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LETTERS AND STORIES FROM OREGON MEN TELL OF BIG WAR

"Yours sincerely, "WILLIAM A. CURRIER."

Soldiers in France Grateful

William H. Littell Writes Express-ing Appreciation of "The Oregon-ian" Fund.

THAT the soldiers are deeply grate-

them is shown in a letter from "S

I ful for the tobacco which is sent

where in France" from William H. Lit-

tell, who received some tobacco through

soldier as tobacco from the States,

and when we did get it, you never saw such a happy lot of men as we were. It was given to us by the Red Cross Society, which is composed of very fine people. They are doing all they can to help the soldiers and we think a lot of

hard to eat until you are used to it, and

then it is pretty good. It has been very

muddy here until about two weeks ago, and then it began to snow and it has snowed ever since and is so cold that you can hear the snow grind under

Eugene Boy Escapes Death

Twice in Year.

Arthur Carison Writes of Experi-ences in United States Service.

Hawthorne came down with tropical fever and died," Carlson states. "I was

Carlson, who entered the

Treated in Camp.

Minds of Mothers and Sisters.

vitations out for dinner on Sunday

worry about.

eet. This is a very poor letter, wanted you to know how very

rour feet.

grateful I am to you.

for Tobacco.

Portland Youth Writes of Christmas Abroad.

People of France More Friendly Than Those of England,

RS. E. R. ROOT, 419 North East M Twenty-seventh street, has recrived several letters from her son Talcott, who is "somewhere in France." He appears to be very well satisfied with the condition of affairs and with the treatment they are receiving. Parts of his letters are given here.

The first letter was written August soon after they arrived over there. He writes: "We had a rather uneventful trip over and the only exciteent in the shape of a sub-fliver, was a barrel with a pole extending upward. When sighted about five or six miles away, it greatly resembled a submarine. We will probably have a day in London oon. I think it will be Sunday and if in it will be a quiet trip. I understand that almost all establishments, excepting the restaurants, are closed on that day. But that will sult most of us better any way, for it will give the

ys a chance to see a little of the city." Another letter was written from "somewhere in France" on September 1. He says: "Letters from home are always welcome. Every time there is a shipment of mail, there is a lot of excitement and several disappointed

We all miss American Lake, with

We all miss American Lake, with its bathing facilities. It is not quits as convenient here. We have to be very careful about what we cat and what we drink, so there is not much danger of any of us contracting disease from that source. This is a very pretty country. There are lots of fruit and flowers. The rural scenery is very much like that at home. We have not seen much of the larger cities, although I hope to see one in a few days. The people here are much more friendly and show more hospitality than those in England. re hospitality than those in England. They give us fruit in small quantities when we happen to pass their homes. Where we are camped now, we are in salking distance from a place where

was can get anything to drink from wine to soda water. "We have been having delightful weather here lately, and it looks like it will last for some time, although the

weither here lately, and it looks the it will hast for some time, although the inghts are quite cool." The last before was written on De-cember 18. The seemed very strange for-ine not to be home for Christman." In-writes. "We all made the best of the and hops to be home before nearly here. Reveille sounded at 7.20, an hour-and a half later than usual. The band-played The Gang's All Hiere," while was were dreaming. We had a good dinner, interstep art of the mail has not arrive. In a contrast, for each man, the pairs of mittens, for each man, the mittell, as they usually are after an the do not let our work affect our more appreciated. If contained to we do not let our work affect our bask forward to. The Northwest Step is pair of mittens, for each man, the pairs of thick woolen socks, a pair of mittell, as moder to dec. In sems hard to have our American bask forward to. The Northwest Step is all of mittens, for each man, the pairs of thick woolen socks, a pair of mittell, as moder whon it is alware tobacce and a lot of the auxiliary has not arriver. In the singulate of the mail pairs of the sould are socks, a pair to a subtime to account of the sould be to be to help. In the singulate of the mail on the sould be to be to be the singulate of the sould be to be to help. In the singulate of the mail on the sould be to be to be to an out to dacce and a lot do the singulate of the sould are the sould be to be be in the singulate of the mark of the sould be to be to be in the singulate of the mark of the sould be to be the rooms with a timy store. Our sour rooms much, so we have enough the low be have the sould be be to be be to be to be to be be to be be the to be to be be to be be the rooms with a timy store. Our boal to knew us warm. It gets yer

