SHELLS WHISTLE AS BOYS WRITE

Clackamas Soldiers Give Graphic Stories of Life in France

Eric Larson, of Clackamas county. and who is with Company K, 162 U.

letter appears below: "Somewhere in France,

"Dear Folks at Home: "Here goes for a few lines to cheer

one of the glad boys too.

the green grass and take a sun bath. Seems like home again.

"Suppose you are out 'joy riding' tonight. I bet the kiddles are delight- with the sun shining quite regularly would be if I were home. Oh, well, I'll ing at 56 degrees F. . get back bye and bye, and then I can ride as well.

longer, and will bring this to a close. "From your dear boy in khaki, "Erick Larson

"Company K. 162 Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces.'

as, of Marquam, and forwarded to made a sergeant, the young man's aunt, Mrs. Alice E. Quinn, of this city.

The letter is as follows:

"Dear Mother and Father:

"Somewhere in France, "June 6, 1918.

since I have written you.

you folks for several days, this may ing and a time quite exciting. be due to my being transferred to an-

historical. There is an old cathedral scenery to this. or church here that has quite a his-Rome

"The weather is very pleasant at tat! tat! tat! and that is all. the present time, and the country,

these, and do not see how anybody and come a sneaking up on you to another house.

they retire at night all the doors are closed and also the windows.

"Just above where I sleep is one of the finest springs I ever saw. The water comes from the hillside, and is walled up with rock.

"I am writing this letter at the Y M. C. A. headquarters, and is located in a rather nice appearing building. The building was heretofore used as a restaurant or store.

Well, as news is scarce in this section, will close now, and will write at a later date.

"PRIVATE C. O. THOMAS, "M. G. Company 163 Infantry, A. E.

"With love

THE CLASS CONTRACTOR OF THE CAMERICAN PROPERTY OF THE CONTRACTOR O "Somewhere in a Dug-Out-Sometime near Midnight, some day in S. Infantry writes to Marquam, Clack- July," is the unique starting of a letamas county, from France, and the ter to Mrs. S. J. Jones, of Parkplace, that position for twelve hours our of

Company B, 29th Engineers, F. Sec beef hash, and can smell it for miles. tion a former Parkplace boy. "I have just received your letter you up, and show you that I do want with nine others, the first I have rethat we do not live very far away. you to get a letter from me often. The ceived for some time, in fact, for over mail has been so slow about coming, three weeks. You see our mail comes and many of the boys here have not kind of in 'spirts,' and when it does received letters for three weeks. I arrive, we sure appreciate it to the full- ette would be a welcome place for us. have received several letters from est extent, I tell you. I don't think I Two other blokes' and myself went home, and do not feel so anxious ever remembered my supper when the mail arrived, and that's going and went in. Well, it was so cold that "You should see the boys when the some, I'll tell you when I miss a meal, yell comes that 'mail' has arrived in for in the first place it isn't good simply froze in my throat, and it was camp. They sure are happy, and I am policy, and in the second place where necessary to get a blow torch to thaw in this wide world could we make up it out. This is no 'kidding.' "Everything is fine and dandy with for a missed meal of boneless chick-

me, and am getting to like France bet- en, as we call corn beef around our ter since the good, old sun has come camp? You see we camouflage the days ago, and shone down, but it was and brightened up this side of the name, and imagine it tastes better, a chilly sort of a shine to my notion world. Gee, it's nice to lie down in but it's corn beef just the same, no and the thermometer only registered matter what we call it, and can't be 58 degrees, and towards evening went anything else.

"The weather is a little better now,

"I have a good combination in writ-Well, the band is playing, 'bud- Prench envelope, French ink and an did you, and walked up to the front dies' singing, and I can't sit still any American pen. I wouldn't trade my line with a cane like there was noth-

company, and haven't heard from it hat, and thoughts of corn beef, which Clarence A. Thomas (well known I am the only one here from the old osition, and should be 'canned' and Clackamas county boy, has written to company, so you know I only know left that way. his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Thom- about E. Smith. I heard he had been

months, although we have gas mask not return it, as I do not need it at inspection every Sunday, and I am on all. duty 12 hours out of every 36 hours. I am an observer for the artillery in and when writing, tell me a little a hound ranging section, and have more of what's going on over there." "Will try and write a few lines this charge of this post, and the other five evening as it has been several days observers and the place is called 'Fraser.' That is all I can tell you "I have not received any mail from about our work, and it is very interest-

