BOYS WRITE OF EXPERIENCES IN BATTLE ZONE OF FRANCE

All Anxiously Awaiting Orders to Sail for Home-Belgians Enthusiastic Over Americans After Armistice Is Signed.



Clarence A. Bankhead, Naval Aviation Corps.



R. H. Teter. Overseas Aviation Service.



Ralph R. Leonard, of Rose Lodge,



Lieutenant J. D. McKny, Wounded and Returned.



Charles R. McCoy,



Hugh Parks. 158th Infantry.



Chester Eugene Gast, 364th Field Hospital.



Claude B. Rudd, Second Air Service.



Jack Anderson Wounded Near Verdun.





William E. Anderson



Bert G. Cruikshank,



Clyde W. Leonard, of Rose Lodge.

Harold Munden, Marine Band.



Charles G. Bartel,



Coast Artillery.



W. E. Pykkonen, Coast Artillery.



Lieutenant J. W. Steiger. Transport Corps.



William C. Lahti.



Master Engineer.

H. Teeter, formerly of Portland, is spending a 30-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Teter, near Oregon City, having recently returned from France, where he was in the marine aviation service. He was one of the first Americans to

land in Belgium, and relates that when the Yankees made their appearance the Belgians rushed to greet them, embrac-ing and kissing them. One young man who had gone through four years in a German prison camp told them that he had a 320-acre farm in the United States, but had answered the call of nia country.

He was a student at Benson Polytech-nic several years ago, and also attend-ed the Clinton-Kelly School, of this city.

Lieutenant J. Douglas McKay, of Portland, who was severely wounded in France last October, has been returned from overseas and is now on his way to Camp Lewis hospital, where he will remain for the next few months re-

covering from his wounds. Lieutenant McKay was with the 361st

"The bird of peace is not a dove, it is a canary bird." writes John W. Allen, relating in a letter to his mother, Mrs. W. D. Allen, of Central Vale, an incident of the morning of the armistice. "About 8 o'clock in the morning of the 11th," writes the young man, now with the 65th regiment of Coast Artiilery, having enlisted while at the University of Washington with a coast artillery company of that state's National first to enlist after the recruiting of Guard, "we received orders to cease fir."

"We are anxiously waiting and counting the hours until we will start home," Claude B. Rudd, master signal electrician with the second aid service, has

written. "We have turned out 400 planes for the French army, to which we are at-tached. We have nothing to do with the American side of the aviation ex-cept to draw our pay. I am glad the war is over, as there are too many fine Americans being killed to suit me." Americans being killed to suit me."

Charles R. McCoy has been in some pretty tough places in the battle zone, according to a letter recently received in Portland by his mother, Mrs. Eliza McCoy, 700 East Sixty-minth street North. Prior to his enlistment Mr. Mc-Coy was employed in the pressroom of The Oregonian. He is now with the army of occupation in Germany.

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"I have been in every big drive since
July 4, have been in some pretty tough
places and consider myself lucky to get
Infantry, 91st Division, which has been

Captain Dana H. Allen. Glen Morgan, Navy.

Captain Base II, Allen, of collection of Salem, Or Lower Salem, Or Salem, Or

James H. Green, 22, who enlisted in the Eighth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, on March 27, 1917, and left for France July 31, 1918, is ready to come

time, so don't expect me. There are lots of soldiers here, and they won't send them back as fast as they sent was going to sign that armistice."

According to Mr. Allen's letter, the 55th was in the thick of the battle toward the last.

**We are a naturally stated as the solution of Liberty my hat comes off."

Green now is in the Supply Company

The only members of the Marine of the 69th Regiment, Coast Artillery

Portland Boy Saluted by King of Belgium.

Vittz James Ramsdell Writes of Machine-Gun Operations.

T IEUTENANT VITTZ JAMES RAMS-DELL, son of Mrs. H. D. Ramsdell, 454 Jefferson street, has had the honor of saluting and being saluted by King Albert of Belgium, according to a letter received by his mother recently.

question I cannot answer. Guard, "we received orders to cease fir-ing but to stand by for further orders. A little bird flitted along, stopped and sang to us a couple of missing to us a couple of mis William C. Lahti, son of Mr. and Mrs A little bird flitted along, stopped and sang to us a couple of minutes, and then it flew down directly into the muzzle of the gun I was on. When that bird came out and flew away he left all times to down the street of the gun I was on. When that bird came out and flew away he left all times to down the street of the gun I was on. When that bird came out and flew away he left all times to down the street of the gun I was on. When that bird came out and flew away he left all times to down the street of the gun I was on.

