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BOYS OVER HERE—OVER THERE

Interesting Facts About Oregon City Boys In The U. S. Service

The Enterprise is desirous of printing letters from the boys in the service, either here or "over there." All letters are carefully taken care of, and returned to the owners. Let the people know where your boy is, and what he is doing.

Mr. and Mrs. Mulligan and family of Twelfth and Elm streets, received a box of souvenirs from France a few days ago. These were sent by their son, Lawrence Mulligan, who is with the Hospital Corps No. 46.

Letters received from William Bowers, formerly linotype operator of the Morning Enterprise, with the Hospital Corps, No. 46, informs his friends that he has again been suffering from influenza.

The Young boys in France, who have been in the service for some time, are among the Clackamas county boys sending souvenirs home.

It has truly been an experience over here and one a person never can forget. One cannot describe it, but you have to be mixed up in it to thoroughly realize it.

Among the letters from boys "over there" of Clackamas county thanking the Patriotic Edition of the Morning Enterprise for a dollar greenback and letter, is from Private R. F. Chindgren of 16th Company, 20th Engineers.

Private E. R. Green, who was formerly of this city, and whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green, reside at West Linn, has written the following letter to the Women's Patriotic Edition of the Morning Enterprise.

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"This note is to the entire Patriotic Editorial Staff of the Morning Enterprise, but as you are the only member of the staff I have the honor of really being acquainted with, you will have to act as spokesman."

"It was with considerable surprise and real pleasure that I received your letter and the enclosed bill. I think your whole idea, execution, and all, was very good. You perhaps have no idea of the cheer and all around good feeling on his when he receives a gift of that sort."

"Now that the active part of this war is over, we are all eager for the time when we shall return home, and a big half of the pleasure of the reunion will be ours."

"I will answer your most kind and welcome letter I received today. This is the first one since I left Camp Kearney, Cal. I was sure glad to hear from you and home and to hear how all were getting along at home."

"I am sorry to hear that you have been ill with the influenza. I am feeling fine, except for a bad cold, and am heavier now than I have ever been."

"I am in the replacement company now, but still in Base Hospital No. 61. I won't be here long, and am apt to be on my way home before you get this. I am sure anxious to get started."

can troops this far up into Germany. The people here seemed rather frightened when we first came in. The German soldiers told everybody that the Americans would shoot the towns up when they came in, but they soon learned different.

"Germany is pretty short on food stuff, such as meat and flour. Shoes and cloth are high priced. I don't think things have changed much over here the past 50 years from the appearance of everything. All the buildings are made of rock, brick, or concrete."

"I have sent you some cards from here, giving you an idea as to the country I am in."

Failure of the Live Wires committee on jitneys to function caused the organization to tie a "can" to it Tuesday and Main Trunk Dye was authorized to name a new committee.

The letter follows: Live Wires, Oregon City, Oregon. Gentlemen: Knowing your deep interest in the highway construction in Clackamas County, I take the privilege of giving the following information:

The Highway Commission has decided to appropriate the earliest available funds for paving between West Linn and the Multnomah county line on the west side of the river.

I wish to call to your attention also that the Highway Department is now preparing plans for the new bridge at Oregon City, which will be absolutely necessary when the pavement is completed as the present bridge is not only unsafe but of insufficient width to carry the future traffic.

The design of this bridge presents some very interesting features, one of which is that the depth of water requires a length of main span of approximately 380 feet and the total length of deck will be approximately 900 feet.

Three types are, of course, possible and practical—suspension, steel arch encased in concrete, or all steel structure. The suspension bridge is impractical because of its short length and neither the steel nor suspension can be considered as permanent construction.

The coat of any of one of the three types will approximate the same amount, if a bridge is considered that will anticipate future traffic and the necessities of a growing city located on one of the main trunk highways.

A reinforced concrete arch would perhaps be most satisfactory to the general public: first, because it would be the longest arch of its kind in the world, and second, because of its great beauty and stability.

It is my personal opinion, from conversations held with the Judge, that the bridge is going to cost much more money than anticipated by your County Court or than your county is prepared to meet, and I wish to consult with the Live Wires and submit to you sketches giving costs and ideas as to what it means to your city.

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LETTER OF INTEREST RECEIVED BY WIRES

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"Dear Mother O'Mine: Will drop a few lines, though not in the mood for writing. We got an order today that all Class A men would go to Germany, they were examined and proved to be all Class A men, except three men, so Germany for G tribe, and I am disappointed I could almost say something, but would not look good on paper."