"I hear quite a rumble over to our left. Guess they are trying to cele- City, N. J. "The town, where I am now station- brate something. Seems like they ed, is one of the nicest towns I have would know when they were licked seen since I have been in France, and over there, and surrender, so I could is also one of the oldest and most start home as I prefer American

"Down there is an old ruined town, off today for myself. tory, and I remember of reading of it which looks ghostly in the moonlight, in general history. I also saw a wall and when lights are shooting up and amination for a pilot and passed it that Caesar built, when he was ruling making daylight out of things, and occasionally a machine gun goes rat!

where I am stationed, is ornamented front, though now and again he throws they elected to pass me on that count. with various kinds of trees and flow- over a few iron rations just to make They say that only 40 per cent of the ed Saturday, following a busy three ers which make it a most attractive things uncomfortable, and remind us men who pass the physical exam get day session for the August term. The place, especially at this time of the that the war is still going on, but then by the board of examiners, so if I proposed Douglas road in Sec. 3, Tp.

built on the hillsides, and resemble at daybreak is the greatest time to be well posted on all subjects pertain- equal number of both on the respecthe cliff dwellers you read of in see things you ever heard of. Why, all ing to the here, and heretofore, and tive documents. The court ordered the Switzerland. I have been inside of those parts out there begin to get up, they surely probe around in your road referred to the viewers to make could live in such a place. Some of the other night I thought sure I saw where he is.

> "Your loving nephew, "CORPORAL JOHN FRASER."

Miss Mary Lucas is in receipt of a of Company B, 29th Engineers, Sec- Thanks. tion F, A. P. O. 714, American Exwhich appears herewith:

"Somewhere in a Dugout, July 7, 'Dear Mary:

"I feel quite honored, as I have just around them."

received ten letters, the first I have Overseas Athletic Director received for a month.

"Well, the first thing I must dispose of is the weather, which always is an important topic, and not to be slighted in this woe-be-gone time of news, where we have to wait till the papers come to find out what is going on right out here in front of us, so don't expect news of wonderful na-

"I have gotten to be quite an observer now, as that is what I am up there in the front line. I am holding written by Corporal John H. Fraser, 36, but I have a keen scent for corn We walk up from here, and it takes just half an hour, and you can see Army postoffice is a good definition as near as I can figure.

"I don't know but what the Willamdown to a little stream the other day, when I drank my tea that night it

"Oh, yes, as I was speaking about the weather, the sun came out a few down to 42 degrees. I drew my mack naw collar up around my ears and ran up and down the trench to keep warm ed over the machine, and I know I lately, with the thermometer register and cussed sunny France in French so there would be no mistake.

> "You didn't know we wore nice O. ing today—English stationery and D. mackinaws with belts on over here old fountain pen off for a good many ing going on, and as if we were strolling down Broadway in Parkplace "I do not know much about my old with 'no think' on our minds, but a tin since I left except indirectly. Guess my French pal claims is 'par bon,'

"I hear Fritz's iron rations sailing over to him, and I hope they will do "We haven't drilled for over three him lots of good, only I wish he would

> "Well, I must close for the present (Fraser is a former Parkplace boy, and has been in France over a year.)

> A letter has been received by Mrs. Louis Vierhus from her son, Alvin, who is in a training camp in Jersey "Jersey City, N. J., July 23, 1918.

'Dear Mother: "This has been a busy season for

me for the last two weeks, but things have eased up quite a bit and I've put "Last Friday I took the physical ex-

easily. I surely knew I had taken it when I was through. Saturday I underwent a mental 3rd degree by the "Everything is quite on the western examinary board in New York, and place, especially at this time of the year. There are many vineyards and gardens.

