

FRENCH TOWNS DO NOT EQUAL THOSE OF UNITED STATES

Harry L. Wolbers Finds Army Life Growing Harder as the Battle Line Is Approached.

BEST FRENCHMEN NOT MET

All French Towns Are Old and Have But a Few of the Modern Municipal Conveniences.

"I am glad I learned army life in easy stages," writes Harry L. Wolbers, a former employee of the Home Telephone company, who is now with the American expeditionary forces in France. His letter is written to the office force of the telephone company in Portland with whom he worked for a number of years. "When we were at Camp Lewis," he continues, "it wasn't half bad. Then when crossing the continent we complained that the Pullman sheets were only changed twice a week. The worst ship seemed the worst yet and now we are in an old-fashioned, small French town. Of course, they are all old-fashioned, the most modern thing in this one is an American moving machine and a fountain which is only one century old. We have no sanitation, no lights—of course we wouldn't use them if we had them—and no water system."

Greeted by French "As for the French girls, that is, the kind we meet, who do not know the language and do not meet the best people, I wouldn't pay passage money to the states for one I have met so far."

"We landed in the late afternoon and marched through the village. At our first stop for breath, and we needed breath, for by that time with such additions as steel helmets and the like, our packs had grown to man's size, an old lady put her head out of the window, then withdrew it hurriedly and soon we heard the strains of 'Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue' on the phonograph, with 'Dixie,' 'Tipperary' and several others following. It seemed as though we were still at home."

"Then we passed a bakery—still unusual in itself, but the baker was there in the doorway and he wore a flour sack apron on which were emblazoned the words, 'Eventually, Why Not Now?' and on his head was a Fleischmann's yeast cap."

Children Want Smokes A horde of youngsters followed us along, happy as could be in spite of their patched up clothes and their shoes. Little way they tried to show us how welcome we were to them and to tell us all the English they knew. From the thickest lot they seemed to smoke. "Gimme a smoke," being the end of each cordial salutation.

"Napoleon's Pigeon Farm," as the boys soon named the barracks, was supposed to be a rest camp after our trip across. We slept on the hard boards and as the showers were limited, we had to take our turns which came sometimes at midnight and sometimes at 3 in the morning. The soldiers filled the barracks and when it is crushed and put on the roads and tramped on by a million feet, it glitters in the sun until we almost need goggles.

"The houses are all of stone and they are built on conservation lines, regardless of character. A stone, a house, a barn will all be joined together. The only wooden structures we saw were the ready-built ones sent over knocked down by the Americans."

Sergeant Richard Monro Barrett, who is in France in the signal corps with the telephone unit, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Barrett of Portland. His wife and sisters, Mrs. L. Barrett, Mrs. John G. Hunter and Mrs. Fred Schrup, are also living in Portland. He has been in the service a year, having enlisted as a private with the telephone division. He was for eight years in the employ here of the Pacific States Telephone company and has served in the national guard for five years. The men of his unit build and operate field telephones in the war zone and keep lines for telephones and telegraphs in order.

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BAND HAS NOTED MUSICIANS

Sergeant Tillotson, Famous Song Writer, Leader, Harvard Professor-Composer One of Stars.

Vancouver Barracks, Wash., July 16. Provost Marshal General Crowder's "work or fight" order would not have been issued if the same spirit were shown in all essential war industries as is shown by the men stationed at the Vancouver barracks. From early morning until evening the officers and men are going through their daily detail with vigor and vim.

At the north cantonment there seems to be no let up in the work of classifying the drafted men. Examinations are being conducted to determine the fitness of the soldiers for active service and those who pass are assigned to the First provisional regiment, which is rapidly nearing full war strength of 13 full squadrons.

The regiment has the usual number of calls and physical exercises of a regular army outfit and six hours of the hardest kind of drilling for the squads, companies and battalions.

One of the daily features of the barracks is the evening parade of the regiment, during which the evening gun is fired and the colors lowered. Townspeople are given an invitation to witness these parades.

The First provisional regiment band, composed of 42 pieces, is the pride of the barracks. Under the leadership of Sergeant Tillotson, who won fame as a song writer, the band has developed wonderfully. The strains are running loud and still it rains. The trees are moss covered and the old houses in the village are damp and waterlogged with few fires and conveniences of any kind. This is not a war condition but has always been so.

"I don't see how the people survive the hard conditions under which they are born and bred. It is new to us but it is surprising to see how splendidly the men adapt themselves to the inconveniences and hardships. They are all well cared for clothed in the hospitals, which, even in these early stages of our efforts, are second to none. Our hospital program is a huge one. Several groupings are being made on new lines. To illustrate, one big group, the layout is to be 20,000 beds operated by 20 full base hospital personnel units under one administrative head. We have one group of 6,000 beds already in operation and a great many more of smaller proportion."

"The spirit of the patients is fine. Talking to a 'gassed' man the other day, he told me from head to foot, with his eyes closed and a fair chance of losing them. When I asked him if the gas killed the rats in the trenches, he said, 'What do you think?' 'Oh, no sir, we see them in ones, twos and platoons and companies and the last one I see was wearing a gas helmet and a gas mask.'"

"The battery is getting anxious to make its turn on the front. Private Harry Allan Myers, in a letter to his father, J. H. Myers, 'We think it would be a fine place to operate in the trenches. We are all well and happy. The officers' club will have charge of all military hops in the future, and plans are under way for the holding of pocket billiard and billiard tournaments."

