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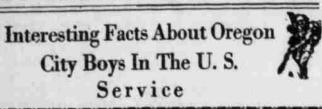
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#### BOYS OVER HERE-OVER THERE



letter written December 10, showing my best regards to all, I am the appreciation of a soldier in re-States. This was written by young man, who was receiving medical treatment in a hospital at Bordeaux, and to France

The following is the letter: Bordeaux, December 10, 1918. Dear Friend:

Base 22. As an ex-Oregonian, from tille, France. He says: Portland, your address attracted my "Dear Brother Joe: notice.

"Your magazine is doing its 'bit!"

"SERGEANT R. T. PATTON, "Tank Corps, U. S. Army."

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In a letter from Luxemburg, Germany, written by Charles Richardson to his mother, Mrs. C. W. Richardson, dated November 28, he says: "My Darling Mother:

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am all O. .K. I just came off guard about an hour ago. I received a big bundle of papers from you vesterday. Maybe you think that Sergeant ter. Kent Moody and I didn't look them over! Especially the Oregon City Enterprises.

"Well, Mother, we spent Thanksgiving in Luxemburg; Christmas in Germany, and I think we will spend St, Patrick's day in the U. S ,A., the best place in the world.

"Say, Mother, tell the girls that worked for the Enterprise Patriotic fund that I thank them very much for what they done for the boys of Clackamas county. Never received my greenback but I know they sent it. Probably it was sunk, but we know they worked hard for us, and tell them we sure appreciated it.

"Give everybody in dear old Oregon City my best regards."

MI MI MI Private J. M. Rissberger, son of Mr.

Vancouver, Wash., having learned the about is the Salvation Army and the telegraphic trade while in Oregon Red Cross. They think they are the City. He left Camp Lewis June 27 best things in the world. The Salvaand since that time has kept an inter- tion Army women made coffee and esting diary of each day. This was doughnuts and took these to the boys forwarded to his parents this week, in the trenches. They say 'God bless and from this the Young man has seen the Red Cross; God bless the Salvamuch of the world since leaving Camp tion Army.' Lewis. Among the places he has been chester, England; Southampton, Eng- time. land; LaHavre, France; Odovol, Bonnett, Sarcey, Vivincourt, where he band.' slept in the woods: Auzville, Camouflage, where he prepared for the big close for tonight. drive in the Argonne forest. The drive started September 26 ,at 2 A. M., Juoy, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Nattancourt, Contrission, and passing Year, through Paris at 10 A. M., arriving in Fiverdinghe, Belgium, October 18, at 5 A. M., passing through Ypres, arriving on October 20 at 5 P. M., at Oostniewkerke, and leaving there October 25 at 12:30. Den App was reached at 2 P. M., where he remained until Octo- card from Sergeant Chester G. Strykber 28. Other places passing through er of the Artillery, written at Lussac were Iseghem, Oastrosebecke, Aude De Libourne, Cironde, France, and is narde, where he was stationed when as follows: the news of the armistice being signed "Dear Doctor: was heard; Michelbeke, Elene, Dickplace he wrote the letter dated Decem- with me. I will tell you a lot of it ber 8.

The Women's Patriotic Edition of ceived the following letter from Priyoung women for the dollar greenback country cannot be beaten. and the letter sent to him in France. The letter is as follows:

"Somewhere in France far as 700 A. D. December 6, 1918

"Just a few lines to let you know that I have received the money sent and a Happy New Year, and with best me. I wish to give my thanks to the regards, four young women for working so

hard to benefit the boys over there. "I am now stationed a few miles from Montireau, France, and have recently received two letters from found locked this morning, and it is camp, and when they left were a very states as casuals, so if that is true, I been in Paris and in Fountainblew, their son, Private Harian Donovan, where I have had the pleasure to go who is with the 337 Aero Squadron, combination, thinking that the safe through Napoleon's castle, and it is and stationed in France. A portion of sure great, but tonight I am in my lit- the letters is as follows:

tle durout. "I was at one time very close to the fighting line, but as 'Fritz' retreat- the camp. It was printed in the New ed so fast that I am now very far, York Herald on November 7, 1918, and flashlight, which was in the desk at places and they are very interesting to move at any minute. Well, I was as but still it is very hard for us boys I am sending the copy of which I the time, was missing. The robbers and beautiful. This city has one of the sick as a dog, but I stayed there and

to entertain ourselves. "We have all played the game, and luck would have it, I have found it. as the war is so near over, we are glad, but we are still in to the finish to Metz, the town that used to send Chief of Police Woodward is working and other works of art of historical others out of the company. There lish maid out to tea, as you have suggested that might suit my fancy, I am 'bloody blighters', as the English call afraid that this little eagle note is them, used to keep us awake until going in my souvenir bag, like all the after 12 o'clock, and then we would

will get a German helmet.