I know it is, so he feedn't mind it on never get anything out of it I'll have that much satisfaction of knowing bitter fight between petitioners and the huts and hotels in the various camps and cantonments. These build-"Along about 3:30 or 4 o'clock, just that I got by those men. They seem to remonstrators and the court found an ings also contain rest and bed rooms

the boys of our company were camped one stooping over and wasking in my my nose, and as you know it has been run through the lands of C. H. Platt itles are welcome. Spiritual advice is in them for several days, but moved direction, so I threw a shell in the subjected to considerable abuse in the and Sarah A. Beckett, following along chamber and drew up a bead on him, past, so I must have a bone or two a ravine in order to do away with the "The French do not believe in hay, and waited so as he would not get scraped and a cartlidge or so removed. present hill. ing fresh air like we Americans. When any closer, I am still awaiting him, That's why I have so much time tobut I've got the shell waiting too, so day. I am waiting to be taken to the which a roadway was asked through to strengthen faith and hope. These are not only "working overtime" but organization is Mrs. R. W. Porter, I guess he has decided to stay just hospital in Hoboken. The operation as lands of Fred Bechill in Sec. 30, T. 2 performed.

box of Hershey's. They were in fine struct a proper fence. letter from Corporal John H. Fraser shape and I surely appreciate them.

"The mercury stands around 95 depeditionary Forces, France. This let- grees here these days and it is mighty ter was written "Somewhere In A close in the cities. I really can't see Dugout" in France, and a portion of why people must live like they do and has been assisting in the care of Amcrowded that one can't enjoy himself

MOLE SKIN INDUSTRY

The County Agent has just distributed \$125.65 to the boys and girls of Clackamas County for mole skins. There were 514 pelts marketed during July, being an average of nearly 25c each. Additional skins have been coming in to the County Agent's office so that another shipment will be made at the end of August. This is pure gain from every point of view, except

o fthe mole. He gets what is coming to him. The boys and girls get the money as well as the fun. The farmer or gardener gets relief from the "land submarine" and the furrier gets the skins which finally the rich lady gets in the form of a collarette. What could be nicer?

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Two licenses were issued by Clerk Harrington Wednesday, Ralph H. Scott, of Oregon City, and Miss Violet Lambert were given permission to wed: Florence Trullinger and Ralph E. Lambert, of 2109 Division Street also obtained a license.

GIRLS EMPLOYED

Among the Oregon City girls anxious to do their bit during the absence of some of the men in France are the Misses Anna and Blanche Lennon, During the absence of Alfred Bigger, who is serving his country in France, and who has assisted his banking house of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. boards from several counties were father, H. J. Bigger, in carrying on has become a chevalier of the Legion present. the business of the Oregon City green. of Honor. The French government house, these two girls are now per- conferred this decoration in recogniforming some of the duties of the sol- tion of Mr. Kahn's services for the dier boy. They have tied over 2000 allies. He was born in Germany, and plants, stringing them to the ceiling of he went later to London in the bank- Linnton Company is now completed the greenhouse, besides performing ing business. Afterward he came to and is ready for sending down the other duties. The weather has been the United States, and although he logs into the river. Logs will be somewhat tropical at times while had strong banking connections in brought over the Willamette Valley working there, but this was the least Germany at the beginning of the war Southern Railway from the Beaver of the girls' troubles and they are al- he became an ardent champion of the Creek and Molalla sections, and are ways at their job on time.

for the K. of C. COURTS ARE ASKED TO AID SETTLEMENT OF DOMESTIC GRIEF

the Salvation Army.

officers being in charge,

Salvation Army)."

by the local board at this time.

passage of the act by Congress.

LOG CHUTE COMPLETE

to be used in the ship yards of Port-

land and other manufacturing plants.



Johnny Evers, famous baseball player, who has left the diamond and joined the Knights of Columbus War Work Forces, Mr. Evers will be in full charge of the athletic work of this organization among the American soldiers in France and because of his wide experience in this line of work, it is expected that the American boys

CONTROVERSY OVER ROADS COMES OUT AT COURT HEARING the battle area say these club rooms are always crowded.

