

PARIS IS SEEN AT CLOSE RANGE BY ENGINEER TROOPS

Corporal W. H. H. Keen Writes of Visit to Many Historic Spots in Interesting French Capital.

SAW EFFECTS OF BIG GUN

Among Prominent People Seen Were President Poincaré and Mrs. T. Roosevelt Jr.

A trip to Paris, in which he meets Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., is told most interestingly by Corporal W. H. H. Keen, who is with the United States engineers in France, in a letter written to his mother, Mrs. D. A. Keen of 8129 Forty-fourth street, Southeast. He was formerly an O. A. C. student and has received his first gold stripe, the chevron, for six months' service in France.

"Last Saturday our organization left here on the limited bound for Paris. We rode through beautiful country and passed over wonderful bridges and through cities of great interest along the way, until we finally arrived at Gray France. The officer to whom we were to report for duty had two big trucks ready and they conveyed us to the hotels nearby which are occupied by the American troops while in Paris. Here we were given good steel cots and mattresses. The rooms were lighted with electricity and each one had a fireplace, and, all together, it was almost too good to be true in the way of our comfort.

Trip to Invalides "Paris is dark at night on account of the air raids, so, as there wasn't much chance to see the city by night, I decided to go to bed and get a good fresh start for the rest of the day. Real beds! Maybe you think I didn't sleep. Got up Sunday morning at 7:45, had breakfast, then one of the men and I took a trip down town to a place called Invalides. Rode in a horse taxi for about an hour before we reached the place. Here we found an assortment of war trophies of great interest—cannon, airplanes, etc., all taken from the enemy.

"Here we viewed Napoleon's tomb—some swell dome it is. Eiffel tower, a masterpiece in steel construction, the highest structure of the world in the world—877 feet—could be seen from here. We got back to the hotel by auto taxi in quick time and took in a park.

"Our band was selected to play at the Allied Officers' club that afternoon, so we went there. Found the Garde Republicain band, the finest in the world, to play against. We kept to American music and they the French. While our army band could not possibly be as good, we drew our share of applause at that. At any rate we had the distinction of sitting alongside of one of the best musical organizations in the world.

Saw President Poincaré

"There were many prominent French and American people present. The French president was among the guests. We had a nice little party with us and, after posing for the movies, separated to the Y. M. C. A. headquarters for a feed and concert there that night. (You may get my picture yet in some of the movies. It will be in some of the travel pictures.)

"The Y. M. C. A. certainly had some dinner and, accordingly, we played 'some concert' for the Americans in Paris. We felt like playing and the audience hadn't heard an American band with popular home music for so long that they gave us a wonderful hand. The trucks took us back to the hotel after the concert and I went to bed with the feeling that Sunday (Mothers' day, by the way) was well worth while for me.

"The Y. M. C. A. insisted that we return for breakfast, so on Monday morning we got up early and took the subway (just like New York) and there again we had a regular feed. Sightseeing cars were waiting for us at the site and they took us around the city.

Many Famous Places Seen

"We went from one side of the city to the other, saw the arch of triumph built by Napoleon, the greatest safe in the world, Eiffel tower, the Trocadero, a fine music hall, built during the exposition; the old mansion of Louis XIV, the stop where the old guillotine was used for executions, which is now marked by the big obelisk from Egypt. We saw Notre Dame cathedral and the wonderful bridge across the Seine river, called the Bridge of Alexandria. On the way back we passed spots where the big, long range German gun, 'Bertha,' has hit, including that church she hit on Good Friday.

"At noon we were back at the hotel and went to a Red Cross depot, where we played quite a concert before leaving for home (home being this camp) at 3 p. m. Here we had our pictures taken again with some Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross workers.

"When we were taking the train one of the women asked a member of the band to send her one of the pictures when they were finished. He called back for her name and she said, 'Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt Jr.' What do you know about that? This finishes my travels in France to date."

FRENCH TOWNS BEHIND TIMES

American Soldiers Get Along With Whatever Comes.

"We are camped near the point of departure and as we are surrounded by a stone wall and not allowed to go out to the village, I have seen little of France as yet," writes Willbur F. Porth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Porth of Portland, who is with the United States engineers. A. E. F.

"When we marched through the town, we saw only old men, women and children, as all the fighting men of France are at the front. About half the people are in mourning—that is as near as we have gotten thus far to the war. We saw lots of German prisoners and they seem content with their lot and glad to be out of the fight. We are in barracks that are good, but evidently relics of Napoleon's time. All this part of France is about 100 years behind the times in street cars and freight cars. We don't get Pullman cars to ride in, but nobody expected it and nobody cares. Though the Americans have been used to the best service they get along beautifully with whatever comes along. I suppose we will learn in time, but just now we are having our troubles with

this French money. There is little chance to spend money here. No candy to be had, but cigarettes are about as cheap as they are in the states. We buy them at the Y. M. C. A., which is cer-

tainly a wonderful help in every way to the boys. "Duty to one's country does not end on the parade ground, nor even on the battlefield, but consists in doing every-

thing in one's power to help win the war," says an order issued by General Pershing, a copy of which has been received by the war department. "To write home frequently and regularly, to keep in constant touch with

family and friends, is one of the soldier's most important duties. Mothers and fathers will suffer if they do not hear often from sons fighting in France. In the present large companies it is not possible for officers to write letters for

their men, and every man should do it for himself." George E. Love, dancing teacher, and for some time manager of the Murlark

ballroom and of the dinner dances at the Portland hotel, has received his orders to report for the Ground school in the aviation service at Berkeley. Mr. Love took his examination for the avia-

tion section in Seattle some months ago and has been awaiting orders. He will leave Wednesday for the south. Mrs. Love will remain at the Portland and continue his work there.

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