U. S. Soldiers in France Crave Music. Send Same Popular Tunes to the Boys," In Miss Stewart's Appenl.

INIVERSITY OF OREGON. Eugene Feb. 2 -- (Special.)--- If anyone wants to send anything to the soldiers, think music would be the most apthink must would be message which and have received as many more. They are all gas cases and are of a serious mature." preclated." M. C. A. headquarters, with the Expeditionary Force, it Paris, sends to the people of Oregon in a latter just received on the campus.

"This morning there was a secre field who

Ing a capacity of from 45 to 60 beds. Our unit cares for 1500 men at a time. We are a clearing station, and patients only stay here until they are well enough to be shipped to Blights. They are taken from the field to the C. C. S. and brought down here by the train. "Fractures and head cases are the only ones remaining with us any length of time. They are placed in huls and are quite well cared for. The boys who have to go back to the lines receive the most attention. We try

"There are several units here, soy

There are several thousand patients, so there are several thousand patients, and with the R. A. M. C. (Royal Army Medical Corps), the medical officers and nurses we have a city by ourselves. "We are not near any city, and it is four or five miles to the nearest town. There are no amusements ex-tore that we make for ourselves, but we have jolly times. We have dances, play bockey, etc. There are Y. M. C. A. Milan is the "New York" of Italy. There are more than 5,000,000 inhabitats in this provinces of Lambardy. huts for the patients and a recreation



Dr. Charles V. Moore, Formerty of This City, Says Eggs Worth 40c En.

"Central Powers Literally

Starving Now."

GERMANY and Austria literally are starving and in Austria today eggs receive the most attention. We try to give them some little thing. I give them a box of cigarettes, matches, pair of socks, chocolate, gum, etc. They have their knapsack, but can't carry much. Use second in the conversion of the second seco

work in Italy. Under date of December 20, Dr.

Milan is the "New York" of Haly. There re more than 5,000,000 inhabitats in this rowince of Lombardy-one seventh of th opulation of all Haly, and, of course, w ave our full share of refugees. For while they arrived at the rate of 10,000

The enthusiasm with which the Ameri The entranamm with which the Ameri-can Consul and the American colony re-ceived us was most gratifying. These Northern Italians are like Americans in their speed and energy. In four days we had a canteen ready, capable of feeding and whice dolly. Last week I opened our refugs home (ho pital) of 80 beds. Our patients are sent

9 beds. Our patients are wome en, of whom five are tiny in 1 am praying for America.

Part of my work has been inspec Part of my work has been inspec nivestigation of the needs in sur-lities and towns. At Breachs 1 re-tor 15 days they had fed daily tation thousands of refugues. Mo-hased by their calamity and by the partners, shut up in a boxcar for lays, and are unable to speak in mult roused from their support. here were four children found me car upon its being opened. O there were four children found dead in one car upon its being opened. One poor mother with twins a day old was com-pelled to leave her home in flight before the advancing German hosts. In Come I found S50 refugees housed in an old silk factory-most of them old men and women unable to leave their beds. These consist of straw ticks placed on inch boards and supported by sawhorses eight inches high.

sches high. I find one of the greatest needs of these oor refugees, aside from food and shelter s shoes. Many hundreds are practically arefooted. But as the American Red Cross the Italian government, ha well as the Italian government, certain funds at our disposal, we in some measure, to meet this well its at half of my time is spent at our home, the other half at purchasing