County court temporarily adjourna careful examination of the premises "The only thing wrong with me was in question. The proposed road is to

In the A. Larson roadway matter, in you know amounts to nothing, but I S. 7 E., the court ordered the roadhave to move over there to have it way opened, assessing damages at \$10 and ordering this sum to be paid "I received your cake and Ellen's by petitioners, who are also to con-

WANT HOME NEWS

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.-Responding to a plea from a woman in Paris who still they seem to be as happy as far erican wounded in France, Colonel as happiness goes around these parts. Theodore Roosevelt has issued an ap-The resorts like Coney Island are so peal for the sending of American n wspapers to United States soldiers in French hospitals.

France Honors Banker Who Was Born a German



Otto Kahn, partner in the great cause of the allies.

IN SOCIETY CIRCLES

A very pleasant day was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hardesty, of Hubbard, Route 2, on Sunday, July 21, when a number of Oscar McMillan boasted once too friends met at their home and pre- Improvement Club interested in our often of his feminine conquests to sented Mrs. Hardesty with a hand-isoldier boys "here and over there," a his wife, Hannah McMillan. Yester- some easy chair, which was a real few days ago turned over to the Honor day she filed suit for divorce charge surprise to her, but was gratefully re- Guard Girls of this city the following ing that he bragged altogether too ceived. A delicious dinner was served articles to be sent to Camp Lewis: 5 much concerning his laison affairs at the noon hour, which was enjoyed dish towels, 46 face masks, many rolls with other women. The McMillans by all. During the evening ice cream of white cotton cloth, besides other were married in September, 1915. and cake were served.

Hilda A. Rath charges that Peter Those present were Mr. and Mrs. the soldiers. Rath tramped around nights too much Phill Hastie, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sam- Two boys from Maple Lane, mem a divorce on cruel and inhuman Mr. Eben Hastie, Mrs. Ellen Garrett, camp. and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hardesty.

PRFPARATIONS MADE FOR ful school teachers, who has many tering the service. Two former county ARMY WORK WAR DRIVE the community in which she lives, has and werner, are members of the or-unfortunately been confined to her ganization and now in service. Wer-home for several months with paral-ner is in France and Arens is at Camp ysis. She seems to be improving, and Lewis. her many friends hope for her re-"The people of Oregon seem to covery. Mrs. Hardesty is a sister of know pretty well about the war work of the Salvation Army and their sym-City. of the Salvation Army and their sym- City. pathetic understanding is a great help

in perfecting our plans for the state-Ennis E. Gabriel, Oregon City candy wide campaign which will open the manufacturer, stole a march on his third week in September, when we many friends here and slipped away expect to raise \$25,000 throughout the to the home of his sister, Mrs. Clarstate exclusive of Portland," said ence Stanley, at Tillamook, where he Evangelist John M. Linden, of Chi- was married to Miss Myrtle Cabill, of cago, who has come west to manage Portland, on Monday night. The couple this campaign. "I will have ready for made the trip to the coast by autoannouncement within a few days my mobile. The ceremony was performed mittee, with headquarters in Portland, assistant district campaign managers at 8:30, with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley conducting a drive for the benefit of and county chairmen, who are chair- acting as best man and matron or hon- the Belgian and French babies, have men of the Oregon division of the or. Council of National Defense, the ex-

ecutive secretary, John K. Kollock, city yesterday. They were guests last are to be placed at various business and I are now being busy perfecting evening at an informal party when a houses in Clackamas county, and will The splendid work which the Salva of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bartholemew. Mrs. Rosina Fouts Evans, of this city, tionists are doing both overseas and Mr. and Mrs. James Loder, Miss Dor- will have charge of collecting botat home is told in this summary; othy Cahill and Miss Glayds Hamm, ties for Clackamas county. One hund-In each war hut is a restaurant or came up to aid in celebrating the red quart bottles are needed, and it canteen; the cooking is done by wo nuptials. men of the Salvation Army from the