machine, and then all aboard for the

"German souvenirs are plentiful but I don't think that we will be able to take any home. I had a Boche gas mask, but I gave it away. They are greasy old things, and no telling what kind of germs are in them.

"So you want to know what kind of work I am doing. I am working in the shipping room of the supply of the First air depot. I am not doing much of anything since the war has ceased, but we sure did work to put the kaiser out of commission at one time

"This depot is the advance supply for the American Expeditionary forces, that is for the air service.

"Our squadron holds down the best jobs in camp. There are two or three good men on the flying field and about 80 chauffeurs; one man in the mail service and about four in the construction. That is all, except those in the supply. We have about sixteen and varied. We have traveled in many men over here. There are eleven men different ways from Pullman sleepers chine shop here. We donated about time. 40 men to both, so you see that our squadron was sure composed of some good men.

partment.

In a letter written on November

23, he writes the following: "Dear Mother and Dad:

"As censorship regulations have somewhat ceased, I will try and tell Colanbey Les Belles in the section of finally came to anchor in the bay at "We do not know when we are com- France known as Neurthe et Moselle, St. Nazaide and docked early the next

> "The camp is situated about a quarter of a mile out of camp and we us- day from New York, when we first ually went into town every night. We touched French soil. did at one time experience several air was touched by the bombs.

were quartered in the old cathedral, and which we hope to leave soon.

"Hoping to see you all soon, "Your loving son, "HARLAN."

# RECEIVES DISCHARGE FROM U. S. SERVICE

Captain W. E. Hempstead, who has been in the service, returned to Gladstone, and will resume his medical profession, and has leased office rooms in the Barclay building over the Jones drug store.

Captain Hempstead entered the service 17 months ago, and at that time was coroner and a prominent physician of this city. He received the commission of lieutenant, and soon after entering the service was promoted to a captaincy. He was first stationed at Vancouver Barracks, Wash., then transferred to Fort Stevens, Oregon, after which he was sent to Ft. Canby, Wash, and Fort Columbia, Wash, After being stationed at Fort Columbia, he was later transferred to Camp Merritt, N. J., and remaining there for several months, he was sent back to Fort Stevens, where he was assigned for duty. It was before being transferred to Camp Merritt, N. J., and while stationed at Fort Stevens he was promoted to a captaincy.

Captain Hempstead says he is glad to be back in Oregon City.

# OFFICES OF WILLIAMS Transfer Compan'

thought that the burglars tried the well trained soldier. was locked.

DEMURRER OVERRULED

The demurrer in the divorce suit of

from his son, Sergeant Clayton E. Freytag, of Company F, 116th Engihis father.

Angers, France, Nov. 24, 1918.

"Today is called 'Father's Day,' so here goes, and as the lid is off, etc.,

"Our experiences have been many

straight up the mast to the crow's

going up the mast with the boat doing all sorts of capers. The waves at times broke against the side of the boat and would soak us to the skin you where we are located. We are 70 feet above decks. We were on the near the front in the Luneville sector ship Tenedores, not a large boat but

morning. We were not allowed off the boat until the afternoon of the 17th

"We moved into billets the same raids, but never a plane or a person day. My how it was raining. We stay ed here nine days and a very wet "I will tell you a little of the route cold, hungry nine days it was. Here we traveled over. We left Halifax, we lost 147 members of our company Canada, about three days after the who were sent to the Second Engiexplosian on December 10, and arrived neers, who were then on the front. It above, is a brother of Stanley, and in Liverpool on the night of the 24th, was a cold, wet and very blue day who has not been heard from for a and disembarked on Christmas day, when our old members and friends number of months. He was in the Ma- From there we went to Southampton left us. We all felt blue and discourrine Corps, and was in the thickest of and remained at a rest camp. From aged just at this time you may be the fight when last heard from. The there we went to LaHavre, France, sure. Finally orders came for us to family has taken the matter up with this being on New Year's day. Then break camp and move somewhere,