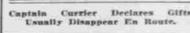
About new, the other half at purchase, uge home, the other half at purchase for a American Red Cross for Italy. I hop at the permanent commission for Ital ay choose Milan as the headquarters an a horse personnel here, as this is the

ug the industrial and er r of Italy. Cisthing is cheaper here than in the nited States. Food is plentiful and reason lee in price. We usually have meat h me form twice a day. There are its eatless days a week, but I didn't know until told, as liver, kidneys, brains, fish and bacon are not meat. Butter, the la very scarce; in fait, have had it once since coming to Italy. Sugar, to emmerged very carefully. When one considers how Germany

Austria are literally starving, it seems ital has no foed shortage at all. In Austri eggs are 40 cents aplece now. Italy

news from America is that Cor gress has declared war on Austria. The Italians are highly pleased. It means much in our rooms much, so we have chough coal to keep us warm. It gets very cold here, as we are near the sea. But we came prepared for that. Our food is good, and we have pienty. Sugar is very marce. We have the same things to eat all of the time, but we do not mind that. The boys do not have the variety that we do, but they fare o Italy in m

Packages Sent Soldiers Not Received, Says Officer.



DORTLAND, Vancouver Barracks P Fort Stovens and Astoria friends of Captain W. P. Currier, United States Army, now with the Quarternmaster De-"I just sent 10 patients to Blighty artment in London, will be interested o read a recent letter from him. Under date of December 16 he writes from

London: "Dear Friends-It seems strange, no doubt, I have not given you a word, but I have not had an opportunity.

reflect on what some are saying to you. Watch for the Bolo and Boloism I trust you know what that is from Appreciation of Y. M. C. A. Work Expressed. your daily papers. You have some your daily papers. You have some insidious pro-Germans around you. "This is my address: Care of Chief Quartermaster, American Embassy, London. I wish again to thank you for those cigarettes. They were ample for the trip across the conlinent and ocean. They are unobtainable here, and are considered luxuries. Sugar, butter tax confider and matches are

Sunday Oregonian's Arrival in Camp Described by Soldier in Camp.

MRS. F. L. ALEXANDER recently re-ceived a letter from her son Walter B. Hopgood, who is in Camp Mende, Md. He is with the 23d Regiment of the United States Engineers He says:

"There are men in this regiment fro friends at home is conveniently gath-ered in by some one on the way. I have no news I am allowed to write. I am well and in good spirits. Regards. every walk of life, men who have given up everything they held dear because they felf it their duty to do so, and it is their duty and mine as well as any other fellow's. There are quite a number of married men and I find that they are a very cheerful lot, although they cannot help being lonely for their wives and children.

"The life of a recruit is not as ensy as some may think. We are put through

which, as you might say, is divided off mto pens, with high wire fences around them. We have to remain here for 21 days, in order that it may be determined if any contagious diseases have been brought in. You are also vac-cinated and inoculated against ty-phoid. These inoculations make a good many of the boys sick for a time.

to put you in the detention

a time ONE of the most recent letters from the scene of active service "over "The pens are called compounds. Each is equipped with a light tent which accommodates six men. We are not supposed to go outside the fences for 21 days, but sometimes we all went out for a little drill. When the letter follow:

the 21 days were up we all went down to the barracks. Most of the old buildings have been utilized. The bar-racks are arranged as one large room. Posts are set up at intervals and four which means 'No Man's Land,' and my buildings have been utilized. The bar-racks are arranged as one large room. Posts are set up at intervals and four by six girders strung along these posts about six feet from the floor. On these we string our hammocks. It is very, comical to see the boys get into ham-mocks on the first night, but we soon become accustomed to them and are now sleeping fine. "Ocasionally you will be awakened in the dead of night by a heavy thud, and you know that somebody has fallen out of his hammock. "We usually assemble on the plaza

found it had affected my throat and this, coupled with a skin affection and a few gas blisters, sent me to the hos-

"It is my first hospital experience

I think he overestimates it.