United States and is delivered to the tive service increment for the Ben- bottles have been received by Mrs. soldiers in the trenches. The women son Polytechnic school in Portland, Evans. By dropping in your mite you of the Salvation army brave the dang- where he will take training for the U. are doing your bit for a baby - Belers of the shelled zone, along the fir- S. Army. The bride will reside with gium or France, many of whom have ing line. Officers and men of the fore- her folks in Portland while the groom lost their mother or their father and es of the United States are loud in attends to the business of war. Dur- other relatives. their praises of the home cooking of ing his absence from the city his establishment will be under the man- left at the Liberty Temple in this city In each war but is a club room for agement of his sister, Miss Reta Gab- on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. soldiers. Here they find good cheer. welcome, friendship, instrumental

music and singing, magazines, newspapers and stationery. Reports from Marriage licenses were granted to babies. They need it. officers in France and elsewhere in the following on Saturday at Vancouver, Wash.: M. G. Jones, of Oregon For mothers, sisters or wives of land; Michael Sarsfield, of Portland, soldiers the Salvation Army has esand Sarah Gibbons, of Oregon City. tablished a "Folks From Home" de-

partment. There are those sweet and 'Work Or Fight Ax' tender confidences which mark a farewell and these can be exchanged Says Mr. Eby To Hens for women, wives of Salvation Army In Dark, Early Dawn to the Red Cross for socks for the In each war but short, bright relig-

lous meetings are held. Attendance is and remark that Attorney O. D. Eby's their work with energy, although voluntary-all creeds and nationalpatriotic zeal and work imbues every- these women have worked diligently body with whom he comes in contact through the summer months making given by Salvation Army officers, each with like enthusiasm; but it is not soldiers' socks. The Knitting Club is of whom is experienced in meeting generally known that this influence in charge of Mrs. M. E. LaSalle, of the moral and spiritual needs of men. has extended to his poultry yard of Gladstone. Songs and instrumental music tend Rhode Island Red hens and that they Among the busy knitters of this meetings are always largely attended. are producing abnormally large eggs. who will be 80 years of age this There is plenty of good work for all Some of these eggs measure 81/2x71/2 month. She has made 60 pairs of of the organizations and any fear that inches in circumference. Mr. Eby socks; Mrs. Webster, who is 62 years there may be duplication of effort and says, "They sure have to do this or of age, has made 58 pairs, and Mrs. expenditure, is dispelled by this state- their heads will come off. I'll not have M. A. LaSalle, who has reached her ment of John R. Mott general secrethem around unless they do their 60th birthday, has, as the others, done tary, international committee Y. M. bit." Some of Eby's neighbors are her bit by making 60 pairs of socks said to have seen mysterious lights for the soldier boys. "There seems to be as far as I can and heard "noises" in the hen house learn not only delightful unity and at the Eby home early mornings, and understanding, but absence of duplicalit is suspected that he "shoos" the tremors extending from East t oWest tion (as to the Y. M. C. A. and the hens off the roosts long before day and lasting about four minutes were light and makes them "get busy." If recorded by the University of Washfound to be true, others may do like ington seiscograph here early yester-WILL WEED OUT SLACKERS

MAPLE LANE PEOPLE REMEMBER BOYS WHO HAVE ANSWERED CALL

articles that will come in handy for

for true domestic bliss and claims son, Mr. and Mrs. J. K Hart, Mr. and bers of the Maple Lane Improvement that he on various occasions would re- Mrs. Gilbert Long. Mrs. Mary Mc- Club, are stationed at Camp Lewis, fuse the carefully prepared meals that Cormack, Miss Dolly McCormack, These are Lyman Derrick and Eugene she cooked for him. She would have Miss Nellie Hastle, Miss Ethel Strong, Horton, who recently left for that

The Maple Lane Improvement Club Mrs. Hardesty, for many years one has a service flag, and already has of Clackamas county's most success- seven stars representing members enfriends and acquaintances throughout agriculturists, R. W. Azens and Richthe community in which she lives, has ard Werner, are members of the or-

IN OREGON CITY FOR

The Belgian and French Relief Comarranged to carry on the drive The happy couple returned to this throughout Clackamas county. Bottles party of Portland relatives, composed be distributed by competent women. is desired to have these contributed. Mr. Gabriel departs with the selec- Tops and cards to be placed on the Donations of the bottles are to be

Mrs. Evans will be on hand to receive them. They will be greatly appreciat-VANCOUVER MARRIAGE LICENSES ed. Don't forget to do your bit for the

AND STILL HARD AT **WORK KNITTING SOX**

There has been an S. O. S. call sent soldiers, and the members of the It is a matter of public knowledge Gladstone Knitting Club will resume

day.



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