

ELVIN WRITES SUNDAY SCHOOL

Letter From Pastor Describes Sunday Service in Y. M. C. A. Hut

Under date of April 1, from "Somewhere in France," Rev. James Elvin, pastor of the First Congregational church of Salem, now on leave of absence, and serving with the American Y. M. C. A., wrote a letter to the Sunday school of his church, and the letter was read to the Sunday school last Sunday, by Superintendent W. I. Staley. Following is the letter in full:

"Well, here I am, permanently located in a far off corner of France. I am getting to be something of a heathen, for I have not been in Sunday school since the last Sunday I spent with my boys and girls.

"The majority of French children attend the Catholic Sunday school and we have one small Protestant school in this place.

"It seems hard to realize that I have been away from Salem nearly three months.

"We are under strict military rule—go to bed at taps (10 o'clock) and get up at reveille (6 o'clock). There is nine hours difference in time between here and Salem. When you are assembling in school at 10 a. m., I am sitting down to my good American dinner at 7:00 p. m. When you go to bed at 9, I am getting up at 6.

"We are located here in a beautiful city near a charming river, and just now we are in tree blossom time—and all the glory of spring.

"The people are very kind and do everything they can to make it pleasant for us. Many of them invite the soldiers into their homes and some very funny French is spoken. To night I am taking a bunch of soldiers to the French Protestant parsonage. The minister's wife is a fine singer and piano player and are going to have some good music.

"I never dreamed there were so many kinds of soldiers in the world until I came here.

"They have some fine donkey and dog teams and boys and girls here are just about as lively as they are at home. The boys and girls have learned to say "good night," and as I pass along the street early in the morning I am greeted everywhere with "good night, good night."

"I went to a little party one evening and one young lady came right up to me and said, to my astonishment, "I love you," when she learned the meaning of those words she blushed. I told her if she said that to some American boys she would have to go back to America. She said, "Oh, I wouldn't mind."

"Another lady came forward to

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CAMP PREPARES FOR BIG ATTACK

Almost All of Soldiers at American Lake March to Concentration Point

CAMP LEWIS, Tacoma, Wash., April 30.—While the greater part of Camp Lewis was deserted today for a military problem on which the entire division was engaged, the personnel of the receiving station put in its busiest day of the April draft. Late this afternoon, more than 1900 men have been received and another group of about 1000 was on its way from the railway station. Late arrival of many of those expected at camp yesterday was responsible for the numbers today only 1607 being scheduled. They began coming at 4 o'clock this morning and at times nearly 500 men were in line.



Dorothy Phillips IN "BROADWAY LOVE" IT'S A BLUEBIRD FEATURE ALSO CURRENT EVENTS AND A 2 REEL COMEDY LAST TIMES TODAY

LIBERTY

thrust which followed artillery preparations lasting several days broke down before our lines."

MANY PRISONERS TAKEN. BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, April 30.—(Via Ottawa)—The Franco-British troops took a large number of prisoners during yesterday's fighting, but there were fewer than the magnitude of the struggle would lead one to expect, owing to the desperate hand to hand encounters engaged in.

SOUTHERN FLANK ATTACKED. WITH THE FRENCH ARMY IN FRANCE, April 29.—(By the Associated Press)—The Germans again turned their attention to the southern flank of their front of attack Sunday night and early Monday morning, assaulting the Harward wood line, assaulting the Harward wood line, assaulting the Harward wood line.

The military problem which called out the entire division on a field march of some six miles to a point near Roy was of most pretentious undertaking of the training activities and officers were pleased with the results. The men started from camp about 8 o'clock, proceeding along five routes and shortly after 10, Major General H. A. Greene opened division headquarters in a deserted farm house, keeping in touch with the radio apparatus which had been set up by the 316th field signal battalion.

Theoretically the division was marching to a concentration point for an attack. The infantry brigades were accompanied by their supply and ammunition trains and the men carried full equipment with the exception of gas mask and helmet. Men and officers were clad in the fatigue uniform of most pretentious plodded along the highway through clouds of dust at a rate of two and one half miles an hour. At the end of an hour's marching they were given a rest.

Field kitchens prepared coffee to accompany the rations each man carried and all the training of the past months was put into play under conditions approximating actual warfare, the only difference being there were no trenches and shell holes to break the contour of the land.

Activities at the concentration point consisted of marching and counter-marching, commanders keeping in constant touch with their troops through the field telephone and motorcycle messengers. Carrier pigeons from the signal corps were used to carry messages from the field to camp.

Shortly after noon General Greene gave the orders for the return to camp and within a few minutes the entire division was in motion. Great clouds of dust rising high in the air designated the line of march before the men came into view of the movement of the demim-clad soldiers, accompanied by their wagons, was picturesque.

General Greene and his staff review the troops on the return march, stopping near the remount depots radio field until the men had passed by.

CONCILIATORS AVERT PAPER MILL STRIKE

his hands and that dismissals involving up to 100 operators had been made in Dallas, Birmingham, Cleveland, Fargo, N. D.; Seattle and Chicago. He said that a large proportion of the 30,000 commercial telegraph operators are members of the union.

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STOMACH TORN UP

Indiana Lady Describes Condition, Which She Says Was Due To Constipation and Tells of Relief Obtained From Black-Draught.