In a subject of this country. I think ince coming to this country. I think I have experienced everything else, Fritz's gas is not much to worry about

have been through his gas a number of times and our respirators are a per-fect protection. "It may interest you to know that my home is at present in a barn. It is

what we consider a very fine bilet-we have lots of straw to sleep on and a couple of blankets and a great-coat are sufficient to keep us warm. We would much rather have a barn with

"The French people here are very good to us-the woman in the little brick house that is tacked on to one

end of the barn always has hot water

"On the whole the French people are

very fine and we get along excellently

to finish-Fritz is licked now, but it

is some job to convince him that he is.

all ours, at the same time there were 21 observation balloons within sight.

"Sweeping statements have been made about the decreasing morale of his soldiers. I have noticed this. The

German soldier will not stay and scrap

Can you imagine that?

pattern. "The French people here are

Close Acquaintance With

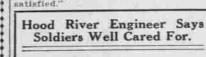
Gas Shell Described.

Corporal Becker Inclines to Bellef Frightfulness Is Overated.

"We usually assemble on the plaza time he mingled a number of gas shells

"We usually assemble on the plaza to march up to our meals on the plaza Usually the band plays as we march and most of the time while we are eating. We get excellent eats and everybody is feeling fine. The officers are capable men and win our admiraexting. We get the first of the officers is the set of the shell itself did pirators I had eaten are capable men and win our admira-tion. I am in the aviation branch and the sure that I am going to like it "The explosion of the shell itself did not hurt either of us. I felt no ill effect to the time and stuck it out until we set to the time and stuck it out on rest I

urday evenings and most all Sundays. In company with such a fine bunch of follows, you may be sure I am satisfied."



oden Shoes, at 20 Cents a, Pair, Are Light and Comfortable.

Writing to blo -Writing to his mother, Mrs. J. W. Copper, Walter Copper, who, with his brother, John, is a member of Company F, 18th Engineers Regiment, stationed somewhere in France, says the straw than a hut of the Army barrack expeditionary soldiers are being well The Engineers, according cared for. to the letter, are living in huts, each

men to the hut. "We have two stoves and plenty of

blankets to keep us comfortable. We are all furnished with the best of shoes, rubber boots and raincoats.

life. Two Sons in France. Charles and Albert Gibbons Are "Over There" After the Huns. can Charles, England. camp, in recent letters, declares that his first sight of the Stars and Stripes, borne by newly-landed American

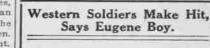
in the open, but be will hang on to the desth in a "pill box." wrich I have seen with walls of cement 14 feet thick, but he or two hand grenades fixes bim if ne is lucky enough to get by his machine gun fire. "I have seen a great many prisoners of all types—some are sullen and do not seem to care what becomes of them and others are very timid and glad to do any work assigned to them

wounded.

pital

here.

"I have noticed a great many very young recently and a large number wear glasses. A number of wounded prisoners were in the clearing station where I landed on my way to the hos pital. They were a much scured bunch and appeared to think they were going to be murdered. However, they were attended with as great care as our own





a daily routine of drilling and are learning all of the things in general that go to make a good soldier. "It is not all work, of course. We

Tit is not all work, of course, we have the evenings to ourselves and of course it is spent in different ways. Somstimes we play games or sit around and exchange bits of goasip from home, for there are several boys here from Oregon and we always tell each other things that we hear from the old home town. We have to he in hed at 10 EUGENE, Or., Feb. 2.-(Special.)the service of the United States as a

marine in November, 1916, has twice narrowly escaped death, but in a letter to a friend he states: "To tell the truth I wouldn't have traded my last year's Carlson writes that he has to all of the boys and it surely is a comfort to know that it will be with us wherever we go. On top of your Christmas gift was the front page of beet trying the flying game" and that on lew Year's day, 1916, while in training

New Year's day, 1916, while in training at Mare Island, his machine landed in a heap on the old fair grounds (near San Francisco) and was demolished. He escaped injury with the exception of a few minor bruises. Carlson tells of a trip from Panama to San Diego, during which he accom-panied Lieutenant Hawthorne, who cov-ered the entities distance by flying slows The Sunday Oregonian, the most famil-The Sunday Oregonian, the most famil-iar thing I have seen since arriving here. After I read it I gave it to an-other Oregonian, and before long there were a bunch of the Oregon boys gath-ered. It afforded us a lot of pleasure. Won't you please send me the Sunday edition once in a while?" panied Lieutenant Hawthorne, who cov-ered the entire distance by flying along the Mexican coast line, waiting from time to time for a torpedo-boat to get supplies of oil, gasoline and food. "Arriving at San Diego, Lieutenant

Oregon and O. A. C. Boys Fraternize in France.