which quartered Napoleon in his great St. Nazaire, got aboard of some box Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bagby have just reign. From there we went to Romor- cars. (8 horses and 40 men) and startwhich quartered Napoleon in his great St. Nazaire, got aboard of some box received a letter from her son, Rody rantin, when we left February 1, 1918, on the coldest ride I ever took any Bagby, who is at present stationed at and landed in this camp February 6, where. After about 36 hours' travel Camp Merritt, N. J., and the letter is at which place we have since resided, we arrived at a place called La Cour tine, in the state of Creuse, which is in the south central part of France Here the snow was about knee deep and the thermometer at zero or lower. Here we moved into very good barracks, were well fed, in fact, were quite comfortable as far as that goes, had stoves in our rooms, etc., so were not so bad off. Here we spent our spend my next one, I don't know. We moved to Seller sur Cher, which is in the very northern part of the state war record at home and abroad of of Indre. Here we were billeted in a large barn, but were quite comfort-

> moved again, this time to Angers, arriving there the 6th of February Have been here ever since.

> can Expeditionary Forces, and the as I know.

> "Will try to tell a little of our work in this and other lines of work, in

in this training section. "We would receive a bunch of replacement men from some camp in the United States about once a month, These men would be attached to the different lettered companies for ra- Austin, of Company B, 305th Infantry, tions, etc. Our work would then go 77th Division, written in France on get a few more. Surely seems good to Our Liberators.' At another place a something like this: We would get A | Pather's Day: Company in the morning for Inf. C and E orders in the afternoon D. and E. or the same thing, which, when the periods for our instruction were you a few lines to let you know that I

over would be a day's work for us. Burglars early Monday morning only D Company in the morning and time to come when I will be shipped broke into the office of the Williams C and F Company in the afternoon. out. As the D. B. and C go before Transfer company and the Hub Bar- This would go on day after day, week the A class it is hard to tell when the ber shop on Main street, entering the after week. Our work was quite thor- A class, which I am in will go, but "Wishing you a Merry Christmas buildings from the rear. Officers found ough. Had to be, because we very sel- I don't think it will be very long, as a chisel which had been left by the dom saw the same men over four or they want to vacate this hospital as

"Now for the town of Angers itself: longer. The only thing I regret is It is a city of about (80,000 before the that I wasn't with my company when W. F. Schooley, who has desk room war) 13,000 and is situated on the the armistice was signed. The comin the Williams office, had his desk river Maine. Angers has many old pany was at the front at that time. "I wrote about that description of broken open, and the contents were places famous in the early history of wrote and told you I had lost, but as took the light, but left another one, oldest and most famous chateaux in drilled until Monday night, and no or-

> meters from Angers. Pont de Ce is- remained there over night, and took famous in the early history of France. a train to where I am now. I don't home.

hot in the summer and not very wet in fact very little rain, about 20 inches average per year. Really an ideal

"I have been in other places besides Anger, Have been in Tours, Samur, of overalls, jumper and a new blan- bury their dead, who can't continue Orleans, Nancy, Paris, Versailles, Le ket. That's a good deal different than to pay the ground rent. They bury Mans, Rennes, St. Malo and many the way they have been sending the them by the month until the rent other small towns too numerous to Britsh preoners home, isn't it? mention, but in all travels I never will try and tell some of my experi- got nearer the front than Paris at boys from her old state-Kentucky,

"Some of the boys went to the front which they were sent the boys returned to Angers with some great big shells and the hum of the bursting France is truly civilized. Then it bestories to tell. "We, except Co. F, are not doing

very much now except Infantry drill. Co. F is a school for S. D. S. candidates, who are trying for a commistor a life-long wound. sion, and it is our job to teach them all we know about army work. As is our work. Co. F has the best officers bar none. Sounds like I'm blowing my own horn, but I'm not. Our Hdq. says of straw. so, so guesa it must be true.

"The 10th of December of this year will be the end of our first year in home. France, and how much longer we will stay it is hard to say, so will close

"With love to all and wishing you all a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, I am.

