for development.

Many of the just-21 men were taken into this regiment. The backbone of the organization was the old Sixty-third and the old Twelfth Infantry. Thus many of the non-commissioned officers have seen service in Mexico. Many are ranchmen of the Far West who enlisted when war was declared and who have yearned day by day to go to France, and each day have become more proficient as fighters, more eager for the fray. This regiment has a band that is said to be the best now in the United States and possibly as good as any in the army. If the medical and military authorities might feel like braving the "flu" this organization could give any city a parade that would stir up the crowds to the shouting point and would thereby give "pep" to any patriotic campaign.

Hood River, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Allen, of the Central Vale community, Charles W. Allen, who was recently transferred from the Presidio at San Francisco to Camp Meade, Maryland, tells of an interesting visit to Washington where the men were reviewed by President Wilson, attaches of European and South American countries and members of the diplomatic corps. Mr. Allen is a member of Company M, 63rd Regiment. Harry Dobson, another Hood River boy, is also a member of this regiment.

"Squads of each company were chosen to visit the capital and parade before the president and be greeted by him," writes Mr. Allen. "I will never forget that day as we swung down Pennsylvania avenue. It was inspiring, and we were cheered by the people."

"Our trip across the continent also was something to remember. There were twelve trainloads of us, the trains not over 10 hours apart. We stopped en route at principal cities, and thus learned something of the United States."

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The following letter was received recently from Earl H. Brent, who has been in active service over there for several months:

Just a few lines to let you know that I am among the living and getting along O. K.

I am again on the front and I expect to put in another winter close up and of course all of the boys fight for a chance to be here where things are lively. They like that much better than they do being back further.

When I pick out what machines and drivers that I think will carry on the business assigned me it is a trying moment, often it is impossible to take all of them and some of the drivers are disappointed and feel as though they have not been given a square deal, so that is the feeling that exists among our boys in France.

All my drivers have been running on roads that were plainly visible to the Germans and not one even hinted about the danger when crossing those open places that they had to cross ten or twelve times a day.

Things have changed since early yesterday morning, and now I do not know one of the roads we are using that are in view of the enemy, for at one o'clock yesterday the Germans tried to cross our front line and as a result our boys opened up and are still going, and the prisoners passed

here all day yesterday and last night until I went to sleep I could hear them tramping through the mud on their way to the prison camps behind the lines, how many thousands I cannot say but probably by this time you have the full report. I am sorry that I cannot send you some souvenirs for your collection. If I could, I would be able to send you some fine German arms, and knives, belts, as well as anything else they are equipped with.

I have seen and heard the French barrage fire for days and seems to me that their fire is more intensive than our fire, but it must not be so effective. I asked one of our military officers why it was and he said that when the Bosche knew that it was the Americans firing at them they gave little resistance and said that not once did they use all our guns as it was not necessary, and when the boys go over the top it is hard to find the enemy's infantry which has fled for their lives and given up whole companies at a time.

Yesterday I was standing at one of the receiving stations when they were searching the prisoners for hidden weapons, etc., and one young prisoner who could speak English said that he was worn out fighting and could hardly stand up in the mud any longer, and that his officer hit him across the face and caused a large wound. Which goes to show that they do not want to stand up against the American and the Canadian soldiers, but would rather be taken prisoner where they get fair treatment and white bread to eat.

I saw a piece of their bread which some of them were gnawing at, and it is a crime that a human being must exist on such black and dirty food.

Yesterday morning at daylight, although raining and the wind blowing, the air was alive with hundreds of American planes. And yesterday when the Germans should have been the thickest, I never saw one of them, which again shows that we hold the supremacy of the air, and when they figure on winning this war is more

than I am able to figure out, after being here for a year.

In order to try and win a point, they have used our own or the French markings on their planes, used allied uniforms and even used the Red Cross insignia on their machine gunners, used prisoners to dig front line trenches where they would be in great danger from the fire of probably their own brothers, and what have they accomplished—a deep hatred which is embedded in the minds of all our soldiers who are fighting them, and when it comes to a chance and the allies with this thought burning deep into their very souls, and the remembrance of small children with their hands cut off by German swords and women and girls who have been taken away by the retreating Huns, of dastardly cowards who know every crime, then you will begin to understand that when we are to make a charge of one mile, often our troops penetrate four or five miles before they can be stopped, and is it any wonder that a handful of our boys killed and captured the pride of Germany's army, the Prussian Guards.

Can you imagine what has been done by the United States in one and a half years of war, when I tell you that I have seen truck trains that took from one to four hours to pass, to say nothing of the automobiles and of the gas, oil and tires that it takes to keep these masses going 24 hours a day, and to say nothing of the motorcycles by the thousands. And even that does not comprise our transport service. We have thousands of horses, wagons, tractors, caterpillars and tanks, and planes. From this you can draw your own conclusions of the wonderful work that has been accomplished by our great country.

I am sorry that I cannot write you more at this time and hope that this letter will find you and the wife and children well.

I want to thank you for the photos that you sent me, and also for your kind letters which all go to make life for us more cheerful and bright. I am now in charge of the motor

transport of the 15th Company, 20th Engineers, A. E. F., which will be my future address.

Will close for this time. Hope that you can read this without an interpreter, and that you will give my best regards to my friends.

FOUR PRINEVILLE BOYS ARE IN 42ND DIVISION

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"For your services in Lorraine, your division was formally commended in General Orders by the French Army Corps under which you served. For your services in Champagne, your assembled officers received the personal thanks and commendation of General Gouraud himself. For your services on the Ourcq, your division was officially complimented in a letter from the Commanding General, 1st Army Corps, of July 23, 1918.

"To your success, all ranks and all services have contributed, and I desire to express to every man in my

command my appreciation of his devoted and courageous effort.

"However, our position places a burden of responsibility upon us which we must strive to bear steadily forward without faltering. To our comrades who have fallen, we owe the sacred obligation of maintaining the reputation which they died to establish. The influence of our performance on our allies and our enemies cannot be over-estimated, for we were one of the first divisions sent from our country to France to show the world that Americans can fight.

"Hard battles and long campaigns lie before us. Only by ceaseless preparation can we fit ourselves for them. I urge you, therefore, to approach the future with confidence but above all with firm determination that so far as it is in your power you will spare no effort whether in training or combat to maintain the record of our division and the honor of our country.

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