Priendly Rivalry Exists as Old Times Are Recounted at Front.

to kinding wood, killing Chief Gunner McKenzey, his wife and two girls. I escaped with a few bruises and powder E UGENE, Feb. 2.--(Special.)-Friendand Oregon Agricultural College students is playing its part with Oregon

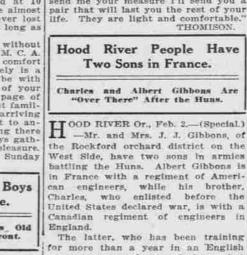
most inspiring sights he has over seen. boys in France, according to a letter He states that air raids are frequent. kett, received here from Clark Thompson

Wooden

about 30 by 85 feet in size and with 40

for us to shave and the people in the district are generally very friendly, more so than in some places I have fuel," he writes. "And all of us are seen. provided with enough woolen Army

"We all know how the war is going "Wooden shoes are worn by every one here. They cost a franc a pair, or 20 cents of our money. If you'll send me your measure I'll send you a "His air service is very active and ours is just as good. One day I counted 53 planes in the air at one time, nearly



things that we hear from the old home town. We have to be in bed at 10 o'clock and I think that I have almost caught up on all the sleep I ever lost when I was free to stay out as long as I cared to. "And, mother, I cannot close without saying a good word for the Y. M. C. A. It is a source of pleasure and comfort to all of the how and it scredules is a

engineers, while his brother, rles, who enlisted before the

The latter, who has been training troops on British soll, was one of the



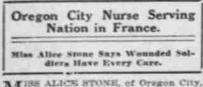
tary in from the field who said in far about 1300 men they had only on ald volume of hymna which had bec swiped from another hut; that one so they had brought about eight dier had broognt about eight some ever with him, and this was all the had had for months." writes Mis Stawart, They had played and sun them until they were all worn out, he sides everyone being tired of them. Mis

"He wanted some new, popular songs, thing besides hymnals, which we could supply, and he was going down-fown to see if he could buy any new music. There is little to be had here, of course and anyone who wants to nd a few dollars in buying some ular stuff would be helping a lot. pepsiar staff would be repling a lot. Two or three dollars would buy a lot in the United States. A 18-cent store is a good place to buy. "If you could get The Sunshine of it Your Smile," There's a Long, Long Trail, 'Lattle Gray Home in the West, IN

"I would buy it, but I can't get those things here. You know how boys love to sing. It is their principal solthe table you would have put all worry to the wind. We sure have a joily bunch: we never give each other a to have to get lonesome. I would hate to leave this bunch. "Our bunch are all ever

ple of young fellows in from a place where the mod is knew deep. They is 5 feet 5 inches tall; the smallest ooked so grubby, as though their 5 feet 1 inch. There are nine of us all rands had not been clean for weeks. told. You can imagine me walking hands had not been clean for weeks. toid. You can imagine me waiking They were in town for a municul show down the street with that tail fellow. All the French people look out of the windows and think it is a great joke; they said. Where they are they haven't but you know I always cause amuse-even a hut and the United States

even a hut and the United States mention to the people wherever 1 go. "The secretary this morning said that the men sometimes sing for an hour and a hulf before starting any service, for they love it and have favo-rite after favorite song." The bags, magazines and other ar-



M ISS ALICE STONE, of Oregon City, who is a nurse in the Harvard at the present time.