"SGT. CLAYTON R. FREYTAG, "Co. F, 116th Eng., Amer. E. F.

The following letter has been re ceived by the Women's Patriotic Edition of the Morning Enterprise from Elbert Charman, who is on the Stars and Stripes, the official paper of the American Expeditionary Forces:

> Blois, France Dec. 9, 1918.

"France."

Patriotic Edition Committee, Oregon City, Ore.,

My dear Friends: "It is with sincere thanks that I acknowledge your newsy letter of Oct. 31st and the souvenir of the home country which it contained. I am sure that I shall spend the greenback very carefully, for it represents to me the whole-hearted, enthusiastic support which we over here have always received from our home people, I read the patriotic edition with a great deal of pleasure, as did a whole billet full of artillerymen with whom I was quartered at the time I received it. None of them came from Oregon City or even from Oregon, but you would be surprised at the way the boys grab anything which printed in English. Thus it is not exceptional to find some former Chicagoan or New Yorker perusing with consuming interes the locals from a Miami, Florida, weekly or other small town paper.

"The conclusion of the armistice since your letter was written has turn home. We are all proud of the our home state, and, it is unnecessary to add, are all anxious to get back to the greater Oregon which we will undoubtedly find. I know this because many of the Third Oregon (162nd Inf.) boys are at Contres, twelve miles south of Blois, and whenever I have seen any of them since Nov. 11th. their first question has been, "When are we going home?" So make preparations for a heavy run on ham and eggs and sirloins, apple ples and nut sundaes or a serious shortage of such like will be in order. With an alluring picture of home and the home folks in our minds we are marking time and toasting "Der Tag." The Day which will be entirely different from the one the Germans had in mind when they used that expression.

"Again expressing my appreciation of your thoughtful remembrance and the patriotic support which it repre-

"Cordially yours, "ELBERT B. CHARMAN."

Representing "Stars and Stripes"

A. P. O., 726, American E. F., France. (Charman is the son of T. L. Charman of this city.) Min Min Min

Isaac Austin has received the following letter from his son, Charley

Bordeaux ,France, Nov. 24, 1918. "Dead Dad:

"As this is father's day, I will drop am still alive and feeling fine, but I "The next day would be the same am still at the hospital waiting for the don't think we will be here very much | way.

"We had orders to roll our packs gathered up quite a collection of scattered over the floor, but only a France. I have visited many of these early Saturday morning and be ready souvenirs to take home, coins of alof inferior quality, in its place. Noth- France, also several old and famous ders came to move so when the sick who lives across the street from us, Verdun fronts, so you can see we have cathedrals, very rich in old paintings call sounded I fell into line with 22 and is a very good friend of mine. were three of us tagged for the hos- able to parlez vous Francais pretty "There are several very pretty pital. Well, we started out to the main well. villages near town that can be reach- road to get into an ambuance. We

know how far that trip was, but it took us from Monday night to Satur- U. S. day night to make it, so I guess we just about made a trip across France. "We left the Argonne Forest, which

is way up in Northern France, and we are now in the southern part of France, about six miles from the const. "Today I saw about 200 German prisoners lined up answering as their the fighting closed, and old "Slim" neers, written in France November climate to live in I really like this names were called. They are send has come through all right. He ex-

fat fellows and every mother's son of logg) and I do. them had a brand new navy blue suit

as convoy to troops going to some on the Huns that the air was so full of over this and sees the skeletons, many regiment up on the front. After de- bullets that one could almost see of them with the flesh only half rotlivering these men to the regiment to them, but generally we went ahead ted off, it sure gives him a sickening

"I will tell you more of the war and what I have seen when I return Oregon City Patriotic Edition of the

"Your loving son, "CHARLEY AUSTIN, "Company B, 305th Infantry, 77th Division, France."