"Of course I am making pretty good now, at \$65 per month, board and clothes to that and it is not so bad. I think I know why you haven't received any mail for so long. Capt. B. was away, and the lieutenant was sick, and I couldn't get authority to censor mail for a month. When I did get the authority I worked 18 hours a day for a week to get caught up censored."

I censored two whole mailbags full of mail in that time. I can get a lot of letters in a sack. I am still censoring along with my other work, and you can bet no mail lies around the office. I am all in tonight. We made payrolls today."

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will no doubt have Christmas dinner in France. Gee but it is going to be tough to be away from home for all the holidays."

"While I have headed this little note Norfolk, we are in reality at sea just outside of the bay enroute from Norfolk to New York which is considerably out of our way, but was made necessary by the illness of my first assistant engineer taking sick with the pneumonia, and it was necessary for us to bring him to the hospital, and I would have mailed you a letter from there but today is Sunday."

"We are just steaming into the bay, and it is cold and the wind is blowing quite a gale, and of course yours truly is getting the full benefit of the sudden change, and as you know I never did lose any cold weather and I am staying pretty well inside and any way there is nothing to see but the lights."

"We have just stopped and took a pilot on board and have again started for the inner harbor and it is just 11 minutes till 9 p. m. I am wishing that you were in New York. Gee! but I would be anxious to get in but as it is I don't care about it at all for all ports look just the same to me. I know there will be at least a letter waiting for me and that will help some, for it will be a long time between letters this time for we will leave here for France before many days. I think we will be here less than four or possibly five days at the most for they are in a rush for food stuffs over there and are rushing everything over as fast as they possibly can. It looks as though we would have to feed those savage brutes of the half-starved Hunns for the rest of the winter and until next fall when they can raise something on their own dirty soil. I think we had ought to let them all starve and rid the earth of the vilest tribe of vampires that have ever infested the world, for they certainly have done everything that was thought impossible of civilized human beings to show how completely devoid they are of the good traits of the human race. I have started and stopped on this letter about six times to go below and look things over, and from the sound of things we are going to anchor so I will have to quit again till we get secured for the night."

The following letter has been received by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Munden from their son, Harold, a member of the Marine Band at Guam, M. I., having enlisted in January of 1918. He was but 15 years old. He is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Munden of this city:

"Dear Mother and Daddy: I received your letters on the last boat, and was glad to get them; also the candy, which was fine. I hope you haven't taken the influenza. They had it pretty bad here. The natives have been dying off like rats; 52 in one day but it is getting better now. None of the marines died with it, but a sailor did. Everyone in the band suffered from it, but myself. That sounds rather 'fishy,' but it's the truth. You know I have always been lucky about not getting sick. I may get it yet though, but here's hoping I don't. All of the boys of the band were in the hospital at one time, except three of us. For seven days we had our 'chow' brought to us, and we sure had some time. All three of us were from Oregon. Now we are all together again and played for a concert last night. We will have another Sunday evening."

"We have a new commanding officer and a new governor on the island. They seem to take a liking to the band. We sure made a 'hit' last night."

"Did not finish this, so will proceed and do so now, and before the transport is in. I usually get a bunch of letters on every boat and have a bunch ready to send away. 'Everyone is feeling good again. 'We had a big turkey dinner yesterday, and had everything that goes with a Thanksgiving dinner. At 2:30 we played for a Thanksgiving dinner, and it commenced raining just as the game started, and reminded me of old Oregon. 'We play guard mount every morning at 8:30. We will give a concert tomorrow, and think that it will be a good one, as we have some pretty good music now. 'Well, as the war is over, I hope to come home soon. 'With lots of love, 'HAROLD.'"

At the time of enlisting young Munden was ready for the Oregon City high school.

JOHN C. LIARD FOUND GUILTY IN MURDER CASE

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—After about a half hour's deliberation, the jury in the case of John Cyril Liard, accused of the murder of Deputy Sheriff Frank Twombly the night of November 19, returned a verdict Monday night of guilty of murder in the second degree. Liard accepted his fate calmly, and after the jury has been discharged, thanked it and said he had expected to be convicted.

The case went to the jury at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon and by 6 o'clock the foreman notified Judge Gantenbein that a verdict had been reached. An hour was taken for supper and at 7 o'clock the 12 men returned the verdict that automatically means life imprisonment for the young desperado.

Augusta Carlson, his consort, who was with him on the night of the murder, is still held in the county jail. No charge has been placed against her. She will be held temporarily.