the present time. "We do not have many Red Cross ticles here," she says. "Our sup-iss are furnished by the Government. the grad to hear how he is getting along is achool. Also tell him to be a good boy and work hard, for he will have articles here," she says. plies are furnished by the Government.

and, where they wear the regulation clothes supplied by the hospital. So de not bother about any of those things. If any of your friends can knit, we could use any amount of mitts—they are like mittens, except that they do could use any amount of milts-they are like miltens, except that they do not cover the flugers. I also can use stockings or socks. We haven't any use for hed socks. Other things which are useful are scarfs and large hand-kerchiefs. They can be made out of anythins. "Of course, we have thousands here and one can never have coough, but it is nice to give them some little thing. The boys are well taken care of. Our wards are made of canvag each hav-

Richard F. Cannon Says Time In Found for Fun "Over There."

the variety that we do, but they face pretty well. Occasionally a box of home-made cockies or a box of candy

is a treat for all. Small packages are easier to send.

Trench Life Is Not All Work,

Writes U. S. Soldier.

"Christmas

little fun." writes Richard F. Cannon. who is with the United States Engineers "Somewhere in France." The letter is unusually interesting in givletter is unusually interesting in giv-ing the personnel of the company, the menu which was served for Christmas dinner and a general description of

it sure was some dinner-I don't think which brings them forth are indeed to I will ever forget it as long as I be pitied. Many a home in America live. Will send you the menu and the personnel of our little party. Really, the rest of you will theoreticate with "A Perfect Day, etc. they like these as well as the pepular ones. Maybe your chub would like to take up a collection. If you will send it to me I will see that it gets to the right place. "I would buy R. but I can't get they things here. You know hows how how would have put all worry and complain and bemoan the fact of joyed from that meal. If you people could have stepped in and seen us at the table you would have put all worry to the wind. We sure have a jolly bounch: we never give each other a **************************

PASCO YOUTH, A MEMBER OF

is 6 feet 5 inches tall; the smallest ticles too numerous to mention. The

ticles too numerous to mention. The little fellow, Joe, found nearly the same things in his bed. He got a candle and lit it so be could get the things out of bed. All of a sudden someone let a pillow fly and out went the candle. By the time he got the candle lit again his blankets and mattress had disappeared -so that is the way it goes. With all our work and worry we always find time for a little fun. "Oh, yes: this morning I had a sad, thing happen while getting out of my

unit in France, has written a very interesting letter to one of her friends in Bend. Or. in which she gives a clear understanding of conditions as they exist in the hospitals "over there," and the things most needed

but the casualty clearing station has all of those things. They go to Eng-land, where they wear the regulation "How are grandma and the rest of

ger to serve their country. A

from Eugene, is now with the Eighth Regiment, U. S. M. C., at Fort Crockett, Galveston, Tex. This is not an idle dream and not the usual casual remark to cover one's procrastination. Weeks seem but days to me and my mind cannot fathom the American Soldiers Are Well

"Christmas is almost on top of us but I hardly know it nor will it seem here a seemal to be seemal to be seemal to be a seemal to Corporal Myers Writes to Ease the TN a letter which was written to the L city editor of The Oregonian recently from Camp Merritt, New Jersey, nuel J. Myers, a corporal in

dinner and a general description of wrees and children in your own homes, conditions. Parts of it are as follows: "Mother, dear, we have just finished our Christmas dinner and say, mother, the reat of you will thoughtlessly kick

> C. A. in previous wars, who furnish all of the reading and writing materials and good music. They did not have the Red Cross Society to furnish then with nice warm caps, sweaters, gloves socks and so forth. They give us in-

BATTERY A, WHO DIED IN FRANCE JANUARY 20.



Clarence E. Sanatedf.