The following letter has been received by H. J. Bigger from his son, them. Private Alfred Bigger, of Company B. 18th Engineers Railway Company, written on November 74, 1918, on Father's Day:

'My dear Father: "Well, I will write a few lines, con-

cerning my welfare, etc. This place where we now are is about three miles from this mentioned city, working on a large plant for the assembling of rallway cars. It is some project enormous tracks, a very large power plant, and several large barracks, each one holding 500 men, which are the most substantial of their kind constructed by the Americans in France. This is a small project compared with some we have worked on since our arrival over here. One can not realize the extent of the work the forces have done in the last 16 months. And the material that has been shipped here. is beyond estimate. I would like to get hold of a photo of the job that made the Eighteenth famous. The Bassens dock started in October 1917 and finished in April, 1918. This was

Eddy of Seattle.

in this section. "Bordeaux section seems more like

a little credit. here we had to become acclimated. though hard enough.

"Well, I'm going to close with the since. wishing of returning home, and hope your health and happiness rest at the ditions and tests I am put to. "From your loving son.

"PRIVATE ALFRED BIGGER. "Co. B, 18th Engrs. Ry., A. E. F.,

Man Man Man

'Dear Folks:

how to really appreciate the United such warm welcomes. States.

shall be too anxious to get home to sergeant and myself from our com-

and many other French towns. Have us. We hope very soon, most every country in Europe, also a pair of wooden shoes for Pansy. They were made by Monsieur Gourrinat, "When I get back I think I will be

"When we came across it was on an ed by trolley. One of these places is had about a mile to walk. There we old English freighter, the Jason. One Pont de Ce, which is located on a took the ambulance and rode for about of our fellows figured out a puzzle

"Well, folks, I am going to close for this time. Hope to hear from you soon. Among those who have written ne was Mr. Latourette, and my it La Rochelle, France, seemed good to hear from him! Give

"Your loving son, FRANK W. MILLIKEN."

"P. S .- Just heard we can write anything now except to criticize the Government. Who the Sam Hill would criticize dear old Uncle Sam?"

Dr. L. L. Pickens, of this city, is in

ed my 'lucky stars' many times

We are called the Army of Occupation.

"I did not get very far on the "While in England I did not get to march (Luxemburg), when I was or-Birmingham, and when we go back I dered back to school—a lieutenant,

> you we have been continually in the lines since May 10th. We have been at Alsace-Lorraine, Chateau-Thierry, been on some of the fronts.

> a corporal now and with the old company. We have planned to come back to old U. S. A. and home together.

"CORPORAL JAMES E. LAWSON. "Company A, 127th Infantry.

there is not much excitement would hear the motor of the Boche January 8 to file answer.

Mrs. H J. Bigger has received a here now, will say goodbye, and with "Yours sincerely, ceiving literature from the United "PRIVATE CLARENCE G. MORRELL "U. S. Air Service, U. S. Army, 373 Aero Squadron. (Morrell is a well known Willamette

the magazine was sent with others boy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morrell, of that place),

Joseph Gozesky, of this city, has just received a brief letter from Stan-"Just to let you know that a copy ley Gozesky, with the Bakery Comof Leslie's, bearing your name, is be- pany, 344 U. S. Army, P. O. 712 and I am coming home now, but that I as far as the cross tree and from there ing read in the Red Cross Hut at at the time of writing was at Issur- hope so at least."

"I have received your letter of November 19, and was glad to hear from you. I am feeling good and getting along fine.

"Do you ever hear from Anthony? I have heard from him only once since or were rather near at one time about quite seaworthy. he came over here, that was in Sep 25 miles back in the little town of tember

ing some; but it is not very soon, as right back of Nancy. far as we know. "It looks like we will have to stay

a couple of months here. "Tell Mother not to worry, because we are in a good place for the win-"I hope everything is O. K. at home

"Your brother,

"STANLEY. Anthony mentioned in the letter the government, and hope to hear we travelled to St. Maxient, where we where we didn't know. of the young man's safety.

in part as follows: Dear Mamma and Papa:

"I have received everything O. K and also your letter. "I don't think it will be long before and Mrs. .Rissberger, of Eleventh and I get home. The boys are coming in John Adams streets, was heard from here by the thousands from France, and he is enjoying and you should see them and then the best of health in Belgium. He is you would realize what war is. One with Company B, 316 Field Signal cannot realize it until you see it for Battalion, A. P. O. 776. He has been yourself. There are cripples of all in some of the big battles and has kinds, some having legs blown off, and many exciting experiences to relate eyes out, and everything else that is possible to happen to a person. It When this young man enlisted he is just terrible. Believe me, they are was manager of the WesternUnion at sure glad to get back. All they talk