The Officers' club recently held a reception of officers. Colonel Hubbard was chosen president, Lieutenant Colonel Way vice president, and Lieutenant Newhall secretary-treasurer. The Officers' club will have charge of all military hops in the future, and plans are under way for the holding of pocket billiard and billiard tournaments."

The post hospital corps will stage a benefit dance in the Multnomah hotel August 10. The dance is being held for the benefit of football team, which will be organized again in the fall. Among the patrons and patronesses will be Major and Mrs. E. L. Swift, Major and Mrs. Lehman, Captain and Mrs. Hubbell, Captain and Mrs. Miller and Captain and Mrs. Hopper.

The sanitary condition of Vancouver barracks, including the north cantonment, is high. The death rate is extremely low and has been since the establishment of the camp.

An open-air boxing smoker will be staged in the open-air pavilion at the barracks in the near future. The proceeds of the boxing will be used to pay for the regimental colors and the national flag which have been ordered.

The success of the Fourth of July celebration, which was due to the efforts of the athletic officers, is still a topic of conversation.

Lieutenant Newhall of the First provisional headquarters is a former newspaper man. Prior to enlisting in the service he served as sporting editor of the Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune, occupying that position for 16 years.

Being classes are being formed among the officers while a number of others seek recreation, after their long intensive drilling of the day, on the tennis courts which have been erected in the barracks.

Officers' dances are held every other Friday night in the open air pavilion in the north cantonment. The dances are held from 9:30 o'clock to 11:30 o'clock.

Regular army officers, visiting at the barracks, are of the opinion that the guard mounting of the First provisional regiment is on a par with that of any regular army outfit they have ever been connected with.

Lectures on machine gunnery and practical demonstrations of the Lewis and Browning machine guns are being held in the barracks.

The Y. M. C. A. house No. 2 will stage an open air boxing and wrestling tourney below its house next Friday night. D. V. Poling, director of the house, will be in charge. These smokers produce a lot of keen rivalry between the soldiers.

All the married officers are now comfortably established in the houses along the officers' row.

The Knights of Columbus will hold a dance in the pavilion in the north cantonment Wednesday night. In the past these dances have attracted great numbers of soldiers. The public is admitted by invitation only. Moving pictures are shown twice a week in the K. of C. building in the barracks.

M'ADOO BARS PLEASURE ON PRESENT TRIP

San Francisco, July 14. — In reply to numerous invitations from commercial clubs, chambers of commerce and other organizations in the Pacific Northwest, not to mention scores of individuals, William G. M'Adoo, director general of railroads, who is here on urgent railroad business Monday evening addressed the following message to the people of Oregon and Washington:

"I deeply appreciate the kind invitations for my forthcoming visit to the Pacific Northwest. I am obliged to decline all entertainment on my present trip, because it is my imperative duty in the present emergency to devote every moment of my time to the important railroad work which calls me to the West."

"The exactions of the great responsibilities with which I am charged leave me, I regret to say, no opportunity to enjoy, as I should like so much to under other than war conditions, the hospitality and generous attention of my friends."

"Please be assured of my cordial good wishes."

(Signed) W. G. M'ADOO.

Provost Marshal Crowder today issued a call for 7116 selective service men to be used as mechanics and gas engineers, to entrain August 15. Those wishing to enlist voluntarily have until July 22 to do so.

Among the quotas are: Connecticut, 16 to University of Maine; entrain August 1.

Indiana, 460 to Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

Kansas, 360 to Kentucky university.

Massachusetts, 160, Maine university; entrain August 1.

Minnesota, 412, State university, and 515, State Agricultural college.

Nebraska, 500 to Rahe school, Kansas City.

North Carolina, 150, State Agricultural college, Ohio, 600, Rahe school.

Pennsylvania, 412, University Pittsburg, and 135, Erie school.

Wisconsin, 1200 to Sweeney school, Kansas City.

A call for 399 limited service men, to serve as cooks and bakers, was issued today by Provost Marshal General Crowder. Of these, California will furnish 128, to be sent to the Presidio; Louisiana, 46 colored to Fort Riley, and New York, 265 to Camp Upton all on August 1.

Selective service men may volunteer for this work up to July 23, after which they will be taken if the quota has not been filled.

Stomach Dead Man Still Lives People who suffer from sour stomach, fermentation of food, distress after eating and indigestion and seek relief in large chunks of artificial digestors, are killing their stomachs by inaction just as surely as the victims of morphia are deadening and injuring beyond repair every nerve in his body.

What the stomach of every sufferer from indigestion needs is a good prescription that will build up his stomach, liver a lecture in "Y" No. 3. His lectures are said to be highly interesting.

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AMERICANISM OF OREGON CHILDREN ABOVE QUESTION

State Superintendent Answers Charges Made by Speaker Before Spokane Business Men.

STATE SCHOOLS NOT PACIFIC

Superintendent Churchill Points Out Work Done by Children; Study of Civics Given Credit.

Salem, July 16.—So far as Oregon schools are concerned, the assertion made by a prominent educator before the Spokane Chamber of Commerce that there is a lack of the ideals of true Americanism in the public schools is not true, according to J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction.

This speaker said he attributed this "lack of the ideals of true Americanism" to the fact that so many women are employed as teachers in the schools.

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