PASCO, Wash., Feb. 2.--(Spe-cial.)--The Pasco Red Cross now has two gold stars on its service flag, which signify the death of two of Pasco's soldier boys, G. A. Storment and Clarence E. San-tadt Storment who was in the stedt. Storment, who was in the Navy, died in a New York hospi-tal and his body was brought to Pasco for burial Sanstedt, a mem-ber of Battery A, recruited at Walla Walla, died on January 20 is France the cause of his death Walla Walla, die on January io in France, the cause of his death being pneumonia. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Saustedt, are old residents of Pasco, the fam-ily being well known to nearly everyone in the city. Both boys enlisted in the service, being ea-cer to serve their country.

letter will help to cheer all of those who have relatives and friends in the service who are going to serve in this country and abroad." Eugene Lad Writes From

"Trouble in the Air." Says Andy O'Farrell, in Letter.

EUGENE. Or., Feb. &--(Special.)-Unrest in China is growing and another Boxer uprising is feared, accordng to a letter received here from Andy Farrell, radio operator on the U.S. Monocacy, on duty in the Yangtze Riv r, 700 miles above Shanghai, O'Far ell's letter is addressed to his father James O'Farrell, of Eugene, and was written December 13.

Yangtze River, China.

"Now they are expecting trouble here," O'Farrell writes. "They were ex-pecting a fight last night, but nothing happened. They think there will be another Boxer uprising. If there is, I guess it will be the last of China. There re hundreds of soldiers who have deserted and people of the lower class getting together, and they expect an at-tack on the foreign settlement, and a inck on the foreign settion. inck on the foreign settion. nese merchants are closing their stores and moving away. Something is going to happen pretty soon. Some of the rebels fired on one of our ships and wounded three sailors." wounded three sailors. w

gene, before entering the Navy, is now in the Orient for the second time. He states that the only trouble with service over there is that they don't see the

paymaster for months at a time.

a former student of the University who is serving with the Marines,

"I am the only University of Oregon man in this regiment, and I often long for some one to talk old times with, Clark writes. "There is an old O. A. C. man next door to my tent. I got hold of the iron woman standing on the Kappa Sig lawn, and of course showed it to him. His face was showed it to min. his lace was a study. I kidded him extensively until Thanksgiving, after which I main-tained discreet silence.

"I wish some of your Red Cross subscribers could have seen us opening Christmas packages you made possible You might not think that a grown-up man would go crazy over a writing tablet come up the cardy topage ice to cheer up and not worry, because the boys are receiving the best of treatment and there is nothing to tablet, some gum, stick candy, a pencil, and a few other little things.

but when those packages were given out, not a man was absent, and the proverbial kid with a red wagon had nothing on us when we opened them." "Our boys are being treated better than ever before," he says. They get better pay and are more respected by the people than ever before. They never had the pleasureg of the Y. M.

Red Cross Packages More Than Welcomed.

Former Oregon "U" Student, Now U. S. Marine, Says Men Like "Kids."

"I have never been treated as well in my life as I have been since I joined the Oregon cavalry in Portland, Or. I am a native of the Middle West, but UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene indication of the appreciation with intend to make Oregon my home when the war is over. I have relatives and which Red Cross and other packages are received by the boys in the service

the war is over. I have relatives and many friends in Oregon. "I want to go to France with the is given by Clark Thompson, a student in the university last year, in a letter rest of our boys, so I hope that this to friends on the campus. Thompson is with the 112th Company, Eighth Regiment, U. S. Marines, and at the time the letter was written was expecting to

"I wish some of you Red Cross sub-scribers could have seen us opening the Christmas packages you made possi-

e," he wrote. "You might not think that a grow man would go crazy over a writing tablet, some gum, stick candy, tobacco, pencil and a few other little things, but when those packages were given out not a man was absent, but the proverbial kid with a red wagon had nothing on us when we opened the packages."