I sent you a box for Christmas, and stationed and passed through are Win suppose you have received it by this "It is raining here to beat the

"Well, as it is getting late, with lots of love and wishing you

"Your loving son, "RODY. Thirteenth Infantry, Hdq. Co., Camp Merritt, N. J. Dr. L. L. Pickens has just received a

"I have thought of you many time elvenne, Deuterg em Roulero, Elver- over here, and wondered how you dunghe and Rousburgge. At the latter would like to have seen this country

"The people here wear wooden shoes, live in stone houses, cook over the Morning Enterprise has just re- fireplaces and drink nothing but wine "It rains here but not like it does vate Clarence Morrell, thanking the in Oregon. The roads all over the

when I come back.

in the world.

"There are some interesting ruins near our town, and some date back as "The wine made here is the best

"STRYKER." Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Donovan have "Dearest Mother and Father:

"I am going to try and get a pass ing was taken at the Hub barger shop. Instead of taking a poor little Eng. out airplanes to bomb h-1 out of us on the case. We were bombed only twice, but the other boys are doing, and if possible I have to get up at 5 o'clock. We had to Margaret M. Shinner vs Edward Shin- branch of Loire river, about six kilo- fifteen miles to a field hospital. We which has worked out all right. get out of bed a couple of nights, as ners was overruled and given until

WEELKY SOLDIER LETTER

O. E. Freytag, of Gladstone, is in The weather in general here is fine receipt of a very interesting letter Not real cold at any time, nor very 24, 1918. The young man is now in part of France fine, but France is ing them home, and they sure looked pects to be home by Christmas. Probthe United States, and will soon ar France and not the United States of rive here to spend a few weeks with America.

The letter is as follows:

Dear Father ences since leaving the United States. any time.

working in the shipping room. When to a small box car marked on each ever we have any hard work, we get side 8 hommes, 40 cheteaux (8 men or Boche prisoners to do the work. We | 40 horses) a very cold and unpleasant had a motor overhauling and a ma- means of travel, especially in winter "We left New York November 26

1917, and were 14 days on the sea, where we spent a never-to-be-forgot-"Helped to build some hangars be ten Thanksgiving day. My, but the sea fore I went to work in the supply de- was rough, and our boat pitched and jumped around like cork. Stood watch "Probably the next time you hear in a place called 'the forward crow's from me will be when I arrive in New nest', which is located on the forward York. I hope so, at least, but you mast, and is 75 feet above the deck, can never tell. That isn't saying that and is reached by climbing the rigging

. It was no fun nor an easy job

"After 14 days of rough riding we

"On the 14th of December, we left first Xmas in France, where I'll stayed here about a month and then given us all hopes of an early re-

cold, almost like spring. "We stayed at Sellers sur Cher until the 5th day of February, when we

Here in Angers we have fought the only battle of its kind in the Amerilongest lasting from the first of March or earlier, forgotten exact date, until now and it isn't finished yet as far

how it was done, etc. We have a train ing section of which I was a member. From and through this training sec tion all work is carried on. I was considered an expert in infantry drill (close and extended order, common ly called squads east and west). It was my work to train the men who came through our camp in Infantry drill and discipline. I was not alone in this work as there were others

fact, there were 300 or more members

S-is for September, the month we reached France. O-is for October, when we entered camp in France.

N-is for the close of fighting-November. "Had a note from John Rayl since husky and well. All were great big, ably will get there before Les (Kel-

A-is for August, when we left the

"I want to tell you how the French money runs out, whether it be two "Tell mother, I have met several months or ten years, then they dig them up and throw them into a stock-"Well, in regard to the war. There ade about a quarter of a block long were days when we were advancing and wide. When a fellow first looks until we got them. The whiz of the feeling, and he begins to wonder if shrapnel would almost sing a man to gins to dawn upon him why "Spanish sleep if it had not been such a dan- Flu" and kindred contagious diseases gerous song, but every flying piece are so prevalent. Some of the nuts that hits a man, either means death even crawled over the fence, took gold teeth for souvenirs, and were showing "Gee, I wish you folks could see them around the mess-hall while the the battle field of Argonne Forest. fellows were eating. Then they have a to be expected we are making good at It is literally a mass of barbed wire big tomb where they bury the French and entanglements as well as shell soldiers until the odor leaves them. and non-com's in the 116th Engineers, holes. The trees were uprooted and when they are thrown into the stockblown to pieces like so many stacks ade. I judge that cremation must be against their religion.