Scottsburg, Ind.—Mrs. Annie Johnson, of this place, writes: "I well remember I suffered for a long time with constipation, which would get me down. I took doctors' medicines and any number of purgatives. They would leave me in a worse condition than I was before taking, and my stomach so upset. . . I know once I suffered. . . from constipation, I was so ill we had to have the doctor, just so nervous and feverish. The doctor said I would have to quit medicines, my stomach was so bad. . . My husband was reading and found something about Theodor's Black-Draught and brought me a package to try. I used it regularly at first until I began to feel better, then I used just a dose occasionally. It is purely vegetable, and acts in a prompt, natural way, helping to regulate the liver and to cleanse the bowels of impurities. Try Black-Draught. EB-15

PAUSE COMES IN FLANDERS FIGHTING

(Continued from page 1) contact with French counter-attacks. During the course of the fighting the enemy succeeded in establishing himself in Loere. His attempts to advance beyond the village failed.

HERBERT HOLT IN BIG BATTLE

Son of Salem Minister Has Some Thrilling Experiences at Front

Mrs. G. F. Holt has received a letter from her son, Herbert B. Holt, which gives some of his experiences at the front in the present big battle. The letter in part, follows:

"I'm rotting to be a regular trot about these days. As you see from the heading I am again writing to you from Paris, the hub of the world. I am doing about as much traveling around as I used to do when I worked for the railroad, which suits my fancy immensely. It's pretty hard to fool me now on travel in France. I can talk enough of the lingo now to get around in great shape. This may be my last trip though for a while as I am going down now to be an instructor to some new troops and inflict on them some of the wisdom I have been garnering the last few weeks. I may be there a few days or a few months.

Things Happen Suddenly. "One of the delightful things about this army life is the frequency with which something unexpected can turn up. Everything happens like a bolt out of a clear sky. You are getting along peacefully when all of a sudden along comes an order and in a couple of hours you are on your way to a place you never heard of before, and generally all roads lead to Paris.

I had a fine time with the British at the front. Having been at this business some four years they lack the air of excitement and uncertainty that marks our operations, and it's all in the day's work with them, although I will say that after the battle started there was plenty happening to keep anyone from being bored. We were under shell fire for some time and every night the Boches would bomb us from airplanes. I am glad the United States is going to get into this battle as our help will be timely both from a military and morale standpoint. It is unquestionably the biggest battle the world has ever seen and if carried to a conclusion may even be the turning point of the war. I think our troops will distinguish themselves if given a chance.

Some Situations Amusing. "The weather has continued fine with the exception of occasional showers for some weeks. I don't think I ever saw more beautiful spring weather and everything is turning green.

The fortunes of war have given rise to some amusing situations in my case. As I told you I could not get a personal check cashed on my bank account at Pasadena, Cal., and I had a whole month to go before I could draw my pay from the government as an officer. I moved from my first station before my pay came for February and before my uniform was finished. I left an order for another officer to draw my pay and get my uniform and send it to me. I just got a letter from him this morning saying that after reading around for a month the quartermaster decided that he could not give him my pay and that I would have to draw it myself. Consequently I was two months without a cent and traveling around as I was and visiting the British it cost quite a bunch of money. I borrowed from my friends right and left until I owed about a thousand francs. I just got on my feet again today. I received my pay for March and got my personal check cashed. I have thus been able to pay my debts and will get my February pay when I get to my next station. My uniform, however, is still at the tailor's and I am still wearing an enlisted man's uniform, much to my disgust. However it will all come out right in the end. C'est la guerre.

Mail Is Missing. "Where my mail is I cannot say. I haven't received any letters or packages for the last month except a few fat were waiting for me at headquarters yesterday. They will all catch up with me probably if I am still here.

Little Progress Made. Up to the present, however, the enemy has made little progress on either end of the line, but his menace has not been effaced. It is known that the Germans, in spite of their losses, are very powerful and that fresh divisions are available for further big efforts, notwithstanding the fact that they already have thrown approximately two million men into the line. Several of these divisions which have not been used are composed of excellent material, but the others heretofore have occupied quiet sectors, where they have lost some of their offensive spirit. Many divisions that have participated in the battles have been severely punished. Some estimates of their losses amount to as high as a half million men. Conservative calculations, however, do not place the losses beyond 250,000 men. The Germans have enough men in their depots in the interior to fill all gaps for some time, although reconstituted divisions never will be equal to fighting quality the original formation, since large numbers of the men have been wounded and after recuperation again thrown into the line. Prisoners taken recently do not display the old-time feeling of certainty that the great blow, which has been so long prepared, will find immediate and full success.

Few people are aware that the traditional color of Ireland is blue, not green. The color of the Ulsterman is orange. And when the Ulster Orangemen joined the Irish Nationalists, calling themselves the United Irishmen, in 1798, they mixed the orange with the traditional blue, and the result was green, which henceforth became the color emblematic of Irish unity.

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AUSTRIANS BUY BONDS. LOS ANGELES, April 25.—Fifteen Austrian waiters in a local cafe bought one \$100 bond of the third liberty loan each, making a total of \$1500 from the one Los Angeles eating place.

Private John McCormack of the 165th infantry (the old 69th), who the French croix de guerre on his uniform and who has been wounded in action, led the speaking, telling the crowd that the "boys over there can't do it all." He said the men in the trenches will "stick until they are killed," but the people back home "must back them up with bonds."

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