Y. M. C. A. Huts Win Warm Praise From Soldier Boys.

Hood River Youth Describes Life at San Diego Naval Training School.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 2 .- (Spe cial.)-Even in sunny California, where the enlisted man may spend his leave on a hike in the open air and where the demand for regreation huts is not

quarantine that the men have to ex-

On one week, according to his letters, raiding planes visited "Blighty" every night, although damage was neglible

lyde Crosby Writes From His Sintion at Santingo, Cuba.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 2.-(Special.)-Young Gibbons, eager to get to France and in action, tried to be transferred to one of the American en- soldiers wherever they go, according to a letter written by Clyde Crosby, now gineers' regiments as it crossed Engstationed with the marines at Santiago. land, but was unable to get favorable Cubs, in a letter to his mother, Mrs. D. R. Crosby, who has three boys in the service. He states that many of the action. Engaged in building aerdromes for American flyers, he says he longs again for Summer and anticipated acboys with his company are from the

His latest letter to his parents fol-West. ows: "We are staying in billets in town at

West. "I heard a civilian while I was in Virginia comment on the Third Ore-gon band that gave a concert in Rich-mond," he writes "He praised the private places, and the people are fine. It is just like a home for us. In the family are just two, a lady and her band very highly. Crosby writes that he has visited the

old trenches and breastworks at Santi-ago which the Americans had to take during the Spanish-American war. He states that the boys used cocoanut paim leaves for their Christmas decodaughter. Two other engineers are daugnet. We are having it pretty nice. I think our division will be broken and that we will go to France in drafts in the Spring. Our officers are to go next week, but others are coming from the front to take their rations and that the day was hot, with the sun burning down outside the ness tent

"I am very anxious to go to France but it doesn't help matters any, for we have to do as we are bidden. They will send us over when they are ready

I saw

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We are close to Oxford, and we

chase yesterday. It was some sight."

FORMER PORTLAND POLICE-

MAN NOW IN NAVY.

some great racing here.

Castle Rock Youth Writes of Life "Over There."

Charles Carnine Is Now Stationed With Marines in France.

...................... CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Feb. 2.-(Special.)-A letter received recently by Mrs. Charles Carnine from her son, Thomas, who is with the Marines in France, gives some interesting facts about his trip across. He says the voyage was delightful, no rough weather being experienced. He says land was sighted at about 8 o'clock in the morning, and at the same time the fleet retreated from a squad of sub-marines. Considerable firing was in progress, the reports sounding like marines. Considerable firing was in progress, the reports sounding like an old-fashioned Fourth of July cele-] bration. He says the French people were delighted to see the United States oldiers, and they received an enthusi-istic welcome. He spoke of many little fatherless

urchins in the streets, begging for pennies. He declared his quarters are emfortable and that he could not con plain of the eats

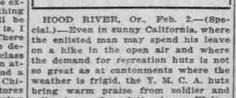
Canyon City Stockmen Protest.

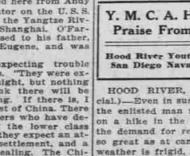
CANYON CITY, Or., Feb. 2 .- (Speial.)—Local stockmen, are preparing a petition protesting against the re-ent ruling of the District Forestry Of-ice at Portland. They have sent out fice at Portland. They have sent out notices to the effect that no stock will be permitted to range on the National forests until the 15th of May. This is a nonth and a half later than for previous years and will be quite a hardship and extra expense on the stockmen, who will have to secure additional pas-ture while waiting for the Governture ment grazing range to open.

District Convention Success.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Feb. 2 .- (Spi cial)-The district convention of the W. W. C. M. Society of the Christian Church held kers Tuesday and Wednes-day proved to be one of the bent in every respect. Thirty-five delegates were registered and there were speakers from Seattle, Spokans, Hogman, Vancouver, Centralia, Chehalis, Kelso and Camas, besides those from Castle

J. Lee Van Deusen. J. Lee Van Deusen, who drove patrol wagon for 18 months on aptain Circle's relief before





erience on arrival. "The first thing they do," he says,

Captain Circle's relief before joining the United States Navy last November, is now in train-in League Island Yard, according to a letter received from him

for us.

ing to a letter received from him last week by Sergeant Ervin. From Philadelphia, he says, he will go to Columbia University for rating as a machinist's mate and expects eventually to enter the "sub"-chaser service. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Van Deusen, of 528 Jefferson eteract this city and is widely street, this city, and is widely known here.