Green now is in the Supply Company of the 69th Regiment, Coast Artillery Band at Guam, M. I., to escape Spanish influenza were three Oregon boys, secording to a letter from Harold Munder, 73 days under shell fire, Priden, recently received by his parents,

made a fine blaze. Our worst troubles

for another mile. I was with the Third

Battalion and we took a ridge, but had

to fall back for protection during the

Corporal Lloyd Bayley,

in buckets. My quarters are very com-fortable—a great change to what I have been accustomed to for the last year.
"Today I was assigned to air service aeronautics headquarters for duty. How long they will need my services is a

He was graduated from Jefferson High School in Ju e, 1918. Death came to him while confined to the Sellwood

Walter A. Bernard, Marines. Const Artillery.

and found a large bunch of letters waiting for me. Of course you must know the results of our efforts by this time, but you cannot imagine how good t seems not to have any more terrific shell fire and dropping bombs. I have seen on practically every front, and, seliove me, I have been through many experiences which are not to be described on paper, and sometimes I woner if it was only a dream."

Field Signal. Navy.

Corp. Wm. H. Andersen,

for bravery. His home is in Elkton.

In a recent letter to his sister, Mrs.

J. R. Hollister, of 1077 East Fortieth street, Cloudesley S. Brereton, master engineer with the 37th Umited States Engineers, writes.

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"He water, the siren screeched, our whistle blew three deep musical blasts where he is stationed with the Second Division en route to Coblenz.

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"Since we have not met with enthusiasm that was showered on us in Belgium that was showered on the proposition of the population of the proposition of the proposition of the proposition of the proposition of the population of the proposition of the p four stars of the President. Others saw that banner, too, and as the giant

"The 'finis de la guerre' has come at last. Of course there are two ways to look at it; one is to be glad and think

set fire to an ammunition dump the Huns had in an old building and it made a fine blaze. Our worst troubles were the machine guns and snipers and we had trouble getting ammunition to the guns because it had to be brought over the open. I had two men hit slightly.

"The third day the division on our right came up and we all went ahead for another mile. I was with the Third litters that has been received here was and we were in one big pile, with a second control of the most interesting and we were in one big pile, with a second control of the way over. The bunks tore loose and we were in one big pile, with a second control of the way over. The bunks tore loose and we were in one big pile, with a second control of the way over. The bunks tore loose and we were in one big pile, with a second control of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks tore loose and the purple of the way over. The bunks to be a sum of the purple of the way over. The bunks to be a sum of the purple of the way over. The bunks to be a sum of the purple of the way over. The bunks to be a sum of the purple of the way over. The bunks to be a sum of the purple of the way over. The bunks to be a sum of the purple of the way over. The bunks the purple of letters that has been received here was and we were in one big pile, with a

that of Herman Linquist, of the United States Navy, and now in service in Week, then headed for Cardiff. They night. We dug in on a hill side and foreign waters. The letter was received had no coal there, so we were sent on to Tyne. All the way up the coast of four inches of water in it, but water in it he says:

Phur. Mate H. E. Andersen, Engineers.

walk from the German border and ex-

Pennsylvania steamed downstream she gave us the regular salute of 21 guns fired at five-accond intervals, which was answered by our own three-pounders."

"The 'finis de la guerre' has come at least the German border and expect to cross over into Germany in a few days.

"I have seen the battle-scarred cities of Verdun, Grand Pre and Stenay and all the ground fought over by our troops. I crossed the Meine River 20 minutes after the Hun was driven back and I will certainly have some back and I will certainly have some wonderful stories to tell you when

der if it was only a dream."

Before entering the service Mr.
Brereton was engaged in educational work in Portland, being head of the electrical department in the Benson Polytechnic School.

Captain Dana H. Allen, of Salem, Or, was at Nogent in Bassigny, France, when last heard from.

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Book at it; one is to be glad and think of the joys of homecoming and the other is to have that feeling that we get home."

Burt G. Cruikshank, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Cruikshank, 1171 Ladding-ton Court, having gone through the great Argonne Woods campaign, is now in Germany with the Army of occupation.

Young Cruikshank is a wagoner with the 37th Engineers. He enlisted

Work of 'Human Telephone' Perilous but Important.

Sergeant H. M. Wight Tells of Service That Won Decoration.

O REGON AGRICULTURAL COL-LEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 18,-(Special.)-Work of the "human telephone" men in front of the battle lines is described by Sergeant H. M. Wight, of the 261st Infantry, instructor in zoology at the college, who has been awarded the distinguished service cross for "extraordinary heroism," in a letter to G. F. Sykes, professor of zoology and physi-

There be other many. There is no every light give since of the faculty of Columbia University as formerly single in the faculty of the grant of the faculty of the fa

in Portland some eight months ago, giving up a position with the Oregon Motor Car Company to see action in France. Shortly afterward his unit was sent overseas and letters have since followed telling of his experiences on the battle front.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. K. Andersen, 670 Vaughn street, is represented in both the Army and Navy, there being a son in each and in the Coast Guard by a son-in-law. Corporal William H. Andersen is now in France, serving with the 325d Field Signal Battalion. Before being taken through the selective service he was repected three times as a volunteer because of a physical defect. He had this remedied by surgery that he might pass the tests. by surgery that he might pass the tests. He was formerly in the employ of the Portland Gas & Coke Company as an

ecountant. Harold E. Andersen is a pharmacist's mate in the Navy, now second class, but due to take the examination for advancement this month. He was married on Thanksgiving day to Miss Helen

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