"I was surely glad to hear from the Morning Enterprise, I tell you the honest-to-goodness American dollar that they sent looked good to me. I will keep it until I get where it will do the most good. Will not forget the girls for remembering us chaps away over here. It was mightly good of

Nov. 24, 1918, my regards to everyone.

receipt of a most interesting letter from Corporal James E. Lawson, whose home is at McMinnville, Yamhill county, and well known in Oregon City, a member of Company A. 127th Infantry, and in France. The following is the letter:

Gourdecourt, France, Nov. 29, 1918. Dear Dr. Pickens:

"I left the hospital on October 16, and arrived at the company on the 22nd. It was then back to the lines about eight kilometers for replace ments, I was terribly busy there ,drillbuilt by western men and western built ships were discharging freight ing raw recruits to hit the front lines there. Ships constructed by Skinner & in about two weeks, so did not have time to write letters. Well, now the We put in 12 months of our service | war is ended and I am in a better around Bordeaux and the other three position to keep up my correspon-

dence: "I might say that we were on the home to us, and being the first troops front lines when the armistice was to arrive in that district, and we made signed and went into effect. It was a good impression with the French indeed very dramatic for us. We had there. The name of the Eighteenth will our packs on (unaware of the armislong be remembered by these people. tice) and ready to form our combat We are considered the head of the S. groups when a runner came up and O. S. of the A.E .F. and we deserve delivered the good news to us. He arrived just in time to keep us from "We hate to see the winters come on going over the top. Maybe if we had but summers are very well spent. But gone over I would not be here tolast winter being our first to spend night. Maybe many others of the boys would have been in the same 'boat' This one wont be so hard to take, al- However, we were saved, and I thank-

"Our division (Thirty-second) has been honored in being one of the highest degree. I am in the best of chosen divisions to follow up the Huns health, and prepared to face any con- as they evacuate the French territory.

"When I left the division November 19 (I am away to school now) it was on the Luxemburg border, and thirty-five kilometers from the city of Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Milliken and Luxemburg. The day I left we entered family have received the following towns that were inhabited by the letter from Frank Milliken, who is in French people. They were 'bubbling' over with joy and enthusiasm and Lussac de Libourne, they showed this by their actions. December 4th, 1918 They shook our hands and said Long Live America. Then they had the "I am still in the same place in United States and French flags France, and am in the very best of streaming from all windows and doors. health. Here's hoping that this letter At one town the people had formfinds you the same. Have received ed an arch over the road with United nine letters in the last two days, and States and French flags, and in the as today is really mail day I guess I'll center hung a sign reading 'Honor to get word from home, believe me. Now woman brought out a big coffee pot that the war is over I suppose we filled with coffee and served us with will be going home before many coffee as we passed by. It certainly moons, and I'll tell you I've seen just made us feel good and proud to be enough of the old countries to know wearing the khaki when we received

go to see the relatives there. It would pany. The sergeant is taking up the surely be great, Mother, to go to see study of gas, the lieutenant and mythe home where you were born, but self taking up the various specialties robbers. At the Williams Transfer five times when they would be sent soon as possible. We boys in the A I shall forego the pleasure until I in the infantry work. We have finishcompany's offices nothing was taken to some English regiment up on the class were expecting tobe sent back can ride on something more luxurious ed our first week of it, and for myas far as can be learned, but the safe, front. These men were all green re- to our companies, but the latest news than transport or box cars—"Hommes self, I like it very well. It is helping which is always kept unlocked, was cruits when they first arrived in our is that we will be sent back to the 40, chevaux, 8'. Those are French me to brush up a little on my military words which I will never forget any tactics. The course is for four weeks. We will probably be through about "While in England I visited Bristol December 22. Then we will rejoin the and Southampton. Have also been in division up on the Rhine. When we Rouen, Havre, Le Mans, Bordeaux, will get home is a question to all of "This might be interesting to tell

> "You remember Mr. Johnson? He is "Sincerely yours,

J-is for July, the month we left A. P. O. 734, American Ex. Forces." \*