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### WITH THE COLORS



News of Local Boys in the Service; Information for This Department Will be Appreciated.

#### TROOP D MAN SENDS CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Harold Williamson, one of the Troop D men leaving Pendleton last year, who has been seeing service in France in 146th P. A., Battery E, under date of November 21, sends the following card to his friend, Ward Hoagland, 513 Franklin street:

"Just a little card to let you know that I am through it all O. K. Wishing you all the good luck in the world, and a Merry Christmas. I remain your old friend, Harold Williamson."

#### FROM SERGEANT HANSEN

In a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hansen, Sergeant Richard Hansen, former local boy who has been overseas with the 162 Infantry (the Taid Oregon) tells some very interesting news. In part his letter is as follows:

On the 18th we attended the Belgian celebration in honor of the birthday of King Albert. The ceremony was held in what was formerly a very pretentious hotel, but is now a Belgian hospital. There were much speech-making by French and Belgian officers and much shouting of "Vive la France," "Vive la Belgique," "Vive la Belgique," "Vive les allies," and vice versa everyone else—even "Vive la Chine." The national anthems of the various allies were played at intervals by the band. "La Marseillaise," "Le Brabanconne" (of Belgium), "God Save the King" and "Le Drapeau d'Etote" which last is the national anthem of the United States. They played this last more as a prayer—a hymn.

One of the most expressive things I saw was the headline in a French paper. Type about two inches high right across the top of the sheet said simply, "C'est fini."—It is finished. And I suppose it is in a practical sense. But as the Stars and Stripes puts it "It is not all over but the shouting—it is all over but the working."

Of course you people will be wondering when we will be home. You do not wonder any more about that than we do, and you probably know as much or more about it than we do. I can't think of anything more just now and it is dinner time. Will come with love to everyone always, but to yourselves particularly on this date.

Your son,  
RICHARD.

Paul Wallace got a machine gun bullet through the legs but has recovered now. He was at St. Mihiel and in the Argonne.

Frank Mason was commissioned and soon after got two teeth shot out by a machine gun. Most of those you know are all right.

Sgt. Richard O. Hansen, Co. M, 162 Inf., American E. P.

#### C. E. BOWERS WAS ON BATTLE FRONT FOUR MONTHS

November 24 was Father's Day with the Yankee soldiers and below is the letter received by C. L. Bowers, 507 Garden street, from his son, Private Charles E. Bowers, 146th P. A., Batt. E, an old Troop D boy. He was on the battle front four months. The letter follows:

My Dear Dad:  
Well, this day has been set aside for the boys to write to their fathers, so I will try and write you the best I can, for it is awful cold today and I am somewhat tired.

Well, the war is over and I will soon be home again, and here is a boy who will be glad for we have gone through some awful hard battles over here. I have been on the front four months, was in the second battle of the Marne (at Chateau Thierry) from July 15th to Sept. 7th at St. Mihiel salient from Sept. 1st to Sept. 15th, and the battle of Argonne from Sept. 15th to Nov. 11th.

I was on the battery ammunition train. We hauled from the rear to the guns 40 shells to a load. I drove truck and liked it pretty good, only when Fritz would try and drop a few on us, then we would have to beat it as fast as possible.

I may be on my way home by the time you receive this from me, and I hope that I am for we have done our duty and want to come as soon as possible.

How is everybody in Pendleton? I guess everybody is feeling pretty good now. I tell you I am for one.

I received a letter from mother a few days ago, but it is so cold I won't write to her today. If you don't hear from me very often you know I am on my way and will be home soon. We are awful busy getting everything in shape to move. I will tell you all about it when I come home.

Give my regards to all.  
I am your loving son,  
PVT. CHAS. E. BOWERS,  
Batt. E, 146th P. A., Am. Ex. P.

#### "OLD MAN" NOT FORGOTTEN.

Corporal Russell A. Bowers is a son of C. L. Bowers, 507 Garden street and is in the regular army in France, in headquarters company 20th field artillery. His Father's Day letter follows:

He. Co., 20th P. A.  
My Dear Father:  
As November 24th is the day set aside to write Dad's Christmas and victory letter, as Mother's day was last May, I will get busy with my pen and paper. I guess the idea is to let the old man know that we haven't forgotten him entirely and that his boy has proved to be a chip off the old block. Our dads have never been whipped and their sons have proved not only to dad, but to the Hun as well that it takes more than forty years of training to even think they had a show of whipping us.

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and '61. If you fathers had thought your boy never had the goods as you boys of '61 and '98 had, I guess by this time you have changed your minds.

Fathers used to speak with pride of the days of '61 and '98, and days of their youth and bravery, so that Old Glory should still wave in the land of Freedom. And now what do you say? Every father that has a son over sea or in the service of the flag? Are they not proud of us? Every one of them claims that his son alone could whip a whole company of hoes by himself and do it every day of the week and two companies on Sunday. Just like their sons tell of their daddy's experiences of '61 and '98. My father of the blue in '61, some of the other boys' fathers of the gray—their sons units under one flag and both in khaki fight like hell for the U. S. A. The same old do or die spirit as of our forefathers.

Some fathers are not going to be very cheery this Christmas. Those whose sons have paid the price. But still down in his heart he is glad that his son wasn't afraid to die on the field of honor, to stand and fight, fight to death, rather than give one inch to the Hun.

Just let some one say that that father's son did not have the goods; right then Dad is going to battle, just the same as we would battle when some one would say that our dada never had the goods.

Well, Dad, this leaves me in the best of health. Hope that it will find you and everybody O. K.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we the soldiers of the first army present to their country and parents the valor of deeds, bravery and sacrifices with a glorious allied victory. We remain your sons of liberty of the first army corps of the A. E. F.

Your loving son,  
CPL. RUSSELL A. BOWERS,  
He. Co., 20th P. A., A. E. F., A. P. O. 745.

#### Pope to Abandon Fifty Year Custom At Vatican, Belief

ROME, Dec. 21.—That Pope Benedict is prepared to abandon a custom of nearly half a century and no longer consider himself bound to remain within the grounds of the Vatican is the firm belief in several circles here. Many incidents recently have led public opinion towards this belief. No pontiff has left the Vatican since 1871 as a protest against the occupation of Rome by the Italian government.

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